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The SOCIALIST APPEAL will appear three times a week for the duration of the world war crisis. Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday, the only revolutionary newspaper in the United States will broadcast the anti-war message of Marxism and Internationalism to the workers of this country.

As we go to press with the current issue, the outbreak of the new slaughter may be a matter of days or even hours. But long before, a pestilence of patriotism has been invading the labor movement. Pacifists, liberals, labor scabers, Stalinists are shouting for the war—impatient to put the workers in the trenches for Morgan, Rockefeller and du Pont.

Only the revolutionary Marxists of the Socialist Workers Party are taking the lead in the fight against imperialism and against war. We are swimming against the stream as Liebknecht and Lenin and Luxemburg and Trotsky did in the face of universal treachery and patriotism in 1914-1918.

We have no apologies to make. We are proud of our role. But there is no time to be lost on self-praise. Action is on the order of the day now; it will be only a matter of months before America too is sucked into the death trap. Then comes M-Day dictatorship, censorship, the war hysteria and the lynch mobs. Then it will no

longer be possible for the revolutionists to publish legal organs.

The SOCIALIST APPEAL proposes to utilize every available minute in this "respite" before Mr. Roosevelt clamps down his war-time dictatorship. We may not be able to stop the war, nor to prevent American entrance into it, but we can—we must—spread our message to the working class, so that when the sober truth is brought home to them, they will remember who told them the truth, who warned them in time, who pointed the way to real peace and freedom. That awakening will be the crack of doom for American imperialism.

Let us prepare for it now. That is the clear duty of every revolutionist. Every party member a soldier in our own mobilization! Every sympathizer a pillar of support!

Party members: Respond to the call of your branches for sale and distribution of the APPEAL!

Branches of the party: Place your orders at once for large increases in your bundle orders.

Sympathizers, members and branches: Raise funds—every last dollar and penny to keep the tri-weekly ANTI-WAR APPEAL going.

Remember! This is our own M-Day. Let's put it over while the putting is good!

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Drivers Accept Terms While Strike Goes On

Boss Front Cracking After Ass'n Rejects Compromise; Strikers Keep Unsigned Firms Tied Up

NEW PACT REDUCES HOURS

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—While the effectiveness of the great truck drivers' strike remained entirely unimpaired with the city's commerce still in a state of paralysis, hundreds of individual trucking operators waited in a line a block and half long before the headquarters of Local 807, 74 Varick Street, to sign the Mayor's compromise agreement with union officials. Most of them were members of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau and the Highway Transport Association, the two bosses' outfits which yesterday flatly rejected the compromise.

Mayor LaGuardia's compromise agreement, which calls for a 44-hour work week at the present rate of weekly pay and specifies that no driver is to work more than 44 hours in any week including overtime, was accepted by the strike committee yesterday. A strike meeting called at Mecca Temple yesterday morning and afternoon tumultuously discussed acceptance of the compromise. The men angrily insisted that the 40-hour demand remain intact, in spite of pleading by many of the leaders, including those formerly members of the "rank-and-file" committee. The Mayor, after a hot reception, called for a rising "aye" vote. After he got it, he said: "That's enough for me!" and left the hall. No "nay" vote was taken. Heated discussions continued in groups.

City Trucks Roll
The strike committee is proceeding with the signing of contracts on the basis of the compromise agreement. The Mayor has declared a "Public Emergency" and mobilized Sanitation Department trucks for the shipment of foodstuffs and other "vital necessities." Union men are manning the trucks at regular pay. A "Citizens Committee" headed by Richard Lawrence, chairman of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, is in charge of emergency trucking. While the strikers are suspicious of every move in this "emergency trucking" venture of the Mayor's, they nevertheless regard some such arrangement as inevitable.

The strikers regard as their main job now, the rapid bringing to terms of the two bosses' associations. Picketing is going on with the usual vigor characteristic of truck drivers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—More than 30,000 truck drivers in Greater New York and New Jersey are engaged in one of the greatest strikes to hit this area in years. The truck operators are not even attempting to move their trucks. Even newsprint has been halted.

Complaints are pouring in to police headquarters that "materials for the stricken New England and Long Island communities (suffering from the floods) also were being halted." But strikers claim that they have stopped only scab trucks trying to carry non-exempt goods under false "flood signs."

Late tonight a movement was started among the strikers to tie up food trucks or "perishables" along with the rest. The latter, as well as newsprint, had originally been on the exempt list. Only trucks carrying hospital supplies and home relief goods are now entirely free from the strikers' ban.

Strike Now Sanctioned
Starting out originally as a so-called "outlaw" strike early last week, the truck drivers' action was sanctioned by an official ballot of the membership of Locals

PRIMARY DEALS REVEAL DANGER IN ALP POLICY

Independent Action Alone Will Rally Workers

Last week's primaries were a first test for the "practicability" of the class collaboration policy of the American Labor Party leaders especially as expressed in their current alliance with the Republicans. This policy was notably put forward as a party-building step which would give the A.L.P. a balance of power in the state legislature as well as put leading party figures into public office "where they will be able to work more effectively to advance the party."

Taking the leaders' premise on its own merits, and leaving aside our principled objections to class collaboration politics for the moment, the results of the primaries deal a decisive blow to that kind of politics nevertheless.

The main A.L.P. figure in the Republican primaries, Louis

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New War Flows from Versailles Banditry

Trotsky Urges Firm Revolutionary Defeatist Policy As Only Way to Fight Hitlerism

By LEON TROTSKY

(Sept. 19, 1938)

These lines are written in the very midst of an ominous diplomatic muddle around the question of the Sudeten Germans. Chamberlain has flown over the skies in vain hope of finding there the solution of the imperialist contradictions. Whether the war will break out now, or what is more likely, whether the rulers of the world will succeed in putting it off for some time—not a very long time to be sure—this question is still not definitely settled. None of these gentlemen want a war. All are afraid of its consequences. But fight they must. War they cannot avoid.



Their economy, their politics, their militarism—all faces war.

Today's cables inform us that in all churches of the so-called "civilized" world public prayers are being offered up for peace. They come in time to crown a whole series of pacifist meetings, banquets, and congresses. Which of these two methods is the more efficacious, pious prayer or pacifist bleating is not easy to decide. At any rate, only these two resources are left to the old world.

When an ignorant peasant prays, he really wants peace. When a simple worker or citizen of an oppressed country comes out against war, we can believe him—he really wants peace though only rarely does he know how to get it. But the bourgeois pray in their churches not for peace but for the maintenance and increase of their markets and colonies: if possible peacefully (it is cheaper); if impossible—by means of arms. Similarly imperialist "pacifists" (Jouhaux, Lewis and Co.) trouble themselves not at all about peace but about gaining sympathy and support for their national imperialism.

There are three and one half million Sudeten Germans. If war breaks out, the number of dead will probably be four or five times, possibly even ten times as much with a corresponding number of wounded, cripples and insane; and a long wake of epidemics and other tragedies. This consideration, however, is incapable of influencing in the least any of the enemy camps. For the robbers in the final analysis it is not at all a question of three and a half million Germans but of their role over Europe and

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Teachers Fight G.P.U. Slander Against Trotsky

MEXICO, D.F.—Aroused by the launching of a new campaign of slander against Leon Trotsky, a group of revolutionary teachers have issued a sharp protest against the charges made by the Mexican Communist Party that Trotsky has been carrying on political propaganda hostile to the Mexican Workers' Federation.

The teachers also protested to President Lazaro Cardenas against the Stalinist stranglehold on the Ministry of Education. They charged that the Stalinists have brought the methods of gunmen and racketeers into the teachers' organizations, using guns to silence all opposition or criticism.

Rivera Challenges Laborde
In a statement issued at San Angel on September 14 Diego Rivera, the noted revolutionist and artist, challenged Hernan Laborde, leader of the Mexican Communist Party, to prove that he had been, as stated, in the Soviet Union on a visit in recent weeks.

Rivera quoted the statement issued in New York City by Albert Goldman, Chicago labor attorney,

MILLIONS IN ARMS AWAIT ZERO HOUR ON ALL BORDERS

Pacifists Leap On Bandwagon to Support War

BULLETIN

Adolph Hitler has postponed his ultimatum to Czechoslovakia for twenty-four hours in order to allow for a four-power conference, according to dispatches received just before going to press. Mussolini, Chamberlain, Daladier are to meet the "Fuehrer" in Munich in an effort to strike a hard bargain on the war crisis. The object of the alignment undoubtedly is a coalition of powers against the Soviet Union. No stone will be left unturned by the imperialist diplomats to prevent a war between themselves and to turn the war-machines against the Workers State. This is clearly indicated by the omission of the Soviet Union—an ally of Czechoslovakia—from the conference.

Every country in Europe stood mobilized this week awaiting the fateful zero hour of the new world imperialist war.

Events seemed to have run far beyond the puny efforts of the diplomats. Any last-minute settlement that does intervene can only postpone the death struggle of European capitalism for the briefest period to come.

Last week the principal "democracies," Britain and France, gave a clear demonstration of just how much the abstract notion of "democracy" is worth to them when they offer Fascist Germany a deal that involved the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, their own Versailles off-spring, Prague was forced to accept the bargain.

Chamberlain's Dream
Chamberlain flew back to Germany to close the deal and with it open the way to his most cherished dream—a united bloc of the fascist and "democratic" powers—of Italy, Germany, France, and Britain—for a redistribution of power and pelf in Europe at the expense of the Soviet Union.

As he explained Tuesday in his broadcast, Chamberlain was shocked to find that meanwhile Hitler's demands had multiplied, that his stand had stiffened. He demanded more territory and scoffed at the Anglo-French idea of a "guarantee" for the borders of what would remain of Czechoslovakia. And he set a deadline for action—Oct. 1. By this Hitler made it plain to Chamberlain that Germany intended to dominate any new bloc that came into being and would in the process become strong enough to challenge his imperialist rivals in the "democratic" camp in circumstances even more favorable to him.

Why Hitler Roars
For Fascist Germany the drive toward war flows from the enormous pressure of imprisoned German capitalism seeking the expansion it needs to preserve itself. That it has in this past period erected for itself the instrument of a Fascist regime is the twin product of its imprisonment at Versailles and the failure of the working-class parties to lead the workers out the revolutionary way.

For the "democratic" Versailles victors the war that now approaches is something like the

Fight Hitlerism By Revolution

An Editorial

Every militant worker, every anti-fascist throughout the world stands solidly behind the Czech workers and peasants in their burning, noble desire to resist and smash Hitler.

The events of the past weeks have proved a thousand times over the reality and strength of that desire. The great, stern crowds in Prague and throughout the cities of Czechoslovakia, covered with shame at the contemptible capitulation of the Czech government and pleading for the chance to defend themselves with arms in hand against the mighty death-machine of the Swastika, bore witness to that desire.

But how, how? That is the crucial question. How can the Czech workers and peasants defend themselves against Hitler and Hitlerism?

The spokesmen for the "democratic" bourgeoisie in all countries, the reformists and liberals and Stalinists and pacifists and preachers, all the swarm of flag-wavers who led the people into the war of 1914-18—that "war to end wars," that "war to make the world safe for democracy"—give in unison one answer.

They tell the workers and peasants of Czechoslovakia that they can defend themselves against Hitler and Hitlerism by fighting for the Czech government—that is, for the Czech bourgeoisie whose government it is, and by calling on the governments of France and Great Britain—that is, on the French and English bourgeoisie, to come to their rescue.

This answer is a lie and a betrayal.

THE REAL INTERESTS OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT

The interests of the Czech government, the government of Benes, is to uphold the property and the profits of the Czech capitalists and bankers, to enable them to continue their rosy twenty-year exploitation of all the peoples of the Czechoslovak nation, Czechs, Slovenes, Germans, Hungarians and Poles.

The interest of the French and British governments is to protect the world-wide plunder of the French and British capitalists and bankers, to protect their rights to grind down their workers at home and to exact hundreds of millions in tribute from Africa, Asia Minor, India, Indo-China, to shoot down Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Morocco, to bomb the villages of India, to sweat the Negroes in the gold mines of South Africa, to whip into line the natives who man the vast plantations of Central Africa, to imprison the determined revolutionists of Indo-China.

These interests are diametrically opposed to the interests of the Czech workers and peasants, and to the interests of workers and peasants everywhere.

The only quarrel which the Czech and French and British governments have with Hitler is the quarrel over the privileges of exploitation, over the division of spoils.

THE OBJECTIVE FOR WORKERS AND PEASANTS

The object of the workers and peasants must be to wipe out the whole system of exploitation, whether carried on under the banner of Hitler or Benes or Mussolini or Chamberlain or Daladier or Roosevelt.

This object cannot be accomplished by supporting one gang of bandits against another.

They tell us: "Poor little Czechoslovakia," "Stand by Czechoslovakia," "Save Czechoslovakia," "We heard that one before."

Only it was "Poor little Belgium" the last time. But it was the same lie and the same betrayal. For the sake of poor little Belgium, the workers were induced to do the dirty work of British and French and American imperialism.

The results are now with us: Mussolini, Hitler, insecurity, unemployment, tyranny, and now the new war crisis.

THE LIE OF "DEMOCRACY"

But "democracy" is now at stake? What a monstrous lie! And exactly the same lie that Lloyd George and Clemenceau and Wilson told us the last time. Did they not promise that the war was to "save democracy"?

What has happened to the democratic parliaments while the fate of the world is being decided? Not even called into session. What has happened to democracy under the martial law of Benes? Where has the French 40-hour week gone, that great victory of the French workers in their magnificent general strike. And where will the shred of democracy remain if the mobilization plans are put into full force in the "democratic" nations?

The iron dictatorship of the totalitarian war regime will be clamped down on all countries alike, not merely for the duration of the war, but for the never-ending "reconstruction period"

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