

Are You Ready for War?

A Discussion on Imperialist War, Past and Present, on the Presidential "Peace-Lovers" and How They Prepare the Minds of the Masses in Support of a New World-Wide War for Plunder and Exploitation.

Fascism is the capitalist system itself when it has stripped for action, for war. And—saying the same thing in reverse—when capitalism strips for war, it approaches the fascist totalitarianism which is needed for running a capitalist war. While Smith and Brown are at the front bravely "fighting fascism", fascism will be alighting in their own unguarded backyard.

Hypocrisy, 1937 Model

What hypocrisy! Sitting on the corpse of democratic liberties at home, clasping the hands of some of the fascist and militarist dictatorships, flirting with others, and selling out the fight against fascism for imperialist alliances, these great democrats will mobilize the consciences of the masses with the cry, "Fight fascism! Save democracy!" The hypocrites of 1914 too fought to "save democracy"—hand in hand with Tsarism! Have we forgotten Wilson so soon?

We too are ready to fight for the real democracy which can come only when there are no longer exploited and exploiters, as well as for the democratic liberties which the workers have fought for and gained under capitalism; but especially in war-time, this can be done only by vigorously carrying on the struggle of the workers against the bosses, and in the long run, by revolutionary action to overthrow our dictators at home.

"Wars to End War": Collective Security

The "peace-lovers" who want war—by the "democratic, peace-loving" gang of imperialists against the fascist gang of imperialists—call their peace-medicine "collective security". They think the fascist gang can be kept in check if enough bayonets are pointed at them.

When two gangs of racketeers are embroiled in a gang-war, a certain kind of "peace" can be restored if the stronger gang lines the other gang against the wall and points their machine-guns at them. The machine-gun peace that results from the domination of a single gang is certainly preferable to open gang-war. But strangely enough, the good citizens who are exploited by this gang do not take the attitude that they should therefore support the victors. They rather say: let us utilize the split between the two gangs to wipe out both of them.

The machine-gun peace is only a short breathing-space, which lasts only while the other side prepares itself further and gains other allies. It leads all the more surely to a bigger and better war between bigger alliances.

That is what is happening today, and that is what happened in the events leading up to the World War. Today, the satisfied imperialists are ganging together and have incorporated themselves as the League of Nations. The League of Nations is only the protective association of the "democratic" racketeers who want to keep the "outs" from "muscling in" on their territory.

On the other side, Germany, Italy and Japan build up their own imperialist alliance, their own League of Nations, store up their sub-machine-guns and pineapples until they feel strong enough to sally out and challenge the boss racketeers. No wonder these latter want to insure their "collective security" against the other! And the two alliances jockey back and forth, matching gun for gun and airplane for airplane, while the world atmosphere gets hotter and hotter—till the thermometer boils over.

What does it mean, then, when the League of Nations calls for "sanctions" (penalties) against the aggressor Italy, or in the future against the aggressor Japan? It is the hurry-call of the boss racketeers for help against the challenger. Whether these "sanctions" or penalties are economic at first or military, it is the first step toward imperialist war.

In the case of the Ethiopian war, for example, the economic sanctions that were applied were, as everyone knows, totally ineffective. But effective sanctions necessarily involved military-naval measures. Sanctionists (like the Communist Party) raised the demand: "Close the Suez Canal." But the Canal cannot be closed by putting locks on it; it required a naval blockade. An effective enforcement even of the sanctions voted on also meant a blockade of the Italian coast. These are war steps, nothing else.

Collective security, by the capitalist governments, means war—war under the banner of the League of Nations perhaps, but no sweeter for that.

The Workers' Answer to War

The answer of the working class to imperialist attacks must be—their own collective action—dependent of their own governments and its war steps. Independent action against the imperialist aggressor, whether it be Italy or Japan, thru boycotts, material aid to the Chinese masses, strikes against shipments to the imperialists, etc. Independent action against their own war government, by carrying on the class struggle at home. And finally, independent action to overthrow their own war-mongering governments and establish a working class government that can really be an ally of the oppressed peoples of the whole world.

We are not pacifists who are against all wars because they involve violence, but revolutionary Socialists who refuse to support or "sit on" our own imperialist government. We are not "isolationists" who want to have nothing to do with European troubles, but revolutionary internationalists who believe in the international collaboration of the workers of the world, democratic or fascist, American or European.

We are for our own "war to end war"—the world-wide war of the social revolution, to overthrow the system that breeds war and build a Socialist world in which it will no longer be necessary to set worker bayoneting his fellow-worker.

Labor Leader Murdered In Minneapolis

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loyalty to the interests of the workers, incurred the enmity of a large section of Minneapolis employers and their agents. There can be little doubt that many of the employers who have dealt with Corcoran during the past two years have reason to wish for his elimination. It is obvious that one who fights consistently in the interest of the workers makes enemies. Those enemies are known and threats received over a period of time indicate how seriously Corcoran's death was desired.

"The Teamsters' Joint Council and all its affiliated locals hold nothing but the highest respect and admiration for the work that Corcoran has carried out. He knew of the danger that confronted him, but in spite of this insisted on carrying on his struggle to improve the conditions of those who toil. We are convinced that the dastardly murder of Pat Corcoran will only serve to spur the Drivers' Unions to even greater organizational efforts. His murder will not go unavenged. Teamsters' Joint Council No. 32 pledge themselves to carry forward to a successful conclusion the campaign which was inaugurated by Corcoran. If the employers and their agents think that by murdering individuals they will be able to wreak their will upon the working class, they have murdered in vain. We will carry on."

Corcoran's funeral, last Saturday, was accompanied by a complete half-day stoppage of all work by teamsters and taxi-drivers, called by the union in honor of the slain labor leader.

Stalinists Exploit Tragedy

Meanwhile, in the midst of speculation as to the identity of the slayers, Stalinist spokesmen in Minneapolis and their official press, the *Daily Worker*, are making the greatest efforts to utilize the murder for the purpose of discrediting the Teamsters' Joint Council, and particularly its affiliated General Drivers' Local 544 and its leadership.

The Citizens' Alliance has been trying to "clean up" Local 544 for years, because it has been the staunchest pillar of unionism in Minneapolis and throughout the Northwest. The Alliance is the organization of the most powerful labor-hating employers of the Twin Cities. The local Stalinist leadership is now offering its collaboration to the Alliance's Mayor to do the job which the Alliance has thus far been thwarted in by the growth and solidity of Local 544.

The class conscious militants of the labor movement are thoroughly aware of the plans of the Communist Party, which is abusing the name of the C.I.O. organization in Minneapolis now under its factional domination, to frame-up the leaders of Local 544, and they stand prepared to take all the necessary and indicated measures to expose and counter the activities of the Stalinist frame-up perpetrators.

At the same time, the Union intends to leave no stone unturned in its determination to uncover the murderers of Pat Corcoran and to see to it that they are given their punishment.

Left Jobs

"Sweet Land of Liberty"

"J. Pierpont Morgan, who arrived in N. Y. this week following his annual holiday of several months at this estate in England and at his shooting box in Scotland, will pass the Thanksgiving holidays at his Glen Cove country home. Shortly after the holidays he will take a cruise in Southern waters on his yacht the *Corsair*."—*Society News Item*. . . "A cut in relief expenditure and some relief from heavy taxation is absolutely necessary if business is to survive in America." Radio Speech. . . "William Troeller, age 13, one of a family of seven slowly starving to death on a W.P.A. monthly salary of \$54, hanged himself in his Greenpoint, N. Y. home. As his emaciated body lay on the floor, his calloused feet showed through the holes in the soles of his shoes."—*News Item*. Now all together, lets sing, "My Country 'tis of Thee-".

Martin's Stand on the Sitdown.

We wish that Homer Martin would pause long enough between visits to his mamma, speeches at Labor Party meetings and statements to the press to take one stand on the "sitdowns" and then stay put for two days in succession.

Trojanovsky Beware!

For diplomats, "Recalled to Moscow" is the Stalinist equivalent of "taken for a ride."

"Dukes Mixture."

Gov. Moore of New Jersey, it is reported, will appoint Doris Duke's husband to the senate seat formerly occupied by the Governor. Doris Duke's husband, perhaps we had better call him the "Duchess", announced that if offered the seat he was ready to serve; "we fortunate ones should be ready to serve for the benefit of others." In view of the fact that Doris donated \$50,000 to the Democratic campaign fund, we can safely assume that the Duke Tobacco fortune will be represented in the Senate.

"The Road To Life"

At the trial of teachers of the "Red Dawn" Colony for homeless children in Leningrad, it was revealed that children had been beaten so badly as to require hospital treatment and that "mass illness resulted from worms in the soup". At the trial, one of the teachers playing the role assigned to him by the G. P. U., answered "yes" to the question "were your actions designed to discredit the Party and the government?" The newspaper "Eastern Truth" of Tashkent reports seven more officials sentenced to death for "counter-revolutionary activity." What's in a name? "Red Dawn Colony" for a Stalinist hell-hole. "Eastern Truth" for Stalinist lies.

That Man Browder!

Extry! Extry! Strip tease and flag dance! The Kansas belle with a Kansas twang and a Mayflower ancestry is positively guaranteed to entertain the "20th Century Americans" in 1938 by stripping off the last remnant of Marxian clothing and then doing the Suzie Cue tantalizingly, teasingly, while waving two American flags.

—Bill

Coming Trials to Reveal Secret Plans of G.P.U.

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Only accidental circumstances prevented Sedoff from going to Muehlhausen where he was awaited at the railroad station by Renata Steiner and Smirensky. The confession of Steiner shows from what danger Sedoff was saved in January. It was just at the moment that Moscow prepared the second great Trial (Pyatakoff-Radek).

The shadowing of Sedoff went on uninterruptedly until last August when Steiner, Smirensky, and others received an unexpected order from above to find and kill Ignace Reiss. The Kremlin considered this assassination as the most urgent, in view of the threatening disclosures from the former trusted agent. The new enterprise was, as is known, successful: Reiss was assassinated September 4. But the sub-

sequent arrest of Steiner led to the uncovering of the terrorist G.P.U. organization in France.

Demands Duclos Be Investigated

It is beyond doubt that the judicial authorities will find the solution to a whole series of hitherto unsolved crimes (the as-

sassination of the Russian economist, Navashin, in the Bois de Boulogne in Paris; the kidnapping of General Miller, and so on). These crimes were committed by the same organization which stole my archives, assassinated Reiss, and attempted to trap Leon Sedoff. It is in connection with all these crimes that I recommended by cable to the French authorities that they submit to interrogation, at least as a witness, Jacques Duclos, member of the Polit Bureau of French Communist Party, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies, for many years an agent of the G. P. U.

Permit me to add that such "Friends of the U. S. S. R.," who are in reality friends of the G.P.U., should prepare themselves for very disagreeable revelations in the coming months.

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