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- 8. A PEOPLE'S REFERENDUM ON ANY AND
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- 9. NO SECRET DIPLOMACY.
- AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY.
- WORKERS' DEFENSE GUARDS AGAINST VIGILANTE AND FASCIST ATTACKS.
- FULL SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR THE NEGRO PEOPLE.

#### Our Military Policy

Much publicity is being given in the capitalist press to a few conscientious objectors to conscription-a group of theological students in New York, a minister in Minnesota-who have announced they will not register. The capitalist press is not at all averse to giving these individuals such publicity. Thereby they create the picture: either go along 100% with the present conscription system or make the ineffective, impotent gesture of the conscientious objectors. The capitalist press would like you to believe that these are the only two alternatives. The capitalists would like you to believe that, because they know the conscientious objectors can do nothing to prevent the war or the oppression and exploitation of the workers by the military machine. In a world of war and militarism, the pacifist idea of being unarmed cannot possibly appeal to the people.

But our program-universal military training under control of the trade unions- gets no publicity from the capitalist press. On the contrary, the press organizes a conspiracy of silence against our program. For ours really meets the needs of the workers. As against the pacifists, it firmly insists upon the necessity of training the workers in the use of arms, and insists that all shall be trained. But as against the capitalists, our program calls for the control of military training by the workers' own organizations. It calls for federal appropriations for the establishment and equipment of military training camps to be run by the trade unions. It proposes that in these training camps not only shall the workers be given instructions to make them able and skillful soldiers, but that the outstanding workers, chosen by their comrades, shall be given the further instruction needed to become officers. We want the workers to have their own flesh and blood, the men they trust, as officers over them-and not the crew of West Point and "citizens" camp reactionaries whom the government will name.

Ours is a program which defends the interests of the workers everywhere—not only in the factory but also in the military forces. The program of the pacifists does neither.

#### Covering Up Hillman

We had looked forward with keen interest to the latest issue of the CIO News, which we hoped would contain a fiery denunciation of the antilabor stand taken by the War and Navy Departments, the National Defense Commission, Attorney General Jackson and Sidney Hillman, in the matter of awarding war contracts to labor law violators.

True enough, the paper was filled with loud lamentations, but it also contained a most devious cover-up for Hillman, whose role in the scandalous affair was the basest of all. From the news account of the incident, one gets the impression that Hillman was a simple innocent. Editorially, the CIO News protects Hillman with a cloak of silence.

The only weapon the CIO leadership musters with which to fire back at its enemies is a plaintive plea, entitled "Why Not Obey?", asking the hardened barons of big business to be good fellows and observe the law. After all, cites the CIO News, "Most American employers are law-abiding citi-

zens." Huh? The editorial then goes on to say:

"If the government will refuse to be blackmailed by law-breaking anti-labor corporations; if it will firmly insist on contracts being executed in a lawful manner, none of these corporations will dare to refuse defense business. They will all take

the simpler course of obeying the law." Thus do the spokesmen of the CIO appeal to the left foot of the government whose right foot has just kicked them in the face. Whom are they fooling? Certainly not the government whose policy has just been enunciated in a most decisive and unambiguous way. Only the workers will be fooled by such whining.

On a program for the CIO members to follow in enforcing union conditions against Bethlehem Steel, Ford, du Pont, Standard Oil, General Motors and the many, many other "few who have tried to buck the law" (merely tried?), the CIO News says

#### No Home Guards!

A determined effort is being made in Congress to push through the Home Guard bill before adjournment. Under the terms of this bill a new armed force will be set up by the government to replace the National Guard, which is being incorporated into the regular army.

The bill has met with objections from the national office of the CIO, largely on the grounds that it does not specify the precise function and duties of the Home Guard.

This objection is the least weighty of all which can be hurled at the proposal, WE KNOW WHAT ITS EXACT FUNCTION WILL BE! All we have to do is study the record of National Guard ac-

tivities. The following facts from the official Army Report in the Congressional Record, February 14, 1936, should prove enlightening on the subject. They cover the first, the "most progressive" four years of the New Deal.

The National Guard, financed and equipped with federal funds and under regular army officers, conducted their greatest strike-breaking role in history between 1933 and 1936. From 1933 to 1934, 12,536 Guardsmen saw active duty; 8,319, or 66 percent in strikes. From 1934 to 1935, of the 30,201 troops called out, 24,326, or 80 percent were used to break strikes.

In 1934, 12 states in 23 strikes, and in 1935, 20 states in 73 strikes, employed the National Guard to intimidate American workers. During the national textile strike in 1934, nine states, seven under Democratic Party administrations, used the National Guard. Over 50 workers were killed and 500 seriously wounded in this one strike.

In fact, in the textile strike even the National Guard seemed insufficient for Roosevelt. On September 14, 1934, he threatened to send regular army troops against the Rhode Island strikers. After citing this fact, the New York Times of that date reports further: "Acting under secret orders from Washington, detachments of regular army troops... have prepared for possible service in the Rhode Island strike disorders . . . While . . . awaiting 'orders from Roosevelt'...regular army troops... were being swiftly concentrated for possible movement to the strike zone." The same edition of the Times in the main editorial, approvingly described this act as "an answer from the President which may not please Mr. Gorman (the strike chairman)".

These facts are sufficient evidence of what Roosevelt has in mind for the new Home Guards he proposes.

The only protection the workers of this country are going to need is against the fascist gangs which the bosses are organizing against them. The only protection the workers have ever needed has been against the thugs, strike-breakers, cops and troops which the bosses and their government have used

That is a protection which the workers must devise for themselves. Not the professional antilabor terror machine of the capitalists-the Home Guards-but a real protective army for labor, the WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS.

#### The Ford Decision

The boss press and the CIO are now competing in a game of "Button! Button! Who's got the button?" over the exact meaning of the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the Ford-N.L.R.B. case.

The court's defense of the right of Ford to circulate anti-union literature to his employees is headlined by the capitalist press as a victory for Ford and "civil liberties".

The CIO shunted aside the real implications of this phase of the decision and concentrated on that part which ordered Ford to cease and desist from discouraging membership in the auto workers union or from intimidating union members.

The "free speech" decision really means that Ford can continue to "advise" his workers against joining a union so long, as he does not say in so many words "or get fired and slugged by my service men".

Ford never had to put that threat into writing. He wrote his "or else" with spitting machine guns against the Ford Hunger March in 1932, and with clubs, fists, brass knuckles, blackjacks and other assorted persuaders on union organizers and members exercising their right of free expression during the more recent CIO attempts to organize the Ford domain. That "or else" stares a Ford worker in the face every moment on the line, as Ford's ten-thousand eyed private army scrutinizes each detail of the workers' conduct.

If the CIO leaders think that this decision reduces the difficulty of organizing Ford's in any degree, they-and more particularly the auto workers-are in for a sad experience.

The recent agreement of Attorney General Jackson and CIO leader Hillman to the principle of permitting labor law violators to obtain war contracts gives more than a hint of how much support the government will give the Ford workers when they insist on enforcement of the court order.

Ford will be organized only after every wheel in his huge kingdom ceases to move-and stays motionless until he signs a real union contract.

## Who Owns This Country?

"Get down to work! Work faster and harder! Work longer hours for the same pay!" This is the theme-song of all the bosses these days.

"Get ready to fight! Defend yourselves against foreign aggression!" The chorus of the superpatriots chimes in. Day in, day out, both together call upon the workers to make all kinds of sacrifices for the national defense program.

Now, unlike the plutocratic parasites, John Jones and Minnie Jones have to work in order to live. No job, no food for the family. While the speed-up artists shout for "more work," over eleven millions still can't get a job. Most of the rest suffer from insecure, underpaid employment.

As a rule, workers don't object to fightingprovided they're convinced that they're fighting for a worth-while cause. The trade-unions' struggles prove that. Moreover, the military forces for every war in history have been recruited from the poor workers. That includes the present war.

But the workers want to be sure-and they ought to know-who and what they're being called upon to fight for. Are they to labor and risk their lives for their own benefit-or for the sake of enriching their exploiters? That's the question posed by the national defense program.

#### LIGHT ON WHO OWNS AMERICA

A floodlight has been cast on this question by the report just issued by Senator O'Mahoney, chairman of the Temporary National Economic Committee, which has been investigating monopolies for the past two pears without doing anything about it. But the information they have gathered should interest every worker. Here's what they've found.

1 Three American family groups, the Rockefellers, the DuPonts and the Mellons, own shares worth almost \$1,400,000,000 which are "so placed as to give them considerable influence, if not control" over fifteen of the 200 largest nonfinancial corporations in America.

2. Thirteen family groups, including these three, have holdings worth \$2,700,000,000, representing eight per cent of the stock of these 200 corporations. The twenty largest shareholdings in each of the 200 corporations accounted on the average for nearly a third of the stock. In the average corporation the majority of the voting power was concentrated in about 1 per cent of the stockholders.

3. These 200 corporations account for the bulk

of manufacturing, mining, electric and gas utili-

ties, transportation and communication. 4. 10,000 persons (0.008 per cent of the population) own one-fourth of all corporate stock in this country; 75,000 (0.06 per cent of the population) own one-half of the stock held by individ-

The people are being urged to make sacrifices and militarize themselves in order to save "America for the Americans." But the official Monopoly Committee informs us: "Foreign investors have a considerable stake in the ownership of the 200 largest nonfinancial corporations. At the end of 1937 their holdings of common stock totalled \$1,800,000,000 and of preferred stock \$200,000,000." Capitalist exploitation, you see, is international in scope. But working class relations, according to the bosses, must remain within national boundaries!

According to O'Mahoney, "the committee is not trying to prove any preconceived thesis.' But the facts tell their own story. Any thinking person can draw the necessary conclusions from these figures-if he hasn't any material motives for concealing them.

#### DIE FOR THESE PLUTOCRATS?

The bulk of the productive facilities of the United States are owned and controlled by a small band of multi-millionaires, with the princely families of Rockefeller, DuPont and Mellon at their head. These families, which number about 60 in all, are the real rulers in this Democracy of the Almighty Dollar. These findings of the Monopoly Committee officially confirm the picture of "America's 60 Families" presented in Ferdinand Lundberg's book of the same name.

It is for the sake of this bunch of plutocrats that the working people are being asked to work and to fight for in the present war. These profiteers will be the principal beneficiaries of the extra labor and the blood shed by the working masses. The national defense program is the program of these millionaire monopolists who seek to use the workers to maintain their hold over their present fields of enrichment and to extend them throughout the world.

That's why we're opposed to that patriot's and profiteer's program. If the workers must work and fight, let them do so for a country that belongs to them, with an army they can control, commanded by people they can trust-their own labor representatives.

# **NEGROES IN**

(This remarkable article appeared in the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, Negro weekly, Aug. 31.)

In Louisiana, I heard stories of colored men already conscripted, already feeding and taking care of mules, already hustled into camps and taught how to cook and make beds-so that they will be good orderlies.

"But," I objected to my informant, "the conscription bill has not yet been passed, and may not be passed until January-or at least until after the election."

"Don't need to pass no bill, if the white folks decide to come after you," the man replied. "And if'n I was you, I wouldn't be talking about elections and things. That's white folks' business-and somebody might hear you. Better button up your lips!"

#### Can't Hear Radios

In one little Mississippi town, in which no colored person has radio, the white people have agreed to keep the latest news away from colored by refusing to let them listen in to radio news in stores, homes and filling sta-

"I don't know whether to be lieve it or not," an aged man told me, "but my boss man said the Germans aim to come over here and put us colored folks back in slavery. We got to send our boys 'cross the water to fight 'em."

#### Propaganda Effective

The opinion is fairly general that the United States should and will get into the war on England's side, and that it is only a matter of weeks or months before "our boys" will be aboard ships bound

for Europe to fight the Germans. The fear of Hitler crops up in the most unexpected places. A preacher was exhorting his congregation to get on the right side of the road a few Sundays ago. "This ain't no time for foolishness," he thundered. "You better hurry to Jesus-or Mr. Hitler will get you."

From a man in the field, who was selling watermelons at a nickel each: "I'm trying to get rid of em before Hitler comes. If a nickel's too much, I'll take a couple of store-made cigarettes."

#### Fear Instilled

On Saturday nights, around cafes and restaurants or juke joints, where talk is usually loud and liquor uncommonly "bad on the tonsils, the admonition to "button up your lips" is heard frequently now. An air of fearful waiting seems to hover over young men now in the prime of life.

They have heard from fathers and brothers and uncles the story of what happened the last time. myself a bunch of fun. All the They have no physical fear of dy- fighting I'll ever do will be right ing or getting injured, but, men- here at home." tally, they're in a turmoil. They sense that this is another white man's war in which the black man will do the dirty work-and the went with a group to see the white man will get the benefit.

#### Afraid to Refuse

fight, but they're afraid of being were parked, the officer said: called cowards. They'd also like "You made a mistake." to get a little advance consideration. And a few that I've heard express themselves, would just love to be given a machine gun.

In Birmingham I was riding down the street with a young man right in the middle of the draft age. We were riding in a beauti- The war may bring it quicker ful new car. A red light stopped | than it would have come other us at a corner, and a muddy car wise-but definitely a new senti with a Georgia license pulled ment is steadily gaining momen-

For no reason at all, except that, perhaps, he resented seeing but is nevertheless indicative of us in a better looking car than a mass dissatisfaction. The radio, his, the white man yelled at my travel by automobile and educafriend: "You b-d!"

#### Sees Chance for Revenge

back to Birmingham and have fight. It tickles me!"

Parks Lily-white

#### Before I left Birmingham

statue of Vulcan, which is perched high on the outskirts of the city. We went at night, and as They would like to refuse to we drove up where a lot of cars

"I thought this was a public park," said one of the party. "It is a public park," snapped the cop, "but not a colored park."

#### New Unrest Evident

A lot of people look for trouble tum in the South.

It is still in the talking stage, tion are making people want things they never wanted before

"And the crackers are scared, My friend's reply was most an old man told me on a recent poetic-and so was the crank fishing trip. "That's why they handle which he waved at the don't want us to discuss thnigs. man as he dared him to get out The only thing the war does is make 'em more scared. Later, he said to me: "I only They don't want to give the boys hope I go to the army and stay guns to fight with-and they there long enough to get my hands | don't dare leave the boys here on a machine gun. I'm coming at home while they go away and

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#### TROTSKY MEMORIAL FUND

Branch Pledges

The following is a list of the tentative pledges for the Trotsky Memorial Fund made by the branch delegations at the Sept. 27-29 Chicago Plenum-Conference of the Socialist Workers Party. Many of the delegations indicated that their pledges would be revised upwards after they secured the agreement of the branch membership. A number of branches have not yet sent in their pledges.

The APPEAL will carry a scoreboard regularly, announcing the amounts turned in by the branches. All pledges are to be paid in full by January 1st.

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### Siqueiros Is Mexican Agent Of the GPU

By GRANDIZO MUNIS

During the days following the May 24th assault on Trotsky's house, when the police had not yet arrested any of the accomplices, the paid press and writers of Stalin's GPU spread the infamous theory of "self-assault". Trotsky himself, according to their version, had ordered some hundred of shots to be fired...in order to create difficulties for the government. Upon Trotsky's declaring in his first declarations that David Alfaro Siqueiros could perhaps make important revelations on the assault, Siqueiros indignantly denounced the "calumny" and even promised to appear before the authorities any time they wished. The GPU believed at that time that none of the accomplices would be detained and that through its powerful economic resorces it would be able to put over the theory of "self-assault".

But the majority of those implicated in the May 24 assault were arrested and the guilt of Siqueiros was completely established. Far from presenting himself in order to give an explanation as he had promised, the "indignant" assailant hid himself and waited for the advice of the GPU. Finding it impossible to uphold the stupid "self-assault" story it became necessary to fabricate another explanation. From his hiding place, Siqueiros began to change his language. In the extract from the letter sent to General Nunez, published August 27, as well as that published in Hoy September 14, the theory of "self-assault" gave way to the "very justified assault on the house of Trotsky." Siqueiros did not make this declaration until after the discoveries of the authorities had annihilated the theory of "self-assault".

Why was Siqueiros silent while the GPU placed in circulation the infamous calumny of "self-assault"? Why did he acquiesce with this same silence when the GPU tried to stain the memory of the murdered secretary of Trotsky, presenting him as an accomplice in the assault? Why did he not at that time explain the "very justified assault"? If he had done it then, all the world would have believed that he acted on is own initiative and not on a salary from the GPU.

#### TROTSKY SAVED SIQUEIROS' LIFE

On the contrary, his admission of the assault was not made until after the police had identified Siqueiros as its immediate director. The GPU had to consider then two possibilities: as a political goal, the GPU was interested in utilizing Siqueiros to the maximum; as the possessor of important secrets it was interested in assassinating him and trying once more to cast the responsibility ... on the Trotskyists. In this respect it is possible to assert that Siqueiros owes his life to Trotsky. In publicly declaring the likelihood of, Siqueiros being assassinated, Trotsky made it virtually impossible, and the GPU had to decide at least provisionally to utilize Siqueiros as a political tool. Due to this decision Siqueiros sent his various letters to the press.

Then began the new turn. The authors of the assault who had propagated the theory of "self-assault" now dedicated themselves to justifying the assault. They were obliged to carry on this juggling because of the discoveries of the police and the declaration of Trotsky. Yesterday even the Communist Party and the friends of the GPU in El Popular had to swear in every tone that terrorism is far from their methods. Today Siqueiros, their friend and long time collaborator, tries to justify terrorism. The universal evidence that Siqueiros worked and still works under orders of the GPU and the fact that the GPU is under Stalin's orders brings upon Stalin and his mercenaries throughout the world admission of terrorist activity. In the final attempt at falsification, Siqueiros will try to present himself to us as a revolutionary terrorist.

#### STALIN, THE ARCH-DESPOT

His friends of the Voice of Mexico and El Popular will assist with amiable silence, but it will not be necessary to wait for the verdict of history in order to determine between Trotsky and Stalin who was the revolutionary, who was the counter-revolutionary. The supporter of Hitler in the present imperialist war, the oppressor of the Soviet proletariat, the grave-digger of the Spanish revolution-Stalin is no longer even the spectre with which Hitler used to frighten his enemies, France and England. His actions against Trotsky and the Trotskyist movement have received the approval of all the enemies of the workers. In the last instance the terrorist action of Siqueiros like that of Jacson, the assassin of Trotsky, like that which Stalin wages against the Russian worker, is the same as the terrorism of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, or any other reactionary despot.

The similarity between the declarations of Siqueiros and those of Jacson is proof that the inspirer is one and the same. One of the assassins pretends that his crime was that of a revolutionary against reactionary elements; the other that he was disillusioned with Trotsky, and decided to free humanity from him; the one says he acted on his own will, the other that he does not even understand what "GPU" signifies, and both finally unite in glorifying Stalin.

Unless they are forced by the weight and the skill of the investigation, Siqueiros as well as Jacson will not deviate a single hair from the fundamental interest of the GPU, that is, defamation of Trotsky and the movement founded by him. This will add one more proof of the dependence of both upon Stalin. Siqueiros will try perhaps to perfect some of the calumnies already elaborated by his cohorts in the Voz de Mexico and El Popular, but they will turn out to be nothing but generalities without foundation since neither he nor anyone else can cast the least spot upon the poli-

tical activity of Trotsky. The more they calumniate Trotsky the more they prove their complete subjection to the GPU.

The sentence of the proletariat has already been passed: that Siqueiros and Jacson as tools of Stalin have assassinated one of the greatest revolutionaries of all times. All that is lacking is the discovery by Mexican justice of the immediate superiors of Jacson and Siqueiros.

Mexico City October 10, 1940