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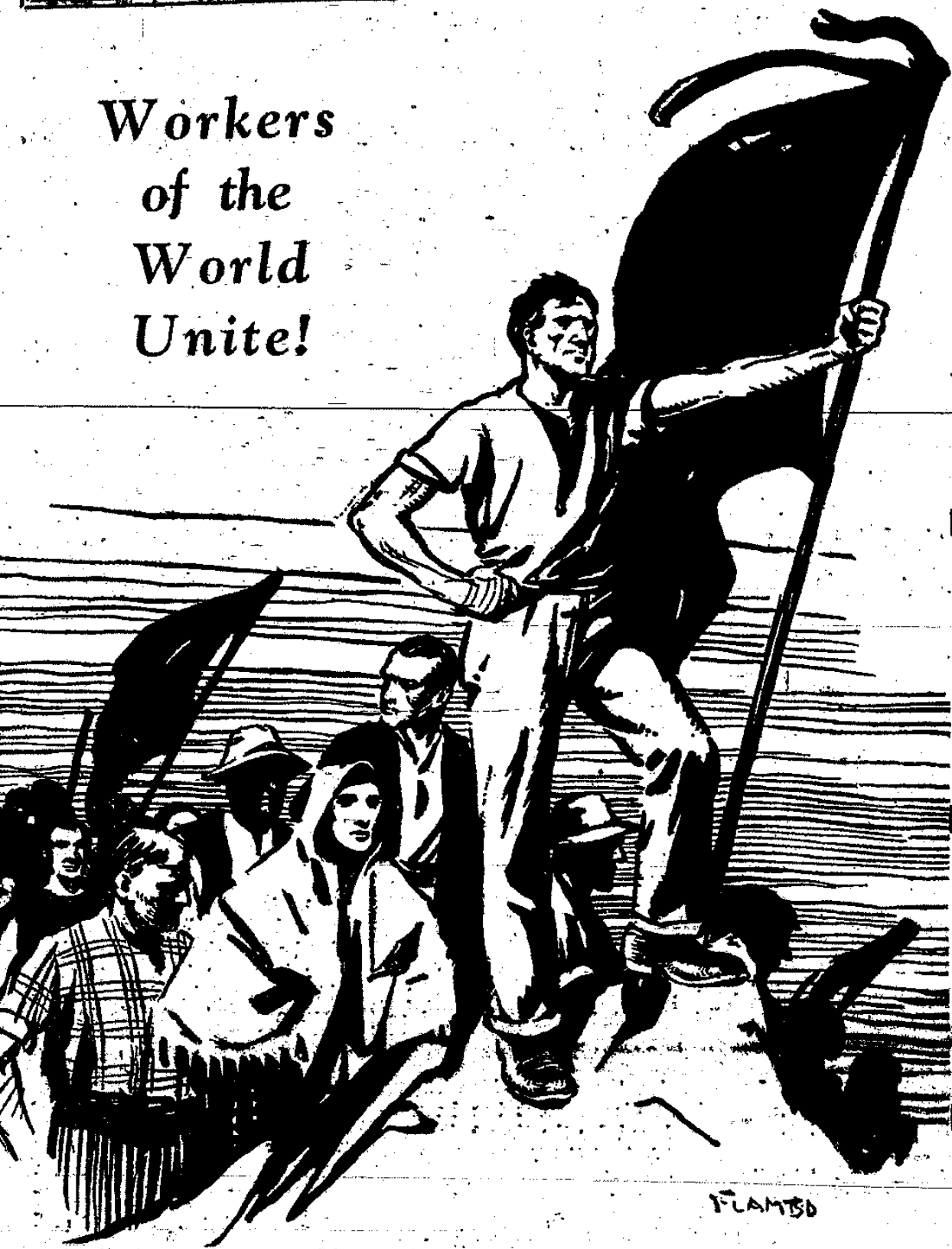
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Workers
of the
World
Unite!



Workers of America

Organize for:

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SOCIALISM

WAR ON CAPITALISM! WAR ON WAR!

Twenty-one years ago the political and industrial rulers of America plunged this country into war. Hell bent in preserving the power of the privileged few, the capitalist government of the United States transported millions of young American workers and farmers across the sea to fight other young workers and farmers in what was hypocritically called a war to end war, a war to make the world safe for democracy, a war for democratic ideals.

Those slogans were gross lies invented to deceive and to cheat the American people.

The whole planned carnage was social treason.

Twenty-one years have now past. A new generation of American youth stands in the prime of their lives. The babies who were born in 1914-18 are now men and women. And once again, almost with historical precision, the overlords of the self-same capitalist system are grooming the people, the political system, and our industrial machine for still another war.

The drift towards war, as exemplified in tremendous war expenditures and conscript bills, is an attempt on the part of the imperial-capitalist system to evade the responsibility of supplying the great masses of toilers with the needs of life.

It is of ominous significance that the Roosevelt administration has no program to meet the problems of depression or recession. Roosevelt, who has great powers, feeds the workers with empty promises and broken pledges. His administration, despite all the fanfare of glib phrases, cannot give the American workers the most elementary thing in our industrial life—

A JOB. The United States abounds with plenty in resources, machines and man-power. We are the most favorably situated nation on the face of the earth. Yet five years of the New Deal finds the conditions of the American workers fundamentally no better than they were under Hoover. The crisis which undermines the morale and general welfare of the broad masses deepens. Insecurity stalks the land more than ever before.

In this grave hour of capitalist decline, when rumors of and preparations for war darken the skies of the world in which we live, the workers of the shops, mills, mines, fields and seas—the workers with brawn and brain—can look for relief nowhere but to themselves.

Relief is not to be found in a program of isolation or the collective security of capitalist governments. But rather we must look to the workers of other lands, our enslaved comrades of the fascist countries and our exploited comrades of democratic nations for redress. No alliance with any capitalist nation in any war can bring peace, no collaboration with our boss enemies can bring security.

What about the last war to end wars? It ended in an imperialist peace with victory, but it was not a peace of righteousness and of ideals, and therefore it was a victory without peace.

Capitalism went into the last world war to "make the world safe for democracy." Capitalism tried to make democracy a commodity that it could export by force of arms just as we were in the habit of exporting our oil, wheat and other goods.

But we can only export what we have. We can't take to other people what we haven't got. Now what exactly have we got?

We have twelve million workers without jobs. We have millions of sharecroppers who slave and die under feudalistic conditions. We have Chicago Memorial Day Massacres where oppressed steel workers are murdered in cold blood. We have a Mayor Hague, the National vice-president of a party called Democratic, who rules the American Jersey City in Ku Klux style. We have our Meoney, our Scottsboro boys, our Harlan County miners and other political prisoners.

We haven't got democracy to export, that's certain. We haven't got an over-supply of justice, decency or economic security we can sell. We haven't solved for ourselves the problem of extreme and bitter poverty in the midst of our great wealth.

What we have are such things as we retail and wholesale to Central and South America. We could relieve the Chinese of Japanese imperialism and substitute therefore a good one hundred percent yoke. Look at the American imperialist puppets in Cuba and San Domingo who rule the people of these colonial countries in a style from which Hitler certainly could have taken lessons!

Watch the role of American imperialism in Mexico where the Mexican government has been forced to nationalize the foreign financed oil industry in order to enforce the legal rights of labor.

Washington is now cautious about the events in Mexico, but the program of the (Continued on page 5)

FROM GREAT BRITAIN— A Socialist Call To Workers Unity

By **STAFFORD CRIPPS**
Member of the House of Commons

Recent events in Europe and particularly in Great Britain have demonstrated once again the urgent need for active international unity among the workers.

The tide of fascism and reaction is sweeping on in Europe. Spain is being engulfed, Austria and Rumania have suffered a fresh inundation and Czechoslovakia is threatened.

Worse than all this the British National government has now openly espoused the cause of Fascism in its international policy as a forerunner to following that policy in its own country. The recent declarations of Neville Chamberlain in the British House of Commons are as sinister for the freedom of the working class as Hitler's pronouncements in Berlin and Mussolini's in Rome.

In the East Japan sweeps on through China and even the threat to British Imperialism at Shanghai and on the China Coast, in Hong Kong and Singapore is disregarded by the British government which is more concerned with crushing the working class than with the preservation of its own imperialist power.

The British Empire

Indeed so much of the British Empire has now been placed in risk in the Far East, in Northern Africa and in the Mediterranean that a British Imperialist government would be forced, even if it were unwilling, to seek terms from the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Triangle.

The opportunity of a democratic peace-loving front between Great Britain, France and Russia is rapidly slipping away and Europe bids fair to become the creature of international Fascism under the control of a four-

power pact which will represent all the most powerful interests of European capitalism.

In such circumstances it is useless to rely upon capitalist or imperialist democracy to oppose the growth of the fascist menace.

The one effective power that can drive back the forces of fascism is the united power of the working class.

Workers Must Unite

And yet, at this very moment, that power is split, divided and unable to carry out its task because of its divisions. Every kind of theoretical difference is allowed to stand in the way of practical unity. Surely in this dark hour of danger for working class freedom we can drop our differences so as to show a common front to our common enemy. Unless we do this and do it soon we shall be looking back from prisons and concentration camps upon one more lost opportunity. Once again the cry of "too late" will signalise the defeat of progress and the victory of reaction.

There must indeed be today a "Socialist Call" to unity of the working class not only in each country but in all countries throughout the world. Given that unity we might still win the struggle for peace, liberty and freedom—without it we shall inevitably fail.



BRITISH GUIANA WORKERS UNION GREETES THE CALL

Dear Comrades:

I am directed by my Executive to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 10, inviting us to participate in the celebration of the third anniversary of the SOCIALIST CALL.

My Executive desires me to express our sincere congratulations on your achievement in journalism along social lines and wish for your continued success and increased circulation.

We in British Guiana are a small body and unfortunately have not a press of our own, but it is our earnest desire to possess one of our own. We hope that with the continued assistance from the advanced organizations in the outer world, the workers locally will become more educated to Socialism and so band themselves together in thousands to fight against exploitation by imperialism, fascism, and war.

With fraternal greetings.

HUBERT CATCHLOW, GEN. SEC'Y, BRITISH GUIANA LABOUR UNION.

Chinese CIO Local Fights Chiseling Garment Boss

SAN FRANCISCO—The first Chinese local union in the country—organized by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, C. I. O.—is waging a spirited strike against the National Dollar Stores here.

Though the pickets are Oriental, they are fighting the same sort of battle that thousands of American workers have had to fight to bring about higher wages and better living conditions, according to I.L.G.W.U. officials here.

"Nevertheless Our Spirits Are Good"

BY **FRIEDRICH STAMPTER**
Co-Editor of the "Neuer Vorwaerts" Official Organ of the German Social Democratic Party.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 13.—The city from where I am sending this greeting to the "Socialist Call" resembles today a disturbed beehive. We are here less than 100 miles from the German frontier, in the middle of the Berlin-Vienna railroad line. And we live here on an island of democracy, in a State which from the point of view of political culture, can compete with the big Western countries.

Danish Socialists Urge Disarmament

By **HEDTOFT-HANSEN, M. P., Secretary.**

Danish Socialist Party.

On the third anniversary of THE SOCIALIST CALL we send you our fraternal greetings and congratulations.

We are with you in the struggle against War and Fascism and for a peaceful, democratic development towards our great goal: Socialism.

The Danish Socialist Party has always fought for peace. We have held office in our country for nine years. In the first years of this period we repeatedly proposed a drastic national disarmament so as to set the world an example.

Developments in international political affairs during recent years have made such a national disarmament impossible. The introduction of dictatorship and Fascism in a number of countries has not only meant the suppression of all democracy, but has also carried with it colossal rearmament and a new and frightful danger of war.

Even though the idea of national disarmament has been abandoned for the time being, the Danish Socialist Party will, however, continue to oppose war as a method of settling international disputes and will work for international conciliation and disarmament. Only by this means can a lasting security be achieved for a democratic and socialist development inside the individual countries.

We greet every effort exerted in the world which serves to combat war and Fascism, thereby strengthening democracy, which is a necessary condition of Socialism.

We, Social-Democrats, emigrants from Germany, almost forget our own sufferings when we share the sorrows in which the brave Czechoslovakian people and the best part of the German population of this republic have to live. But we are filled with the highest satisfaction when we observe with how much courage and cleverness our Comrades, the Czechoslovakian and German Socialists in this country, meet their hard tasks.

Czechs Next?

After the German imperialism conquered Austria, its next aim can only be Czechoslovakia. How far are we from the day when the fate of the last free country in central and eastern Europe will be decided?

We German Social-Democrats know that Hitler's victory over Austria makes our struggle harder, and it has been hard enough up to date. Nevertheless, we are in good disposition as we learn from history that violence can bring but fiasco.

Yes, Austria's sad fate even has good sides. In Socialist Austria the illegal struggle against Hitler is going to find perfect fighters. Austria has always played a prominent role in the history of the German revolutions. Just today is 90 years when the people of Vienna chased out the dictator Metternich; 5 days later broke out the revolution in Berlin; and 20 years ago, again the Austrian workers were ahead of the German workers. Through the annexation of Austria by the third Reich a new chapter in the history of our blood-soaked part of the world starts for us, a new chapter in the history of our struggle for emancipation. German and Austrian Socialists will be as one in their struggle against modern despotism—and I shall hope and wish that the workers and Socialists of America will be with them in their hearts.

from the netherlands— World Socialist Unity Needed As War Impends

By **J. W. ALBARDA**

Leader of the Social-Democratic Party in the Netherlands Parliament

The number of nations who live in freedom and democracy, is diminishing. They have to defend their liberty and their principles, not only against propaganda made by partisans of dictatorships, but also against the menace of bellicose powers. In spite of all serious dangers, peace can be saved and freedom maintained, if the democratic nations are conscious of their duties of solidarity for the sake of mankind.

These duties must be understood on either side of the Atlantic. Socialists of the United States and Socialists of the democratic countries in Europe have to educate the people in this international solidarity. On either side they have to respect rights and freedom of each other. But they also have to stretch out their hand to each other in order to protect each other against danger of war, and not draw back themselves in egoist isolation, when one of them is threatened. Peace will be safe, if this sense of collective security will be understood and carried into practice on either side of the Atlantic. It has to be soon, for dangers are near!

LASKI GREETES THE CALL

LONDON, England—I am glad indeed to send good wishes on the anniversary of the SOCIAL-

CLEVELAND COUNCIL AGAINST WAR

CLEVELAND, O.—The following people have signified their intention of becoming a part of Cleveland's anti-war organization: Leo Morgan, State Secretary, Workers Alliance; Freda Seigworth, Industrial Secretary, YWCA; Rev. John Sommerlate; Joseph D. Fox, Regional Education Director, UAWA; Robert Parker, President, Local 448, American Federation of Teachers; John Jurkanin, Organizer, Meat Parkers union.

Louis Petrucci, international organizer, Aluminum Workers of America; Bert Cochrane, Secretary-Treasurer, local 217, UAWA; Abraham Katovsky, International Vice-President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Judge David R. Hertz; Lee Hall, Regional Director, CIO; Alexander Martin, attorney; Florence Nelson, Industrial Dept., YWCA; J. Uchitel, Manager, Millinery Workers Union; Charles H. Lake, Superintendent, Cleveland Public Schools.

IST CALL'S anniversary. I hope greatly that your journal will continue the good work of fighting the war-mongers of America and elsewhere.—**HAROLD J. LASKI.**

NEW YORK WORKERS DENOUNCE HITLER



SCENE IN front of the German consulate in New York when scores of Socialists demonstrated against the Nazi's seizure of Austria. The pickets shouted "Hitler Means War! War is Hell! To Hell with War! To Hell with Hitler!"

THE WORLD WAR WHAT IT SHOULD TEACH US

By R. D. TOMLISON

April the fourth twenty-one years ago, this nation entered the World War with the slogan "END ALL WARS AND MAKE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY," but the news of today is war and preparation for war.

What did the World War cost? Why did we get into it? How can we avoid another one?

Was is not the noble venture people are led to believe it is. Look at the World War. Five hundred million people for nearly five years employed chiefly in furnishing supplies to sixty-five million of the world's best men engaged in blowing each other to bits, pouring poison gas on each other, disemboweling each other with bayonets.

What could those soldiers have produced for human enjoyment had they been engaged in building things instead of butchering each other?

War Vs. Socialism

Sixty-five million men under scientific management could in three years procure material from mother nature, manufacture it and erect a five thousand dollar home for every family of five in England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Canada, and the United States. In the remaining years the war lasted they could have produced a seven hundred dollar car for each of those families, and on top of that they could have put a piano, three bed room suites, two rugs, a range and a dining room suite in every home.

In doing this the sixty-five million men would have been engaged in the congenial work of cutting trees, sawing logs, mining ore, running trains, manufacturing things, drawing plans, erecting buildings, installing fixtures and decorating walls for a few hours of each working day. The rest of their time they would have been reading, traveling, playing games or visiting with their families and sweethearts.

Instead, for from two to over four years they were earousing or sleeping in crowded barracks and muddy, bloody trenches and marching and drilling to kill or actually engaged in killing.

The Balance Sheet

What did the world get out of it?

Look at the awful picture: burned and demolished homes, wrecked industries, great historical cathedrals gutted, cities blasted to rubbish.

Twenty-one million of the world's most physically perfect men wounded. Look at them! Line them up two abreast, two yards apart and they make a double column twelve thousand miles long. Start them in this formation over our national highways from New York City. Before the last two get started the line will be one continuous double column moving over the highways around the United States from New York City through Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, El Paso, New Orleans, Tallahassee, Charleston and Washington, then on through the State through the cities of St. Louis, Denver, Salt Lake City to within less than one hundred miles of San Francisco again.

Look at them closely! Thousands with one or both arms gone; thousands with one or both legs gone; thousands with one or both eyes gone; thousands with one or both lungs rotten from poison gas; thousands are gibbering lunatics or raving maniacs from the noises and horrors they had to endure.

A Ghastly Picture

This is only part of the picture. Look at the most ghastly part, those who never got back, eight and one-half million of them. Lay them out side by side their shoulders touching and they would cover the national highway from Washington, D. C. to Los Angeles, California. All done without the presence

of loved ones to smoothe the dying pillow.

See how they looked when last seen by mortal eyes: mangled; legs gone, arms missing, heads bashed, entrails torn out, all covered with flies, maggots and corruption.

This is not the effect of an earthquake or an unavoidable catastrophe of nature. It is the work of men supposed to be made in God's image.

The Cause

Why did they do it?

There is no better answer than that given in an official cablegram, long kept secret but lately made public by the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee, which was sent by Walter Hines Page, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, to President Wilson on March 5, 1917, one month before he asked Congress to plunge us into this ghastly business.

This is part of the cablegram: * * * (England) cannot continue her present large purchases in the United States without shipments of gold to pay for them and she cannot maintain large shipments of gold. * * * The almost immediate danger, therefore, is that Franco-American and Anglo-American exchange will be so disturbed that orders by all the allied governments will be reduced to the lowest minimum and there will be almost a cessation of trans-Atlantic trade. This will, of course, cause a panic in the United States * * * If we should go to war with Germany * * * all the money would be kept in our country, trade would be continued and enlarged until the war ends, and after the war Europe would continue to buy food and would buy from us also an enormous supply of things to reequip her peace industries. We would thus reap the profits of an uninterrupted, perhaps an enlarging trade, over a number of years, and we would hold their securities in payment. * * * I think that the pressure of this approaching crisis has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency for the British and French government. The need is becoming too great and urgent for any private agency to meet, for every such agency has to encounter the jealousy of rivals and of sections. Perhaps our going to war is the only way in which our present preeminent trade position can be maintained and a panic averted."

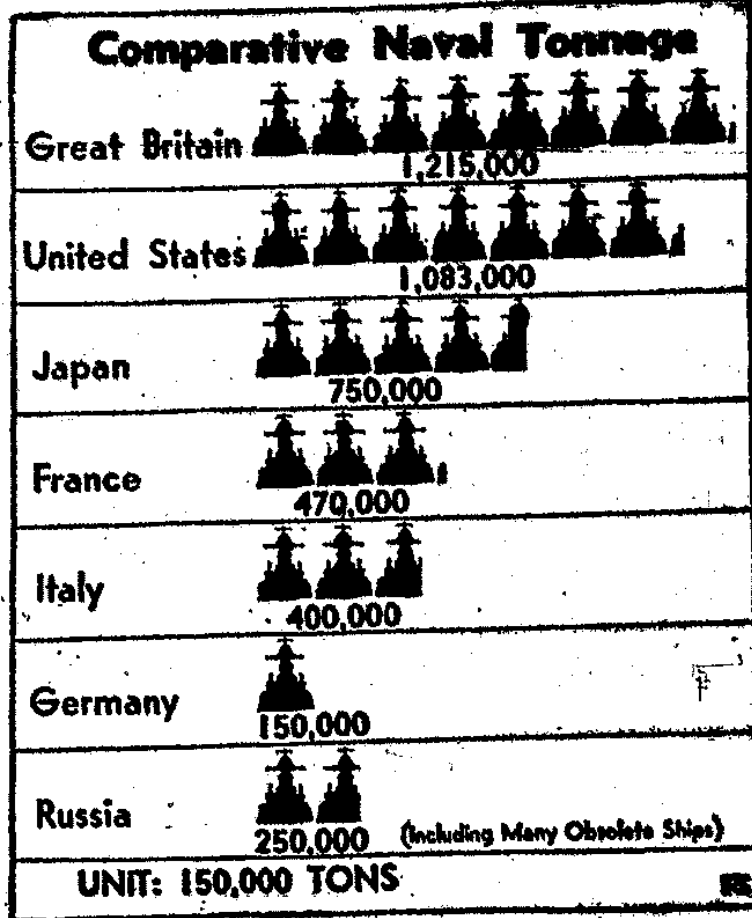
Documentary Evidence

Available documentary evidence proves the other nations too were warring for profit privileges for their leading industrialists.

Think of it! Warring for profits! Is the profits on foreign trade worth the sacrifice of war? Are the foreign securities we got for the material we sent the Allies of any value now to the people of the United States? Why is it necessary that a self sufficient nation like ours should ship any of its products to foreigners before it can supply and abundance for its own people? Something is wrong.

Study this thing, talk it with your friends, organize and cooperate to produce and distribute an abundant life to all in peace. It can be done. It is up to the common people.

(Figures for above taken from World Almanac. Cablegram as quoted in Christian Century reporting the Senate Munitions Investigating Committee).



(From Glasgow Bulletin)

Guerrilla Tactics Harass Japanese

Overshadowed by the European crisis of the last several weeks, the Far Eastern war is dragging on its inconclusive course. Three months after the fall of Nanking, the Japanese have been unable to make any further progress in the conquest of China.

The last week brought news that the Mikado's forces had overrun Shansi and penetrated into the Soviet stronghold of Shensi. But by the week's end, victory changed to defeat. In Northwest Shansi, the Red Army was driving the Japanese before it; in Southern Shansi, a victorious Chinese army had advanced north along the Tatung-Puchow railway as far as Linfen; and in Shantung, a Japanese column was stalled in its thrust for the vital railway junction of Suchow.

Guerrilla Defense

Chinese guerrilla defense is becoming more general. As was reported in the CALL of February 26, it is guerrilla warfare which has brought the Japanese invasion north and east of the Yellow River to an inglorious halt.

Also in other supposedly conquered areas, the Nipponese are encountering difficulties. Last week Hangchow, Japanese-occupied Chekiang capital south-west of Shanghai, was barricaded against attacks from peasant bands.

Again 1,500 Manchurian troops, fighting with the Japanese in Southern Shantung, deserted to the Chinese with full equipment. And in the Northwest, with the arrest of the pro-Japanese Mongol Prince Ta, Chinese resistance has been strengthened.

Here in Suiyuan the mechanical superiority of the Japanese loses much of its value owing to the loose desert soil.

In Shanghai itself, General Chow Feng-Chi, former commander of the 20th Chinese Route Army, was killed by patriotic terrorists. Chow was in the midst of a deal for a ministerial post in the new "Charlie McCarthy" Nanking government.

Japan's continued difficulties in China are laying the basis for a possible compromise. That Great Britain is interested in such a settlement was hinted by Koki Hirota, Japanese Foreign Minister. Such an ending to the war would leave the peasants and workers of China and Japan the only losers.

For the Workers of Spain

CHICAGO, Ill.—Branch No. 1 of the SNPJ will hold a Spring Concert and Program for the benefit of the Workers of Loyalist Spain. The affair will be held at SNPJ hall, April 10.

Build for Socialism
Join the Socialist Party

Fenner Brockway Greets the Socialist Call in the Name of the I.L.P.

By FENNER BROCKWAY,
SECRETARY,
Independent Labour Party of
Great Britain

LONDON, England—I am very glad to respond to your invitation to send a message to celebrate the third anniversary of the publication of 'SOCIALIST CALL. I do this not merely in a formal manner, but with real appreciation of the fight which you have put up during the last

three years. It is good to find the SOCIALIST CALL widening its scope for this issue to sections of the movement which are ordinarily divided by organizational barriers. In the developing crisis of capitalism, with the imminent danger of war, and the menace of fascism, it is tremendously important that all of us should seek to drop sectarian differences and find a basis of unity on political principles.

There seem to me to be two policies between which the working class movement must choose. The first policy, advocated by Right-wing Social Democrats and official Communists, would have the working class line itself up behind capitalist governments in countries which have the structure of political democracy against the capitalist governments which are fascist in character.

The Revolutionary Line

The second policy, advocated by the Left sections within the Second International, the Communist Opposition sections, and the Independent Revolutionary Socialist Parties, would have the working class maintain its independence from all capitalist governments and carry on the class struggle in resistance to the threat of war and to war itself should it occur.

The British I. L. P., of course, advocates this second policy, and we are encouraged to know that

the American Socialist Party also stands resolutely for it. We advocate it because we recognize that fascism is inseparable from capitalism and that the surrender of the independence of the working class would be an invitation to the capitalist class, even in so-called democratic countries, to take advantage of any modification of the class struggle to strengthen fascist tendencies. During war the most "democratic" capitalist governments would adopt the methods of fascism and if the war ended with a victory of one capitalist group of nations over another, the surrender of independent class action would encourage the extension of fascism everywhere.

For Workers' Victory

With you, we want to see the working class resist all capitalist war and, should war come despite our efforts, we want it to be ended, not by the victory of one capitalist group over another, but by the victory of the working class everywhere over their own capitalist governments.

It is imperative that in this situation all who hold this view should get together. It should transcend all organizational barriers. Already the Independent Revolutionary Socialist Parties, the Communist Opposition, and the workers' organizations in the colonial countries (disillusioned by Social Democratic, Communist policies) are consolidating their forces. We hope the cooperation may extend to the Socialist sections in the Second International who take the same view.

We greet the SOCIALIST CALL on its third anniversary in the confident belief that class unity against war, fascism, and capitalism will be hastened during the coming year.

SUSTAINED CLIMAX

"Why don't you," they asked me, "answer the call to arms?"

"A hell of a hero are you," they rapped out,

"Sitting there steady on your pink, fat fanny!"

"Gentlemen, colon," replied I formally,

"In partial answer to your request of

This date, inst., I sit on my fanny, mainly

Because it is my fanny.

It does not belong to you and therefore

I question your right to demand that

I get it shot off with your munitions,

Defending your encroachments upon humanity,

And increasing what you laughingly acclaim

Your conquest of culture.

I repeat, Gentlemen, comma, I sit on my

Fanny because it's mine."

SIGMUND ARYWITZ, Los Angeles, Cal.

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A Word of Thanks

This issue of the SOCIALIST CALL, which features the occasion of its third anniversary, devotes most of its pages to the question of war. The CALL, a Socialist newspaper representing the point of view of a working class political party, believes that it is well that this be the case. No problem confronting the workers today is more fraught with immediate and future danger than the menace of another world slaughter. Workers not only pay the price of war with their own flesh and blood but they pay in terms of increasing economic and social misery as do their children and their children's children.

It is our firm opinion that the influence and power of the labor and Socialist movement is largely dependent upon the course which the mighty forces of the working class are to follow with regard to the war issue. Therefore, it is well that we exert our thoughts and energies towards the abolition of this monstrosity and accordingly shape our implements of action to fit exactly what we learn through collective thought and experience.

The world labor and Socialist movement is not altogether agreed as to what course is the best one for workers to follow. This is revealed in the several articles which leading Socialist writers, have contributed from Denmark, British Guiana, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands. We call our readers' attention to the courageous declaration of Comrade Stampfer, editor of "Neuer Vorwaerts", official Socialist newspaper, who gives the answer not to "what should Socialists do in Czechoslovakia" but to what Socialists ARE doing in a country that is surrounded by fascist foes from within and without.

We are grateful for the collaboration of our comrades from across the sea. To them we say that we shall never flinch in the struggle to create in America and throughout the world a workers society—a world that will outlaw war, class strife and poverty. Our faith lies as ever before in the international working class and in the international working class only.

The CALL also takes this opportunity to thank the auto and mine workers for their greetings on the occasion of our newspaper's anniversary.

We thank the many trade unionists, readers, Socialists and other class conscious workers who join with us in seeking to build a more powerful press and a stronger Socialist movement.

We are grateful to our comrades of the various Party sections whose solidarity makes the publication of this and other issues of the CALL possible. They are the shock troops of Socialism who struggle unfalteringly for the rights of labor at every point of the class struggle. They are the source from which the CALL derives its strength and inspiration; and it is to them that this special issue of the CALL is dedicated.

Poison

Earl Browder, former revolutionist, ex-champion of the un-Herdog and one-time anti-militarist, is not going to be outdone by the super-navy gang that's out to get this country into war. No, sir! Browder is for this big navy stuff and anyone who is agin' it is a louse; something like Maury Maverick of Texas who has been "poisoned," says Browder.

Speaking before the House of Representatives, Maverick solemnly pointed to the diabolical plans of the C. R. in trying to inveigle this country into a war.

"Everyone of the Communists I know is in favor of the bill and the reason is they think we are going to take our navy over there and fight Japan and get Japan out of China because it is a menace to Russia. But I am not getting up a new red scare," Maverick said to his fellow Representatives.

"Poison," was Browder's reply in a speech at Chapel Hill, N. C., where he waxed enthusiastic about a "big navy" and "confidence in President Roosevelt's foreign policy."

Another liberal front of the C. P. has fallen. Several months ago it was confidentially whispered in Communist circles that the man from Texas was in the bag—he had all but joined the C. P. But Maverick, like his namesake, the bouncing bronco, is bucking the big navy bill and this now gives the steed a different hue.

Wotta Farm!

The farmers may not know it but this Whitney guy who looted the New York Stock Exchange both legally and illegally is sponging on their reputation. Appearing before a New York court the Whitney fellow pleaded that he was actually a farmer. Investigation revealed that he had a farm-mansion. The "farm" had 27 rooms and 8 baths!



Workers' Forum

Contributions to the SOCIALIST CALL must be accompanied with the name and address of the writer as a matter of good faith, not to be used for publication if the writer prefers that the name be omitted. Short, snappy letters will receive first consideration.

THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

NEW YORK, N. Y.—I have just read the editorial "A Lesson to Workers" in the March 19 issue of the CALL. With its emphasis on the need for workers democracy, I am in complete agreement. But the last paragraph dealing with dictatorships is susceptible to the interpretation that it condemns the dictatorship of the proletariat. The particular sentence in question reads "dictatorships, fascist or 'proletarian,' are the grave-diggers of the revolution."

Since the word proletarian is in quotes, you may mean that the Russian version of the dictatorship is a perversion of a truly workers' dictatorship, for it is a dictatorship over the workers and not of the workers. Such a view is thoroughly consistent with the Socialist position. If, however, you mean to condemn the conception of the proletarian dictatorship as it was envisaged by Marx and Engels, I am in sharp disagreement with the editorial.

The proletarian dictatorship is the highest form of workers democracy and is the essential weapon of the workers during the transition period. It is the highest form of democracy possible during an epoch when forces of the counter-revolution stand ready to overturn the workers' state. But it means dictatorship only over the class enemy and not against the workers. In the Soviet Union it has meant the latter, of course. I do not insist on using the term "proletarian dictatorship" since its perversion

by the Soviet bureaucracy. But I do insist that we do not repudiate the content of the term as it was originally used by Marxists.

—Robert Delson.

LEON BLUM

"Leon Blum—Man and Statesman." By Geoffrey Fraser and Thadde Natanson. J. B. Lippincott Company. \$3.

According to the publishers, this is the "only authorized biography" of the French Socialist leader, one of the co-authors being a lifelong friend of Blum. That constitutes the only virtue of the book. Its factual contents are well-worth the attention of Socialists. Its interpretative paragraphs, interspersed throughout the volume, leave much to be desired.

The good-natured biographers are ardent followers of the French People's Front and are inevitably led by their philosophy to approve the contradictions included in the framework of what they frankly recognize to be a coalition from the right to the left. Consequently they laud the Blum cabinet's decision in favor of non-intervention in Spain while at the same time praising the feeble Communist gesture of opposition. They even accept as a loyal act the duplicity of the Communist Party in

working to establish the People's Front and then refusing to take responsibility in the cabinet.

They do point out, however, that "in Blum's opinion the programme (of the People's Front) was not radical enough. That indeed was the general feeling among the Socialists. The Radicals, whom Daladier led with more boldness than Herriot had done, might perhaps have been induced to go a little further. Curiously enough it was the Communist party that applied the brakes."

The political naivete of the authors is apparent from their explanation of the new Communist policy. "They (the French Communists) had devised an entirely new tactical method and they were imposing it on the Moscow Comintern." Fraser and Natanson have no understanding of the complete about-face of the Communist International, beginning with the Franco-Soviet Pact and continuing with the abandonment of revolutionary purpose.

"They had become sweet reasonableness itself; to Socialist eyes sometimes alarmingly so." The biographers evidently thought it unnecessary to inquire why.

The book does serve its readers well in listing the few items on the credit side of the people's front and in indicating that "coalitions" are at the best of times awkward things to lead. The opposition of the "mur d'argent"—the banking and commercial interests—to the mild reforms of the cabinet are well-described.

It is encouraging to know Socialist vision in France still considers possibilities beyond the People's Front device.

While "Leon Blum" is worth reading, do not expect too much from the authors. They reveal their eclectic approach on the very first page of their book by hailing as the three great men of our age—Lenin, Roosevelt and Leon Blum.

—Aaron Levenstein.

SQUIBS

BY GENE LOMAN

By Gene Loman
ALGER IN REVERSE

With a sad heart we read a recent news dispatch from New York showing that America no longer regards the young man who starts at the bottom and works his way up with its customary pride or envy.

Gone are the days, when initiative, hard work and the knack for striking out along new paths were regarded as the be all and end all of our brief span in this voluptuous vale of tears.

COPPERS

In the story we are going to tell you about, if we can ever get around to it, the usual praise for the usual American success story in the making was entirely lacking.

The dirty coppers, in fact, actually halted the rise of three young men, who although dirtier than the coppers, were bent on making an honest living and maybe becoming president as they had been taught was in the very best tradition.

HIDING THE BODY

It seems these young men discovered a mine right in the heart of New York City. With only a couple of pairs of boots, a light, a shovel and a sifter, they decided to develop their hole in the ground. For the last eight months they had panned about \$35 to \$50 a week in their new-found work but a startled detective story reader saw them descending into their shaft and, with visons of murderers burying the body of rich Mr. Throttlebottom whom they had knifed for his knickknacks, said startled detective story fan, immediately called the cops.

DIRTY DIG

The cops found one of the lads—they ranged in age from 20 to 25—standing guard over a manhole cover. A curt order resulted in his lifting the cover and shouting down the hole. Shortly two other young men appeared. They had 50c and a little football.

They told the judge a story that might have warmed the cockles of Alger's heart. It seems they salvaged the silt in the city sewer when the night was dark and startled detective story readers were looking out windows for murderers on the prowl.

On one occasion, they told the judge, they had salvaged a ring which brought \$150. With the \$35 to \$50 a week they were well on the way to successful business careers in the best American manner. But the hard-hearted judge ruled that while they had started from the bottom they could not work themselves up and ordered them to abandon their mine.

Thus young initiative was nipped in the bud, thus American traditions were brought down around our ears, thus were two young men sent back may be to WPA, thus ends a very sad story of the end of an American epoch.

Wars That Followed The "War To End War"

1. The White Guard war in Finland.
2. The counter-revolutionary war on five fronts to crush the Russian Revolution.
3. The Polish-Russian War.
4. D'Annunzio's attack on Fiume.
5. Mussolini's attack on Corfu.
6. The French invasion of the Ruhr.
7. The Chaco war in South America.
8. Japan's war of imperialist aggression in Manchuria and now China.
9. Italy's rape of Ethiopia.
10. Hitler's raid on Austria.
11. Hitler's and Mussolini's war against the Spanish workers.
12. The greatest universal expenditure of war funds in the history of the world.

AND THE WAR POT HAS ONLY BEGUN TO BOIL!

AT THE — FRONT with Norman Thomas

Greetings to the Call and its readers on its birthday anniversary! May the first three years prove the hardest! Certainly the Call has greatly served the Socialist Party and the Socialist cause during its short life. Its continued existence and growth are indispensable to the things we believe in.

But on this anniversary occasion, as the Editorial Board of the Call well realizes, our great concern is not congratulation on the past but dedication for the future. We have new reason to support the Call because it is in the very forefront of the fight to keep America out of war, and not only to keep America out of war but to develop those new techniques, those new methods of struggle, those new constructive forces of socialism which alone will keep war out of the world and win peace and prosperity.

At the Town Meeting of the Air the other night I saw and heard Dorothy Thompson. Unquestionably she made a deep impression on the audience. It was the kind of impression which leads straight toward war, not that Miss Thompson openly advocated America's entry into war. Her speech was the more dangerous because she said that she did not know just what ought to be done but that we ought to "face the situation" and "assume responsibility." She gave a very exaggerated statement of the difficulties and consequences of keeping America out of war. These difficulties are real but they are not insuperable. They could be overcome with a moderate amount of planning, and that planning would be in the direction of socialism rather than fascism, whereas the certainty is that if America gets into war we shall at once become a totalitarian state under military dictatorship.

CAPITALISM GIVES BIRTH TO FASCISM

Miss Thompson and people like her see clearly enough the evils of fascism. What they do not see is that the evils of fascism can never be overcome

by the forces of capitalism and imperialism which under certain conditions give birth to fascism. Roosevelt's war cannot cure what Wilson's war did so much to cause. Any war which Great Britain, France, and the United States may join will be an imperialist war followed, unless chaos is the result, by another imperialist peace. One Hitler or Mussolini may be conquered but under conditions which will give rise to a new crop of them.

It is a harsh saying, but one borne out by the history of the last two decades and by all Socialist logic, that the kind of Europe which was set up by the peace treaties could not endure. Neither can it be reshaped at this date according to nineteenth century liberalism. The issue for Europe is direct progress toward a federation of cooperative commonwealths or the continuing strife of totalitarian states.

I am not now saying what Czech Socialists, for example, ought or ought not to do to preserve the human values and deencies that Czechoslovakia has. I am not saying that all love of a particular country must be wiped out. I am saying that the loyalties of capitalism and of the absolute national state are incompatible with peace; that peace will never be obtained by the victory of one set of capitalist nations over another and that the use by these nations of the method of war is bound to defeat democracy and humanity, whoever wins.

MUST DEVELOP OUR OWN FORCES

The task of building the cooperation of workers with hand and brain, across national lines, against the totalitarian state, and for peace and prosperity, is made very difficult by the terrible repressions of the dictators. Yet it is precisely that task which must engage the attention above all else of Socialists. That task will be hurt, not helped, by putting capitalist America into new war. Every year that we can keep America out of war is a year of grace in which to develop within our own country the positive and constructive forces of a real and lasting peace.

The Communists are very critical of Chamberlain and Blum for not putting their nations into war. They are almost equally critical of American Socialists who want to keep America out of a war which leads straight to fascism at home. Now, then, do they explain the fact that Russia seems to be doing so little at the moment for Spain? Newspaper dispatches report that the preponderance of airplanes on Franco's side is one of the principal causes of his recent successes. Yet only a year ago Russian planes in the service of the Loyalists were supposed to have established a superiority in the air.

Now I do not affirm that Stalin may not have good reasons why he cannot give more aid to Spain. Perhaps he has given more aid than we know. I am not passing a hostile judgement, but I am saying that there is nothing in the amount of aid given by Russia to Spain in the struggle against fascism which so threatens Russia which would warrant Communist condemnation of capitalist states for staying out of war.

Of course Communist condemnation of the crimes of Mussolini and Hitler and the hypocritical non-intervention policy which Great Britain inaugurated is justified a thousand times over, but I want to call attention to the fact that Communists at least owe us an explanation why Stalin has not done more along the lines which they urge so vehemently upon other nations.

MAY DAY

For many years I have struggled for the maximum possible unity of workers on specific issues and particularly in demonstrations. We have had some fine inclusive May Day demonstrations in New York and other American cities. This year, alas, it appears impossible to repeat that success. In most places Communists want no Socialist cooperation in May Day except on terms that we cannot and should not accept. We should be false to our beliefs were we to appear to endorse the Communist agitation which leads so directly toward war. We can assert steadfast opposition to fascist attack on the U.S.S.R. but

"Mother, don't ever let me hear you tell our children that human beings descended from war"

we cannot endorse Stalin's rule in Russia, nor the opportunistic popular front tactics of American communists within the Democratic Party or elsewhere. We shall have to seek May Day celebrations on terms which keep alive the ideals of Marx and Gene Debs and not of Stalin. It is not we who are responsible for the tragedy of this division.

In relation to united front activities, including a labor party, it is well to remind ourselves again of three possible positions. First we can say that the basis of cooperation must be agreement on program. Those who talk like that may say much in praise of the working class but they refer only to the workers who agree with them. Almost inevitably they are sectarians. Second, at the opposite extreme is the doctrine that working class unity is the first and last commandment to which everything else must be sacrificed; that socialist principles or at any rate socialist action, must always be decided in the light of the majority vote of the workers or the decisions of those who have power in the working class. This is also an indefensible and non-Socialist extreme. A sounder position is this: The working class must be the army of Socialism. Socialism must win the workers to win at all. Therefore it is our duty to do all that lies in our power to work within mass organizations of workers. Our ordinary perspective ought to be that if we cannot persuade workers we scarcely will persuade anybody. Certainly we must work in unions, cooperatives, and other mass organizations.

A labor party is not quite on all fours with a labor union but we ought to work within a labor party provided we can keep our Socialist identity for the purpose of Socialist agitation and

education. Even this is not an infallible rule to which there are no exceptions. Great emergencies like war might justify a break with a labor party or even with some other mass organization of the workers in the interest of labour's true cause. Such a situation would be exceptional. It would have to be judged intelligently in the light of the principle that it is the first duty of Socialists to advance Socialism, and if the mass of workers under false leadership deny or betray socialism, if they are stampeded into a pro-war attitude, for instance, then socialists may have to stand out against a labor party. But always as Socialists who seek to win and not to condemn the workers of whose flesh and blood we are.

POLITICAL REFUGEES

The Administration does well to make easier the admission of political refugees to America and to take some initiative in world action in their behalf. I think the time may come when exceptions will have to be made in the immigration quotas in the cause of humanity and freedom.

One practical way of aiding our brothers in Europe is, of course, immediate and prompt aid to the Loyalists in Spain.

Another way which has been brought to my attention is support of the American Committee to aid the Medem Sanitarium. You wonder what that is? It is the one and only institution for tubercular youth in Poland. — Seven thousand five hundred children of the poverty stricken Jewish people have been treated. There are over a hundred thousand children in Poland with infected lungs. In the interest of that Sanitarium a remarkable sound film is being shown. It is called "Children Must Laugh." Don't fail to see it whenever you get a chance. Recommend it to your friends. Help in this cause!

WAR ON CAPITALISM! WAR ON WAR!

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capitalist class is already cut and died. They are interested in preserving their property in that neighboring country, and the protection of their interests anywhere is not predicated upon democracy but upon exploitation.

War spawns in the cesspools of the capitalist system. Capitalism breeds poverty, unemployment, and general insecurity. Out of these conditions grow war and fascism. In this period of capitalist breakdown, in this period when capitalist conflict for world markets is intensified, war cannot be separated from fascism. War means fascism. War means going backwards. War means the preservation of capitalism by violence.

Any war waged by a capitalist government is an imperialist war. Not a single problem of the working class can be solved by an imperialist holocaust. To the contrary, war means death for the workers and increased misery for those who survive to carry on the burden of reconstruction.

The Socialist Party of the United States believes that to end war it is necessary to

abolish capitalism here and abroad. The Socialist Party believes that we must establish a government of the workers, for the workers and by the workers—an international Socialist society.

Permanent peace will never come as long as capitalism survives. Fascism, the horrible spectre of reaction, is capitalism's violent infant. Fascism and war cannot be destroyed under capitalism.

American workers CAN stop the drift towards war. American workers MUST keep America out of war in order that the forces of labor may hurry the job of building powerful unions and the development of a strong, cohesive political party that can lead them to victory against capitalism.

WE CAN remake America. We are many. The capitalists are few. Through the loyalty, solidarity, and intelligence of the common folk we can create a workers America.

Success in our work here dooms world capitalism, fascism and imperialism which are in the final analysis one and the same. We can build a mighty fortress of international labor solidarity. We can set the example for the working class of all countries to rally for decisive and final action against their na-

tional oppressors.

The world war settled nothing. It produced Hitler and Mussolini. It intensified nationalistic and racial antagonisms among the people as never before. Its treaty of Versailles was a robber's treaty and it laid the basis for still more and bigger wars.

Twenty-one years after the American government's entry into the world war we are again on the eve of another 1917. The Socialist Party of the United States, which has a glorious history of forty years of consistent struggle against war, affirms its faith in international working class action. Our Party will not be a part of any program which leads the workers to slaughter. The Socialist Party will redouble its efforts to teach, organize and fight to establish a Socialist society of peace, freedom, jobs and security for all.

For the unfinished work that lies ahead we appeal to the working men and women of America to join our ranks.

Down with imperialism, fascism and capitalism!

Long live the international working class!
Long live Socialism!

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN WORKERS' HISTORY... PROCLAMATION AND ANTI-WAR PROGRAM

(Resolution adopted by the National Convention of the Socialist Party of America which convened in St. Louis, Mo., April 7, 1917—one day after the government of the United States had declared war on Germany)

War mongers, bankrupt politicians, sinister mercenary forces—the capitalist class of America—are plunging this country headlong into war. Another holocaust, another bloody slaughter menaces the future of the workers of the United States as the capitalist government inexorably lays the basis for another war.

The war for which our rulers prepare can be stopped only by the organization of workers to resist it. The lessons of the last war are so horrible that the workers cannot allow the present drift to war to continue unless they care nothing for their children, their wives, their homes, their lives and the immense industrial machine they have built.

The passage of the super-navy bill, a shameful and contemptible disregard of suffering of millions of unemployed; the secret campaign for mass fingerprinting; the mad drive for the passage of the war mobilization bill; and the war-like challenges which emanate from Washington, are straws in the wind. They point unmistakably in the direction of a drift towards war. Only "incidents" are now needed to intensify the drive for war and to increase the expenditure for war preparations.

In May, 1917, one month after the United States had declared war, the Socialist Party, the only large organization in the country that fought the war consistently, issued millions of leaflets which warned the workers what would happen. The leaflet is exactly reproduced below.

Thousands of Socialists were then imprisoned. Eugene Victor Debs was sentenced to ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary. The entire National Executive Committee of the Party was sentenced to twenty years.

Every line of this leaflet is as true today as when it was written, and it has twenty-one years of experience to prove its truth.

The Socialist Party of the United States in the present grave crisis solemnly reaffirms its allegiance to the principle of internationalism and working class solidarity the world over, and proclaims its unalterable opposition to the war just declared by the government of the United States.

Modern wars as a rule have been caused by the commercial and financial rivalry and intrigues of the capitalist interests in the different countries. Whether they have been frankly waged as wars of aggression, or have been hypocritically represented as wars of "defense," they have always been made by the classes and fought by the masses. Wars bring wealth and power to the ruling classes, and suffering, death and demoralization to the workers.

They breed a sinister spirit of passion, unreason, race hatred and false patriotism. They obscure the struggles of the workers for life, liberty and social justice. They tend to sever the vital bonds of solidarity between them and their brothers in other countries, to destroy their organizations and to curtail their civic and political rights and liberties.

OPPOSE EXPLOITATION AND CLASS RULE

The Socialist Party of the United States is unalterably opposed to the system of exploitation and class rule which is upheld and strengthened by military power and sham national patriotism. We, therefore, call upon the workers of all countries to refuse support to their governments in their wars. The wars of the contending national groups of capitalists are not the concern of the workers. The only struggle which would justify the workers in taking up arms is the great struggle of the working class of the world to free itself from economic exploitation and political oppression, and we particularly warn the workers against the snare and delusion of defensive warfare. As against the false doctrine of national patriotism we uphold the ideal of international working-class solidarity. In support of capitalism, we will not willingly give a single life or a single dollar; in support of the struggle of the workers for freedom we pledge our all.

The mad orgy of death and destruction which is now convulsing unfortunate Europe was caused by the conflict of capitalist interests in the European countries.

In each of these countries, the workers were oppressed and exploited. They produced enormous wealth but the bulk of it was withheld from them by the owners of the industries. The workers were thus deprived of the means to repurchase the wealth which they themselves had created.

MAD STRUGGLE FOR MARKETS

The capitalist class of each country was forced to look for foreign markets to dispose of the accumulated "surplus" wealth. The huge profits made by the capitalists could no longer be profitably reinvested in their own countries, hence, they were driven to look for foreign fields of investment. The geographical boundaries of each modern capitalist country thus became too narrow for the industrial and commercial operations of its capitalist class.

The efforts of the capitalists of all leading nations were therefore centered upon the domination of the world markets. Imperialism became the dominant note in the politics of Europe. The acquisition of colonial possessions and the extension of spheres of commercial and political influence became the object of diplomatic intrigues and the cause of constant clashes between nations.

The acute competition between the capitalist powers of the earth, their jealousies and distrusts of one another and the fear of the rising power of the working class forced each of them to arm to the teeth. This led to the mad rivalry of armament, which, years before the outbreak of the present war, had turned the leading countries of Europe into armed camps with standing armies of many millions, drilled and equipped for war in times of "peace."

CAPITALISM CAUSE OF ALL WARS

Capitalism, imperialism, and militarism had thus laid the foundation of an inevitable general conflict in Europe. The ghastly war in Europe was not caused by an accidental event, nor by the policy or institutions of any single nation. It was the logical outcome of the competitive capitalist system.

The six million men of all countries and races who have been ruthlessly slain in the first thirty months of this war, the millions of others who have been crippled and maimed, the vast treasures of wealth that have been destroyed, the untold misery and sufferings of Europe, have not been sacrifices exacted in a struggle for principles or ideals, but wanton offerings upon the altar of private profit.

The forces of capitalism which have led to the war in Europe are even more hideously transparent in the war recently provoked by the ruling class of this country.

When Belgium was invaded, the government enjoined upon the people of this country the duty of remaining neutral, thus clearly demonstrating that the "dictates of humanity," and the fate of small nations and of democratic institutions were matters that did not concern it. But when our enormous war traffic was seriously threatened, our government calls upon us to rally to the "defense of democracy and civilization."

BILLIONS FOR CAPITALISTS

Our entrance into the European war was instigated by the predatory capitalists in the United States who boast of the enormous profit of seven billion dollars from the manufacture and sale of munitions and war supplies and from the exportation of American food stuffs and other necessaries. They are also deeply interested in the continuance of war and the success of the allied arms through their huge loans to the governments of the allied powers and through other commercial ties. It is the same interests which strive for imperialistic domination of the Western Hemisphere.

The war of the United States against Germany cannot be justified even on the plea that it is a war in defense of American rights or American "honor." Ruthless as the unrestricted submarine war policy of the German government was and is, it is not an invasion of the rights of the American people as such, but only an interference with the opportunity of certain groups of American capitalists to coin cold profits out of the blood and sufferings of our fellow men in the warring countries of Europe.

NOT A WAR FOR DEMOCRACY

It is not a war against the militarist regime of the Central Powers. Militarism can never be abolished by militarism.

It is not a war to advance the cause of democracy in Europe. Democracy can never be imposed upon by country by a foreign power by force of arms.

It is cant and hypocrisy to say that the war is not directed against the German people, but against the Imperial Government of Germany. If we send an armed force to the battlefields of Europe, its cannon will mow down the masses of the German people and not the Imperial German Government.

Our entrance into the European conflict at this time will serve only to multiply the horrors of the war, to increase the toll of death and destruction and to prolong the fiendish slaughter. It will bring death, suffering and destitution to the people of the United States and particularly to the working class. It will give the powers of reac-

tion in this country, the pretext for an attempt to throttle our rights and to crush our democratic institutions, and to fasten upon this country a permanent militarism.

PEOPLE TRICKED INTO WAR

The working class of the United States has no quarrel with the working class of Germany or of any other country. The people of the United States have no quarrel with the people of Germany or any other country. The American people did not want and do not want this war. They have not been consulted about the war and have had no part in declaring war. They have been plunged into this war by the trickery and treachery of the ruling class of the country through its representatives in the National Administration and National Congress, its demagogic agitators, its subsidized press, and other servile instruments of public expression.

We brand the declaration of war by our government as a crime against the people of the United States and against the nations of the world.

In all modern history there has been no war more unjustifiable than the war in which we are about to engage.

No greater dishonor has ever been forced upon a people than that which the capitalist class is forcing upon this nation against its will.

FOR A VIGOROUS CLASS STRUGGLE

In harmony with these principles, the Socialist Party emphatically rejects the proposal that in time of war the workers should suspend their struggle for better conditions. On the contrary, the acute situation created by war calls for an even more vigorous prosecution of the class struggle, and we recommend to the workers and pledge ourselves to the following course of action:

1. Continuous, active and public opposition to the war, through demonstrations, mass petitions, and all other means within our power.

2. Unyielding opposition to all proposed legislation for military or industrial conscription. Should such conscription be forced upon the people, we pledge ourselves to continuous efforts for the repeal of such laws and to be support of all mass movements in opposition to conscription. We pledge ourselves to oppose with all our strength any attempt to raise money for payment of war expense by taxing the necessaries of life or issuing bonds which will put the burden upon future generations. We demand that the capitalist class, which is responsible for the war, pay its cost. Let those who

kindled the fire furnish the fuel.

3. Vigorous resistance to all reactionary measures, such as censorship of press and mails, restriction of the rights of free speech, assemblage, and organization, or compulsory arbitration and limitation of the right to strike.

4. Consistent propaganda against military training and militaristic teaching in the public schools.

5. Extension of the campaign of education among the workers to organize them into strong, class-conscious, and closely unified political and industrial organizations, to enable them by concerted and harmonious mass action to shorten this war and to establish lasting peace.

MASSES MUST LEARN

6. Widespread educational propaganda to enlighten the masses as to the true relation between capitalism and war, and to rouse and organize them for action, not only against present war evils, but for the prevention of future wars and for the destruction of the causes of war.

7. To protect the masses of the American people from the pressing danger of starvation which the war in Europe has brought upon them, and which the entry of the United States has already accentuated, we demand:

(a) The restriction of food exports so long as the present shortage continues, the fixing of maximum prices, and whatever measures may be necessary to prevent the food speculators from holding back the supplies now in their hands;

(b) The socialization and democratic management of the great industries concerned with the production, transportation, storage, and the marketing of food and other necessaries of life;

(c) The socialization and democratic management of all land and other natural resources now held out of use for monopolistic or speculative profit.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM

These measures are presented as means of protecting the workers against the evil results of the present war. The danger of recurrence of war will exist as long as the capitalist system of industry remains in existence. The end of wars will come with the establishment of socialized industry and industrial democracy the world over. The Socialist Party calls upon all the workers to join in its struggle to reach this goal, and thus bring into the world a new society in which peace, fraternity, and human brotherhood will be the dominant ideals.

French Labor Leaders Flay Moscow Trial

By A Special Correspondent

PARIS, France — When Leon Blum accepted the commission to form a new cabinet after Chauvemp's resignation March 10, he said that he would try to include the Communists in his government. Opposition from the right and center caused him to agree to leave them out. Their voting support in the Chamber had always been assured any government he set up. Part of the strength of the opposition to Communist inclusion and part of the readiness to do without them can be traced to the Moscow trials. On the much talked of 'Proces de Moscou' can be placed the blame for the break in the cohesion of the Popular Front.

Reactions of the French workers to the third Moscow trial are much more positive than they were to the first two trials. The disclosures of revolt, sabotage, corruption which has culminated in the present trials seems to have alienated pro-Communist sympathies of many of the rank and file of the organized workers.

Unions Very Critical

On March 9 the weekly organ of the trade unions, "Syndicats," representing five million proletarians, contained two articles bitterly critical of the Kremlin. Georges Dumoulin, former secretary of the CGT, writes that the trials become in effect attacks upon the Red Army, lessening its efficiency and effectiveness and therefore making the Fran-

co-Soviet Pact a less valuable military implement.

He calls for the sending of a telegram to Stalin warning him that if he "does not stop killing, the Franco-Soviet Pact will cease to exist." While Dumoulin is not the Lewis of the French unions, he is an important figure that cannot be dismissed. He expresses the viewpoint of a considerable number of the CGT.

Belin Flays Trials

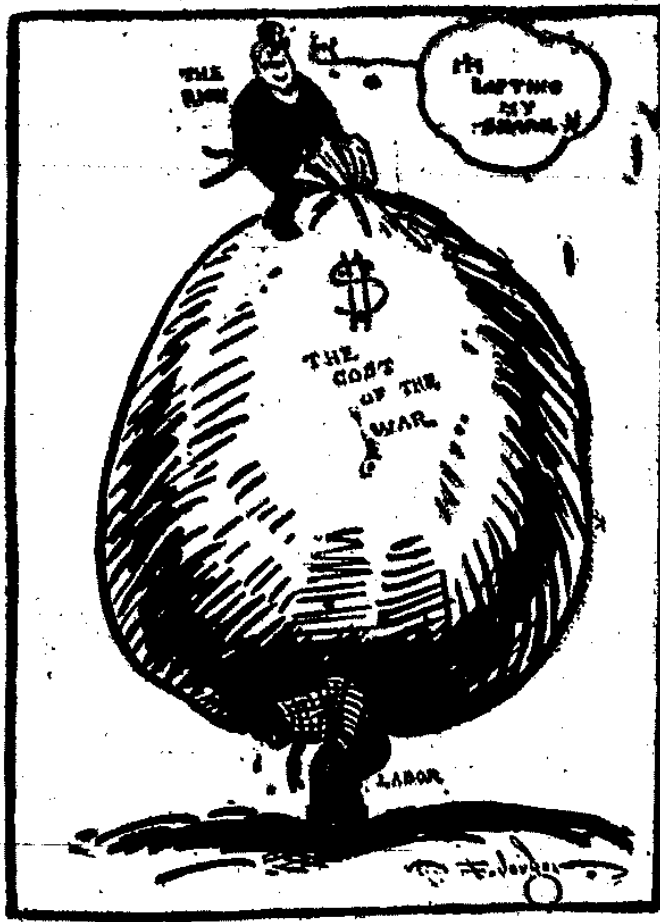
Rene Belin, another of the leaders of the French movement, also writing in this same issue of "Syndicats," but from a more Socialist angle says quite openly; "The free proletarians of every country cannot allow it to be believed that they have any sympathy for the Moscow trials." Questioning the dictatorship of the proletariat of the USSR, "dictatorship over whom?" he asks what are the results of twenty years of the present Soviet government when by their own admission the country is packed with traitors, spies, assassins. He concludes, "Nowhere has conscience fallen so low."

Populaire Condemns Trials

And these articles followed by only one day the issue of the "Populaire," organ of the French Socialist Party, which contained the sharply critical attack upon the trials by Leon Blum. Blum was following the lead of Vandevelde of Belgium who spoke for the Labor and Socialist International, but he was much more violent in his denunciations than any previous com-

munication on the subject by the 2nd International.

Blum's article was followed by a defense of the Moscow happenings in "Humanite," organ of the French C. P., but the Communists didn't try to defend the trials very much. They put their whole emphasis in an attack on Blum, not because he didn't believe Vishinsky, but because of the effect of his denunciations upon French politics. The tone of the "Humanite" article seem to indicate that the Communists had given up hope of convincing the Socialists of the justice of the trials, but they were worried about the effect of Socialist-Communist conflict on the Popular Front. It may be that the Popular Front, which has been wearing thin in spots, may not be able to stand the added pressure of the anti-trials feeling.



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—Powers and Mary Hapgood

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HOMER MARTIN, International President
International Union, United Automobile
Workers of America

Detroit, Mich.

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Communists Seek To Wreck Frisco Office Workers

By A Special Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — Suffering a decisive defeat in the last elections, the Communist Party fraction in the San Francisco local of the United Office and Professional Workers Union, operating through the so-called Non-Partisan caucus, seems bent upon destroying the organization in order to discredit its present progressive leadership.

The CP union-smashing campaign is proceeding simultaneously on many fronts. First is the continued factional disruption within the union. By rallying 100 per cent of their membership for meetings, the "Non-Partisan" group seeks to put over its full program, despite the fact that this program was definitely repudiated by the rank and file at the recent elections. One of the main points of this program is uncritical support of Labor's Non-Partisan League which in California is completely under CP domination and rejects every suggestion of independent working-class political action in favor of the old AF of L policy of labor rewarding its "friends" and punishing its enemies.

C. P. Causes Turmoil

The steady injection of political issues which have nothing to do with the immediate problems confronting the union, including resolutions from the League for Peace and Democracy, the CP fraction maintains a constant state of turmoil within the union, hampering all constructive work. Their disruption has reached the point where they are willing to resort to any tricks in order to drag out meetings interminably. The result is that the non-political elements refuse to attend meetings or leave the hall in disgust and the CP fraction then crams through its program.

CP sabotage includes the factional use of both the CIO regional and Office Workers' international officials. Harry Bridges, regional CIO director and Louis Goldblatt, former youth organizer for the CP, Bridges' lieutenant and head of the Warehousemen's Union, are constantly interfering in the internal affairs of the union. Goldblatt recently announced that unless the union hewed to the line on the issue of Labor's Non-Partisan League, it was anti-CIO and could expect no support from the Warehousemen's Union. Withdrawal of the warehouse office workers from the Office Workers and giving them over to the jurisdiction of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has also been threatened.

Refuse Solidarity

A small union which is struggling against tremendous odds, particularly during the current depression, the Office Workers recently voted to ask for a temporary waiver of the high per capita tax paid to the International. Such waivers have been granted freely by the International to other locals where the Communist Party fraction is in the saddle. The CP group in the San Francisco local, however, bitterly attacked this proposal. Leo Allen, international organizer, who is in San Francisco working in close cooperation with Bridges and Goldblatt to hamper and discredit the progressive leadership, refused to recommend that the International concede the request of the rank and file, though fully acquainted with the facts that make the request necessary.

Recently the CP organizational machinery up and down the Coast, including not only the party membership but a vast

periphery of "fellow travelers," has launched an intensive whispering campaign. The object of its slander is the whole leadership of the Progressive group, but the main fire is concentrated upon Ernest Norback, a Socialist and business agent of the San Francisco local.

The burden of this whispering campaign is that the union is in the hands of Trotskyists, that Norback is a Trotskyist, an agent of the reactionary AF of L bureaucracy, and is plotting to drag the union back into the AF of L. Norback is not only one of the pioneers who organized and built up the union under the AF of L in the days before the CIO entered the field, but also as an outstanding advocate of industrial unionism—was one of the leaders who headed the march into the CIO.

Campaign Boomerang

This slander campaign, the ruthlessness of which is being fully exposed by the Progressive group, is already proving a boomerang. Responsibility for a "rule or ruin" policy is being placed squarely where it belongs by the increasingly aggressive rank and file of the Progressive forces—upon the shoulders of the CP "Non-Partisans."

The whole nature of the CP tactics is revealed by a remark of a CPer within the union to one of its organizers who adheres to the position of the Progressive group. This young woman, a member of the Communist Party, in commenting on the recent Moscow defendants said: "They were rats and they deserved what they got. And (with a meaningful look at the organizer) there are rats here too, and when the time comes they will get it."

The American Communists cannot shoot their critics yet; but when we get into a new World War, Mr. Browder has indicated that the Party will manage to overcome that difficulty.

BERWICK, Pa.—Wage raises and sole collective bargaining rights were won by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in an agreement signed with the American Car and Foundry Company this week.

The raises amount to an increase of \$1.20 per week for workers earning between 45 cents and 55 cents per hour, and bars wage cuts during the period it is in force.

A Lesson In Socialism

By JACOB DRACHLER

It is a toss-up as to whether Hitler's annexation of Austria or Stalin's latest confession orgy has done more to plunge the world working class into despair and cynicism. These times give an acid test to the quality of one's Socialism. Reformist Socialists become more shameless in their embrace of bourgeois democracy. Stalinist bureaucrats and their orthodox tools fight more viciously against revolutionaries and all militants.

Serious Socialists must realize that this is the very time for an organized offensive. The Socialist Party of the U. S. A. must take lead without delay in winning American workers away from class-collaboration and defeatism. I want to appeal, as a rank and file Socialist, to my comrades at our coming convention, for hard study and bold action on the two most basic issues confronting Socialists internationally.

Cites Luxembourg

The first is a theoretical problem, and yet one of paramount practical importance—the clash between the idea of a workers democracy and that of a bolshevik dictatorship. We must go back to that remarkable woman, that Marxist second only to Marx himself—Rosa Luxemburg, who, twenty years ago at the very birth of the Russian Revolution, fought valiantly against a monolithic party and the one-party dictatorship, and prophesied with amazing accuracy the disgusting degeneration of the Soviet government.

Lenin and Trotsky would not learn from Luxemburg but it is still not too late for us to do so. The lesson which Luxemburg taught with brilliant logic and clarity was the imperativeness of a complete rejection of both bourgeois democracy and bolshevik dictatorship. She demonstrated that both barred the way to Socialism. She showed that the practice of workers democracy—far from being a Christmas present to be handed to the workers by a ruling caste—must be the very dynamic of the social revolution and must accompany it step by step.

Study Her Works

Comrades, let us go back to Rosa Luxemburg. Let us publish her, let us study and discuss her works, for here is a current of Marxism that may yet galvanize

the working class into a successful fight.

The second basic issue on which the Socialist Party should take the lead is the task of building a Workers Front to counteract the illusions and futility of popular-frontism. Our party should be in the forefront of actions along class struggle lines. It is we who should marshal Socialists, Lovestomites, Trotskyites, Social Democrats and Communists into united fronts on specific issues. If we take the initiative boldly and wisely, we can make the biggest contribution toward working class unity that has ever been made. We can lay the groundwork for winning masses of workers to revolutionary Socialism.

In this tragic hour of the ultimate Stalinist besmirchment of the Socialist ideal, there must be a new birth of persistent study, patient work, and honest self-appraisal. May the 1938 convention labor fruitfully toward these ends!

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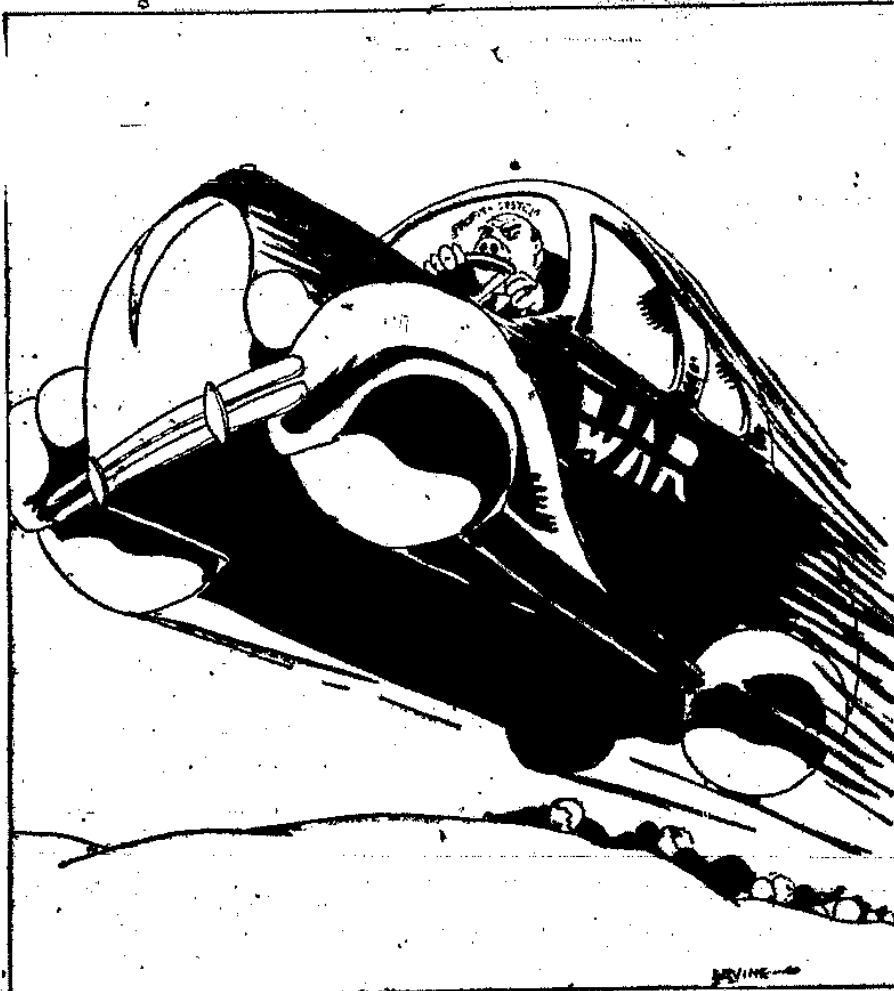
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SOCIALISTS SUPPORT CO-OP DISTRIBUTORS

NEW YORK—Urging continuation of the policies of the present administration of Cooperative Distributors, the national mail order cooperative, the Socialist cooperators today issued a statement vigorously attacking a faction led by a former business manager which is attempting to recapture the organization.

Socialist Cooperators have joined with the original founders of CD in the election now being held in supporting a slate consisting of Aron Gilmartin and C. W. Keyes, Socialists, and J. Edelman, D. Glusker, E. J. Lever, E. Graham, P. A. Waring and Miriam West.

Socialist Position

The Socialists, who helped rescue the organization from the Cotins group in the 1937 contest, pointed out in their statement that only desire for power and patronage has impelled the Cotins group to enter this election, which is demonstrated by their inability to offer a single criticism of either the present or the projected policies of the Board in the management of CD's cooperatives business. The main plank of the Cotins faction's platform is a hypocritical denunciation of factionalism!

The program advanced for CD by the candidates supported by the Socialist Cooperators follows: "Continuation of present board's sound business policies; harmony between board and management; loyalty to CD; no political domination; gradual expansion of promotion, education and club-building; closer relations with organized labor." Every Socialist and progressive CD member should vote for clean and forward-looking cooperation by casting his vote for only the eight candidates listed above, who are the only ones pledged to this program.

STRIKEBREAKERS

ACTIVE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — After a three-weeks' close-down and lockout of all workers, in order to break the strike at one lumber plant, all lumber companies re-opened. The companies announced that they were assured of police protection. The closing of the plants was said by labor men to be a move to force police to station guards on lumber trucks of the one concern involved in labor trouble.

Capitalism Illustrated

(Excerpts from Monthly Market Letter issued by Goodbody and Co., New York, on Feb. 16, 1938.)

"As a result of extensive rearmament activities in nearly every country, it was felt for some months that the U. S. was forced to embark on an expansion program for the Navy and to a lesser extent for the Army.

"The deterioration in business conditions drew attention to the possibility of stimulating industrial activity by the expenditure of vast amounts for rearmament. The experience of Great Britain was cited where the opinion had been advanced that while the rearmament program foresaw an expenditure of \$7,500,000,000 over a period of five years.

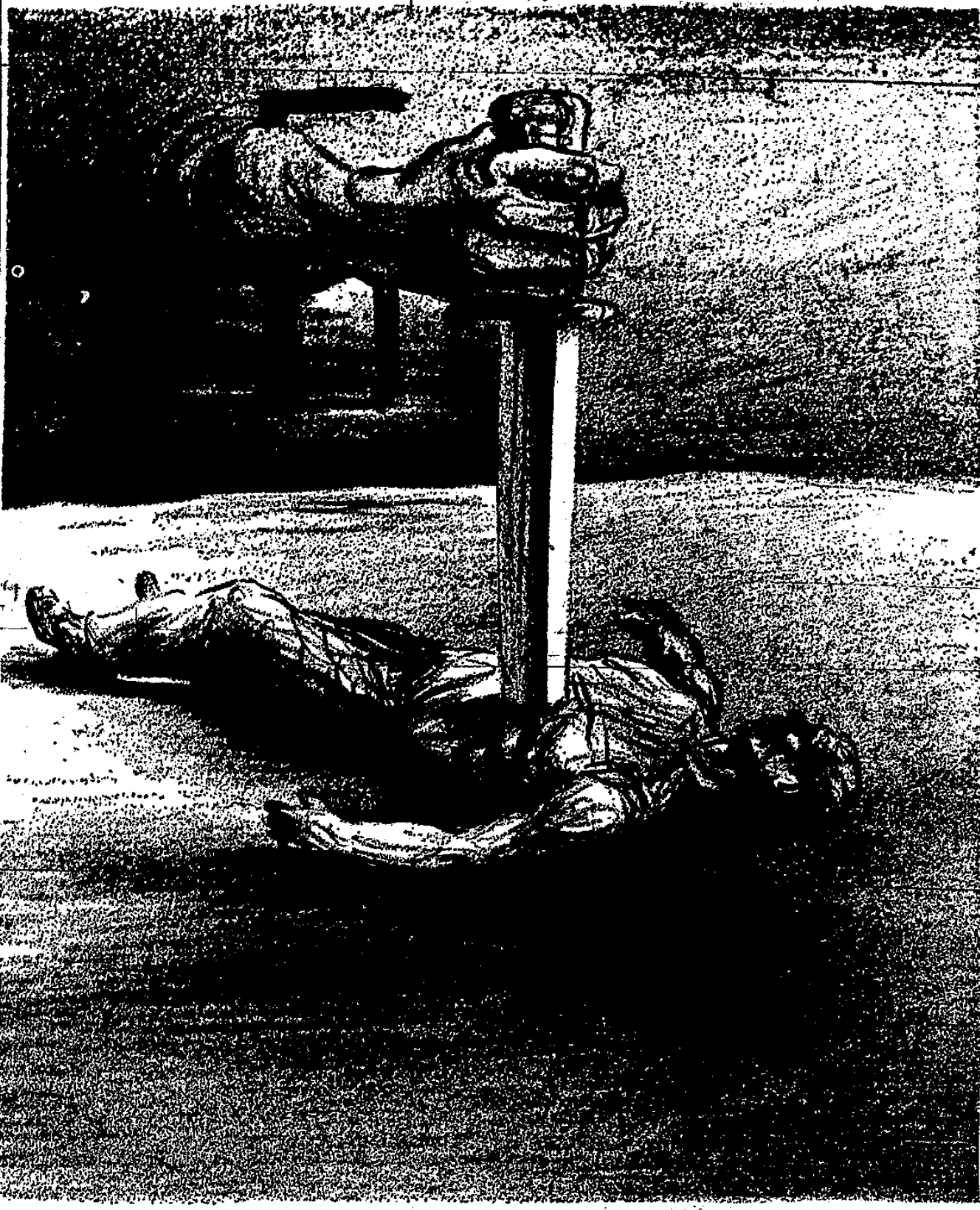
"President Roosevelt's Defense Message of Jan. 28 must be regarded as a disappointing document. The declaration destroys the hope that the Administration intends to "spend its way out of the depression" via armament. The whole of the additional naval program will only entail \$800,000,000 (now \$1,200,000,000—editor) . . . Judging by the available data, an estimate that our production facilities are at least three times those of Great Britain would appear conservative. Therefore, the Administration should really spend about \$2,500,000,000 over the next five years in order to obtain the same effect on business that England is trying to accomplish with her rearmament program."

The Wall Street brokerage house's statement speaks very well for itself, but it is significant to note that there is no yapping about "balancing the budget" as is the usual custom when expenditures for relief, housing or social services are proposed!

Lumber Workers Get Back Pay

SEATTLE, Washington.—The regional office of the National Labor Relations Board here ordered the Carlisle Lumber Co. to pay \$148,413.76 in back wages to workers who went out on strike on May 3, 1935. Highest payment ordered was \$3,019, while the average was \$1,100.

The Fate of Austria's Workers



—Pollock "United Automobile Worker"

Gov. Murphy Endorsed By Conservative Bloc

DETROIT, Mich.—An alliance of Democrats and Communists succeeded in capturing the Detroit and Wayne County Convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League and immediately proceeded to endorse Governor Murphy's nomination in the coming gubernatorial campaign.

Not only was Murphy endorsed but an attempt by trade union progressives to insist that at least a labor program should be drawn up and that Murphy should be asked whether or not he would stand on such a platform, was defeated. In addition the convention refused by a 50-50 vote to request Governor Murphy to call a special session of the Legislature for fear of "embarrassing" him.

Richard Frankenstein, a prominent Democrat and enthusiastic supporter of Governor Murphy, defeated Emil Mazey, president of the large Briggs UAW local, and a supporter of independent labor political action, for the post of County Chairman. Likewise a majority of Communists and Democrats was elected to the Executive Board.

The actual decision on political action by Labor's Non-Partisan League in Michigan will be made at the State Convention which will be held in June. The Detroit endorsement has the effect of a recommendation to the State Convention.

CHIEF TECHNOCRAT

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Howard M. Scott, headman of Technocracy, Inc., will speak to Division 81-11 in Cleveland's Public Auditorium April 18.

He believes capitalists will allow the technicians of the nation who do things to do things when the capitalists can't run system. The fascists also do things, and they will get first call.

Technicians can figure on doing things only in a socialist society.

A Resolution War-Makers and Communists Don't Like

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America an organization which represents 400,000 auto workers:

"WHEREAS, An obvious attempt is now being made by the organized press of the country to involve the American people in a conflict with Japan merely for the purpose of protecting the vested interests of a few large American corporations in China, such as the Standard Oil Companies, and for the protection of such interests, American marines and soldiers have been dispatched to China to remain in the war area; and

"WHEREAS, Labor is vitally interested in any policy of this country which may involve the people of this country in a war with another nation because of the fact that in a war labor does most of the dying;

"RESOLVED, that this Executive Board does hereby give its wholehearted endorsement to the constitutional amendment as it was originally introduced by Senator LaFollette and Representative Ludlow in Congress requiring a National Referendum on the question of whether this country should engage in any war other than one of defense against invasion of this country; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that the President of the United States immediately issue a warning to all American citizens and their families in the war area that an opportunity will be afforded to them to be removed from such war area and that unless they afford themselves of such opportunity no further protection will be given them by the American government and that, after having given full opportunity to all such American citizens and their families to be removed from such war area, the President withdraw all of the armed forces of the United States from China; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that it is the expression of this Executive Board that the foreign policy of the United States shall not be formulated or made dependent upon the protection of the vested or property interests in foreign countries of the large corporations in this country but rather that such foreign policy should express the wholehearted desire of the American people for international peace.

"Consistent with this position we oppose the militaristic and war-like aims of the Fascist countries and their aggressor policies against other nations, and propose a strengthening of the popular boycott of Japanese goods and support direct aid to China; and be it further RESOLVED, that this Executive Board is opposed to any attempt to mask military expenditures for weapons of aggression under the guise of bringing returned prosperity to this country. We believe the needs of the working people in this country require expenditures by the government for low cost housing and relief expenditures for the unemployed. Armament, if any is necessary, should only be on the basis of protection against invasion and not to protect profits of United States big business interests abroad."

For God and Fatherland

For God and Fatherland!

A boyish gleam
Sparkled in those blue eyes,
And it did seem
As if heroic warriors of the past
Had been reincarnated in him.
And now, decaying, in the earth he lies.

For God and Fatherland!

A mocking jest,
A lie invented to befog the brain
And boil the blood.
And youth answers that call that does profane
The name of the Almighty.
Kill for God? Is He a God of wrath?
Did He make that strong frame, that boyish face,
That smile for gas or cannon to erase?

For Fatherland! And what is Fatherland?

Is it the greedy, fatted parasite
Who drinks the blood of him he sends to death,
Treads upon workers who, with dying breath,
Seek to rise up again and see the light?

For God and Fatherland!

Shame on the one
Who echoes that false phrase
That he may reap the profits of a war.
Blood money! Blood money!
For God and Fatherland!

FLORENCE HARRIS, Los Angeles, Cal.

War Question Burning Issue In Auto Union

By BEN FISCHER

DETROIT—The United Automobile Workers of America has been a scene of internal warfare for nearly a year. Ever since the great General Motors strike, there has been factional difficulty inside the organization. The stabilization of the union and the industry brought about by a year's experience and by the depression, is making the situation much clearer and considerably more in line with the politics of the general labor movement.

Oddly enough, at the very time when local union elections have been going on and when a new GM agreement has been handed to the membership, the main bone of contention in the union has been policy on foreign affairs.

The war question was originally introduced into the union primarily by the Socialists fearing and fighting a drift towards war and by the Communists promoting their "collective security" pro-war program. But now it is becoming an issue which threatens to relegate the pressing shop problems to the background. In January the General Executive Board adopted a unanimous resolution against war, much to the discomfort of the Communists. Soon after, Homer Martin gave an interview to the New York Times attacking the Communist line on war. This enraged the Communists and resulted in a vicious editorial blast in the Daily Worker virtually classing the UAWA president with the Fascists and as "an agent of the Japanese imperialists".

Martin's Criticism

Martin's interview, however, did not confine itself to an attack on the Communist war line; it also included a substantial bit of red-baiting, even implying that Communism was a greater danger than Fascism and that Communists had very doubtful rights in the trade union movement.

Progressive union members in both camps rose in protest against this. The Communists tried to use this resentment to turn auto workers against the Anti-war position which Martin had been expounding but this attempt did not succeed.

Communists, intent on their "collective security" policy above all other things, have now adjusted their whole approach in the union accordingly. Formerly, they had made a plea for an end to factionalism and were ready to give in to the Martin-Frankensteen forces on all essential questions of union program; the fight for union democracy and for a militant program was to be pushed to the background. The Communists failed to "sell this line" to their own members very effectively to say nothing of the broad Unity caucus. Therefore, they continued to support the Unity platform, but without enthusiasm.

C. P. Opposes Martin

Suddenly, however, the Communists have decided that what is needed is an intense struggle against Martin. Every deviation by Martin from a clearcut, progressive policy is to be fought. Why this change? Because Martin opposes the anti-labor position of the Communists on war.

While advocating sharp struggle against Martin, the Communists are not desirous of carrying on a general fight for democracy and militancy, except when such a fight can be aimed directly at Martin and the Independent Communist Labor League (CPO). This position has some attraction because Martin has done a thorough job of arousing opposition by taking the brunt of criticism of every wrong administration policy.

Socialists in the UAWA are opposed to a personal fight against Martin. They are ready to oppose Martin when he is wrong, and increasingly this means on the most crucial local and shop questions. Socialists will of course support Martin's war position since he follows the Socialist position. In short, Socialists will fight on the basis of issues and on the basis of program.

Use War Question

Despite essential agreement on war, Socialists do not agree with the manner in which the administration faction is using the war question. It has been used recently as a progressive cover for the fight against progressives and progressive policies on other questions. It is being used as a substitute for an effective program on the immediate questions which face the workers in the shops.

This super strategy comes primarily from the Independent Communist Labor League which conceived this strategy at a conference of its members held in December in New York. The CPO is out to split the Unity caucus. They are convinced that the Socialists will not desert the basic union program of the Unity group; and also that the Communists cannot easily desert this program as long as the Socialists fight for it. They also are beginning to understand that the Socialists cannot be used for Communist purposes. Therefore they are hoping that the war question can be used in the union in such a way as to split the Unity forces.

The anti-war campaign in the UAW is actually initiated by the Socialists. The main work is being done by Socialists and by independent Unity supporters. The campaign will be continued and every effort to use it for petty party and factional purposes will be fought.

Commies Fail

Communists made some attempts to use the Unity Caucus to fight the UAWA position on war and to break the influential position of the Socialists in the Unity group. The attempt to inject the war question into the Unity Caucus created some bitter feeling and wasted some very valuable time but outside of that, it fell flat.

It has been the Socialist contention that the Unity Caucus was organized for three things:

1. A democratic union.
2. A militant program in the fight against the auto manufacturers.
3. A unified organization capable of carrying this program into effect.

Must Realize Program

There is no reason for changing the basis of this union group. If anything, there is more need now than ever before for cooperation to put this program into effect. Injecting the war question into the formal circles of the Unity Caucus would smash that grouping. There is need in the UAWA for cooperation of ALL elements willing to fight for democracy, militancy, and unity. The very future of the UAWA requires such cooperation. The very deep-rooted, and often basic political differences which exist should not be allowed to stand in the way; nor can any group demand as a price for cooperation on this program that any group or element give up any of its ideas or principles. Political groups, for instance, do fight in the UAWA on their va-



SOCIALIST FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Young Socialists began a class in Socialist Fundamentals last Sunday (March 27), at the Labor Institute, 10511 Pasadena avenue. The group will meet seven more Sundays at three.

Alabama Bosses Pay 25c an Hour

JASPER, Ala.—Alabama lumber companies are paying as low as 25c an hour for common labor, and attempting to bring figure down to 18c, according to Bernard Guthrie, editor of the Union News, C.I.O. Relief workers receive 30c an hour from the government.

rious political programs; this does not necessarily bar cooperation on shop problems and questions of union organization.

Such cooperation is especially necessary in the light of the General Motors agreement which was signed about two weeks ago, the manner in which it was signed, the speeches now being made by Homer Martin before local after local, the role of the administration in local elections, and the increased talk of Richard T. Frankensteen for president of the International.

The GM agreement, concerning grievance procedure and union structure in the plants, is a substantial defeat for the UAWA. It gives up much and makes no gains. It has aroused a storm of protest. Not only is the agreement a defeat, but it was handed to the membership without giving them any chance to pass on it. In fact, it was signed by Homer Martin, William Munger and Elmer Dowell even before the General Executive Board had seen it, a piece of bureaucratic dealing which has met with resentment from members regardless of factional camp.

Exposes Communists

Martin is speaking at locals frequently. His speech usually starts off with a good explanation of the war situation; from this springboard it goes into an expose of the history of the Communists in the labor movement; and finally when the audience is seeing "red" the Unity Group and any one who opposes policies of the International leadership or of a "loyal" local leadership is dragged in under the classification of COMMUNIST.

Not only is this smearing of everyone as Communist, "red-baiting", but the whole manner in which it is done strengthens the reactionary forces and arouses them. An analysis of the elections and the conduct of the campaigns in these elections will show this. Martin went into Flint and Pontiac, and other administration persons have gone into Bay City, Lansing and various Detroit locals, vigorously campaigning against "Communists", especially where there are no Communists or where they play no significant role. All democratic procedure is disregarded whenever necessary.

The Frankensteen alleged desire for the presidency still further complicates the situation. No member can talk about swapping Martin for Frankensteen in the name of "progressivism". If anything, Frankensteen would do all the wrong things that Martin does, and many more that he does not do.

(Next week: An analysis of the Local Elections, of the new GM agreement and how the UAWA can best serve the anti-war movement.)

Radio Broadcast Will Feature Philly Anti- War Meeting April 6

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Norman Thomas heads a list of four speakers on the program of the April 6th "Keep America Out Of War" rally at the Metropolitan Opera House in Philadelphia. His speech, from 9:30 to 10:00 P. M. E. S. T. will be broadcast over radio station WIP.

Also scheduled to speak are Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, Rabbi Wm. H. Fineshriber of Philadelphia, and Frank R. Crosswaith, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee in New York City. The meeting is sponsored by the Philadelphia Anti-War Committee, one of the Keep America Out of War Committee already formed in many cities in the country.

An audience of three thousand is expected to attend the rally. A preliminary dinner in support of the mass meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31, at which Frederick J. Libby, secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, will be the main speaker.

Radio Program

A series of 15-minute radio programs over station WIP have preceded the mass meeting as part of the educational program of the Anti-War Committee. The first talk was made by David H. H. Felix, chairman of the Philadelphia local of the Socialist Party, Felix spoke against "Collective Security" and the rearmament program of the Roosevelt Administration. The second talk was given by Morton Goodman, Philadelphia organizer of the Knit Goods Workers' Union. Goodman attacked the May Bill, as leading to dictatorship and the abolition of trade unions.

Norman Thomas also spoke in Philadelphia, on fascism, on the night of March 25th at a capacity crowd of 350 in the Germantown YMCA. This meeting was sponsored by the Germantown Forum.

Attention Greater New York!

The Italian Socialist Party branch of Brooklyn, N. Y., plans a dance program on April 2 at 8:30 p. m. in the Mario Rapisardi Hall, 125 Boerum St.

The proceeds of this dance will be used to open headquarters in the Italian neighborhood for the purpose of propagating workers' education.

We appeal to all the comrades of Brooklyn and New York City to help up make this dance a real success from both the financial and moral point of view.

The admission is only 35c.
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Trade Union Committee For Spain Appeals To 'American Working Class

3 WEST 16TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.
March 19, 1938.

Greetings!

A new emergency has arisen in war-torn Spain. The dictators of Europe, drunk with power, have unleashed new horrors against Spain's civilian population. The streets of Barcelona, Madrid and other cities are littered with the mutilated bodies of thousands of defenseless people.

Two-thirds of the country is in ruins. Fascist guns are blazing away at women and children. Fascist bombs are dropped on Red Cross and hospital units. The Spanish people cry out for help.

Labor and progressive forces in America and throughout the world have pledged aid and relief to the victims of Spain's civil war. Here and elsewhere the workers have splendidly responded to appeals for help. Now, in the hour of direst need, this duty becomes more urgent than ever.

Children must be fed and clothed. Ambulances and medical supplies, destroyed by fascist bombs, must be replaced. Disease must be fought. The workers of Spain, heroically fighting and dying in freedom's cause, rely on our support.

The Trade Union Relief for Spain is in receipt of an urgent appeal from the International Federation of Trade Unions, Paris, France, for help. Foodstuffs, goods and medical supplies are sent to Spain to relieve the frightful sufferings of these victims of tragic civil strife.

We appeal to you for prompt action. Fifty-thousand dollars must be raised to cope with the new emergency. It is our duty to raise this amount as quickly as possible. Every dollar and cent counts.

The battle for the survival of humanity, democracy and labor's rights has entered its final stage. Fascist tyranny has destroyed the powerful labor movements of Germany, Italy and Austria. The workers of Spain have called a halt to the fascist march of conquest.

Do not wait until tomorrow! Help the people of Spain!

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairman.

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO DAVID DUBINSKY, TREASURER.

To Build Hospitals in Spain—To Establish Camps for Spanish Children in France.

CIO-AFL Unity Drive Wins Support of New York Service Workers

NEW YORK. — The stubborn fact of the need of unity between the forces of the C.I.O. and the American Federation of Labor wins increasing acceptance in trade union quarters according to the Committee of a Million for Unity whose petition for the leaders of the C.I.O. and A.F. of L. to get together in conference and stay in conference until a unity basis is achieved, continues to get support.

Here in New York City where the expulsion of the big Local 5 of the American Federation of Teachers from the New York City Central Labor Union this last week was an unpleasant reminder of the continuing rift in organized labor ranks, Leo Mitchell shop steward in the big Building Service Employees' Union No. 32 of the A. F. of L. decided last week that the petition of the Committee of a Million for Unity was as good for trade union leaders as for the rank and file.

Support Drive

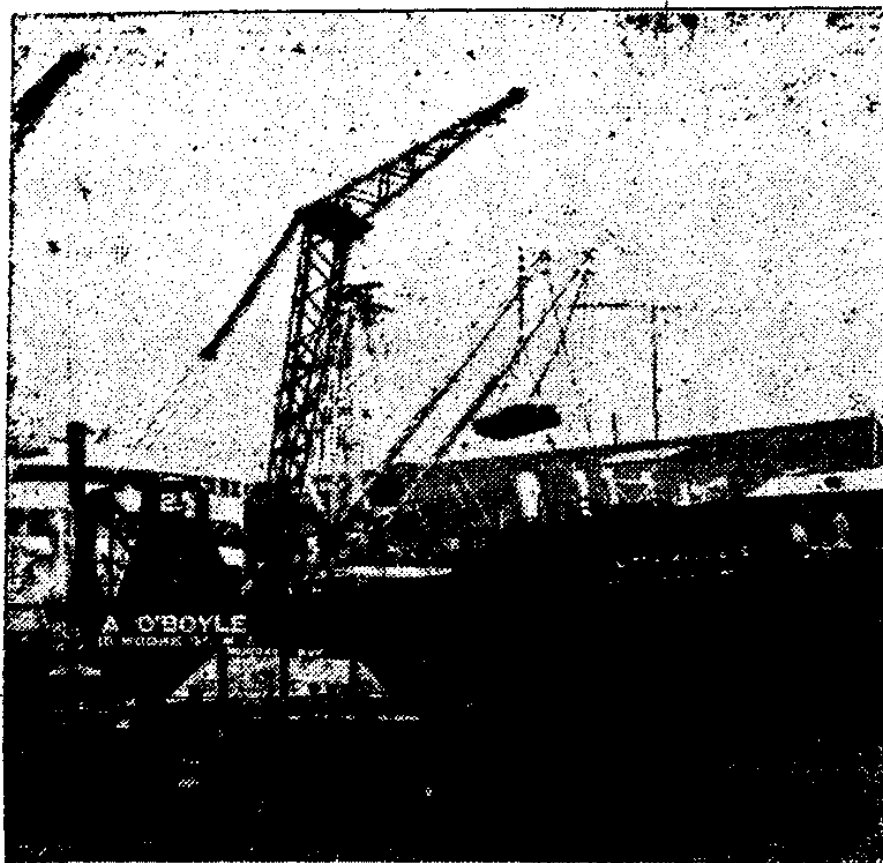
Having filed two petitions with the signatures of fellow unionists in the Building Service Union of the A. F. of L. and a few fellow workers in the

Transport Workers Union of the C. I. O., Mitchell sailed in and got on the record the names of James J. Bambrick, President of the Building Service Employees Union, Thomas Young the Vice President and the Secretary and Treasurer of this powerful and militant union as well. Bambrick was independent labor candidate of the American Labor Party for Council in last year's election.

For Peace

Trade Union circles are still waiting further outcome of the clear and workable basis for the resumption of unity negotiations between A. F. of L. and C. I. O. some three weeks ago, in the course of a nation wide radio address. Meanwhile the Committee of a Million for Unity from their headquarters in Kenosha under the direction of the Kenosha Wisconsin labor movement, with the cordial support of the Socialist Party and its various Labor Committees and Socialist trade union leagues continues to push the petition toward its million. Petitions can be secured from the Socialist Party national headquarters at 549 Randolph Street, Chicago, or from Kenosha Labor, Schwartz' Bldg.

AMERICAN BUSINESS



SHOWN AT HER berth in Brooklyn, N. Y., is the U. S. Maritime Commission's ship S. S. City of Rayville, being loaded with American scrap iron for shipment to the Japanese imperialist war makers. The Socialist Party believes in and advocates workers' sanctions to prevent the shipment of war materials to any imperialist powers.

Socialists Defeat "Old Guard" In Legal Struggle

READING, Pa., March 28.—A significant victory was won by the Socialist Party of the United States here today when Judge Paul N. Schaeffer rendered a decision recognizing Local Berks County as the official Socialist Party local of Reading. The decision upholds the Socialist Party contention that when one joins the Socialist Party, he joint, not merely a branch or local, but the national organization of the Socialist Party of the United States, that it is one organization and is divided into states, locals and branches for administrative convenience only.

The case arose out of the conflict of the Old Guard section of Pennsylvania, which voted to disaffiliate some time ago, and the loyal Berks County local over a bank balance of \$3,059. Local Berks County, with Clara Mosteller as treasurer, claimed these funds belonged to that Socialist organization still loyal to the Socialist Party of the U. S. This claim was contested by the Old Guard.

Old Guard Inconsistent

The court held in reviewing the testimony that the action of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania in withdrawing from the Socialist Party of the U. S. was inconsistent with numerous provisions of the national constitution and contrary to the provisions of the state charter. By these decisions the court ruled that the state organization was not merely affiliated with the national organization, but was an integral part of the national organization. The five points made by Judge Schaeffer in his decision were:

1. The resolution adopted by the state convention of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania on August 15, 1936, to the effect that the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania disaffiliate from the Socialist Party of the United States, is null and void.

2. The Socialist organization in Pennsylvania which has since August 15, 1936, remained loyal to and is recognized by the Socialist Party of the United States, is in law the Socialist Party of

Pennsylvania.

3. The local unincorporated association which has since Aug. 15, 1936 been loyal to and is recognized by the Socialist Party of the United States and which is here represented, by the defendant, Clara Mosteller, (Comrade Mosteller was the treasurer elected by the Socialists remaining loyal to the Socialist Party of the United States) is in law Local Berks County, Socialist Party.

4. The defendant Mosteller as treasurer of said local Berks county is entitled to receive the funds here in dispute.

5. The cost of this proceeding is to be paid out of the disputed funds.

Rumors are that the Old Guard will appeal this decision.

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T.W.O.C. CHECKS DRIVE TO SLASH WOOLEN AND WORSTED WAGES

By VALERI BURATI

BOSTON, Mass.—A movement to cut wages in the woolen and worsted industry, starting in New Hampshire and Vermont, and threatening to spread to every mill in that branch of Textiles, has been stopped by the prompt action of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee.

Striking at the very source of the wage cuts, the TWOC forced six manufacturers to withdraw them, and organizers are now campaigning against another half-dozen mills where reductions have been posted. This action has given pause to other manufacturers who contemplated similar action. The employees of three New Hampshire mills forced restoration of the old rates by strikes; negotiations succeeded in the other three.

Though averaging about 12½ per cent, the cuts ranged from 9½ to 27 per cent. The TWOC's first action against reductions in woollens and worsteds came in Central Maine about a month and a half ago. Cuts of 33½ per cent were resisted under the leadership of the union even in unorganized mills.

Seek to Use Slump

The manufacturers are taking advantage of the depression, and are trying to stampede the workers into supine acquiescence. Apparently they did not count on the rock-firm opposition of the TWOC.

The 12½ per cent wage cut in the cotton branch could have been prevented by the same methods except for the betrayal by the leaders of the New Bedford Textile Council.

They agreed to a 12½ per cent cut in secret with the manufacturers without first consulting their membership, and after they had promised Hyman Blumberg, that they would not agree to any cuts at all. The seven unions comprising the Council have since been expelled by the TWOC, and their members are joining wholesale a new industrial union in New Bedford organized by the CIO.

SOCIALISTS CALL MASS MEETING ON RELIEF CUT

NEW YORK—Local New York of the Socialist Party has called a meeting of its members and sympathetic workers in the Workers Alliance and among unemployed union members for the Stuyvesant Casino Ninth Street and 2nd avenue Tuesday evening 8 P. M. April 5th. The meeting will take up the question of the Socialist Party's policy and program for the fight against the 10% cut in unemployment relief ordered by Mayor La Guardia and against the sales tax which is being advanced under the old cover of the unemployment relief crisis.

The speakers at the meeting will include Brendan Sexton National Executive Board member of the Workers' Alliance and member of the Executive Committee of Local New York Socialist Party and Arthur G. McDowell, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Party and one of the original organizers of the Workers Alliance in Illinois and the mid-west. Another speaker of prominence in the Socialist and labor movement is being sought and will be announced later.

Class Lines

The struggle for the maintenance and improvement of relief standards and the fight on the sales tax are one and the same fight as has been proven countless times in recent years in the imposition of sales taxes. Class lines have already been drawn in the New York City Council by the proposal of Charney Vladeck, American Labor Party Councilman to tax bank deposits 1-25 of 1% instead of clapping on extensions of the present nefarious city sales tax.

Bankers in this money center of the world are in a hushed huddle over this new menace



A MARTIAN TRIP TO THE EARTH

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

Klepto and Dipso

The earth, as George Bernard Shaw once reported, is the lunatic asylum of the planets—which explains why Martians have always refrained from visiting that sphere.

It was many years from now, however, that two Martian scientists finally made the trip. They had spent many decades of their long lives listening in by radio to mankind's earthly high jinks. They had worked things out to a systematic schedule, and every twenty years, they would fix their dials on that planet and sure enough they would hear the rumble of guns, the bursting of bombs, the groans of the wounded and the feeble blasts of the bugle and the rattle of the drums. After a few years the sounds of war would die out and they knew that the lunatics had stopped fighting in order to spend the next decades preparing new reasons for a holocaust. The Martians, of course, with great prudence, forbade all expeditions to the asylum.

Peace Had Come

So it had been decade after decade. But one day, when the two Martian scientists clapped their ear-phones to their heads, nothing but silence came through the ether. War's due-date had arrived but they could not hear so much as one exploding revolver bullet. Something was wrong. For the next few years they listened carefully, but peace had come at last. Now, they said, we can afford to visit the earth; and we will determine if sanity has been restored by some great healer or if, perchance, the unfortunates have all perished.

Alas, the latter was the truth. All was waste before their eyes and only a handful of the barbarians could be found living like hermits, dominated only by fear, shrinking even before their own shadows. Bit by bit the Martian scientists pieced the story together.

The earth indeed had been a lunatic asylum. The inmates themselves had allowed the illusions of their twisted minds to destroy them altogether. All their lives they had divided their hospital-grounds into curious entities by making crooked, winding chalk marks on the premises, which they called frontiers. There was no logic in the lines they drew which ran helter-skelter, hither and thither, with the inconsequentiality of madness. Most of their time they spent in fighting with each other, trying to change the chalk-marks and enlarge what they called their own territory.

Insanity Rampant

Most unfortunate were the workers who toiled for the lunatics whose insanity made it impossible for them to produce the food, clothing and shelter which they needed. As a matter of fact, part of the reason for the effort to change the chalk-lines was the desire to include more workers within their own particular "territory." The workers had finally come to realize that the wars were waged by the lunatic masters because they wanted more of the good things that the workers created. But always the workers who were asked to wage the wars, were given reasons that seemed good on the surface for their participation in the fight to determine which lunatics would be better masters.

In the last war, which had finally proved to be the destruction of them all, the masters in some "territories" had pointed to their neighbors and said: "Look, those fellows are suffering from dementia praecox but we are only kleptomaniacs and dipsomaniacs. We must call together all the kleptomaniacs and dipsomaniacs, get them to unite their forces and we shall be collectively secure from those who live in the dementia praecox wards."

As they said that, they smiled to themselves. For they did not intend to abandon their kleptomania and their dipsomania. As a matter of fact, they were busy even at that very moment in picking each others' pockets, in starving their workers, and in visiting on the unfortunate toilers all the brutal practices to which their dipsomania had brought them. Furthermore, while denouncing the practices of dementia praecox they were giving every evidence that their own mental illnesses would lead to that very self-same disease. In fact, some of them even announced beforehand that as soon as the war began, they would adopt the methods of dementia praecox in ruling their own territories.

Now a group of the workers decided that something must be done. They called together representatives of workers from every part of the asylum, no matter behind which chalk-lines they happened to live, and one of them said:

Mania Vs. Mania

"Comrades, we are told that the world now faces a conflict between the adherents of kleptomania and dipsomania, on the one hand, and of dementia praecox, on the other. While we will agree, after the many years we have spent in observing the conduct of the lunatics whom we serve, that dementia praecox is among the vilest of afflictions, are we willing to die for dipsomania? Are we willing to die for kleptomania?"

A hush fell over the assemblage. Suddenly there was a mingled chorus of "Yes" and "No."

The one worker arose and said: "Yes, we must be prepared to die for dipsomania, for only so can we protect the chalk-lines that encircle one part—a sixth—of this asylum which has eliminated insanity and which belongs to the workers. You must fight to protect your dipsomaniacs, for the land of the sane has made agreements with Dipsomania and Kleptomania to protect each other."

"How, now?" said another. "Dare the sane place trust in the mad and make covenants with them? Do they not know that eventually the dipsomaniacs and the kleptomaniacs will turn and rend the land of the sane, particularly if we permit ourselves—the only power for sanity to be destroyed in this war?"

Tragedy

He was interrupted by another who shouted: "There is no land of the sane on this lunatic sphere."

"Let us not quarrel about that at the moment," replied the speaker. "In either event we must not link our destinies to the mad-men."

But here a chorus of shouts drowned out his remaining words, and the workers, unable to arrive at a decision, returned to their homes.

Then the lunatics behind all the chalk-marks rejoiced and leaped at each others' throats, set fire to their world and destroyed all that had built by the labor of the workers, and the workers with it.

This was the story which the Martians reported to their own planet, and the Martian people were greatly distressed by the tragedy.

Alliance Suppressed

CLAREMORE, Okla.—The Workers Alliance here has been forbidden to meet. Chief of Police Thurman seized the organization's charter and issued the meeting ban after a delegation from the Workers' Alliance demanded more relief. Unemployed workers are determined to fight the ban on meetings as well as continue their fight for relief increases.

and the proposal shocked the Chairman (Democrat) of the Finance Committee of Council so much that he refused to listen. The Socialist Party will have to point out in the present situation that workers must join in action outside of Council in the city streets and not leave their battle to a tiny minority in city council or that political weather-vane La Guardia, with his alliances still pointing Republican, Fusion and what not as well as technically American Labor Party when the latter label is convenient.

Conference On Labor And Cooperatives

NEW YORK—To consolidate the growing interest of labor organizations in the consumers cooperative movement, the Eastern Cooperative League has called a special conference on Labor and Cooperatives Sunday, April 3, from 2:30 to 6:30 p. m. The conference will bring together members of trade in the metropolitan area who are interested in cooperatives and will be held in the auditorium of the Cooperative Cafeteria, 49 East 25th Street.

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Parallel Action For War "NEW FREEDOM" WILSON and "NEW DEAL" ROOSEVELT

By FRANK N. TRAGER

In times of depression those who suffer from the periodic collapse of the capitalist system are rarely concerned with the problems and direction of "Foreign Policy." Their plight—the plight of millions of unemployed, underemployed, underpaid, industrial and farm workers, of depressed farmers—leads them to turn away from "relations with other countries" on the assumption that help must be and will be found "At Home."

However, it has been characteristic of government and its ruling economic class to champion the opposite tendency. For when collapse and depression occur "At Home" government and its ruling economic class seek restoration and renewal of "prosperity and profits" by exploiting the possibilities of foreign markets and "other operations."

In the era of "expansion," i. e., of capitalist imperialism, these other operations include direct intervention and taking over of economic power, even political power in the affairs of smaller and weaker nations—always in the interest of foreign trade and profits. In the last analysis this attempt to settle the crisis "At Home" leads increasingly, especially in its period of capitalist decline, to the conflict between big capitalist nations for the shrinking areas of profitable seizure and control. Imperialist wars, when they occur, merely continue the politics of "peace times."

Capitalist Crisis

That we are still deep in the 9th year of the depression; that despite government efforts however "nobly" intended we still linger in realms of national despair taking an incalculable toll in human values and lives—all this is beyond dispute. The war drums beat with louder and louder din as the big capitalist nations, ever-girded for war, use this "instrument of national policy" to take Manchuria, Ethiopia, beat down colonial revolt in India, fight China, grab Austria and intervene in Spain.

The war-tide and the war-preparations mount until it is surely predictable that a new World War is on the horizon ready to engulf once again the peoples of the world in a new holocaust of destruction.

Workers Are Victims

The victims of the last war will in themselves and their children once again be the victims of this war. Workers' lives and workers' misery will pay for capitalist profit. War-preparations and war-time "boom" will temporarily "solve" the depression only to lead into a new, more catastrophic depression.

This is the picture of "Foreign Policy"—this is the consequence of the acts of capitalist government. More than ever while yet there is a chance must those who now suffer from the depression and who will suffer during the war and in the next depression examine the government's foreign policy; must renew efforts to stop the course leading to destruction.

II.

Wilson and Roosevelt

As we prepare to commemorate the entrance of America in the last war let us take stock of the situation then and now. We find on examination a startling parallel between the policies of Wilson and Roosevelt—and in the last analysis, unless we can prevent the action of Roosevelt from finally duplicating the action of Wilson we are as doomed



Frank N. Trager

to enter a new war today as we were then.

Both men entered by presidency in the midst of a depression, different only in the greater intensity of the current one. Wilson's "New Freedom" was to usher in a new day of prosperity, Roosevelt's "New Deal" likewise sought the promised land. Neither the New Freedom nor the "prosperity" of the War-Boom were to avoid, in fact they helped to bring about the depression of the early twenties; the New Deal is in a state of economic collapse.

Users of Phrases

The strong, rhetorical effect of Roosevelt's inaugural address can be matched in the words of Wilson who said at his inauguration: "The great government we loved has too often been made use of, for private and selfish purposes, and those who used it had forgotten the people." Both presidents talked against the "private interests" who misused government, against "a burdensome and wasteful industrial system (which) exploits without renewing or conserving the natural resources of the country," both sought to correct an inefficient agricultural system, "water-courses undeveloped, waste places unreclaimed, forests untended, unregarded waste heaps at every mine," for both, government was to serve and regulate the larger economic interests of the nation, to be "put at the service of humanity, in safeguarding the health of the nation, the health of its men and its women and its children, as well as their rights in the struggle for existence, etc." The words are Wilson's; they became also Roosevelt's. The former must have admittedly failed if his latterday successor had to try to do all over again in the New Deal what the "champion of the people" did not succeed in doing with the New Freedom.

Failure of System

The failure of the New Freedom was not merely the failure of a Princetonian professor who became president. It was a failure of the system itself which cannot be cured either by words or deeds so long as its essential profit-taking character is preserved and defended. The domestic failure of the New Deal is not the failure of the Dutchess County Squire but as the Morgan-controlled National City Bank, December Bulletin, clearly and correctly pointed out is inherent "in the system itself."

This failure Socialist Debs predicted in 1912 during his great Presidential campaign; he then (in words later used by Wm. Allen White) declared that

between Wilson's "New Freedom" and Teddy Roosevelt's "New Nationalism" there "was that fantastic imaginary gulf that always existed between Tweedledum and Tweedledee."

And again Socialist Thomas in his campaigns of 1932 and 1936 challenged the New Deal to show if it could prove any SIGNIFICANT distinctions from Republican performance and Laundon promises.

Socialists everywhere have clearly demonstrated not only the fatal domestic similarity between the two capitalist parties but also between the two Democratic "reformers." Such gains as were made in the New Freedom for labor—the creation of the Labor Department, the Clayton Anti-Trust Act (hailed by Gompers as a "Magna Charta" for Labor) the Adamson Eight Hour Law—were no better nor worse than those gained under the New Deal. In each case only where labor was sufficiently strong to maintain those gains were they stable. In each case the gains were relatively small; in each case they in no way affected the basic class-relationships which continued to make of a labor a depressed and exploited commodity subject to the fluctuations of the market-place.

III.

Lead To War

When we turn from the immediacy of the domestic scene to the carrying out of domestic policy in the sphere of foreign relations we find that Wilson and Roosevelt with the same logical steps encourage acts leading to war.

The foreign policy of United States moves in three main directions: relations with Latin America, with the Far East and Europe.

The Monroe Doctrine, or, the cloak which preserves for United States alone the stakes of Dollar Diplomacy in the Western Hemisphere; the Open Door in China which guarantees to the United States along with other big capitalist nations the exploitable gains in the Far East; and "Neutrality" which permits the United States to choose which of the European alliances it will favor at any given moment have been the corner-stones of American Foreign policy for almost a century. The Wilson and Roosevelt administrations have followed like courses of action in each of these three directions.

Wilson in his famous Mobile, Alabama, speech in October, 1913, verbally promised Latin-America a policy of non-intervention and non-coquest; spoke scornfully of the "degrading" character of a foreign policy based on "material interest." Twenty years and two months later Hull speaking for Roosevelt at the Seventh Pan American Conference at Montevideo, using words strikingly similar to Wilson's, promised a policy of good neighborliness and non-intervention. Roosevelt himself repeated this at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation speech a few days later.

Wilson's Imperialism

The record shows that Wilson, with humane (?) misgivings blockaded Mexican ports and took Vera Cruz in 1914; played politics with puppet Carranza even to the extent of sending Gen. Pershing into Mexico for nine months 1916-1917 to bring about peace at point of bayonets and re-establish diplomatic relations, just as Poland did less brutally to Lithuania. To estab-

lish peace in the Dominican Republic, the U. S. Navy suspended the local parliament and ran the country (1916). Marines did the same for Haiti (1915) and for Nicaragua.

Roosevelt merely insured his pick among the Cuban presidential candidates after his ambassador Welles got rid of Machado; his present choice is the military dictator Batista. His following in the footsteps of Wilson in South America helps to maintain dictator Vargas in Brazil.

To meet the deserved charge of Yankee Imperialism in South and Central America under the cloak of the Monroe Doctrine, both presidents reinterpreted this policy so as to get "collective sanctions" from the American countries for whatever the United States would do in case of "trouble." Such "trouble" meant not only keeping out European competitors but also keeping down movements in these countries which were designed to liberate the people from their local dictators.

In the Far East Wilson because of the War had little time to act. He favored and expressly commended the open door policy, i. e., free trade and exploitation within China for extra-territorial sovereignties other than China. The Roosevelt administration continues the practice of keeping troops in Chinese cities and ships in China water to "protect" American lives and Standard Oil.

It also hypocritically refrains from applying the present neutrality "it would injure China" while actually its export of war and other materials to Japan has vastly increased. Both Wilson and Roosevelt made promises of independence to the Philippine Islands; both have withdrawn these promises because the island may be temporarily useful in a war against Japan.

But the most significant aspect of their foreign policy applies to Europe. Neutrality in word was always preached. It meant in effect the right of America to trade where and how she pleased without constraint. This neutrality is what is meant by "no entangling alliances." It differs from that which is advocated by pacifists and others; it differs even from the present statute which has been openly flaunted and violated by Roosevelt and Hull. The real neutrality would prevent trade with belligerents, not permit among them choices.

"He Kept Us Out . . ."

However even the first kind of "neutrality" which attempted to preserve profits while refraining from actual participation in war came to be too much for Wilson as it is for Roosevelt. Not only did Wilson deem it necessary to "save the world for Democracy" but even while he campaigned on the "He kept us out of War" slogan his ambassador in England, Walter H. Page, his diplomatic wandering friend, Col. House, and Secretary of State Lansing were preparing our entry on the allies side of the war.

Wilson in 1916 signed the National Defense Act, a prelude to war like the present May Bill; an Army appropriation Act and the then largest peace-time appropriation ever made for naval construction—all these led to war. Like Roosevelt and Hull, Wilson and Lansing declared "neutrality is no longer feasible or desirable where the peace of the world is involved and the freedom of its peoples; and the menace to that peace and freedom lies in the existence of autocratic governments backed by organized force which is con-

trolled wholly by their will, not by the will of their people. We have seen the last of neutrality in such circumstances."

This was Wilson's war address April, 1917, after he had made it abundantly clear that the United States should avoid "entangling alliances" but act in "a concert of power" to preserve the peace, and labor, after the war, to establish democracy and freedom. We got the "concert of power," the collective security for democracy and freedom in words. We got the concert of power and collective security and fascism and more war IN DEEDS.

IV.

Roosevelt the Wilsonian

Any dispassionate examination of Roosevelt—his speech for quarantining the aggressor and collective security, his Naval Bills of 1924-1928, his free-roving ambassador Davis who imitates the warmongering Page and Col. House, his poorly concealed imperialists aims in the Far East, his Secretary of State, (more like Bryan than Lansing) who personally expresses horror at Barcelona bombing by fascist Franco but despite the law of nations and of our land permits shipments which help to make these bombings possible, his full acquiescence of the fascist May Dill—must conclude that the road Roosevelt now travels in words and deeds is the road travelled by Wilson with one difference—Roosevelt is the more activist in his action. He is, if anything, therefore, the more dangerous. This road leads to war as the extension of domestic politics. It will seek to solve crises at home by diversion to destruction abroad.

WE CAN STOP WAR

It is possible to avert this war even where we failed last time. International labor solidarity acting against each national ruling capitalist class may succeed. The Socialist Party before and after imperialist war.

It will do so again but it must, along with other labor forces, mobilize sufficiently to stop our entry into the war if internationally we cannot stop the war. Today there are additional resources to aid in this struggle against war.

There is the old war generation that has not yet forgotten the costs of the last war. There is a new generation of workers as in the Auto Union, Steel Union and Mine Union and other unions who recognize that workers have everything to lose by fighting the new war and everything to gain by fighting against the causes of war.

Colonial Peoples

There are "colonial" peoples as in India who know that the surest way to secure peace is by overthrowing their imperial and native oppressors. There is a growing understanding that the big capitalist nations—even the so-called "democratic" nations—are no more to be trusted by the workers than fascist nations. "Albion's Perfidy" still means that the Tories of England, its ruling class, will not aid in preserving democratic security.

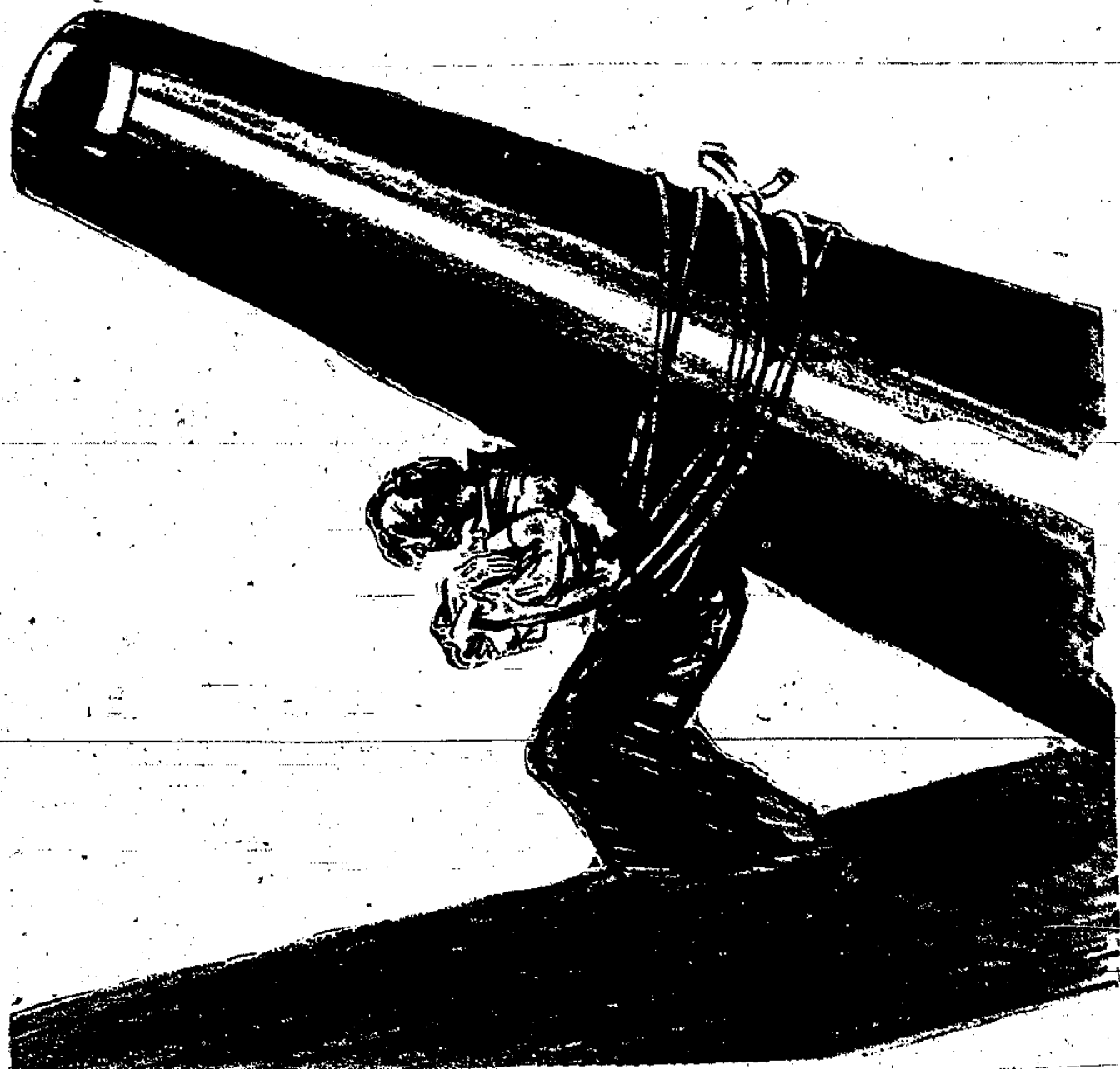
There is the growing recognition that in the event of a new war even our democracy will overnight become a "garrison state" by law made Fascist.

These factors then assist in the anti-war movement. These circumstances if collectively used may keep the peace. The demand an aggressive labor struggle for peace and freedom, against capitalism and war. To these ends we dedicate our energies on the anniversary of the entry of the United States in the last war.



Bowed By The Weight Of Centuries

**Illinois Workers Alliance
Continues Fight For Relief**



CHICAGO, Ill.—Demands for more adequate relief for the unemployed and the aged were presented to Governor Horner of Illinois last Wednesday by representatives of the Illinois Workers' Alliance and 14 other labor organizations. The conference with the Governor had been arranged by the Workers Alliance. Governor Horner followed his usual custom of promising to take the demands under consideration while at the same time disclaiming any authority to do anything to meet the situation.

Demands

The demands presented by the delegation were:

1. An immediate special session of the state legislature to appropriate money for an adequate relief budget for the unemployed.
2. The establishment of a state wide commission to administer relief and establish uniform standards.
3. No discrimination against any race or nationality in the administration of relief.
4. Abolition of pauper affidavit.
5. Recognition of the right of the unemployed to organize and to have their representatives on the administration board.
6. Provision for an adequate administration staff and the repeal of the eight per cent allowance for administration.
7. The allotment of a minimum of \$30 per month to all those receiving old age pensions.

Passed The Buck

Governor Horner stated that relief could not be increased without raising taxes and when he was reminded that there was a surplus of 19 million dollars that had been collected from the

sales tax for relief purposes that had been appropriated for relief, he passed the buck onto the legislature. He refused to call a special session of the legislature to remedy the situation.

The delegation of the Workers Alliance declared that the position taken by the governor was completely unsatisfactory and that the unemployed would not remain quiet for long under such miserable relief conditions. A militant program for action is being mapped out to force an improvement in relief.

**Michigan Socialists
Honor Roy Reuther**

DETROIT, Mich.—More than a hundred rank and file auto workers, trade union leaders and Socialists attended a testimonial banquet tendered to Roy Reuther by the Socialist Party of Michigan in appreciation of his militant leadership of the Flint UAWA and his yeoman work for the Socialist Party.

George Edwards, prominent auto unionist, was toastmaster of the banquet and introduced the many speakers, who eulogized not only the splendid work of Roy Reuther, but even the teamwork of the smoothly functioning Flint Socialist local.

The tone of the banquet was set by one of the speakers, a rank and file auto worker, who stated after hearing many of the speeches: "I've never been to a Socialist dinner before, but after seeing and watching you boys in action, and listening to you call each other Comrade, well, all I can say is—you've got something there."

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Art McDowell Named New York Secretary By Central Committee

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The City Central Committee of Local New York at a special meeting in Rebel Arts Hall this week voted to approve the calling of Arthur G. McDowell of Chicago, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Party to the post of City Executive Secretary of the New York Party, succeeding Comrade Jack Altman who has held this important post for the last two years. Comrade McDowell will be granted a leave of absence from full time work as National Labor Secretary until the National Convention, at Kenosha in April where a new National Executive Committee will be elected and all national Party officers will be newly elected.



Art McDowell

The National Action Committee approved the acceptance of the New York post by a member of the National Office staff following the resignation of Altman who is a veteran Party officer in New York city, in the belief that the Socialist Party faces an important period of growth in strength and influence in the United States in the next few months and that this growth in activity and membership can be aided by loaning the strategically important New York organization a trained Comrade who has been closely acquainted with the Party nationally.

A Sketch of McDowell
Arthur G. McDowell joined

the Socialist Movement as a student leader of the League for Industrial Democracy at the University of Pittsburgh in 1928. In 1929 he was expelled from the University for labor agitation and the fight against the Pennsylvania private Coal and Iron Police system as well as the domination of the University administration by the Mellon family financial interests.

In 1930 he became state organizer for the Socialist Party in Pennsylvania. In 1931 he added the duties of secretary and press representative of the two Socialist members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. In 1932 he was elected Industrial Secretary

and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Peoples Socialist League and in 1933 National chairman of that organization and editor of its official newspaper. He was a member of the National Executive and Administrative Committees of the Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers.

Active In Illinois

From 1934 to 1937 he was Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party in Cook County and Illinois. Elected as an alternate to the Socialist Party National Executive Committee and a full member of the National Action Committee in 1937, McDowell was the unanimous choice of the National Executive Committee for Labor Secretary in 1937. The new Secretary of the New York local of the Socialist Party also while an active member of the Chicago Federation of Labor during the last three years played a leading part with other progressive unionists in the founding of the Illinois Labor Party as a growing alliance of Illinois trade unions committed to independent labor political action. His wide experience in ten short but intensive years of activity in the labor movement in Pennsylvania and Illinois should be of real value to Local New York in its building the Socialist Party and for the Socialist cause in the next few critical months.

S.W.O.C. Wins Strike At Haboro, Pa., Plant

HABORO, Pa. — The five weeks strike of 800 workers at the Roberts and Mander Steel Co. ended in victory for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, which conducted the walk-out, when the company signed an agreement with the union this week.

The agreement provides exclusive bargaining rights for the workers, an eight hour day and 40 hour week, time and a half for overtime, and one week vacation with pay.

Comrade Halushka To Address Convention

CHICAGO, Ill.—Meyer Halushka, director of the Chicago Labor School, will speak on the subject of "Youth and War" at the Fifteenth National Convention of the Habonim and Young Poale Zion Alliance which will convene in Chicago, April 20-23.

Many distinguished personalities from various parts of the United States and abroad will address the convention, according to Fagel Riback, secretary of the convention committee, 3922 Douglas Blvd., Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Trial of Joseph P. Arvin, president and business agent of the Laundry Workers' Union (AFL), on charges that he had hired agents to break windows of non-union laundries, ended quickly when his attorneys discovered a fault in the indictment.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Churchgoers at the Unity School of Christianity here had the embarrassment of going thru picket lines here on a recent Sunday morning. Two members of Printing Pressmen's shop Local 16 carried banners declaring the church's print shop an open shop.

Wars are now entirely economic in their origin. Such wars are never won. They are only, as always, lost by both the victor and vanquished.

—B. M. BARUCH.

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JOBLESS RAID WAREHOUSE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — State police were ordered to Richmond, 30 miles east of here, after 180 WPA workers raided a commodity warehouse and carried away 1536 pounds of potatoes, beans and apples. The raid was occasioned by delay in pay checks. The WPA workers recently had been transferred from relief to work projects. The state police were called to Richmond the day after the raid, when excited relief officials telegraphed state police that a mob was about to storm the county courthouse. When police arrived the town was quiet, but they arrested 14 men for complicity in the warehouse raid.

Hawaii Takes to C. I. O. 5 Sugar Locals Set Up

HILO, T. H.—The C. I. O. is moving into the sugar-cane industry in Hawaii. Hawaiian workers have just set up their fifth local of the C. I. O. Cannery Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers, this time in the sugar cane by-products business.

The new local is known as the Cane Workers Association, No. 76-5, producing insulating board from sugar cane. Recognition of the new local has been won from the employers, the Hawaiian Cane Products Co., Limited, in a letter written by S. H. West, general manager.

The letter recognizes the local as sole collective bargaining agent for all the workers involved. Negotiations for a contract are now under way.

JOPLIN, Mo. — The National Labor Relations Board, after a three months' hearing, has completed its evidence against the Eagle-Picher Lead Co. and the Eagle-Picher Mining and Smelting Co., which are charged with violating the Wagner Labor Act. The NLRB attorneys presented 330 witnesses and 250 exhibits. When the hearing reopens March 26, the companies will present their defense.

MARX AND ENGELS IN THE EUROPE OF TODAY

Forget Engels

Marx and Engels did not ask for the goodwill of the bourgeoisie. But, although they were refugees, as long as they lived no one did them any harm in their country of asylum. Today, so many years after their death, things would doubtless be different. For "Marxism" is regarded as the work of the devil not only by its persecutors in Central Europe but in wide circles of the British bourgeoisie. Moreover, the less these people know about Marxism, the more they hate it.

The following story, hitherto, unknown, gives striking proof of the lack of love for Marxism. In his latter years Marx lived at 41 Maitland Road, Hampstead, London, and it was there that he died. When Labour obtained the majority on the London County Council it decided to place a commemorative tablet outside the house in which Marx died. In the house in this quiet neighborhood, disturbed by no one, or at most by his creditors, Marx had worked at his "Capital."

Vandalism

But no such calm existence was to be the fate of the little blue and white tablet affixed to the house front over half a century after his death. It was put up in February 1935. As early as May it had been badly damaged by some persons unknown.

A year later, on May 2, 1936, the second tablet that had been put up by the London County Council to replace the first, lay on the ground in fragments. The London County Council wanted to try a third tablet but the present tenant, excited and annoyed, induced the owner to refuse permission for this. The London County Council saw no possibility of doing anything further and so the house in which Marx died is once again without a commemorative tablet.

The recent fate of the dead Engels is perhaps more grotesque still. As known, he was the son of a well-to-do spinner, owning mills in the Rhineland and Manchester. Recently the German firm, which still belongs to the Engels family, celebrated its centenary. In this connection a souvenir booklet was published in which, with great piety, the history of the family during the past three hundred years and of the firm during the past hundred years, is traced.

The booklet tells of the life and work of many offshoots of the Engels family—of Caspar, Johann and August Engels, and all the rest. It also tells of Friedrich Engels, senior, father of the wicked Friedrich. Of the black sheep of the family of whom, under the Third Reich, the family is ashamed—under the Republic it was proud of him—it merely says that the eldest son of the older Friedrich Engels worked for a time in the Manchester Mill. And that is all! On the other hand, at the close, the authors of the booklet regard it as necessary to pass on to the younger generation of this family of many offshoots a saying from Hitler's "Mein Kampf" as a guide.

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HORRORS OF WAR

By JOHN MILL

Authoritative specialists and experts in military matters assert most convincingly that the last world war as to the number of victims—dead and wounded, soldiers and civilians, women and children, cities destroyed, and material losses suffered—was a mere "childish play" in comparison with the catastrophe that is being prepared so stubbornly, so assiduously, by all dark forces of capitalist imperialism. It is, therefore, worth while to give a few figures of that "childish play" so as to enable our imagination to picture the incalculable consequences of the next war, the impending cataclysm.

The world war lasted 1,536 days. The cost of it was about 400 billion dollars. Thirty-nine million soldiers were mobilized in the countries of the allies and 18½ million in the countries of Central Europe. According to estimates of the Carnegie Institute for International Peace, about 13 million of those mobilized were killed on the battle fields; 25 million seriously or slightly wounded.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

After the war, all countries together counted 16 million invalids and 26 million widows and orphans.

Tens of millions of civilians perished of starvation and epidemics. Thousands of cities, small towns and villages, were ruined.

The most gruesome and gigantic battle was at Amiens, France. Seven million soldiers took part in it and 31,000 big guns were used. The daily expenses in this battle were 205 million shillings. For the horses alone, 15 million shillings per day were spent.

The battle at Lemberg, Austria (now Poland) was one of the bloodiest. The human losses were: Austrians, 96,000 and Russians, 92,000; 560,000 infantrymen and 65,000 cavalrymen took part; 3,000 big guns were used. The financial losses for this battle were: Austria, 430 million and Russia, 640 million shillings. The experts consider this financial loss very small comparatively.

ted States, Japan, England, Germany and Soviet Russia—in 1931, 79,189 million French francs were spent, and in 1937, 360,977 million French francs, an enormous increase that staggers our imagination, and, as we know, for the last year, the expenditures for military purposes were manyfold higher.

U. S. PROGRAM

We have just read about the projected expansion of the United States Navy. A short time ago we possessed 85 units of aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, and 2,050 navy planes; then 99 war vessels were authorized. At the present time a new navy bill, calling for 46 ships and 950 navy planes, has been voted. To think that the entire laboring population goes through every kind of privation and misery in order to produce all these means of destruction!

The modern war will be more cruel and devastating than ever. Here is an example of warfare on the Catalonian coast in Spain since the beginning of the civil war up to February 5 of this year. As we know, Catalonia was the quietest and the smallest part in this warfare and nevertheless, as the loyalist government states, 29 localities were bombarded 229 times; 5,422 bombs and grenades were thrown; 1,542 people killed and 1,979 wounded; 361 buildings were entirely destroyed and 1,495 partially destroyed.

BARCELONA BOMBARDMENT

The last week the bombardment of Barcelona was intensified. In two days, 1,500 or more civilians were killed and 2,000 wounded; 10,000 persons remained homeless—in two days!

Here is another glance at the modern warfare. The Socialist paper, "Arbeiter Zeitung" of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, brings the following figures taken from reliable sources. To January, 1938, the losses of the Japanese army in China consisted of: 42,230 dead, of which five

were Generals; 142,150 wounded; 8,510 missing; 387 planes destroyed; 376 aviators killed; 87 missing or taken prisoners; 109 wounded; 3,240 marines killed, 460 missing; 8 cruisers and destroyers crippled; 4 transport boats capsized; one of them with a whole battalion of infantry; an aircraft carrier with 40 planes damaged.

In six months the Japanese army lost 198,172 men!

HOW TO ABOLISH WAR

This slaughter, this Sodom and Gomorrah, this wholesale destruction of human lives and property, cannot be stopped by pious prayers, naive propaganda of liberal pacifists, an appeal to the Pope in the Vatican, solemn declaration of humanitarian principles, or protests of some statesmen, our Secretary of State Hull included. War is the result of capitalist imperialism, and in order to get rid of war and of everything connected with it, we must get rid of capitalism itself. Therefore, the fight of the Socialists against war is an organic part of the general class struggle. The social and political conditions of the capitalist world must be abolished. In a Socialist world, there will be no enmity of nation against nation, no covetous designs for foreign lands, no ground for wars.



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TOLMEIN BATTLE

At the Tolmein battle, where the Italians were defeated and lost in prisoners alone 300,000 men, Italy spent 4 billion 320 millions shillings.

The United States lost 50,327 men in the world war. More than 200,000 were wounded. More than 45 billion dollars were spent. The world war was supposed to be the last war, but every child nowadays knows what the result of that "last war" is: Nazism—Fascism, anarchy economy, lawlessness, brutality, extreme nationalism and revenge sentiment. The entire capitalist world is preparing feverishly for a new war. Just taking a look at the figures of recent expenditures for armaments, is enough to see the direction in which the world is moving.

According to the French paper, "Paris Soir," which took the figures from the divulged appropriations for military purposes—in Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Turkey, Jugoslavia, Poland, France, Italy, Uni-

That Old Gang of Mine Is Being Killed by the System

By TAD TEKLA

CLEVELAND, Ohio. They're burying Jim today. I called the undertaker's daughter to verify a rumor that Jim, only 31, had died of double pneumonia. Elsie, the daughter, told me first that she had been married for seven months. Then she said, "Yes, Jim's laid out here."

The story I get is this: Jim Brousil was an ambitious Bohunk. He was high in his school-marks. After his schooldays he organized the St. John Nepomucene Commercial College Alumni Association. That's where I came in. Jim helped me become President, and then he slid out of the picture. Jim preferred to have me to work. He was too busy to fill the office.

He couldn't continue his activity with the alumni because he had a job. Jim was Assistant Purchasing Agent at a stamping company now! Jim took that title seriously. He did the Purchasing Agent's work beside his own; and he had to work nights to do that. That's what he did nights—he didn't come to meetings, he didn't go out with the girls; he worked overtime. I guess he got about forty per for doing it; and he was on the way up. He was pretty sure he would be able to get the P. A.'s job, and relax, some day.

COURTSHIP

But his night work got him. It weakened him. Worry about a wife he had acquired on the side accelerated his downfall. You see, Jim happened to meet a farmer's daughter at a barn dance. She had the same last name as his... no relation, just the same family name. Well, that was enough for Jim; who didn't have time for courtship. I guess domestic difficulties came soon after marrying Mary Brousil, and Jim planted a seed to subjugate them.

When he caught a cold his Bohemian thrift forbade him to see a doctor about it. I can see that his father, tough from many years in the steel mill (before this depression), advised against spending some of that hard-earned salary for a doctor. "Save it for the kid," he probably said, in Bohemian.

The kid will live on insurance money, if any; because within a week double pneumonia set into Jim's tired body, and that was the end of Jim. He couldn't take time out from making a living to save his life; and insure the future of pregnant Mary.

A WORKER

Insuring his future brought death to a good friend of Jim and me just last week. Larry Divoky was editor of his high school paper; member of the National Honor Society. In the alumni association—when I was President, at least—Larry was a good guy to get ads for dance journals. He was on the way up.

But his ambition and his talent didn't bear fruit. First of all; he couldn't continue schooling, because he was of the working class. Then he couldn't land a job. Finally a friend got him into the steel mill. Larry's father was very sorry his son had to follow in father's footsteps in the old mill. He came to this country in the hope of getting an education for his children, so that they wouldn't have to live the hard life he had to live.

Larry didn't have the brawn for the heavy work; and he had the brain to want out of the steel mill. The depression gave him his chance. Almost everybody was let out of the mill; and Larry had to look around for another job. He surveyed the fields, like he learned at East Tech High School, and he chose aviation. He figured that commercial pilots flew high and lived high.

TRIED AVIATION

The instruction was hard to get. The private flying schools were so darn expensive. It seem-

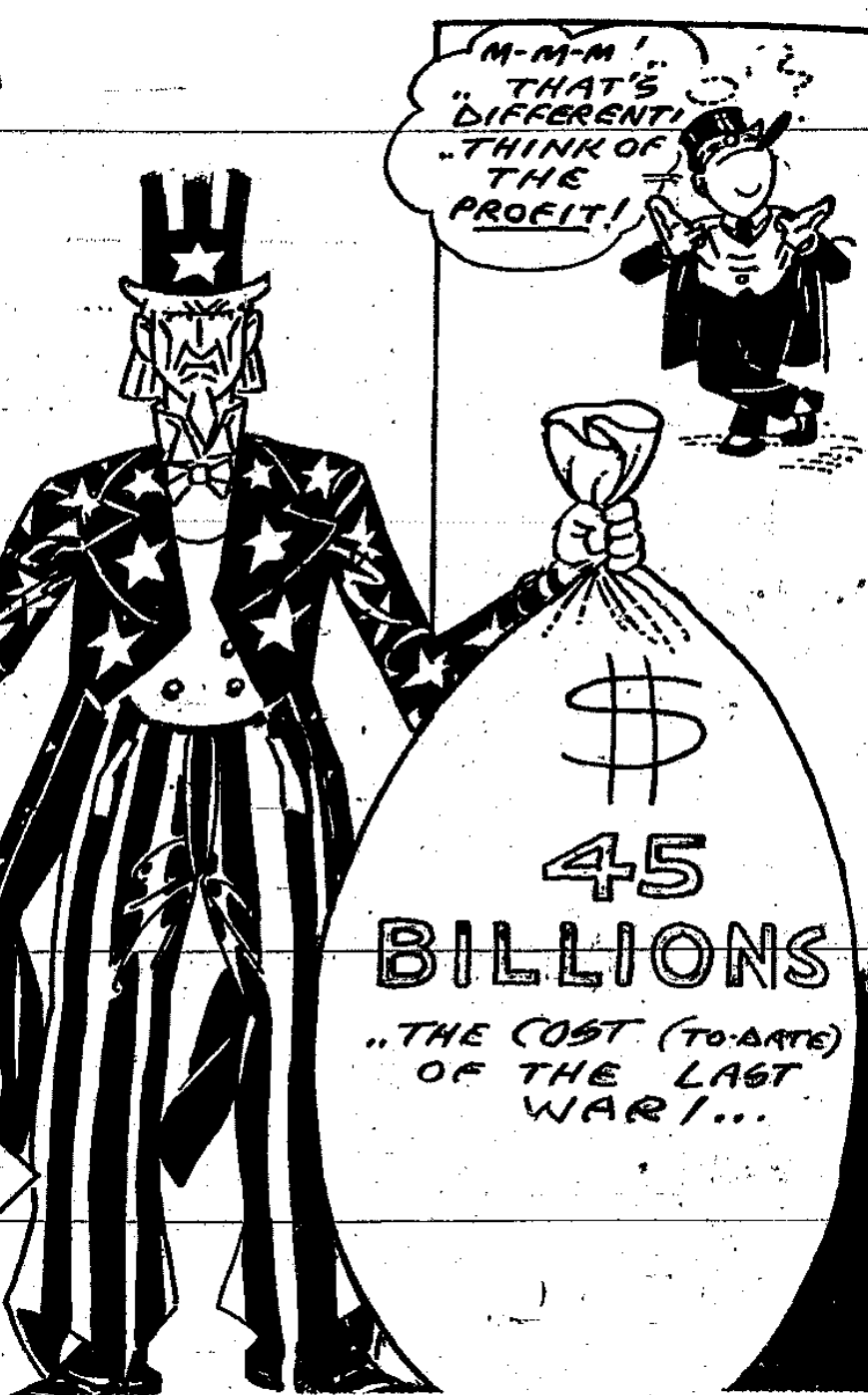
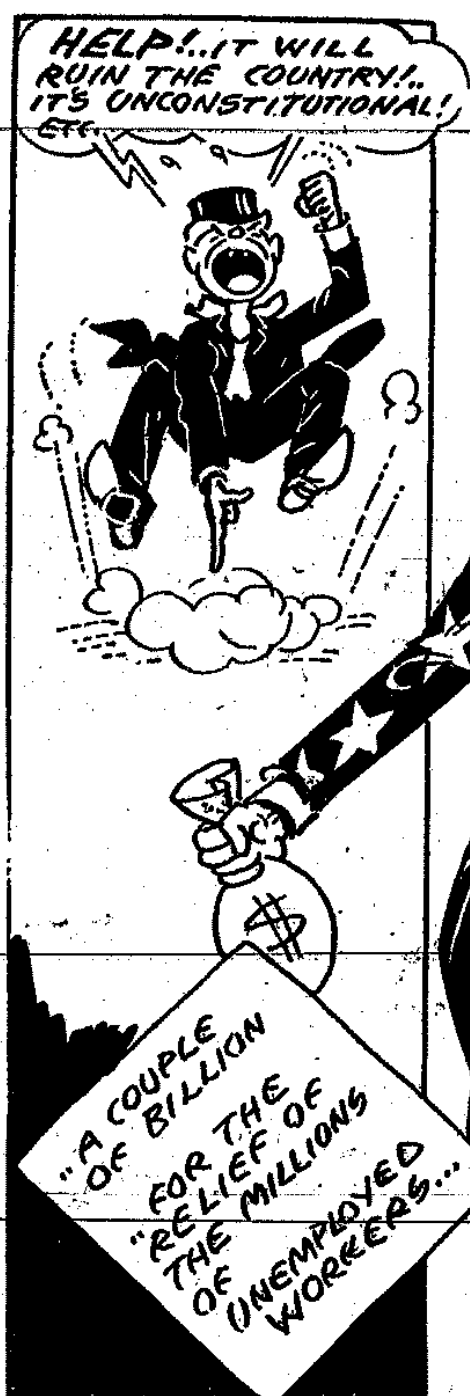
ed the only place for Larry was the Army Air Corps. He was awfully glad when his friend Klika said he would help teach him how to fly. To show his appreciation of the friendly offer, he parted with some of his steel mill money, and together they bought a plane. It was of the World War vintage, but it would do.

Larry had "the gift of gab" and could explain to mother and friends that this was the type of plane that he needed in order to know how to fly under adverse conditions. He put in six solo hours.

The old crate crashed out over Solon, Ohio the other day. It killed Larry and seriously injured Klika.

The plane died of old age. According to one of Hoover's speeches, the opportunity of today's youth under capitalism lies in its readiness to fill places left vacant by the death of men now holding the jobs. Larry died before he had his chance to fill somebody's shoes. Death got him before he could ready himself for the job that was to be opened by some other death.

Gee, I wish somebody else had kicked the bucket, instead of Larry at 21. Larry left no job to be filled by a young man. He left no work to be done at the steel mill or anywhere else. Unless maybe we think it's youth's piness.



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The following were elected to on the State Executive Committee: Devere Allen, J. Bergen, Walter Davis, Phil Brainard, I. Polsky, Meyer Gere, Swen Ottonson and Sam Young.

IOWA

Des Moines
Comrade Frank Trager of New York, member of the NEC, did excellent work looking toward a reorganization of the local here during his recent visit here as a lecturer at the Public Forum

MINNESOTA

A state-wide congress of Party members was held in St. Paul on March 20. A program of Party building for Minnesota was drawn up. Committees were named to begin active work for rebuilding the state organization.

Twin City Local
Recently the new Twin City Local was chartered. This is the first step in an aggressive campaign for Socialist activity here.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Party throughout the state is busy in securing signatures for their petitions in preparing for the coming state elections.

New Kensington
The local is active in pushing the CALL. Classes in a real program of Workers Education are being conducted. A very successful forum is also carried on.

Comrades have been active in building a consumers cooperative store. Plans are going ahead here for active participation in the coming state election campaign.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans
New Orleans comrades cooperated in arranging a meeting for Frank McCallister, Southern Secretary of the Workers Defense League. It is planned to organize a local of the WDL as a result of this meeting.

Facing the bitterest forces of reaction the comrades are maintaining their headquarters and are carrying on a consistent campaign for Socialism. A part of this campaign is an anti-war meeting on April 6.

VIRGINIA

Richmond
The comrades are making plans for aggressive work in the coming congressional campaign. Plans are under way for the opening of a bookstore and permanent headquarters.

Party members are active in the Workers Alliance and in union organization work.

A great anti-war meeting is planned for April 6 with John Monarch and the Reverend John G. MacKinnon as speakers.

Winston Dawson is the secretary and Hilliard Bernstein is the organizer of the Richmond local.

TEXAS

Dallas
Opposition to legislation before Congress for the conscription of men into the army and for the hogtying of labor through the May bill and for the expenditure of more than a billion dollars through the Vinson bill was voted at the annual convention of the Socialist Party of Texas at Waco, March 12 and 13.

George Lambert, national organizer of the Party in Texas, made a graphic report of the pecan shellers' strike in San Antonio. He has been working as a volunteer publicity director for the union for a number of weeks and was arrested and jailed three times in the course of his activities. The convention voted full support to the strikers

and made plans to assist in the holding of meetings over the state to raise funds for the strikers who have not been taken back to work.

Plans were outlined looking toward the financing of a regular state-wide radio program to bring the message of Socialism to many sympathizers in the rural sections. Delegates reported a more friendly attitude by the man on the street to the Socialist program than in years past.

E. M. Lane of Dallas reported on the activity of Socialists in his city in the organization of a branch of the Workers Alliance and of the benefits which had resulted therefrom to the unemployed.

George Clifton Edwards of Dallas and George Lambert of Houston were nominated as delegate and alternate respectively to the national convention of the Party in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on April 21. Carl Brannin of Dallas was re-elected State Secretary. The following were named on the State Executive Committee: G. C. Edwards, E. E. Miller, George Lambert (Houston), J. W. Hembree (Smithville), Oliver Williams (Temple). The convention voted to place a ticket in the field for state offices this fall. The address of the state office is at 5946 Richmond Street, Dallas, Texas.

MICHIGAN

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Michigan will meet in Flint, Michigan, at the new headquarters of the Flint branch on Sunday, April 3, all day. The meeting will not only deal with the routine party problems and the preparations for the State Convention to be held in May, but will also discuss the problems which the national convention will face.

All party members are invited to take part in the discussion of convention problems. At the same meeting, the report of the tellers committee on the election of national convention delegates will be presented.

CALIFORNIA

A successful state convention just held indicates that the Socialists are on the way to an effective rebuilding of the party in this state.

The following were elected members of the State Executive Committee:

Ben Sapkin, Willie Barash, Will Goldberg, Jacob Cong, Los Angeles; Travers Clement, Los Gatos; Paul Maniscalco, Ernest Norback, San Francisco; C. E. Rust, Oakland; J. W. Thornton, Stockton.

John Newton Thurber, who has been serving as state organizer, was elected as State Secretary by the committee.

Due to the lack of time, a number of excellent resolutions on Social Security and Unemployment Relief were referred to the Guild committee on that subject for action. These resolutions, based upon exhaustive analysis of the problem, vigorously criticized the present system, and validated the criticism of the act made by the Socialist Party over a year ago. A resolution on relief, presented by Darwin J. Meserole, veteran New York Socialist, which denounced in no uncertain terms the New Deal Administration for the violation of its pledges to the unemployed, lost by a very small margin. A "more temperate" resolution, to quote the Resolutions Committee, was adopted.

Give fools their gold and
knives their power,
Let fortune's bubbles rise
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A PART OF the long queue lined up outside the Polish consulate seeking visas to flee from the old Austrian capital and escape the anti-Semitic mobs which swept the city, causing widespread terror.

COMING EVENTS



NEW YORK

April 1—Bronx section YPSL Party. "One Third of a Nation," Adelphi Theatre, 54th St. E. of 7th Ave. Prices 25c, 40c, 55c.

April 2—Annual Rebel Dance of the NYC YPSL at the YCLA Auditorium, 22 E. 15th St. Sub 49c. No branches may arrange conflicting affairs. Friendly organizations are urged to do likewise.

Norman Thomas, Clark M. Eichelberger, Quincy Howe and Johannes Steel will speak on "Which Road to Power?" Sunday, April 13, in Hotel Pennsylvania. Auspices—New York Teachers Guild. Admission free.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner of the Jewish Socialist Party, 1862 Centre Ave., Sunday Eve., April 3—8:30 p. m. N. Feinerman, former president Workmen Circle, guest speaker. Adm. 50c.

WEST NEW YORK, N. J.

Socialist Party Forum
At Tyler Place and 17th St.

March 29, 8:30 p. m.—Norman Thomas and Clara Handelman will speak on "War Clouds Over Europe."

April 11, 8:30 P. M.—Harry Laidler and Frank Trager will speak on "A Program for Modern America."

April 25, 8:30 p. m.—Dr. Geo. W. Hartman, editor of "Socialist Frontiers," will speak on "The So-called Democratic Party."
Admission free.
Branch directory—

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sunday, Feb. 27 at 415 S. 19th St., 8 p. m. YPSL open membership meeting Herbert Zam speaks on "Realignments in Europe". Open to friends and sympathizers.

CHICAGO LOCAL COOK COUNTY

Every Monday: Labor and Socialist Institute:
7-8—Present Day Trends—M. Krusger.
8-9—History of American Labor Movement—M. Halushka.
Thurs., March 31—Central Branch—Pre-Convention Discussion.
Party Organization—Roy Burt.
Party Press—Gerry Allard.
Thurs., April 7—Central Branch—Pre-Convention Discussion.
Presentation of Resolutions.

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Socialists Show Solidarity With Loyalist Spain

BY CLARE PINEO

BOSTON, Mass.—During a late meeting of the Boston Local Thursday night, a comrade received word that a German ship with a cargo of beet pulp from Malaga, Spain, was pulling into the harbor at mid-night and would begin unloading in the morning. This was the first cargo from Fascist Spain to come into the Boston harbor.

In a hurried discussion, plans were made for a mass picket line to protest the landing of the fascist beets. Comrades who had access to offices volunteered as the phone brigade and proceeded at once to round up pickets. Others volunteered to make posters. The meeting was immediately adjourned and much of the remaining night was spent in assuring the success of the demonstration.

The cargo passed quarantine and docked at 10:30 a. m., as scheduled, and began to unload. Twenty five pickets, many bearing anti-fascist posters, and all giving vocal outlet to pent-up anti-fascist feelings, greeted the Hitler freighter from Fascist Spain. We were soon joined by 120 sailors and longshoremen from the National Maritime Union. We picketed in mass formation for more than an hour. A large and sympathetic crowd gathered, many of whom entered the picket line.

We shouted such slogans as "Murder Cargo—Do Not Land"; "Don't Land Fascist Beets"; "Franco's Beets Mean Bombs for War"; "Protect the Loyalist Government of Spain"; "Keep Hitler Out of Spain"; "Send Back Franco's Beets". One of the YCL'ers tried to raise the slogan "Quarantine the Aggressors", but only a handful of communists responded.

Then we raised the slogan "Fascism Means War" — War Means Fascism." We got a thundering response from the sailors and longshoremen and for the remainder of the hour, this was the most shouted slogan of all. Of course, it made the CP'ers sore, and one of them called one of our slogan-leading comrades a name which called his parentage into question.

Red Squad

The police and the Red Squad finally broke up the picket line after some dairymen, who were of fascist sympathy, snatched and tore up anti-Franco signs. They allowed us to maintain a picket line of seven. Five Socialists fell in line and were joined by two liberal women, one of them being Zara DuPont. Not a single Communist volunteered. We kept on marching and shouting until the last Communist had left the scene and out of sight. Having also won a moral victory over the defenders of "peace and democracy", we went back to our more serious task of fighting American imperialism.

C. I. O. Rubber Union Raises Wages in New Pact

ERIE, Pa. — Local 74 of the United Rubber Workers, CIO, reports renewal of its contract with the Lovell Manufacturing Company, covering 500 workers. Wages which previously ranged from 50 to 70c an hour have been increased by 5 per cent under the new contract and piece rates have been increased 10 per cent.

Hours have been reduced from 45 to 40 a week, with an 8 hour day. The contract provides for a preferential shop, vacations, and includes a number of improvements over the old contract.

RUBBER STRIKE WON

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The strike at the Quaker City Rubber Company has ended with a signed closed shop contract and other concessions won by the United Rubber Workers of America, C. I. O.

"To fight fascism, fight war."
—GUS TYLER.

"FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE"

NEW YORK (NNS) — With business flourishing in all parts of the world and with profits mounting, the American munitions industry is definitely out of the "dog-house." Clear indication of this is found in an editorial in the "Chemical and Metallurgical Engineer" of January, 1938.

"Selling munitions abroad under export permits, (says the editor) is not a jingoistic, militaristic effort. Oftentimes it could easily be proved, if government officials were at liberty to speak frankly, that these minor activities are really a first line of American defense abroad. They have the sanction, at least indirectly, of the public authorities; and they should have the encouragement of contemporary industry and the public."

DEBS SPEAKS-

BY EUGENE VICTOR DEBS



"Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder."

"War is not the result of accident. There is a definite course for war, especially a modern war."

"There is but one market. All these nations are competitors for it, and sooner or later every war becomes a war of blood."

"The master class has always declared the wars; the subject class has always fought the battles. The master class has had all to gain and nothing to lose, while the subject class has had nothing to gain and all to lose—especially their lives."

"The working class who fights all the battles, the working class who makes the supreme sacrifices, the working class who freely shed their blood and furnish the corpses, have never yet had a voice in either declaring war or making peace. It is the ruling class that invariably does that."

"The heart of the International Socialist never beats a retreat."

"Do you wish to hasten the day of victory? Join the Socialist Party. Don't wait for tomorrow. Join now. Enroll your name without fear and take your place where you belong. You cannot do your duty by proxy."

"Need I say to my comrades that the crying need of the day is ORGANIZATION?"

"Everything depends upon our party being organized, and now is the time to do the work."

"The whole future of the working class depends upon industrial and political organization, and every comrade should bend himself to the task as if his very life depends upon it, as indeed it does if his life is of any value to himself or the world."

"The industrial social democracy we aim to establish must be organized, and the industrial union and political party of the workers are the means to that end."

"We are strong or weak and we shall succeed or fail in exact proportion as we are organized on a revolutionary industrial and political foundation."

"Listen a moment, comrades!"

"This supremely important task appeals to you, to us all."

"Will you take hold now, and stick to the job, and do your part?"

"I appeal to you!"

"Attend the meeting of your local and plead the urgency of ORGANIZATION!"

If your local is weak, build it up and thereby help build the needed ORGANIZATION!"

"If your local went down in the cyclone, rebuild it as another unit in the party ORGANIZATION!"

"The endurance of the inequalities of life by the poor is the marvel of human society."
A. FROUDE.

Bosses Seek to Split Labor's Ranks With Fake Negro Unions

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HOUSTON, Texas. — Southern employers are trying to develop "independent" Negro "labor unions" as a means of defeating bona fide labor organization in southern industry.

If the employers succeed, they will have succeeded in building a new type of company unionism, which might prove an effective bar to the building of strong labor unions in this section of the country for many years to come.

Some so-called Negro labor leaders, who apparently are in the pay of employing groups, are leading the movement for "independent Negro unions." The "Jim Crow" attitude of many AFL unions and the strong cry of "communism" which has been raised against the CIO by the employer-controlled press, has aided these negro stooges of the employers in these efforts.

In Houston, the "independent" unions have a membership almost equal to the combined negro membership of the AFL and CIO unions. The National Labor Relations Board is now considering charges of company unionism leveled against the Southern Pacific, ship lines, where an "independent" negro union of stevedores has a "contract" with the company. The outcome of this case may determine the trend of the "independent Negro unionism" move.

Subsidized Paper

To the average Negro worker, still economically illiterate, the "independent" union idea sounds good. As outlined recently at a citywide Negro Congress by a "labor editor" whose paper is said to be subsidized by corporate industries, the argument runs something like this:

Negroes cannot trust the AFL unions, because they not only in many cases draw the color line, but there have been many cases where white workers refused to support black workers on strike. A recent case was the strike in a local laundry, where the Negro workers were induced to walk out first. The white workers then reneged on their promise to walk out, and walked through the picket line established by the Negro strikers.

The employer resorted to the stratagem of hiring white women to replace the Negro women who were on strike. The strikers received insufficient financial support from the International Union, and the strike eventually was broken, and left the Negro laundry workers, who form the bulk of workers in the plants, disorganized and fearful for their jobs. To the problem of labor organization was added the spectre of racial antagonisms.

Negroes Bitter

The bitterness of the Negroes was increased by complaints from the Carpenters' Union, whose office was next to that of the striking laundry work-

ers, against having to pass through the crowds of strikers in the halls of Labor Temple.

Turning to the C.I.O., the speaker pointed out that the Negro should beware of lining up with an organization that is looked upon as "communist" and "red," and which seems to be opposed by public opinion. This is a familiar argument to most of us. But since the question of Negro labor organization is bound up so closely with that of the general racial problem, the Negro fears to align himself with an organization which throws him open to persecution. The unthinking black worker "falls" for this line of talk.

Therefore, the conclusion of the speaker was, why not organize in our own unions and take advantage of the Wagner Labor Act to gain our right to collective bargaining? This also sounds good to the average unthinking worker.

Denounce Policy

Both A.F.L. and C.I.O. representatives at the meeting combined in denouncing this policy. Not all A.F.L. unions, it should be pointed out, are "Jim Crow" in their outlook. The Longshoremen in this part of the country have effectively organized the Negro dock workers, and welcomed them as full-fledged unionists. The C. I. O., because of its policy of organizing all workers, white and black, in the various industries, is meeting with a good response from Negro workers and helping to break down racial prejudices among the white workers.

The split in the labor movement has aided the Negro chauvinists and their employer backers in their efforts. Leaders and rank and file in both sections of the American labor movement will have to watch developments and cooperate closely if they are to prevent the building of a Negro labor movement, company dominated. Such a development in this section, where a large proportion of workers are Negroes, would mean a definite setback for labor and would weaken the labor movement nationally. It might also result in a "unionism" which could be used to break all future strikes by bona fide unions.

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