

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.

The Second Principle of the War-Makers

The second principle of the war-makers is to split the working class opposition to war, winning over sections of the workers. No army ever goes into battle against the foe in front when its rear is threatened by another army. And no capitalist government goes to war against the foreign foe when its rear (at home) is menaced by a hostile working class. It must first assure the support of the workers. To split the working-class opposition to war is a life-and-death question for it.

The greatest deterrent to imperialist war, therefore, is the threat by the workers that the outbreak of war means class struggle, strikes, internal disturbances, the threat of revolution behind the lines—a threat expressed not alone in words but mainly in daily class struggle now against the government. This is how to postpone the war which is inevitable as long as world capitalism lasts.

And conversely, when the workers' organizations announce voluntarily, in advance, that they are behind the government's war policy, or that in any event they will support war when it comes—that is a greater encouragement to the outbreak of war than all the Hearst editorials and big-navy propaganda put together. It is the green light which signals to Engineer Roosevelt of the war-machine: "The way is clear. Full speed ahead."

Jumping on the Bandwagon for War

And Roosevelt opened up the throttle in Chicago on October 5: "Quarantine the aggressor—organize the peace-loving democratic nations against the aggressors—against Japan." All the forces of American imperialism hitched themselves behind him and loudly applauded his policy: Col. Knox, Landon's running mate in 1936; Stimson, Hoover's Secretary of State; Sen. Borah, a leading Republican and (hitherto) isolationist; the N. Y. Herald-Tribune, organ of reactionary Republicanism; these Republicans found no difficulty agreeing with the unanimous chorus of approval that rose from the Democratic ranks. (It is interesting to note also the favorable reaction of Fascist Austria and Poland and of the reactionary National Government of England.)

The labor agents of imperialism also came through. William Green of the American Federation of Labor backed Roosevelt in an enthusiastic speech. And there is no doubt of John L. Lewis's attitude on the question. These rivals on the trade union field, the one conservative, the other "progressive", both unite on the basis of American imperialism. And not to be left out of this People's Front of American imperialism, the Communist Party rushed to join the bandwagon, endorsing Roosevelt's speech 150%, without reservations. But the war position of the Communist Party and Young Communist League (the Stalinists) may be seen most clearly in its latest expression—the replies given by their leaders to the inquiry by the Massachusetts Legislative Committee investigating "subversive propaganda."

The "Communists" Pledge Allegiance

Queried by the Committee with regard to his patriotism, Earl Browder, leader of the C. P., replied clearly and vigorously. "In 1917 I tried to prevent war and I went to prison," said Browder,

"but in a war against the fascists I would join the armies of the United States." (Boston Herald, Oct. 1, 1937.)

Just as clear were the replies of Dave Grant who testified as the representative of the Y.C.L.:

Sen. Burke: Do you believe in teaching boys they shouldn't be connected with the National Defense of the country?

Grant: I have never said anything of the sort. I don't believe it.

Burke: Do you believe in doing away with the National Guard, the CMTC, the ROTC and turning any war into civil war according to the resolution of the 8th Congress of the CP?

Grant: No.

Burke: Do you support the resolution of the 8th Congress of the Communist Party calling for the abolition of the ROTC?

Grant: No.

Burke: The resolution calling for the abolition of the National Guard and the CMTC?

Grant: No.

Burke: Do you believe in defending your country in case of war, would you fight?

Grant: Yes!

Groves: Do you know what the Oxford Pledge is?

Grant: Yes!

Groves: Do you know the Young Communists support the Pledge which urges students to refuse to support the government in war?

Grant: No, we don't.

Groves: Do members of the YCL take the pledge in the American Student Union?

Grant: No, they don't.

Holmes: Do you differentiate, as did your leader Lenin, between "imperialist democracy and soviet democracy" as quoted by another member of the Commission?

Grant: No, we don't differentiate.

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WHO KILLED PATRICK CORCORAN, AND WHY?

(Continued from page 4) as the "C.I.O." But with all that, in my opinion, they haven't got enough in Minneapolis. Their intended victims are too closely integrated in the labor movement here. It is too clear that the frame-up gang, in striking at the hated Trotskyites, the "Dunne brothers", are trying to smear and discredit the great trade union movement they represent. The labor movement of Minneapolis is on guard against the frame-up gang. The elementary class interest of the national labor movement—C.I.O. as well as A. F. of L.—is against them. The truth, the evidence, the circumstances, the motivation for the murder of Pat Corcoran are all against them. But, above all, against them stands the record of the Stalinists, on an international scale, a bloody and terrible record of frame-up, of murder, or character-assassination, of corruption—which has revolted the conscience of the world and warned enlightened workers everywhere to be on guard. The labor movement of Minneapolis is on guard. The frame-up gang has to operate in the full light of publicity here. The attempt to stage a Minneapolis version of the Moscow trials has already become, instead, a trial of the Stalinist frame-up gang, and will result in their exposure and their conviction before the public opinion of the working class!

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Progressives Win in Akron CIO Council

Wilmer Tate, ex-CLU Chairman, Is Chosen As New President

AKRON, Ohio.—Progressive forces in the labor movement here won a decisive victory recently when their slate of candidates for offices in the CIO industrial union council was elected.

Wilmer Tate, well-known Akron labor leader, was chosen president of the council. He had been ousted as president of the A.F. of L. Central Labor Union by direct orders of William Green because Tate strongly advocated industrial unionism and condemned publicly the splitting policies of the A.F. of L. executive council.

The vice president of the council is Charles Collins, president of General Local, URWA. He is recognized as the most militant and progressive rubber workers union president in this area.

The post of corresponding secretary was won by Redmond Greer, Goodrich Local. He had been floor leader of the progressive caucus in the CLU during the past two years. Financial secretary elected was A. L. Calhoun, of the Bus drivers union, and recording secretary is Ann Tahensky, of the CIO office workers union.

The temporary officers who had been chosen with the approval of the leadership of the international officers of the United Rubber Workers did not run against the progressive slate since defeat was impending.

Frisco WPA Workers Face Mass Dismissals

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 300 WPA workers employed in the Area Statistical and Research Office here are faced with immediate dismissal according to an announcement made by WPA Director of Research Emerson Ross. This slash into the work relief program is in line with the nation-wide "economy" drive now being conducted by the Roosevelt Administration.

Ross's announcement, which declared that the research office would be discontinued, came on the heels of reports that similar action had already been taken in the Area offices in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

Very weak resistance is being put up against the cuts by the United Federal Workers of America, a CIO affiliate which is pledged not to strike. Delegates are being sent to Washington where they will be given a ride on the famous merry-go-round, and protests (!) are being sent to state, local and federal officials. That the workers involved want action is to be seen in the fact that joint committees of union and non-union workers have been set up to campaign for continuation of the projects. These non-union workers will support a joint committee while refusing to join a union that has already tied its own hands.

Left Jobs

Stalin Stages an Election

President Kalinin speaking on the Soviet elections said, "But if in our country, in a number of places, candidates withdraw their names for the benefit of some candidate, it is a result of their social kinship and common political purpose."—Of course, of course, but isn't it just possible that the rattle of the firing squads was a contributing factor?

Back to '76!

Among the many persistent rumors of a patched up peace in Spain the most amazing was the one that proposed a "Monarchy under the Constitution of 1876." That this proposal can be seriously put forward is indicative of the success of the People's Front Government and its Stalinist hatchet-men in destroying the Revolution.

"Seeing Things"

The Socialist Call reports H. Zam speaking to the tattered remnants in Reading, "I see a particularly bright future for the Party."—Boy, that's optimism for you!!! The brightness of the future pictured by Zam officially is only surpassed by the gloomy darkness of his internal documents.

The Murder of Andres Nin!

Anyone wishing to see the squirmings of a poisonous rat should read George Soria's article in the Daily Worker attempting to explain away the Stalinist murder of Nin. The frame-up artists are getting panicky. Soria's attempt will convince nobody outside the circle of 20th Century Morons.

Unity in the Opium Trade!

"Unity between Catholics and Communists is necessary, is possible, is on the way to accomplishment."—Thorez, French Stalinist leader as quoted in the Daily Worker. With the "dictum of Saint Paul" the "Pope's Encyclicals" and Stalin's speeches for theory and the murder of revolutionists for practice, we can see a real basis for unity. Certainly, no questions of principle divide them.

Ludendorff and Hitler!

General Ludendorff who, after a period of antagonism, again joined Hitler last March, is reported to be near death. Turn about being fair-play, let's hope that the German workers see to it that Hitler rejoins the General at an early date.

"The Great Democrat"

That hoary old wage-cutting slogan "Lower wages and steady work", is trotted out by "our great democratic president" in his housing proposal. "Labor's candidate" is certainly handing out "labor's reward!"

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL

The first number of the revived NEW INTERNATIONAL magazine is now on the press and can be obtained in another day or two.

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Growing Pains

Over three months have elapsed since the new Appeal appeared on the revolutionary horizon. At times that horizon has seemed dark—so dark that we found it necessary to resort to an emergency appeal to prevent suspension of publication. At other times, when locals like Minneapolis came through in the nick of time and contributions came in from unexpected sources, the horizon brightened.

The fluctuating financial condition of the Socialist Appeal is not an unusual one. Without exception, every organ of a revolutionary party in the past has had

its period of growing pains. But it has come to the point where the pains must be eliminated and our income stabilized.

Through this column in the near future, unless there is response from the lagging locals, we shall report the progress—or lack of progress being made in various sections of the country. We shall report the failure of some locals to pay for bundle orders. There is no reason why one or two locals should bear the burden of financing the Appeal. From now until the convention of the Socialist Party (Left Wing) let us make a concerted