

THE WAR IS ON... LET'S WIN IT!

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competition are vastly less important than their common determination to maintain the world system of exploitation against any threat of revolt by the exploited—witness the union of "democratic" capitalist Britain and fascist capitalist Germany to destroy democracy and PRESERVE CAPITALISM in Central Europe and in Spain.

Here in California, as everywhere else, the boss-class realizes that ever-deepening financial crisis, for which their system is directly responsible, will lead inevitably to more and more intolerable burdens on the masses, protest, counter-organization and revolt. In short, they recognize the fundamental REALITY of the class struggle and all their tactics are calculated to bring victory to their class, regardless of the consequences to the mass of the people. Their "answers" to the problems of the people of California are not in doubt, they are already written into history.

Sham Battle

One of these "answers" is an old one for American finance-capital. It is cheaper and safer to fool the people into submitting to robbery than to club them into it. That is the function of election "contests" between Republican and Democratic candidates. Both parties are organized, financed, led and OWNED by big business. Both are unequivocally committed to the system of profit for the few and exploitation for the many, which breeds recurring crisis, unemployment, insecurity, fascism and war. Their only difference is on HOW to preserve capitalism. One (and its title varies in different sections of the country) openly advocates blaming the crisis on its innocent victims and letting them starve as punishment, the other believes in "relieving" the victims by patchwork charity while still maintaining the system which is a mass producer of wrecked lives as well as shiny Fords. Actually the wise capitalist contributes to BOTH parties because one acts as a shock absorber for the other—protest is "cushioned" into harmless channels while the system rides smoothly on—for the riders not the human road.

Whether Merriam or Olson wins, capitalism will win, and the workers will be FARTHER FROM, not nearer, to a solution of THEIR problems. For while we are wasting energy in a boss-staged sham battle, they are concentrating their forces in preparation for the day when we no longer consent to be fooled.

Fascism at a Stroke!

The spearhead of employer strategy in California is not Merriam—nor Olson—but Proposition Number One. Capitalizing on general reaction to internal "labor warfare," they propose to bind and shackle all workers and then wage ruthless capitalist warfare to smash and completely destroy every independent or semi-independent organization in the state. There is nothing gradual nor half-hearted about their program—nor is there anything original. NOT ONLY THE ENTIRE SPIRIT, BUT WHOLE SECTIONS WORD FOR WORD OF PROPOSITION ONE ARE TAKEN FROM HITLER'S NUREMBERG DECREES IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE SEIZED POWER! Drugs, sham battles, bread and circuses are to give way to the naked club. Obey or face the penitentiary! Like Hitler's law the "labor initiative" applies and would in time be applied not only to labor organizations but to churches, clubs, political parties—to any and all who now or ever dare to question the divine right of exploiters to exploit.

Again, the employers recognize the reality of Class Warfare and they intend to HOLD THEIR POWER at OUR cost!

Workers Lag Behind!

The workers, unfortunately, present no such clear-cut class front. One army is aggressively on the march. The other is scattered, confused, groping and misled. In the field of candidates the capitalist class has a virtually complete monopoly and the workers have only a handful of hopeless illusions due for rude and sudden shattering even if—rather, especially if—the "people's champions" win the election. The swamp of old party politics is not to be made firm ground simply by sprinkling a little "labor" and "liberal" sand on its surface. That only makes it more treacherous!

Again the chief evidence of the fundamental class struggle lies in the initiative propositions, but again, also, the workers' program—if it can be called that—falls woefully short of that of their enemies. Proposition 25 expresses a deep-felt, wide-spread resentment and revolt against poverty and insecurity in the midst of a nation of plenty. The demand for "Ham and Eggs," for "thirty dollars every Thursday" is a reasonable, even a modest, demand in view of the gigantic productive capacities of modern America. This slight degree of social security could be provided not only for those over fifty, as partial repayment for their contribution to the general social wealth, but to the entire working population in return for hours and conditions of labor far lighter than those which now prevail.

Cure — Not Quack Medicine!

On the other hand, the means proposed for securing this three-justified demand illustrates almost all the internal weaknesses of the army of the oppressed. It is

YOUTH LEADER WILL SPEAK

LOS ANGELES — Nathan Gould, national secretary of the Young Peoples Socialist League, will speak here on "The War Crisis in Europe and the Tasks of the American Youth" at Music Arts Hall, 233 Broadway, 8 p. m., November 8.

Gould has just returned from Switzerland where he attended the founding conference of the Fourth International (World Party for the Socialist Revolution).

The internationally famous film "Tsar to Lenin," assembled by Max Eastman, will be shown during the evening. This picture is a compilation of news shots made during the Russian revolution of 1917.

World Congress Launches Fourth International!

Over Thirty Nations Join In Raising Banner Of Revolutionary Internationalism—Move- ment's History Reviewed

Meeting under the severe repressions exercised by the police and the G. P. U. agents of Stalin, betrayer of the Russian Revolution, thirty delegates from eleven countries met recently in Switzerland and founded the new World Party of the Socialist Revolution (Fourth International).

This event, coming at a time when the whole world teeters on the brink of a new world war which promises to be ten times more bloody and destructive than the last, has profound significance for the poverty-stricken and oppressed masses in every land.

It proclaims to the rulers of

the earth that despite their bloody repression, their prisons, their secret police, their lies and calumny directed against the leaders of the revolutionary working class, that this class has been able to gather together in an international conference the general staff of the revolution which will sweep capitalism into oblivion.

FOR SOCIALISM

The new International reaffirms its adherence to the program of intransigent working class struggle against capitalism and its twin children, war and fascism. It calls on the workers of the world to unite against these twin evils by striving for political power which will make it possible to establish Socialism and a classless society.

This program, which the Second (Socialist) International betrayed by supporting the war in 1917, and which the Third (Stalinist) International gave up for a policy of sabotaging the revolutions in Germany, Austria, China and Spain since 1923, was once again proclaimed the only way out of the blind alley in which the nations of the world find themselves today.

LENIN AND TROTSKY

Nicolaj Lenin and a handful of comrades found it necessary to re-establish this program by building the Third International after the betrayal in 1914. Leon Trotsky and another handful of co-thinkers faced the same task after the death of Lenin when Stalin seized control of the Communist Party and proceeded to liquidate not only the gains of the revolution but the very men who had led the revolution to victory.

In the face of the most severe repressions ever exercised against a political group in history, Trotsky and his friends have succeeded in re-establishing an international organization of revolutionary workers pledged to fight for Socialism. Sections of this International have been formed in more than thirty countries. These sections, through their press, in the trade unions and from the platform are rallying the most honest, courageous men and women of the working class and its allies for the showdown struggle with capitalism which looms in the offing.

YOUTH SECTION FORMED

At the same time this conference was taking place youth representatives from nine countries established the Youth Section of the Fourth International and issued a call to the youth of the world to unite in a struggle against the coming war.

Under the slogans of Liebknecht and Lenin: "The enemy is in your own country" and "Turn the Imperialist War into Civil War"; the Youth Section was launched at the very moment the bandit rulers of England, Germany, France and Italy were meeting in Munich to re-divide the spoils of the last war.

Representatives of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League in the United States were present and played an important part in the deliberations and decisions of the conference.

AGAINST WAR

They have recently returned to this country where they will continue the work of uniting the youth and the working class of this country with their brothers of other lands against the war-making capitalist rulers in all countries, and for the defense of the still remaining achievements of the Russian Revolution against the destructive hand of Stalin and the ruling bureaucracy in the Soviet Union.

California, too, has its contingent of the world army of workers who are fighting for Socialism. These men and women are working to unite the labor movement around a militant class struggle program against the bosses on the political and economic field.

proposed to gain security without changing in the slightest any of the sources of insecurity. By a "money-making" trick we will thwart and outwit the class to whom money and a monopoly of its control is the symbol of their class power and class-rule over the real producers of wealth! This has been tried many times, it has always failed and always will. We have a belly full of quack remedies already, and we are still sick and getting sicker! What is needed is a real CURE. That CURE does not lie in catering to short-sighted ignorance, nor in desperate search for panaceas. All these boil down to useless and increasingly dangerous efforts to dodge the Class Struggle. THE TRUTH is that unless we face and WIN the Class Struggle against the ruthless class offensive of the bosses and their hirelings, they will win it and we will pay in terms of endless poverty, war and fascism for our cowardice.

There are ONLY TWO sides and only ONE way out. It is a plain choice between more and more ruthless, because more and more incompetent, boss rule and a clean break with the past and united ORGANIZATION, EDUCATION, FIGHT for a WORKERS' WORLD. There is no short-cut, no third road. The Class Struggle is as real and inevitable on the farms as in the cities. The farmer, the dwindling "little business" men, the "professional" wage slaves, the intellectuals offer neither class power nor independent program. They choose between clinging to the decaying past or joining the ranks of the future that belongs to the productive workers of the world. Ours alone is the program, the power, and the leadership that can GUARANTEE plenty, peace and freedom to the people of the world. IT IS UP TO US!

But we have a long way to go and a short time limit before civilization is plunged back into DARK AGES by capitalist misrule, war and destruction. Our road is clear, we have only to take it QUICKLY!

Wipe Out The Lying Past

FIRST, all the illusions, the lies and the false prejudices that are spewed out by the kept press, the capitalist "mis-educational system" and all the other organs and agents of worker DIVISION to perpetuate boss RULE must be swept out and discarded on the ashheap of history.

SECOND, we must replace lies with truth, prejudices with knowledge, slave-habits with the courage and determination that rise out of realization of the tremendous historical role of liberation that belongs alone to the workers of the world.

THEN, and only then, can we declare and ENFORCE our complete INDEPENDENCE of capitalism in all its forms and expressions.

ECONOMICALLY capitalism has failed to supply the goods and services required by society and seeks to drag us down in its own decay. But we, and we alone, can reopen the idle factories, speed up the idling and idle machine now shackled down to boss profit. Their failure simply sets the stage for our victory which will release the endless resources of the machine production which can and MUST BE MADE to supply PLENTY FOR ALL.

PHYSICALLY capitalism uses men as beasts of burden and as cannon fodder in other men's wars. The only war worth fighting is the one for ourselves and for the coming generations. Our strength must be organized independently, AGAINST all the enemies of everything that is and should be ours.

MENTALLY capitalism in its last stages, as in Germany, discards all "intellectual" pretence and strips to its essence of GREED and FORCE. The army of the Socialist Revolution invites only those who can and will think and learn for themselves from the records of history and the experience of today's world. Such men and women are the only hope of a world where ALL can THINK and LIVE more fully than ever before because the problem of "bread alone" is forever solved.

POLITICALLY we must declare our independence of all the parties, the "good men," the crackpot "saviors" and the quack-doctors of capitalism. Labor must build its OWN party, choose its OWN leaders, write its OWN program and travel its OWN road—the road to WORKER'S POWER in California, the United States and the World!