

# With Lenin! Against Capitalist War

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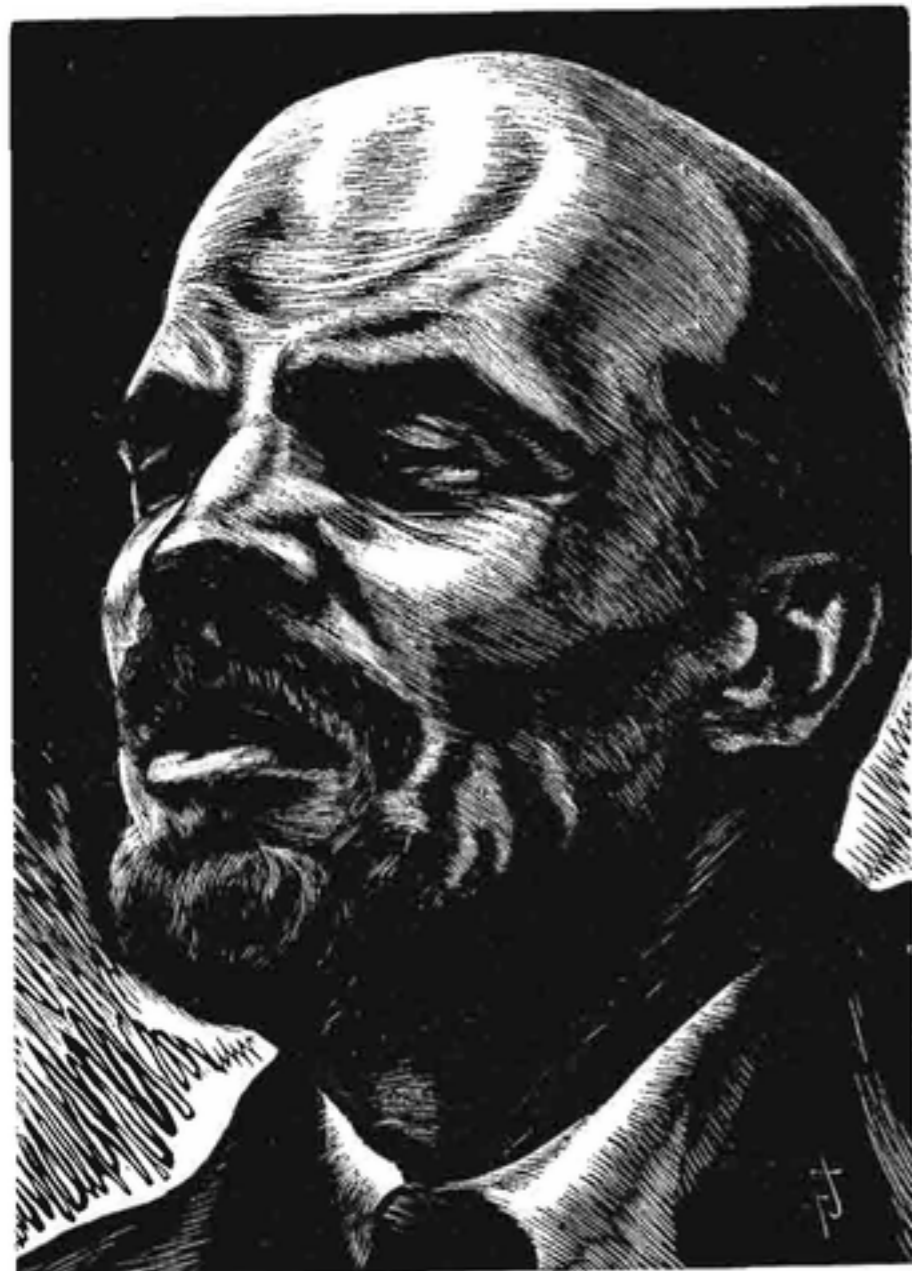
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### Fourth International Flies Lenin's Banner

Tomorrow is the sixteenth anniversary of the death of Lenin.

We are followers of Lenin. We honor his memory, but not as an empty ritual. We honor his memory by continuing his work, by propagating his program for the world revolution.

It is not his death mask which we wish to recall, but the living leader of the revolutionary class which will rescue humanity from the inferno of war and hunger into which the capitalist rulers of the world have plunged us.

Remember Lenin as he stood before the Congress of the Soviets on the day after the victorious insurrection. There, while the world war raged, he stood holding in his hand the sheets of a message of peace to the peoples of the world.

He read that message of peace. It was addressed to the "warring peoples and their governments", proposing an immediate armistice in order to enter upon negotiations "for a just, democratic peace." Just conditions exclude annexations, it said. And by annexations it made clear that it meant not only annexations in Europe but also the forceful retention against their will of peoples in Asia, Africa and South America. Peace negotiations were to be conducted without any secrecy; on its part the Soviet government announced the abolition of secret diplomacy and the publication of the secret treaties entered into by the Czarist and Kerensky governments; and everything in those treaties directed towards the accruing of profit and privilege and oppression of other peoples, "the government declares unconditionally and immediately annulled." Although formally directed also to the governments, these proposals are addressed "especially to the conscious workers of the three most advanced countries," England, France and Germany, confident that it is they who will "help us successfully carry through the business of peace and therewith the business of liberating the toilers and the exploited masses of the population from all slavery and all exploitation."

The wave of revolutions which it inspired nearly put an end to the breeder of war, capitalism. Capitalism was saved, however, and thereby a second world war made certain, by the "socialists" of the Second International, who today repeat their support of the war, once again acting as recruiting sergeants for the capitalists. One of these "socialists" fired the bullet which hastened Lenin's death.

Beaten back for the time being, the wave of revolution receded. Capitalism, recovering, exerted enormous pressure upon the young workers' republic in Russia. Lenin warned, over and over again: "Anglo-French and American imperialism will inevitably strangle the independence and freedom of Russia unless world-wide socialist revolution, unless world-wide Bolshevism, conquers."

But after Lenin's death usurpers alien to his program seized control of the Soviet Union. Succumbing to the pressure of world capitalism, they turned their backs on the world revolution. They carried favor with this or that capitalist power, entering the League of Nations—which Lenin had called the "Thieves Kitchen"—and blessing it as an "instrument of peace". Now, near the end of their false road, these usurpers are currying favor with Hitler.

Compare Lenin's message of peace with the foul policy of Stalin! At no point do the two find common ground! Every provision which Lenin laid down for peace, Stalin now violates.

The Stalinists have made a mummy out of Lenin's dead body. They render it empty rituals. But the living spirit of Lenin finds no place in the camp of Stalin. The very generation which made the revolution with Lenin has been wiped out by Stalin's "trials" and purges.

Not for us the mummy. For us the living spirit, the revolutionary program of Lenin, as applicable today as in 1917, and even more desperately necessary if humanity is to be saved from destruction.

# FDR MISERY BUDGET SWELLS ARMY OF STARVING MILLIONS

### TOBIN'S UNITY DEMAND GETS WIDE SUPPORT

Defeat of CIO, AFL  
At Endicott-Johnson  
Shows Need for Unity

The call issued last week by Daniel J. Tobin, President of the powerful Teamsters union, to all local unions, both AFL and CIO, to "rise up and demand" of their leaders the resumption of peace negotiations looking towards a united labor movement, has created unusual interest among trade unionists everywhere.

Local 3, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, well known in the New York labor movement for its spirited campaign for the thirty hour week, passed a resolution last week demanding the establishment of peace between the AFL and the CIO and requested their International President, Tracy, to work out practical proposals for presentation to the AFL Executive Council.

On the other hand, George Q. Lynch, President of the aristocratic Pattern Makers League of North America, and a member of the Wolf-Frey-Hutchinson clique of the AFL Executive Council, accused Tobin of advocating "revolution" in line with Communist "ideology" and that "he has become their latest and most important unwitting assistant."

Two Kinds of Unity  
Many progressive unionists are of the opinion that Tobin's bold challenge was issued with the approval of President Roosevelt, who is interested in seeing a united labor movement because he believes that he can thus more easily integrate it into the Wall Street war machine.

The progressives, however, are beginning to utilize the renewed interest in labor peace, in order to crystallize rank and file sentiment to force through a resumption of negotiations for a united labor movement on a militant basis.

Peace Need Shown  
The necessity for peace in labor's ranks and a new militant offensive on the part of the unions was demonstrated in last week's NLRB elections at the

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### FDR's Washington Is Jim Crow Town

Negro Paper Advises Roosevelt His 'Fight  
For Democracy' Can Begin Close to Home;  
Racism Reigns in Government Itself

By MARTIN HARVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As the local Negro newspaper, the *Washington Tribune*, puts it, President Roosevelt might very well try to lift the oppression bearing down on the Negro population in this city and the rest of the country, before starting any crusades to save "democracy" for England and France—those other great oppressors of the Negro people.

The opening here soon of the movie, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" brings strikingly to the fore the issue of Negro discrimination in the nation's capital. This picture of the emancipator of the Negro slaves will be barred to Negroes during its run at the Keith Theatre, downtown RKO show-place.

Only the subject of the movie, however, makes the situation unusual. Jim Crow rules in the capital's movies, restaurants, schools, etc., as effectively as anywhere in the deep South.

Roosevelt Is Responsible  
The city of Washington is administered by the national government—controlled at present by the "New Deal." It is this government, therefore, which

bears the responsibility for the Jim Crow system here.

The public school system of Washington is Jim Crow. The Negro schools are much more overcrowded, understaffed and under-equipped than the white schools.

Jim Crow Government

The cafeterias in the government office buildings are also Jim Crow. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, whooping it up for the "New Deal" at a meeting of Negro educators in the South recently, called for racial equality. Mr. Wallace would, no doubt, deny vigorously any charge of vote-getting demagoguery.

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### Daladier Names Fascist Prince To Head Legion

The ardently pro-French New Leader of the Social-Democratic Federation is authority in its Jan. 13 issue for the fact that "the Daladier government has made the unfortunate choice of backing efforts by former Vice-Chancellor Prince von Starhemberg to form an Austrian legion." The prince headed the Fascist Heimwehr which shot down the Vienna workers.

"Unfortunate"? Only for those who are trying to cover up the fact that this is an imperialist, predatory war of conquest on both sides of the Maginot Line.

"This work," whines the New Leader, "could have been given to Julius Deutsch, former Socialist Austrian War Minister, now in Paris." The New Leader forgets its history. "Socialists" of this stripe are reserved for much dirtier work than war-time military commissions—for shooting down revolutionists and striking workers, murdering Karl Liebknechts and Rosa Luxembourgs, in short, for times of revolution. At other times they merely serve as per prostitutes and recruiting sergeants.

### LOCALS SUPPORT CIO ATTACKS ON WAR BUDGET

But Letter-Writing of  
Lewis to Congressmen  
Won't Do the Job

The CIO continued this week to speak out against the war budget of President Roosevelt.

John L. Lewis, CIO President, sent personal letters to all U.S. Congressmen and Senators urging "approval and support" for the CIO legislative program, which calls for the employment of three million workers on public projects; a work program to give all unemployed young people public employment; increase in old age pensions to \$60 a month at the age of 60; increase in unemployed benefits and expansion of the housing program.

Lewis warned Congress that the American people "are looking toward Congress for concrete measures" to satisfy their hunger and bring them a measure of security. He further pointed out that "failure of the leaders of foreign nations to give heed to the problems of unemployment and the actual needs of human beings, gave rise to the very forces which . . . resulted in the present international wars."

Locals Attack Budget  
Local CIO unions and central labor bodies responded enthusiastically this week to the CIO attack on the Roosevelt War Budget and to the demands that jobs be provided for the unemployed.

The Newark Industrial Council passed a sharp resolution to "condemn and protest the President's budget with its emphasis on war preparations rather than on our great domestic problems."

Steel Workers Protest  
At a meeting of the Duquesne Lodge of Pittsburgh, which consists of the workers of the U.S. Steel Corporation, a sharp condemnation was expressed of the Roosevelt war budget.

Two hundred delegates attending a legislative conference of Labor's Non-Partisan League of New Jersey scored the Roosevelt War Budget and denounced

### Report Provides Stark Facts

Millions Already Living Below Most Meager  
Subsistence Level In Most of  
Leading Cities in Nation

Roosevelt's war budget will fire 650,000 workers off the WPA rolls.

The grand total of the men and women who have felt the benevolent axe of the President since November 1938 comes to 2,000,000, chipped off the WPA rolls.

What will happen to these two million workers and their families?

The war boom is a fraud. This is admitted by every competent authority in Washington. The factories are humming—but there are no jobs!

There are no jobs. But there is starvation. This is no figment of wild imagination; it is not "radical" propaganda. Ask the hungry men who pick garbage cans in New Orleans or who wait in the cold on Cleveland breadlines—if you are looking for the facts.

If you are still unconvinced read the reports of the social workers. True enough, they are hidden away in places like the catacombs of the Russell Sage Foundation and in professional social work magazines that few people see and the big dailies never write about.

Here is the grim picture of starvation in a land of plenty. Here are some facts from a typical report—that of an investigating committee of the Chicago Council of Social Agencies, published in the January issue of *Survey* Monthly, a social work magazine. It describes the plight of the 245,000 people on relief in Chicago. The condition of the unemployed throughout the country can be judged from this report, if one keeps in mind that relief standards in Chicago are a little above the national average.

The Council's report says: "The 'minimum adequate' budget of the Chicago Relief Administration for a dependent family, even when the clients got all of it, was considerably lower than the conservative standard budget of the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission. Of late citizens of our city on relief have been receiving only 65 per cent of the CRA 'minimum', or 44 per cent of what the IERC believes a dependent family needs: a family of four receives \$36.50 a month.

Nobody Starves?  
"Well, they won't starve on that," was the reaction of a Chicago editor who doubted if there was actual starvation. "There is some evidence of undernourishment," he said, "but even of this we cannot be quite certain."

In the effort to be "quite certain", the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, with the cooperation of twenty-four public and private agencies closely in touch with the CRA relief rolls, made a study. Hospitals, clinics, settlements, and the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago did the bulk of the fact finding. Staff members of these agencies, equipped with simple questionnaires, interviewed responsible members of 744 CRA families, asking such questions as:

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### Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

The fall of the Abe government in Japan reflects symptomatically the acute strain in Japan's internal and external position.

The cabinet of Admiral Yonai which has been substituted for it is nothing but another stop-gap and will fall heir to the many-sided pressures which drove General Abe to cover. For the main difficulty is that Japanese imperialism has created for itself obstacles which it lacks the power to surmount.

It has won grandiose "victories" in China but it has not won and cannot win the war.

To win those profitless victories it has strained its frail economic structure far beyond its capacity to withstand. And in this weakened, bogged-down condition, it faces the implacable pressures of a world at war.

Above all it faces the dangerously insistent pressure of its

greatest and most powerful rival, Yankee imperialism.

From all evidence, the Japanese war machine has reached its maximum limits in the Chinese war. It holds thin lines flung over half of China, but the territory within those lines remains unconquered and the territory beyond them unconquerable. Every attempt made in the last six months to extend those lines has met ignominious failure. It is this impasse that has colored the negotiations between the Japanese army chiefs and their puppet-elect, Wang Ching-wei. From the terms they are offering him, it is obvious that the Japanese are losing hope of completing their conquest by arms alone. Their main anxiety is to restore "peace" and through the Wang regime to begin realizing on their heavy investment.

Meanwhile in Japan the masses are paying with their mortgaged lives for the investment the generals have so recklessly undertaken. Soaring prices and deepening economic stringency have defied the artificial controls set up by successive Japanese governments. The dissatisfaction of the masses—indeed of almost all strata of the population except the tight small band of super-financiers at the top—has grown so great that the politicians who have clung so impotently these past eight years to the militarists' tails have grown bold enough to offer a half-frightened challenge to their acknowledged masters. The protest itself was a feeble enough demonstration. But the unmistakable discontent of far more powerful forces that lay silent behind it was enough to unseat General Abe.

But if the nether millstone on which Japan is ground bears the ironic label, "Made in China," the upper millstone that completes the dilemma

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### Lenin Memorial Mass Meeting In N. Y., January 31

The program announced for this year's Lenin, Liebknecht, and Luxemburg Commemoration meeting, to be held at Irving Plaza on January 31, 8 p.m., under joint auspices of the New York locals of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League promises to make the occasion even more memorable than the dramatic and impressive meeting of last year.

James P. Cannon, national secretary of the SWP, will speak for the Party and Ernest Erber, editor of the *Challenge of Youth*, organ of the YPSL, will speak for the youth organization.

Drama Main Feature  
The main feature of the pro-

gram will be a dramatic presentation, "There Were Three," performed by the YPSL Drama Group. The drama deals with the fight against war today in the light of the inspiring examples set by Lenin, Liebknecht, and Luxemburg during the last great war.

The YPSL Chorus will sing the "Lenin Memorial Hymn" and other labor songs.

A number of new members will be inducted into the youth organization at the meeting. The induction ceremony will be conducted by Max Shachtman.

Tickets for the meeting can be secured from branches of the SWP and units of the YPSL.