

F. D. R. PUSHES DRIVE ON JOBLESS

DANZIG NEW FOCAL POINT OF WAR CRISIS

Powers Ready to Cede "Free City"

But Poland Balks at Yielding to Hitler Demands

RUSSIA UNCERTAIN

The "Free City" of Danzig becomes now the latest focal point of the European war crisis.

Hitler has announced his intention to restore Danzig to the Reich. By omitting Danzig from his list of nations in his recent "plea," Roosevelt tacitly recognized that Danzig would have to go. The politicians in London and Paris feel the same way.

Only the Poles feel differently about the Danzig grab and the prime question of European diplomacy became one of getting Warsaw to agree not to make a war issue out of the return to the Reich of a city that is overwhelmingly German and whose local regime is already Nazi.

Ominous Comparison
In his speech before the Reichstag last Friday Hitler compared Poland's position today to that of Czecho-Slovakia a year ago—and this parallel holds in more ways than one, especially in the fact that Poland's "friends" in Britain and France are trying to get it to give up territory to the Reich without forcing the French and British to go to war.

Britain and France were bound by pledges to Czecho-Slovakia. The abandonment of those pledges caused the whole post-war diplomatic system of pacts and alliances in Europe to crumble into the dust. During the past few weeks the British and French, by a new series of sweeping pledges and pacts, have erected the rough beginnings of a new bloc directed at Germany and Italy. If they should let Poland ride to a fall as they did Czecho-Slovakia, this new half-formed structure would be in turn razed.

Yugoslavia, one foot already in the axis camp, would jump in with both feet. Rumania, already badly singed between two fires, would be sure to plunge headlong towards Berlin and Rome for fancied safety. Greece, Bulgaria—all the Balkans, would follow suit. Most important of all, the Anglo-French "come-up-and-see-me-some-time" flirtation with the Russians would come abruptly to an end.

Potent Reasons
These are some of the reasons why the Poles are in a position to put the screws on their new guarantors in London and Paris. Because it therefore becomes quite possible that Danzig could become the starting point of a general war, Hitler, on his part, is stepping quite gingerly. If this were not the case, Danzig would have been swept into the Nazi bin long ago together with Bohemia, Moravia, and Memel. The incidental irony in this is that Germany is more "entitled" to Danzig than to almost any of the other territories it has added to its swelling frontiers in the last year, for Danzig was part of the territory wrenched out of the Reich by the Versailles Treaty.

For the Poles, however, it is a vital issue, for they realize quite clearly that if Hitler cuts across the Corridor and takes Danzig, he will have Poland economically, as well as strategically, at his mercy. Warsaw is therefore putting up the strongest front it can muster. Part of this process is tightening the already rigid military dictatorship by placing extraordinary powers in the hands

British Democracy At Work in India!

As a part of their conscription campaign the British "democrats" have launched a drive to enlist Indians as soldiers in their army.

But the 400,000,000 workers and peasants of India will have nothing to do with it.

In a small native state near the city of Bombay a group of workers and peasants staged a demonstration against recruitment.

The response of the British police was to open fire on this unarmed crowd and kill 65 people. Another Amritsar massacre has taken place! British democratic imperialism has again shown its close kinship to Hitlerism in practice.

LEWIS CHARGES GREEN ACTS ON BOSSES' ADVICE

Offers Proof Bosses Inspired Wagner Act Amendments

That A.F.L. President William Green proposed amendments to the Wagner Act with the advice and counsel of anti-labor manufacturers and representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers, was the grave charge made by John L. Lewis on April 28 in a letter to the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

Lewis offered to provide "documentary proof" of his charge to the committee. "I charge publicly that these amendments recommended by Mr. Green and his associates have been prepared with the aid, advice and counsel of representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers and of several of the most reactionary and anti-labor corporations of the country."

Has Proof
Lewis asked the Senate committee, which is holding hearings on Wagner Act amendments, to address a series of questions designed to reveal the asserted link between Green and the anti-labor elements.

"In the event Mr. Green and his associates either refuse to answer this charge or the questions suggested, or evade or deny the same," Lewis concluded, "I am prepared to present to your Committee at any time documentary proof of my charge."

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"We Break With The Socialist Party!"

NEW YORK CITY, May 1.—Sickened by the degeneration of the Socialist Party and its orientation toward the Social Democratic Federation, fourteen militant left-wingers chose May Day to declare openly their complete break from its cowardly policies in the face of the approaching war.

All of them joined the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League (Fourth International), declaring that they were convinced the program of revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and establishment of socialism advocated by these two organizations is the only one in the whole labor movement which honestly and genuinely represents the interests of the workers.

The complete statement of these fourteen young Socialists is as follows:

The New Deal



1,500 New York Workers at Anti-War May Day Demonstration

ALL WAR FUNDS TO UNEMPLOYED IS S.W.P. CALL

NEW YORK, May 1.—Striking the only militant anti-war note of the day, the Socialist Workers Party rallied 1,500 workers to a colorful, enthusiastic May Day demonstration at Columbus Circle.

While the Stalinists seized on the May Day turnout of the workers to ballyhoo their support of Roosevelt and his war budget, speakers for the Socialist Workers Party sharply castigated the drive towards another general war and called on the workers to follow in the path of the heroic Russian workers who in 1917 made the first revolutionary assault upon the world system of imperialist oppression.

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"Three Cheers for Red, White, Blue"

When the Communist Party in New York paraded for the Founding Fathers of Wall Street on May Day, the Workers Alliance contingent joined in lustily.

As the members of this alleged unemployed organization threw out their left feet and began marching, the band struck up that well-known patriotic air, **THE ARMY AND NAVY FOREVER** which ends its chorus with the words, "Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue!"

No doubt this song was selected by Workers Alliance officials as particularly appropriate for the unemployed of America since it is their funds which Roosevelt has patriotically taken to build a bigger and better army and navy.

PASSPORT CASE GOES TO JURY

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, May 2.—All three defendants in the Robinson-Rubens passport conspiracy trial were today found guilty as charged after the jury had deliberated for three hours and forty-five minutes. Declaring that the "defendants probably have foreign connections," Judge Goddard raised the bail bond from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Sentence of the three convicted men was set for Tuesday, May 9, at 10:30 A.M. in Federal Court.

By NAT LEVINE
NEW YORK—Summons by the defense in the passport conspiracy trial involving Os-

C. P. STAGES A STAR-SPANGLED JINGO PARADE

NEW YORK—In the name of the workers' holiday which was carved into American history by the martyrdom of eight labor leaders at the hands of a "democratic" government, the Stalinist May Day parade whooped it up for our priceless American heritage of democracy. Social patriotism and a pre-war hysteria were the order of the day.

Carrying fifteen star-spangled banners for every red one (with the red one hidden in the middle), they chanted "Up Democracy," and here and there lifted banners proclaiming that such triumphs as "Housing Projects and W.P.A. are the AMERICAN Way." Little children carried little American flags.

Mild labor demands ("Support the National Health Program"; "Build Unity in the Working Class—Defeat Tammany in November") shared space with placards and banners proclaiming the vital sections of international Stalinist policy. The main slogans of the demonstration were the war-breeding, "Stop Hitler Now!" (not by workers' action, but by boss war); and "Support President Roosevelt's Peace (!) Policy!"

Labor Demands Absent
A lone cigar-worker at the tail end of the procession lifted a small placard saying that "American Labor Wants a Thirty-Hour Week." Wage demands were nowhere present. In sympathy with the "good" capitalists they urged: "Break Wall Street Sabotage—Put Labor Back to Work."

The biggest war budget in

Lops Another Billion Off Appropriations for Relief

Jobless Want Jobs, Not Battleships!

President Roosevelt continued his leadership in the drive against the unemployed with the relief message which he sent to Congress last Thursday.

For the entire fiscal year beginning July 1, Roosevelt proposes a total W.P.A. appropriation of \$1,477,000,000. This sum is exactly \$773,000,000, or more than one third, less than the total appropriated during the current fiscal year.

W.P.A. during the past year has been shamefully and pitifully inadequate. Providing, on the average, only 3,000,000 jobs, it has left millions of men who are able and willing to work on the sidelines. Its rate of pay is far below the level necessary for health and decency.

The only possible conclusion that could be reached by anyone genuinely interested in the welfare of the people of the United States would be to expand W.P.A. so that it could give every unemployed worker a job, and to increase its rate of pay at least to a minimum of \$30 a week.

That is not Roosevelt's conclusion. Roosevelt has other plans for the future of the unemployed. He is getting his war machine and his war ready to absorb them.

His present proposal on relief, meanwhile, is to cut the W.P.A. rolls at least to 2,000,000. 2,000,000 jobs is the maximum that his \$1,477,000,000 can provide during the next fiscal year, and these at an average wage of around \$13 weekly.

This is not the proposal of Republicans or Tories or fascists. This comes straight from Franklin D. Roosevelt, the smiling white father of the New Deal.

Will Roosevelt get away with this outrageous assault on the unemployed? If the unemployed themselves don't wake up, there is a good chance that he will.

Roosevelt is trying here the same trick that he has so often used successfully in the past.

Some of his opponents in Congress, led by Representative Woodrum and Senator Byrnes, want even more drastic reductions than he calls for. In fact, some of them would like to eliminate work relief altogether in favor of the dole, and to turn administration of relief over to the States and municipalities.

In his message to Congress, Roosevelt pretends that his big fight is with these people, that he is trying to protect the unemployed against their onslaught.

This is nothing but a cheap piece of shadow-boxing. The only dispute which Roosevelt has with his Congressional opponents is over what method and speed to use in driving through the campaign against the unemployed, Roosevelt, Woodrum and Byrnes, each in his own way, are all carrying on a joint fight against the unemployed.

But Roosevelt thinks that by this shadow-boxing, and with the help of his Stalinist and labor bureaucrat agents in the camp of labor, he will again turn aside the wrath of the unemployed from his own head. Lewis and Browder, he figures, will once more end up yelling for support of Roosevelt and the New Deal in the fake battle against the bogeymen Tories.

That is, Browder and Lewis will end up yelling for support of a one-third cut in work relief. This is how Roosevelt reasons, and he thinks the unemployed as a whole will finish by lining up behind him and his pals: the unemployed will help cut their own throats.

Is he right? The unemployed have got to answer that question for themselves.

If the unemployed don't fight back, and fight hard, everything will go through as scheduled. That is a foregone conclusion. And the fight is first of all against Roosevelt and the New (War) Deal. It is Roosevelt and his War Deal that are smashing the unemployed — not Herbert Hoover, who is a long way from Washington these days.

Roosevelt's budget figure for war is twice that for W.P.A. There's the real Roosevelt for you; not the one you read about in the *Daily Worker*.

So let's fight.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE . . .

Will the Ukraine be one of the cockpits of the coming World War? What is the situation in that country? What are Hitler's present and future intentions? What role does the Soviet Ukraine play in the bureaucratic set-up of the Kremlin clique? What do the revolutionists propose with regard to the Ukrainian problem?

The next issue of the *Socialist Appeal* will print an extremely important and timely article on the subject:

THE PROBLEM OF THE UKRAINE

By Leon Trotsky

The article, just received from the author, promises to arouse widespread comment throughout the entire world!

Red Baiting Barrage Levelled at W.P.A. Workers

DROP P.W.A. FUND

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Encouraged by the lead provided by President Roosevelt's message to Congress last week, which proposed almost a billion dollars less for relief during the coming fiscal year than was spent during the current year, a series of new assaults were launched against the relief system.

Roosevelt's proposed appropriation for the year beginning July 1 was \$1,477,000,000 for W.P.A. as contrasted with this year's figure of \$2,225,000,000.

W.P.A. officials immediately began steps to drop about a million W.P.A. workers from the rolls which now stand at 2,800,000.

No P.W.A. Appropriation
The President's message proposed to merge W.P.A., housing, P.W.A. and other construction agencies into one unit, but provided no appropriation for P.W.A., thus in effect liquidating this form of employment.

A barrage of red-baiting against W.P.A. workers was initiated on May 1, in the form of hearings by a House Appropriations Subcommittee. H. R. Burton, a notorious reactionary attorney, retained by the subcommittee as its investigator, trooped a line of stool-pigeons and patrioters to Washington to paint a lurid tale of radical control of W.P.A. projects.

Although Congressional legislation specifically protects W.P.A. workers against inquisitorial investigations into their political affiliations, Burton had attempted to force New York W.P.A. workers to divulge whether they belonged to unions or radical parties. When he reported to the subcommittee that he had been balked in this attempt, Representative Woodrum, chairman, and other committee members joined Burton in seeking ways and means to circumvent the existing law.

"Hearings" Attack Workers
Ostensibly the hearings were to provide information for the House of Representatives of the administration of relief, to guide that body in drafting further legislation, but from the opening gun the hearings were manipulated to smear W.P.A. workers as radicals, unionists, incompetent and overpaid.

Meanwhile Senator Byrnes, chairman of the special Senate committee to investigate unemployment and relief, announced that he would press for legislation providing that states contribute one-third of W.P.A. funds — a proposal which means that wherever reactionaries are firmly in the saddle in a state government, they could practically put an end to the W.P.A.

The senator, a Democrat from South Carolina, stated that he thought the President's statement in his message asking "a substantial amount of administrative discretion," did not indicate opposition to a Congressionally-drafted formula such as Byrnes proposes.

Figures Contradict President
Figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics give the lie to the President's declaration in his message that employment prospects were improving. The Bureau's estimate for March, 1939 was that 360,000 more persons were employed in non-agricultural industries than in March, 1938, but the increase was admittedly only the normal annual increase in the nation's working forces in relation to the growth of population.

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