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FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY FOR:

1. A job and a decent living for every worker.
2. Open the idle factories—operate them under workers' control.
3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.
4. Thirty-thirty—\$50-weekly minimum wage—\$0-hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs.
5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability pension.
6. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
7. All war funds to the unemployed.
8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
9. No secret diplomacy.
10. An Independent Labor Party.
11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilante and Fascist attacks.
12. Full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people.

War in the Pacific

Step by step this country is being shoved by the Washington government closer and closer to war against Japan in the Pacific.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull last week warned Japan not to occupy the Dutch East Indies and on April 24 the well-informed Washington columnists, Pearson and Allen, said in their "Merry Go Round";

"The Hull warning to Japan is subject to various interpretations, but that given it by established usage is that if Japan does not heed the warning it means war. Nations do not usually stick their necks out to tell another nation what to do without the risk of war. So, write it down as certain that if we get into war, it will be through the back door of the Pacific."

But far more specific and authoritative was the blunt statement made on April 22 before the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs by Rear Admiral J. K. Taussig, a former assistant chief of naval operations and at present commander of the Fifth Naval District at Norfolk, Va.

"I cannot see how we can ultimately prevent

being drawn into war on account of the Far Eastern situation," Admiral Taussig said.

He cited the famous Tanaka Memorial outlining Japanese expansionist aims and declared: "In the Far East, a situation has arisen which definitely threatens our national interests. . . . I cannot see how we can escape being forced into eventual war by the present trend of events."

By "our interests" the plain-speaking admiral means the interests of American investments, trade, imperialist power. Just what these have to do with the interests of the workers of the United States nobody troubles to say, because they have nothing to do with them. The whole country is to be asked to line up for the slaughter to defend and expand the "interests" of the handful of bankers and big business men in the Far East, six to ten thousand miles from our homes.

Of course, both Hull and the Navy department immediately issued disclaimers of responsibility for Taussig's plain talk. But just imagine an admiral in active service, a former chief of the naval staff, making public statements like that without the nod from Roosevelt.

The government isn't really going to rebuke Taussig for declaring that "we" are going to have to fight Japan and should, to that end, make a pact at once with Britain, France, and Holland, and spend a couple of billions more of the people's money for bigger and bigger warships.

The government isn't going to rebuke him because, the fact is, he expressed the real intentions of the government, and his public statement was probably deliberately designed to test public reaction.

Let that public reaction be made plain and made fast. The workers of the United States have no "interests" to defend in the Far East. Their interests lie with the Chinese and Japanese workers who will defend them in common against the capitalists of those countries, and will defend them all the better if the American workers concentrate on breaking up the imperialist war plans of our own boss rulers right here at home. And we can do that first of all by organizing to fight the vast drive of union repression that the government has already started as a wartime measure and by fighting for jobs and for the 30-hour week at a \$30 minimum. That's OUR fighting front. Let's get busy on it!

IT WASN'T NAILED DOWN!

Herbert Fleishacker, 68-year-old former president of the Anglo-California National Bank, is given a clean bill of health by Harry S. Young, his attorney, who is defending him against the federal indictment charging him with misappropriating \$55,000 from the huge bank he once controlled. "He has taken nothing to which he is not entitled," declared Young.

"Lent," says the Minneapolis Star Journal editorially, "teaches many things to those who observe it, and among the most important, is self-denial, the discipline of oneself for a 40-day period. It is a beneficial form of therapy to make ourselves, once in awhile, do without—to refuse ourselves certain pleasures we have learned to accept as our own. It overhauls our habits, puts backbone in our character, proves we can say 'no' to ourselves and be obeyed." Aren't the relievers and other unemployed the luckiest persons ever! They have Lent all the time.

How May Day Began

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most gigantic demonstrations of international working class solidarity the world has ever seen. In most industrial centers in Europe and the United States, the workers poured into the streets, ready for the inevitable fight with the police. May Day was born as an international holiday with the blood of many workers to baptize it.

Through the next decades May Day became a day of dread for all of the governments and their police. Every year the demonstrations grew larger than the year before, more political in character.

The Gompers regime in the AFL did its best to stifle the spirit of the workers, and their

loyalty to their holiday. The AFL top leadership did everything in their power to divert the celebration of May Day on May 1 to May Sunday. They tried to change the character of the day from one of strikes and street fights with the police to picnics, parades, tournaments, and pageants. But the workers wanted May Day to remain what it was—a mass demonstration for political, social, and economic solidarity between the workers of the world, and that is what it remained. Finally, the AFL leaders tried to shift altogether to "Labor Day," in September.

In 1915 the social democratic leadership of the European working class succeeded in averting a May Day strike. They pledged their governments that the work-

ers would remain at work for the defense of "their" countries. Not so in the United States.

In 1917, with the United States already in the world war, the workers and revolutionary elements within the Socialist Party went into the streets to protest against the war. A huge parade in Cleveland was set upon by the police. One man was killed and another wounded.

May Day is the Workers Day. It has never been legalized, and it will never be, by the bosses. It is the one day on which, above all, the workers demonstrate their class-consciousness, their realization that they have only one road to freedom—and that is struggle to the death against the bosses of the world and the economic system under which they rule.

Philadelphia SWP Appeals to Unions To Organize Fight Against the Wage Tax

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gan to make things hot for the Republican bosses with one round after another of demonstrations, mass meetings and other pressure actions. The sales tax was repealed.

In 1939 the city-owned gas works was put in hock to the tune of \$42,000,000 and the crisis was staved off for a time. But not before Cooke had stuck his hand into this soft pie and extracted for himself \$100,000 in commission for himself for the deal. "That man will get ahead," they say in this town, "because he never steals anything under five figures."

Now They Try This

Still they had to find more taxes by the time 1939 came to a close. Taxing property and real estate in the higher brackets was ruled out—this would hit the people who had plenty of money, and that would never do! Suddenly they hit on a grand idea: the wage tax. Here was a proposition that discriminated against no one—treated rich and poor alike. The man that made ten million and the WPA worker, the billionaire and the relief slave—all of them had to pay the same percentage. The principle of equality—no less!

The next job was to put over the 1½% tax painlessly without fuss or commotion. A "Citizens' committee" was formed with Gates, member of the Board of Directors of the Penna. R.R. as its chairman. Representatives of labor unions were invited to participate. The committee "investigated" and "investigated" until the day came to balance the budget. It conveniently had no other idea than the wage tax. Whereupon the City Council passed the tax by a 17-3 vote with no discussion whatever. Unlike other taxes, this one has no time stipulation. It must stand until repealed.

Labor Caught Asleep

The labor movement, the trade unions had been caught sleeping at the switch. No demonstrations, no actions, no picket lines as there had been at the time of the sales tax. They just tried to get a few petitions signed and that was all. The City Council just ignored the workers and went on to dig deeper in the pork barrel.

The wage tax still hangs around the necks of the workers like a millstone. Nothing is being done about it despite reports of civic groups urging economies upwards of \$3,000,000 to substitute for the wage tax.

And that's just the point! Nobody has forced the City Council to do anything. Labor leaders have done nothing. The workers have suffered in silence.

The wage tax has been wringing the working population dry

for four months. It's time to call a halt. The Socialist Workers Party calls upon all unions and workers' organizations to organize a mass movement that will throw the wage tax in the ash-can and along with it the City's Steppadders who made it law.

A "repeal the Wage Tax" movement can sweep the city by storm. Every union, every workers' neighborhood, every place where poor people live and work can be organized for the anti-wage tax movement.

Can it be done?

It was done with the sales tax! It can be done with the wage tax!
The Socialist Workers Party, Philadelphia local, calls upon the workers of this city to set afoot the picket lines, mass demonstrations and mass actions that will finish the wage tax just as it once finished the sales tax.

GREETINGS ARRIVE FROM THE FRENCH SECTION OF 4th INT'L

Greetings:

THE COMMITTEES OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (French section of the Fourth International) address their fraternal greetings to the workers of all countries who are struggling to transform the imperialist war into a civil war.

We salute our brothers of the Fourth International everywhere—in the French Colonies, the British Colonies, and PARTICULARLY OUR BROTHERS, THE FOURTH INTERNATIONALISTS OF GERMANY, OF BOHEMIA, OF POLAND AND OF THE U.S.S.R.

We greet especially warmly Leon Trotsky, in whose person Stalin, Hitler and Daladier hate the living symbol of the revolution in progress!

We call upon the comrades in America and in all sections in those countries which have not yet entered the war, to come to the support of the revolutionists of the belligerent countries to render them the aid which they sorely need.

We reaffirm our profound faith, more than ever, in the proletarian revolution which will sweep from the world that rotten capitalism which is leading the workers to slaughter. We call upon all the sections of the Fourth International to close their ranks more closely than ever and to prepare for the revolutionary battle!

Paris, France

CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
COMMITTEES OF THE
FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

Why We Publish "Fourth International"

(REPRINTED FROM "FOURTH INTERNATIONAL")

This is the first issue, Volume I, No. 1, of *Fourth International*, the new monthly theoretical organ of the Socialist Workers Party. *Fourth International* will defend the program, ideas and tradition which *The New Internationalist* can no longer represent. We owe our readers an explanation for changing the name of our official magazine.

The New Internationalist was the official theoretical organ of the Socialist Workers Party, American section of the Fourth International. The magazine had been in existence since 1934 and was published regularly with the exception of the period when the Fourth Internationalists of this country held membership in the Socialist Party. At all times *The New Internationalist* was the property of our organization. It voiced in its columns the official position of the Trotskyist movement, as a section of the International Communist League and later as a section of the Fourth International. The policies of the magazine were determined by our National Committee. The editors and business staff of the magazine were appointed by and subject to the decisions of the Party. *The New Internationalist* was financed by the nickels and dimes and dollars of the worker members of the party and its sympathizers. Its deficits were paid by the party. *The New Internationalist* was an integral part of the international Trotskyist movement and its American section, the Socialist Workers Party.

By a breach of trust, morally and legally equivalent to a misappropriation of funds by a financial officer of a workers' organization, Burnham, Shachtman and Abern, who held posts on *The New Internationalist* by party appointment, and who were trustees for the party in the New International Publishing Company, have usurped the name of the magazine and attempted to appropriate its mailing rights as their personal property.

These traitors, defeated in the party convention after a free and democratic discussion in the party, have sought to revenge themselves on the proletarian majority of the party by stealing the name and the mailing rights of the magazine entrusted to

their management, and attempting to cash in on its tradition. An issue of *The New Internationalist* has appeared under the auspices of these ex-Trotskyists. A casual reading of the forged copy is sufficient to convince any reader that it is not *The New Internationalist* they have known, but a miserable counterfeit.

The old *New Internationalist* defended the program of the Fourth International; it was the chief medium for the publication of the theoretical contributions of Comrade Trotsky, and was honored throughout the world as the theoretical protagonist of the Marxism of our time, i.e., "Trotskyism." The counterfeit *New Internationalist*, stolen in sneak-thief fashion from the party that owned it and paid for it, and published behind its back in the dark of night, has nothing in common with the traditions of its name and its past association.

Those who know the revolutionary traditions established by the magazine, those who appreciate its great work in the ideas of Marxism throughout the world cannot fail to be revolted by the publication of *The New Internationalist* under revisionist and anti-Trotskyist auspices. This feeling of revulsion must have been augmented by the appearance from the pen of Burnham under the heading "Archives of the Revolution," of a foul attack on the Marxist doctrine and method and on the author of most of the rich material in Marxist theory which in the past appeared under this heading.

There is no doubt that by every political and moral right *The New Internationalist* belongs to the Socialist Workers Party as represented by its convention majority. There is likewise no doubt, competent attorneys have assured us, that all legal rights to the magazine, its name, its subscription lists and its second class mailing rights belong entirely to the Socialist Workers Party, and that Burnham, Abern and Shachtman would stand in any litigation as betrayers of financial trust and common thieves. No class-conscious worker would censure us for taking legal action to protect our rights in this case. Obviously, we are dealing here, not with an ideological dispute but a case of petty-larceny. Neverthe-

A Statement by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party

less, we have decided to forego any legal action. We are washing our hands of *The New Internationalist* and launching a new magazine, *Fourth International*, for the following reasons:

1. It is not worthwhile for us to spend time and effort in legal struggles over property rights which could only divert energies and resources from more serious and important activity.
2. We do not want our irreconcilable political struggle against the traitors to be obscured or confused by squabbles over a magazine's name and property rights. Our aim is, in every respect, to distinguish ourselves from the ex-Trotskyists, and to eliminate every possible point of identification with them.
3. The once-glorious name of *The New Internationalist* has been irretrievably sullied by its appearance for one issue under the auspices of these betrayers of its tradition. The program of the Fourth International, the great theoretical contributions of comrade Trotsky, the Marxist message of our party, cannot appear under its dirtied name. We want no deception; no confusion, no mixing of banners. We need a clean banner which will truly express what we stand for and at the same time sharply distinguish us from the prostituted *New Internationalist*. They stole it. They have already identified its name with their own treachery. Let them keep it, and let the whole world know it is henceforth their magazine, not ours. Our magazine is *Fourth International*!

It alone is the theoretical organ of the Socialist Workers Party and of the Fourth International!

Fourth International will fill out all the unexpired subscriptions of *The New Internationalist*. The subscribers of *The New Internationalist* are entitled to get what they paid for—a theoretical organ of Bolshevism. We feel politically and morally responsible to give it to them by sending this magazine for the full time of the unexpired subscriptions.

We appeal to all readers who sympathize with the principles we stand for to help us maintain this magazine by subscriptions and contributions.

The Unions Must Lead the Youth Or Fascists Will

By LOU COOPER

In a recent poll in San Francisco, unemployed youth were asked what they considered to be the cause of their unemployment. A surprisingly large group answered that they considered the trades unions to be the cause of their unemployment. Is this the attitude of many unemployed youth throughout the nation?

Every labor man should be vitally interested in the answer. Why? Because the lesson of Germany, in particular, is that the unemployed youth, locked out by capitalism are the easiest victims of fascist demagoguery and propaganda. This fascist propaganda directs its lying attack not against the real cause of unemployment, capitalist chaos caused by private ownership of the means of production—but against the labor unions. The fascists say, the trades unions with their closed shops and seniority rights have locked you unemployed youth out of industry. Trades unions are a racket, they shout.

The end result of this lying attack in Germany was that Hitler built up an army of young unemployed who hated the trade unions with all the fierceness of their untamed emotions and who ruthlessly took the lead in the merciless crushing of the trade unions when Hitler came to power. The trade unionists in Germany learned too late that it was the elementary duty of every liberty-loving labor man to combat the vicious lies of the fascists.

How Youth Can Fight for Jobs

What's the first thing we should attempt to have unemployed youth understand? Capitalism, in its present period of stagnation and decay, provides too few number of jobs for labor, and that's where the fault lies! Unemployed youth must understand that it's the greed and profits of the Sixty Families that's responsible for their locked-out condition. The wheels of industry are not rolling because under private ownership industry must work at a profit or else it rots and men starve.

How can unemployed youth alleviate this condition? By attempting to fight the trade unions that are attempting to maintain the present number of jobs for labor and get some security for the men on the jobs? Absolutely not! The unions are not responsible for the existence of the huge army of unemployed. Unemployed youth must direct all their fire against the owners of industry, the Sixty Families, and their government in Washington.

Open the idle factories of the nation and give us jobs! That's the slogan around which the unemployed youth should rally. And once they want to put teeth into that slogan they'll realize that only union control of newly-opened factories could insure a decent standard of living and security on the job.

Furthermore, immediately, unemployed youth must demand that the Sixty Families provide Three Billion Dollars for jobs for all youth. The attack must be centered on those who have locked youth out and can afford to pay.

Unions Must Accept Responsibility

Who will present this program to the unemployed youth? Obviously not the Sixty Families nor their stooge Roosevelt who keeps on cutting appropriations and hasn't even thought of putting the idle factories to work. There is only one force in the land today that can and must present this program to the unemployed youth and their unemployed organizations. The giant force of organized labor must rally the unemployed youth into a solid front with labor against the Sixty Families!

Why must labor do so, aside from honest humanitarian reasons? Because jobs for the unemployed are the best guarantee that your job will be secure from an army of desperate men who in their desperation will be ready to accept crumbs and unhesitatingly break down all living standards built up by the unions. Further, and what is possibly more important, because these unemployed youth might be the easy victims of a fascist leadership bent on destroying the trade unions.

Unions must further solidarize themselves with the unemployed youth of the nation with the understanding that only through joint agitation and struggle will the unemployed learn to respect the trade unions as a necessary bulwark of decent living standards for all workers, employed and unemployed. Unemployed youth will only accept the closed shop and seniority rights (both obviously vital and elementary needs to men who have jobs) as necessary needs for men on the job, when they feel that the men who have jobs are also concerned with those who are less fortunate.

The plight and needs of unemployed youth must become the concern of the organized trade union movement. Organized Labor must extend a comradely hand to the unemployed youth of the nation if it wants to save itself from fascism.

MORALITY PLUS

"I have no desire to enter into any controversy with Mr. Bertrand Russell," said Supreme Court Justice John E. McGehean, who scornfully refused to "match his private life" with that of the British philosopher and mathematician, whose appointment to a chair of philosophy at City College of New York he rescinded because of Russell's views on morals. At the same time, Justice McGehean refused to reopen the case to give Russell an opportunity to come to New York to state his side of the case.

On Maundy Thursday, at the conclusion of the Sixty Families mass, Pope Pius himself took the crystal chalice containing the sacrament and bore it in a brilliant procession to the Pauline chapel altar. Which proves that even popes work and thereby earn their living.

In London there is a prominent man of letters who was asked why he wasn't at the front saving civilization. "I," quoth he, "am part of the civilization they are trying to save."

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