

Upon Whom Shall We Rely to Fight Coughlin?

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Can Roosevelt Stop Fascism?

Father Coughlin is not alone among the representatives of Big Business who hears death's knuckles rapping at the door of democratic capitalism.

President Roosevelt, nearing the end of his second term in the White House sees his New Deal collapsing like a house of cards built from an old and very dirty deck.

Only WAR can save Roosevelt—and then only for the briefest of periods.

But for this brief period he will pay the price of millions of lives of the workers, the farmers, the youth. That is why he is buying battleships with the relief funds of the unemployed.

That is why he has poured money without precedent into a war machine that outstages anything in the history of the country. He hopes to divert the attention of the desperate masses from their plight to a foreign enemy.

But even war is a temporary and unpopular expedient. The unemployed don't want bayonets. They want food and jobs. Roosevelt's war can only whip their fury to new heights. Father Coughlin knows all this very well. He has read a lot of fan mail since 1926.

He knows too that Big Business in its way is as desperate as the unemployed. Big Business fears the revolutionary might of the unemployed. It wants to preserve its clutches on national wealth. It wants to preserve the profit system.

Roosevelt's usefulness as a stop-gap for Big Business is almost at an end.

Roosevelt is capitalism's smiles and promises of last year.

Now the Sixty Families need a new demagogue with less smile and more promises.

General Smedley Butler has revealed that the Morgan-DuPont interests were ready to spend \$3,000,000 with a promise of \$300,000,000 more if necessary to finance a fascist army that would march on Washington behind the General.

General Butler turned the offer down. *Perhaps someone else did not turn that offer down.*

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Fourth International Greets Party's Nat'l Anti-War Convention

Dear Comrades:

The Executive Committee of the Fourth International sends you its warmest greetings on the occasion of the Convention of the American section of the Fourth International. Your party is today the most important section of the Fourth International, not only by virtue of its numerical forces but also because of the political weight of its leadership and the quality of its cadres.

Our comrades all over the world are proud of their fighting brothers in the United States and they applaud your successes, particularly the high political level of the *New Internationalist*, the semi-weekly appearance of the *Socialist Appeal*, your serious trade-union activity, the public actions like the anti-Nazi demonstration in New York. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the preponderant role that your section has played in the political guidance of the Fourth International, or to emphasize the very exceptional sacrifices that the militants of the S.W.P. have made toward furthering the solidarity and political work of the Fourth International. For that proves that for the sections of the Fourth International, internationalism is a living reality, and your example is a new and singularly convincing proof of the existence of the Fourth International as the world vanguard, steeped in the best traditions of Bolshevik internationalism.

At the same time, dear comrades, we do not gloss over the fact that much still remains to be done before you become the great revolutionary party of the working class of the United States. We hope that you will indefatigably continue and intensify your activity along the road of Bolshevism, toward a continual strengthening of your trade-union work, toward a tireless agitation among the most exploited sections of the population (the youth, unemployed, women), toward an increasingly active and vigilant internationalism.

Today we point, as an example for the other sections of the Fourth International, to your methods of work, which have shown that you know how to combine unwavering firmness and the greatest flexibility, in the spirit of Bolshevism. Our International has succeeded in enunciating correct principles and in hammering out the only Marxist program corresponding to the character of our epoch; now it must learn how to work. It must definitely rid itself of all remnants of a sectarian and propaganda-circle existence, and in all countries acquire the methods of Bolshevik work. Then, through their own development and inspired by your example, the comrades of the other sections will be able to help you in their turn and to collaborate in your development.

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F.D.R. Relief-Wrecking Bill Dooms Millions of Jobless to Starvation

The Platform of "Social Justice"



British Give Way in Far East as Hitler Prepares Danzig Grab

Bog-Down of Anglo-Soviet Negotiations Encourages Hitler Moves—British Expect Roosevelt to Police Orient

Danzig has replaced Tientsin as the focal point of war infection. Hitler is generally expected to make a fresh grab for the former German city. Whether that grab will lead, finally, to a general world war, is the question that the coming weeks will answer.

Pending that showdown, the British are being forced to give way in the Far East. Unable to meet the Japanese with an adequate show of force, the haughty Britons, having had their pants taken down, are bending over as gracefully as possible to take a beating. But the "negotiations" opening in Tokyo over the issues involved in the Japanese

blockade of the British concession at Tientsin are nothing but a means of stalling diplomatically. It is the British hope and expectation that if war should engage them in Europe, their friend Roosevelt will quickly assume his cherished role of Policeman of the Pacific and make Japan his own special prey, thereby relieving the pressure on Britain's exposed

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Gulf Seamen Push Revolt Against NMU Leadership

Resist Curran's Splitting Move—Principal Weakness Is Failure to Advance Program

The revolt against the Stalinist misleadership in the N.M.U., led by the Gulf District, reached a decisive stage with the appearance of the first two issues of the Gulf edition of the *Pilot*. The Gulf District is demanding complete autonomy from the C. P. dominated National Council. Joe Curran, No. 1 stooge for the C. P., made his appearance in New Orleans for the announced purpose of "enlightening" the membership and "clarifying" the issues, accompanied by a gang of Stalinist hatchmen.

In typical faker fashion, Curran's clarification of the issues took the form of opening a dual headquarters in New Orleans in an attempt to split the union. This splitting move has met with the almost unani-

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Delegates Pour into N. Y. For Convention Opening

Militants, Coming from All Sections of the Country, Exchange Viewpoints as they Wait for Sessions to Begin on Saturday

From every section of the country, from every field of the class struggle, delegates have poured into New York as the National Anti-War Convention of the Socialist Workers Party is set to open.

Some came by riding the rods, some by thumbing rides, some by piling into old cars. By a dozen conveyances, they've come to discuss the momentous problems facing the party, to plan a program of activity, to criticize its shortcomings,

to present and analyze their own experiences in the class struggle.

These delegates allowed nothing to stand in their way—not jobs, not physical obstacles, not personal responsibilities. They had important business to transact, and that was all there was to it. One delegate for example, was pinched on the road for hitchhiking and sentenced to ten days but he talked his way out of that, and talked fast because the convention was nearing opening time.

Exchange Viewpoints
Seamen have come in ready to discuss the maritime situation and the party's policy with respect to it. Ditto rubber workers, auto workers, teachers, etc., etc. All together, however, they've got their mind set on working out the ways and means of building the party—not any one section of it, but the party as a whole—spreading its message, and organizing the vast reservoir of militant, revolutionary activity—the working class.

In the national office, as they wait for the convention to open they've been exchanging viewpoints, experiences and suggestions. Not carping dilettantes these. They're sober-minded militants, most of them young, though with years of revolutionary activity behind them, conscious of the immense job the party has before it, and determined to work out the means of doing that job well.

Listening to the delegates, it becomes clear that on the major political questions—war, American politics, trade union policy and so forth—there is almost complete unanimity. Such differences as exist are on the methods of party work, how to improve them. And that the delegates will improve

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Mrs. Rubens "Freed", Spins New Plot on Kremlin Order

Confirms Krivitsky's Revelation that Her Husband Was Latvian G.P.U. Agent

By TONY CHAPMAN

Paced like a Keystone serial, the G.P.U.-staged Robinson-Rubens case moved one installment nearer its climax when Mrs. Ruth Marie Rubens, wife of the missing Russian secret agent, A. A. Rubens, in an interview with foreign newspaper correspondents, told them that she believed her husband to be "pro-fascist" and "anti-communist."

In addition to stating that Rubens is a fascist, Mrs. Rubens related to the foreign correspondents that her missing husband was born in Latvia. Mrs. Rubens' revelation of her husband's Latvian birth confirms for the first time the statement made in the Baltimore Sun of May 5 by Walter G. Krivitsky, former chief of the Soviet Military Intelligence in Western Europe, that Rubens was born in Latvia. Krivitsky also identified Rubens as a G.P.U. agent named Ewald who had formerly worked un-

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Woodrum Bill Will Be Signed Into Law

Stalinists and Labor Skates Staged Sham Battle Against Cuts

The Roosevelt - Woodrum Starvation Bill has passed the Senate, and now it returns to President Roosevelt's desk, needing only his signature to become a law. And he's sure to sign it—because he proposed it.

Democrats and Republicans, working in close harmony and at high speed, this Friday pushed through the most brutal slash in relief since the days of Hoover's breadlines.

What the Roosevelt appropriation means should now be completely clear to everyone, even to the labor fakers and the Stalinists nailed to Roosevelt's relief-wrecking administration. First and foremost, this bill means a cut of one million W.P.A. workers. Five hundred thousand have already been fired throughout the country as a result of Roosevelt's appropriation. Another 500,000 will get the axe immediately after the bill is signed by the President. And 500,000 more will face the streets in the months ahead, under the 18-month rotation plan, which has been preserved by the Senate vote.

Role of Labor Leaders
Where were the labor leaders, the leaders of the unemployed? That is the question every W.P.A. worker with a pink slip in his hand will want answered in the coming weeks. And the answer is quite clear; they were right behind Roosevelt, who leads the drive against W.P.A.

The trade union bureaucrats and Stalinist leaders of the Workers Alliance, tied hand and foot to the War Deal, and more loyal to Roosevelt than to the jobless, could only put up a sham fight against the cuts. They spent their time shadow-boxing phantoms.

Shunt Casey Bill
The Casey Bill, which made provision for keeping W.P.A. at the 3,000,000 level, was formally initiated by the C.I.O., but not really fought for. It hardly figured in the debates at all. The labor fakers, comfortably seated on the Roosevelt bandwagon, couldn't be expected to climb down and lead a militant fight. Now the unemployed can see the Casey Bill in its true role, an empty parliamentary gesture made by bureaucrats in a tight spot—a pure and simple face-saving device.

The Senate made a last minute effort to camouflage the open brutality of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Starvation Bill by tacking on all sorts of amendments encompassing legislation that has already been passed and do not mean an increase of any kind. Only the labor leaders and the Stalinists will be fooled by this sort of shabby move. But, for the unemployed, the key to the situation is the original appropriation, which is being passed without any real increase. Tomorrow when the bill goes into effect, one-third of W.P.A. will be left in ruins.

Tossing a Bone
"Youth now comprises at least one-third of all the unemployed employables," says Owen Loveloy, associate director of the American Youth Committee. Roosevelt's an-

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