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FIGHT WITH THE
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

ON THE WAR FRONT:

For:

1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, under control of the trade unions.
2. The establishment of special officers' training camps, financed by the government and controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
3. Confiscation of all war profits—all company books to be open for trade union inspection.
4. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
5. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
6. Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces—Down with Jim Crowism.
7. An end to secret diplomacy.
8. A peoples' referendum on any and all wars.

AT HOME:

For:

1. A job and decent living for every worker.
2. Thirty-thirty—\$30 weekly minimum wage—30 hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs.
3. \$30 weekly old age and disability pension.
4. Full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people.
5. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
6. A twenty-billion dollar Federal public works and housing program to provide jobs for the unemployed.
7. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
8. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
9. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.

No Secret Diplomacy!

There are facts that, were they known, would turn the American workers and farmers irreconcilably against the war and the Roosevelt government which promotes the war.

But the American people are not permitted to learn these facts.

A blackout has descended over this nation, a blackout which conceals vast pitfalls of misery, death and destruction. A man-made fog increasingly beclouds the diplomatic moves and activities of the Administration. The cozy intimacies of the fire-side chats of Roosevelt are inconsequential tid-bits and generalities which hide the basic facts.

The facts exist. *The New York Times*, January 21, reported:

"The State Department will reject legislative demands that the department make public the diplomatic reports of Joseph P. Kennedy and William C. Bullitt, according to rumors on Capitol Hill....

"One legislator told reporters that the State Department would decline to release the reports, even to Congressional committees, on the ground that they were confidential documents of the Executive branch of the government."

What are the ultimate commitments which the administration has secretly given Churchill? What are the true details about the downfall of that one-time friend and "democratic" ally, France? What are the real conditions prevailing in that present "Fortress of Democracy", England? What are the war aims of the British rulers? And what are the war aims of Roosevelt himself?

These are the decisive questions to which the common people are denied answers. The answers are the guarded property of that tiny handful of conniving politicians, statesmen and diplomats of the ruling classes who manipulate the destinies of nations and peoples.

What is contained in these reports of the State Department that those who are to fight, suffer and die in the coming war dare not know? What sordid deals and mercenary horse-trades do they reveal? What are these awesome facts about the inner-springs of this war for "democracy" which the masses may not have?

We have an idea what facts are lurking in this diplomatic blackout. They are such facts whose publication would blow aside the silken drapings of "democracy" and "liberty" beneath which are hidden the festering sores of imperialist ambitions motivating the British participation in the war, as well as the Nazi, and which are the sole determinants of America's participation.

That is why we say the American masses must demand light in this ominous blackout, must demand a full and open accounting from the government. The future victims of the war must raise the hue and cry now: AN END TO SECRET DIPLOMACY!

Yanks Have Gone

On the afternoon of January 15, a 21,329-ton Army transport vessel, the Edmund B. Alexander, steamed quietly and without any attendant fanfare out of New York harbor. The port of destination of this ship was St. Johns, Newfoundland, island possession of Great Britain off the coast of Canada.

Aboard this troop-ship were an undisclosed number of American soldiers, the first United States military forces assigned to the naval bases leased from Great Britain.

Very shortly, additional American troops are to be sent to seven other British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

By this time, therefore, the first American troops will have set foot on the soil of a warring nation in World War II. Thus, quietly, and almost without any direct knowledge of the American people, the United States has joined the war, not merely in the indirect sense of giving arms and war materials to one of two belligerent imperialist powers, but of lending direct armed forces.

It is true that these forces are as yet small, a mere symbol and token offering of vast hordes soon to follow. And it is likewise true, that a sly legal fiction is being maintained that these troops have been sent to territory which is now, in a far-fetched technical sense, American territory.

But it is a fiction maintained by the administration with a wink of the eye and fingers crossed. It is a Foxy Grandpa game which Roosevelt and the ruling-class are playing with the American masses.

The British Empire is at war with the German Empire. Every section of these empires are prey for attack. Whether it be Newfoundland, Australia or South Africa, British territory is war territory, and the presence of American military forces on such territory cannot be interpreted, despite any legal dodges, as other than direct military participation in the war. Tomorrow, Roosevelt will "lease" bases elsewhere in the British Empire, not excluding the British Isles themselves. An attack on England can thus be termed an attack on American territory, and the United States will "defend" itself with a super-fleet of bombers over Germany.

In this wise will America join the second war for "democracy." In cunning guises, in secrecy, behind the backs of the people.

More Competition

We commented recently on the spectacle of AFL and CIO leaders strenuously competing to establish which were the more respectable and worthy of the patronage of the government and the employers. We cited the example of the AFL Metal Trades Department, swearing off strikes in the hopes of currying favor with the Navy and its contracting shipowners; whereupon the CIO shipyard workers' union countered by adopting a gag law to oust all "communists".

Another instance is provided by the race between the AFL Building Trades Department and the CIO United Construction Workers; they're still neck and neck, pounding down the home stretch; it's a toss-up which one will be teacher's pet at the War Department.

The AFL officials led off in this contest by surrendering the strike weapon: "There is no reason for strikes of any character on defense building projects," declared John Coyne, for the AFL Building Trades Department. But he couldn't get by with that, no sirree, not while A. D. Lewis (rubber-stamp brother of John L.) was head of the CIO United Construction Workers.

On January 11, Lewis sent a letter to Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson, demanding that the War Department immediately take action against the AFL. For what? Because the AFL policy "militates against efficient prosecution of the national defense program." And Lewis demanded nothing less than that the War Department adhere to its policy of "no discrimination against non-unionists"; in plain English he demanded that the War Department enforce its policy of outlawing closed shop contracts. All this larded with fulminations against the AFL building trades for exacting "tribute" from the workers (i.e., dues)—you'd think you were reading a letter from the National Association of Manufacturers, instead of one from a CIO leader.

Lewis' finky letter, all other things being equal, would have won the race for him; however, the AFL building trades unions have far more members than his "construction workers" union, and hence their "no strike" policy can do more damage. But the competition is close enough between these two contestants for the good-will of the War Department.

Fortunately, the workers have still to be heard from. They never gave their leaders any mandate for groveling before the powers that be.

A Word Of Caution

Just when Stalin will switch from the Nazi orbit to the "democratic" orbit cannot be predicted. The switch will certainly not take place so long as Hitler is in a position to punish Stalin for the change. A word of caution to those who seek signs of Stalin's switch in the *Daily Worker's* twists and turns: don't forget that the Communist Party was still shrieking for the war of the "democracies" against fascism the day the Stalin-Hitler pact was announced, and went on shrieking the same tune for several weeks afterward. The Communist parties of Britain and Canada were even permitted—in accordance with what the GPU calls its "disinformation service"—to issue manifestoes supporting Britain's war, before the Comintern finally swung over and adapted itself to the Stalin-Hitler pact. The turn in Stalin's foreign policy the next time, too, is likely to precede by weeks or months the corresponding turn in Comintern propaganda.

In Memphis, Domain Of
FDR's Comrade, Crump

You're In Trouble If You're A Negro And Didn't Vote For
Roosevelt And The Rest Of Boss Crump's Bourbon Ticket

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 18.—The harassed Negro population of this Southern Jim-Crow, poll-tax city are attempting to organize themselves to resist a deliberate campaign of police terror and racial indignities. A federal investigation into conditions in Memphis by Colonel Amos Woodcock, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general, has not brought any relief.

For months, starting prior to the November 1940, elections, police have maintained a "picket-line" before the establishments of a number of Negro merchants, in a deliberate effort to force them out of business. All customers seeking to enter these stores are stopped, searched and otherwise intimidated. The police are using the pretext that they are searching for "criminals" and "dope peddlers."

Tension between whites and Negroes is mounting, with increasing individual clashes on the streets, in shops and trolley cars. This is a situation deliberately provoked by the Democratic boss political machine of Ed Crump, in retaliation for the refusal of many Negroes to support Roosevelt and the Democratic white-bourbon ticket in the last election.

Elmer Atkinson, one of the merchants "picketed," has already been forced to close his doors. The drug store of Dr. J. B. Martin, against whom the drive originally opened, when he refused to call off a rival political rally under the threats of Boss Crump's tools, is still running.

Meanwhile, paralleling the mass arrest of Negroes in Philadelphia,

reported recently in the *Socialist Appeal*, scores of Negro residents, here are being picked up off the streets every day by the police and held on charges of "loitering," etc. But while the Philadelphia incident was somewhat exceptional for that city, this is something which Memphis Negroes have always suffered, except that now it is being systematically intensified.

A score and more of prominent local Negro residents have been singled out by name and threatened with being run out of town by the Police Commissioner, Joe Boyle. Negro newspaper editors who have attempted to expose the Memphis conditions have likewise been threatened and intimidated.

It is clear that the local officials are attempting to provoke a race riot against the Negroes. Individual whites, almost as if by design, have gone out of their way to accost and insult Negroes, even on clearly segregated Jim-Crow street cars. The Negroes are conducting themselves with extreme caution, fearing that the police are just waiting for some defensive action by Negroes which could be used as a pretext for wholesale police violence against the whole Negro community.

Already official authorities in Memphis have announced that they have enough sub-machine guns on hand to care for the "situation." The police here have a long tradition of being quick on the trigger-finger in dealing with the defenseless Negroes.

This campaign of incitement against the Negroes goes beyond the local political situation, how-

ever. The CIO is attempting to organize in Memphis, and is building up working-class solidarity between the Negro and white workers. Among the plants which the CIO is organizing is that of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. The Crump machine has close ties with this corporation as well as other big-business outfits. Nowhere in the country is there such an obvious working arrangement between the politicians and the corporations as here in Memphis. And nowhere is there more open hatred of organized labor.

The Memphis boss class is trying to smash the CIO organizing campaign by inciting conflict between the Negro and white workers.

Little is expected of the federal investigation. Weeks have already gone by since its was instituted, and nothing has been done. The Democratic national administration will not interfere with its local machine, it is felt, especially as this may antagonize the Democratic white boss machine throughout the "Solid South."

The only real defense which the Memphis Negro workers have is to join with the white workers in the trade union movement, and by organized labor action to drive back the police terror. More and more Negro workers are joining the CIO and other labor organizations with the growing awareness of where their real strength lies.

(Since this article was written, the federal investigator, Col. Woodcock, has told the attorney general that the evidence he collected "will not stand up in court."—EDITOR.)

Just The Right People
To Rule On Textbooks

By LYDIA BENNETT

You would hardly believe it, but even political reaction has its funny phase. The Roosevelts, Bill Greens and Sidney Hillmans do the strong-arm job of clamping the leg-irons of capitalism on the workers; and that's not funny. But then come the little, cowardly, short-sighted, thick-skulled, morose camp-followers who high-light with their antics the whole vicious campaign of repression which cannot be sated until mankind is pushed back into the cannibalism out of which it is just beginning to pull itself.

The National Association of Manufacturers, no less, is out to teach the teachers of America a thing or two, especially those who take modern science too literally. With \$1,600,000 in hand and a staff of stooges (including one from the Stalinite-dominated periodical *Science and Society*) this Association of Past Masters of the Arts of Swindling, Fraud and Adulteration has set out to censor and purify the textbooks of the country. Six hundred social science works have come under the eagle eye of Dr. Ralph West Robey and his associates.

The purpose of the scrutiny is to ferret out all books which either speak in favorable terms of the theories of socialism or communism or fail to paint a glowing-enough appreciation of the profound virtues of capitalist free enterprise, which parades in the lingo of N.A.M. as "the American way of life." These are to be consigned to the flames forthwith.

Dr. Robey should know about integrity and ethics and the deep virtue which underlies American business; he is assistant professor of banking at Nicholas Murray Butler's University and was at

one time part of the brains behind Alf M. Landon and his cohorts. He is one of the nation's chief snooper-outers of "socialism," having found a horrible amount of it in the New Deal.

Let us, however, live up to the high level of objectivity which Professor Robey and his N.A.M. display and observe the purposes announced by them. They are out to disseminate public information—that is all—on the content and philosophy of all the social science textbooks used in American schools. They should know about public information, too! Aren't they the inventors and promoters of advertising, that greatest of all historical swindles? Aren't they the ones who hail as the profoundest discovery of modern research, Barnum's declaration that there's a sucker born every minute?

The guiding lights of N.A.M. think the spirit of America is dying from want of a faith; and they have faith to give away, we gather. Maybe they want the kind of faith fostered by them—the kind that requires the capitalists themselves to set up a whole governmental department to look into the products marketed by members of N.A.M. in order to give some measure of assurance to a suspicious public that arsenic will be kept out of toothpaste, that horse-meat will not be sold as beef, that vermin and rats and filth will not be used to season canned soup, that chalk will not be advertised as flour. We suspect, however, that the kind of faith they really want to recapture and cultivate is that which leads a poor sucker to buy watered-down, flavored alcohol as a cure for cancer, or pink water at 69¢ a pint for antiseptic uses, or perfumed machine-oil to restore lost hair.

What hurts N.A.M. is that the system of free enterprise in America is not being talked up in the schools as it should. Now, for our side, we say we have absolutely no objection to taking a scalpel to this famous free enterprise and, in the bright light of day—every day—disseminating it with care and scientific precision, provided when we get down to Hopson and Whitney and Insull we can hold them up in their reeking nakedness for all the students to see.

HOME WORK FOR THE MANUFACTURERS
Let it not be supposed, however, that the individual manufacturers are being let off easy by N.A.M. Dear me, no! They have a series of duties to perform. Each manufacturer "should read in full any book which seems of questionable merit." Since this means all the best books on social science writ-

ten in the last two decades, this phase of organizational activity in itself ought to cut the ranks of the Association by about 50%, putting half its membership into institutions for the mentally injured. Every member of the Association is further urged to "get in close touch with school boards and individual teachers," the closeness to the boards amounting, we suspect, to complete identity.

The final organizational directive is most subtle of all: N.A.M. members are to "encourage educators to realize the merit of the private enterprise system." Or else! What visions of persecutions and purgings, of private examinations, of classroom spyings, of bribes and threats! N.A.M. knows its power, and that power came in a flood of gold from all the billions of lies told on all the millions of billboards in America. There lies the sole educational instrument N.A.M. knows and can appreciate; it brings in dividends.

In 1815, after reaction had caught up temporarily with the great French Revolution, the Pope issued orders to tear down the street-lighting system introduced into Rome by the Napoleonic regime, to rip up the botanical gardens planted there in the interest of science, to burn and tear and cut out every index of progress to be found in the city. These things were done, and now we laugh at them. We know when we look at the past that history never marches backward. We sometimes forget that, when we look at our crazy contemporaries.

What Stalinists
Did At Their
"Lenin Memorial"

William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, has slipped to a pretty low estate in C.P. life. At the "Lenin Memorial" meeting at Madison Square Garden, Jan. 13, Foster opened his remarks by saying "Lenin is dead" then with a sigh of relief he devoted the rest of his remarks to plugging the latest books of the Dean of Canterbury, arch theoretician of Stalinist Marxism, entitled "Soviet Power."

Every speaker either started his speech with the phrase "Lenin is dead" or injected it into his remarks. No speaker spoke of Lenin's ideas or role, but spoke only of the "accomplishments" of the U.S.S.R. under Stalin.

A War Reporter
Lifts The Veil
For A Moment

No amount of canned propaganda can polish up the tarnished slogans for which the masses of the world cheered and died in World War I. The present war is being fought without illusions. On the Allied side as well as on the Axis side the war is merely the final sufferance which the masses sullenly endure because they are not prepared as yet to write fins to this bloody end-product of capitalism in its death agony.

A startlingly frank admission of this fact is contained in one of a series of articles published in the *New York Post* and *Chicago Daily News*. Wallace R. Deuel, correspondent recently returned from Europe, wrote in the January 9th issue of the *Post*:

"Most of the peoples of Europe are like the victims of a nightmare today—dazed, numb, worn out, despairing and confused."

"The war itself is the monster of the nightmare, of course. But so many other terrors preceded it—so many other unbearable shocks and strains and disillusionments—that the peoples were worn out before the war ever came."

"There is a hopelessness, too, about the nightmare, as well as an almost unendurable fatigue."

"On the Allied side, there is the hopelessness of seeing Germany rise again only half a generation after it had been beaten 'for good.' How can the 'German problem' be solved, if it was not solved in 1918? There are ways of solving it, of course, but the man on the street may be forgiven if he does not see them clearly. (Our emphasis.)"

"On the Allied side there is the further hopelessness of the appalling costs of the war in blood and treasure and freedom. Even if the Allies 'win,' what can be the fruits of their victory? Here, again, there are answers, but here, again the man on the street may be forgiven if he does not see them clearly."

"There is also on the Allied side the hopelessness of the failure to solve peoples' own problems, with the result that the peoples have lost much of their faith in their ideals...."

"But there is a hopelessness on the German side, too. It is true that Germany has risen again. But the price in wear and tear on the people's nerves has been appalling, and millions of Germans have ceased to believe, if they ever did, that it is possible to hope for rewards which would be worth the price. ... The longer the war lasts, the more the Germans wonder if it is worth fighting."

An Admission Of Bankruptcy

Why do the masses of Britain, Germany, Italy continue to fight this war in which none believes, a war for which the rulers can give no justification? asks Deuel, and attempts an answer.

"They fight it, though, most of them, not with the normal reactions of peoples who have fought wars in the past, but against their own wills and judgments which tell them that the war is not worth fighting and that therefore they do not want to fight it. Because they cannot see anything else to do, because they are the victims of a nightmare." (Our emphasis.)

No such admission of universal bankruptcy on the part of the ruling classes of every nation has ever before been uttered in the capitalist press. And it appears in a series of articles devoted primarily to convincing the American masses of the necessity for our participation in the war on the side of Britain!

Deuel, and the whole ruling class for which he speaks, say "Fight! Fight without reason, without cause, without hope. But fight!"

Unable to offer the masses even the shred of an answer to their problems, the capitalists and bankers of every nation, demand a messianic faith in a bloody mission whose sordid purpose they cannot—and dare not—admit.

What has wrung this damaging admission from Deuel? Not devotion to the truth—but fear! It is a hysterical warning to the masters of the world.

You have not long to travel, Deuel is saying. The historical road down which you have ridden over the tortured and broken bodies of the peoples is nearing its end. Save yourselves! Give the masses an answer, any answer, but give them an answer before it is too late.

The Rulers Have No Answer

But the ruling classes have no answer except more violence, more wars, more oppression. Only the masses themselves have an answer; born of their agony, despair and hopelessness, nurtured on desperation and disillusionment.

It is the answer which turns the bones of the master class into jelly. It is the answer which the prime ministers, presidents and fuhrers know today; and which the workers and peasants of every land will give tomorrow. It is the answer of proletarian revolution.

Who Backed Camacho?
Mexican Stalinists

"Camacho is seen swinging right toward reaction" and "New president putting foes of people into posts, encouraging reactionaries by slogan 'No Victor, No Vanquished'" read the headlines over a story dated Mexico City, in the January 4th *Daily Worker*.

Although the Mexican people, the workers and peasants, gave Camacho the election victory by their support, "they did not gain the real victory. And every day shows this more clearly," proclaims the *Daily Worker*.

When the Mexican Trotskyists warned the Mexican masses prior to the elections that Camacho represented the reaction, the Mexican Communist party called the Trotskyists everything from "counter-revolutionary dogs" to "agents of American imperialism."

It seems that the real agent of American imperialism turns out to be Camacho, the man whom the Stalinists supported and helped elect to the presidency.

BANQUET

For

GRACE CARLSON

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Her Vote Exceeded the Combined
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and Communist Parties.

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