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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! \$30-weekly minimum wage—30-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.

War Dictatorship

On August 9 the Navy and War Departments announced formation of a "War Resources Board." What lies behind this innocent title, who are the leaders of the Sixty Families who constitute this board, are described elsewhere in this issue.

Despite some fig-leaf language, the announcement of the formation of this board means that Roosevelt and the government have come out into the open with their plans for a war-time dictatorship.

This apparatus for the operation of a War Dictatorship has been PLANNED since 1920—ever since we "saved the world for democracy" the first time.

Now that machinery for a military dictatorship under the control of America's Sixty Families EXISTS.

The drool about American democracy gives way to actual steps toward dictatorship. The hypocritical eyewash about "defending democracy against the fascists" should no longer blind the eye of a single intelligent worker to the FACT:

The next "war for democracy" means the Iron Heel in this country.

If democracy is to be defended, it can be done ONLY by the struggle against the democratic hypocrites HERE IN AMERICA. It can be done ONLY by overthrowing their brand of democracy-dictatorship, and REPLACING IT WITH THE REAL DEMOCRACY OF A WORKERS GOVERNMENT — A WORKERS DEMOCRACY.

The "democratic" jingoes of the press and politics are falling into line. The organs of the Sixty Families, like the New York Times, which only yesterday raised their hands in pious horror at the War Department's blueprint for dictatorship, now accept it with as good grace as they can muster on such short notice from the Boss in the White House.

The jingo Communist Party, which as late as 1937 from force of habit, still came out against the Mobilization Plan, conceals the very news of Roosevelt's latest step from its members. The Daily Worker relegates it to an oblique reference in part of a sentence in the middle of an article on airplane purchases which appears on an inside page.

We predict that nothing much more will be heard of the workings of the War Dictatorship Board which has just been created. These things are not told to the people.

These are not the only war preparations going on BEHIND THE SCENES. The others will be revealed only when the workers take over the Capitol and disclose them.

These secret war preparations go on BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE PEOPLE. The people are not consulted. They who will have to fight and die are treated only as pawns in an international chess game.

The people must assert their rights and FIGHT for them. One of these is to take war-making power away from the politicians in Washington. They must demand that before the government enters into another war—

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!
ONLY THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON WAR!

The popular mass sentiment for a referendum on war is a healthy beginning for real anti-war action—which means action against the American war-makers in the first place. But to be effective, it must be based on a realization of Roosevelt's role as leader of America's imperial-

ist drive for world conquest. More than that—To be effective under Roosevelt's war dictatorship, the anti-war fighters must link their hands with the revolutionary workers who struggle against Roosevelt and the war system. The rallying center for real anti-war action is the anti-war party, the Socialist Workers Party.

Coughlin's AFL Record

Last Sunday Father Coughlin tried a new stunt, in his attempt to blind workers to his fascist policy. He broadcast praise of the AFL for its entry into the automobile field against the CIO. He tried to make it appear that he is for the AFL as a "conservative organization".

The answer to Father Coughlin is written in the printed proceedings of the AFL conventions for 1932-1933-1934. Summing up that record, the St. Louis Union Labor Advocate, AFL organ, on August 1 stated:

Fr. Coughlin, the record shows, built his new church at Detroit with Scab Labor. He even hired a contractor who at that very moment had a building trades strike on his hands at a downtown theater job.

When the Union building tradesmen persisted in their effort to have Coughlin unionize his church job, he threatened to go on the air and denounce them as racketeers.

The 1933 AFL convention appointed a committee—Frank Duffy and Mathew Woll, executive council members, and the late Chas. P. Howard, president, International Typographical Union—to visit Fr. Coughlin and seek to adjust the dispute. Coughlin made an appointment to see the AFL men. When they arrived, however, he had left town, leaving word with his secretary that he had been called away. To this day, Coughlin has neither apologized for not seeing the AFL committee nor made any other appointment for a conference.

When Coughlin started printing his Sunday broadcasts for public distribution, he sent the job to a Scab printer. Secretary O'Donnell, of the Detroit Allied Printing Trades Council, wrote Coughlin a courteous suggestion that the job be given to a Union shop, enclosed a list of Union Detroit printers and concluded with "best wishes for a merry Christmas for you and yours." Coughlin's secretary replied that "the Union seeks to intimidate us."

O'Donnell, in a letter to both Coughlin and Coughlin's secretary replied by urging them to point out even one word in his (O'Donnell's) letter which could be even remotely construed as intimidation. Neither Coughlin nor his secretary as much as acknowledged the challenge.

Coughlin has further shown his very odd brand of friendship for organized Labor by having his national magazine, "Social Justice," printed in a non-Union shop and has ignored the Unions' efforts to transfer the job to an organized shop.

In a radio broadcast last May 1 (the) . . . president of the Detroit Central body . . . charged that Coughlin had fostered company "unions," adding that "it has been clearly shown that Father Coughlin is an enemy of the Trades Union movement."

How Fight Fascism?

Isadore Begun, Bronx County Communist Candidate for New York City Council, after describing the plague of anti-Semitic hooliganism now going on in the Bronx, presents in the August 13 Daily Worker his solution:

"A city ordinance forbidding the spread of anti-Semitic propaganda and outlawing anti-Semitic organizations is possible and necessary. It will be of equal benefit to Christian and Jew. Our borough must remain the Borough of the Good Neighbor."

That's Begun's election platform in a county of a million and a half souls where the fight against fascism has become the most pressing daily problem.

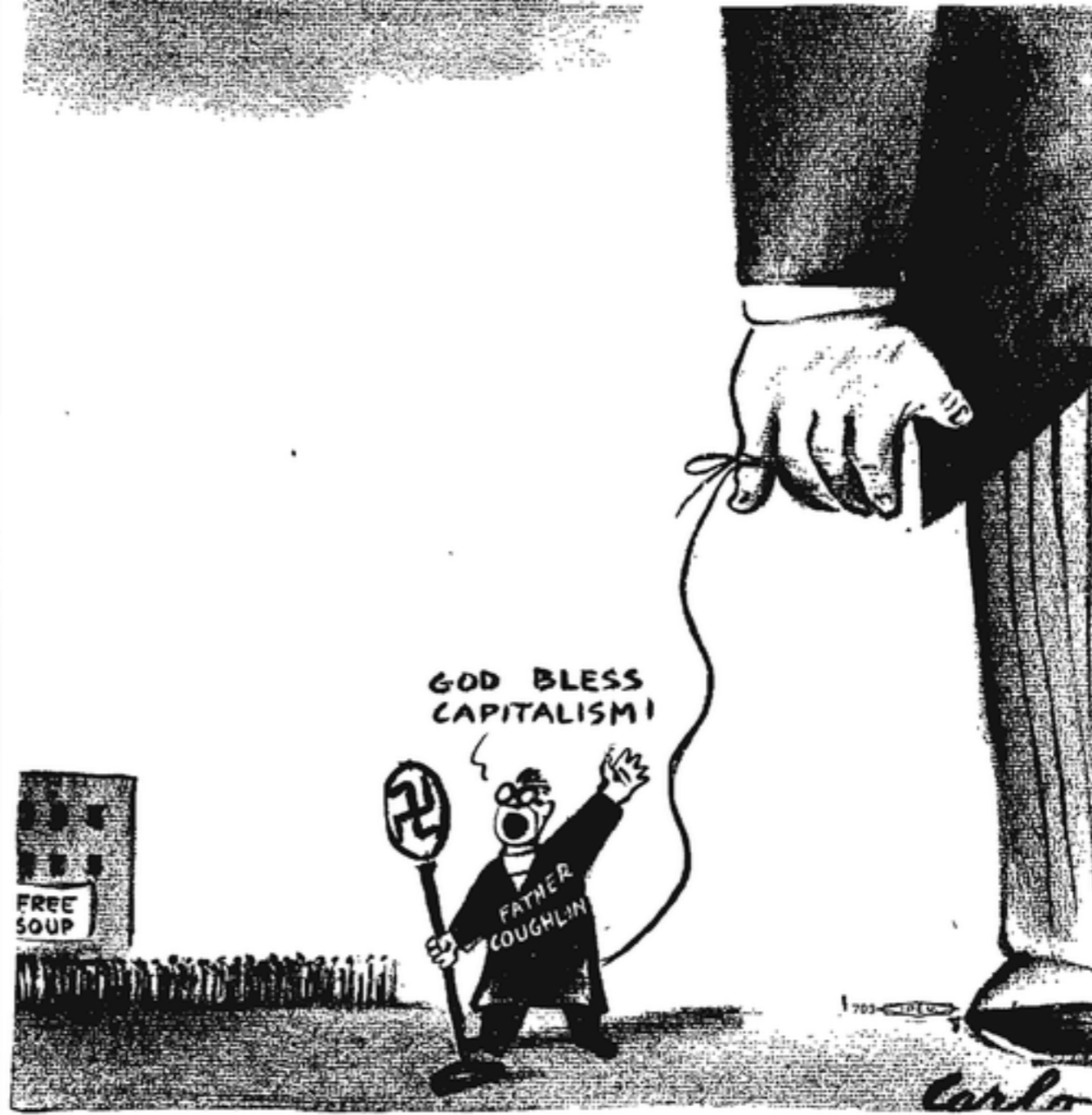
What good are city ordinances against fascist hooligans and clubs, knives and blackjacks? There are dozens of city ordinances applicable to the fascists—if the cops and judges wanted to apply them. But the cops and judges side with the fascists AGAINST the anti-fascists, as is revealed by the whole record of arrests and court rulings of the last year. Another ordinance would be a dead letter, ignored by the judges and cops as they ignore all the other ordinances applicable to the fascists.

There is only one way to fight the fascists. That is to ORGANIZE the anti-fascists into WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS, ready and trained to defend union halls and unionists, Jewish and Gentile anti-fascists, against the fascist gangsters.

That is the program of our party. In the city council elections, that program will be represented by Max Shachtman, as Bronx County candidate, against the program of candidate Begun. Comrade Shachtman's candidacy will serve to focus the eyes of the working people on this program. That is why every serious anti-fascist should support his candidacy.

A resolution granting \$25,000 to the senate banking and currency committee to study the banking situation met opposition before it was passed by the senate. Senator Bailey, (D., N.C.) argued that any investigation of the banking system at this time would disturb business.

The Union of "Social Justice"



There Is No Substitute for the August 19 Demonstration!

AN EDITORIAL

The Communist Party has yet to say a word in its own name on the Coughlin August 19 march on Union Square.

The first reference to the Coughlin march in the Daily Worker finally appeared in a modest story on page 5 on Monday, reporting a call to a demonstration against the Coughlin march, called by "the American Jewish Alliance" for City Hall, Thursday noon, August 17.

We are informed by spokesmen for the Yiddish press that "the American Jewish Alliance" came into existence about two weeks ago, and is not to be confused with the bona fide Jewish National Workers Alliance, an old fraternal organization.

The only name connected with the "American Jewish Alliance" is one Benjamin Plotkin of Jersey City, who designates himself as its

National Chairman. He is identified to us as a Stalinist stooge.

Having thoroughly disgraced itself by refusing to call or support any demonstration against the Nazi Madison Square Garden meeting on February 20, the Stalinists are apparently making this move on August 17—merely to make the record and to avoid joining in united action with the Socialist Workers Party in Union Square on Saturday, August 19, the day when the fascists are marching on Union Square.

We don't have to explain to any intelligent anti-fascist that a demonstration in City Hall on August 17 is no substitute for the necessary counter-demonstration against the fascists in Union Square on August 19.

Everybody out to the North Plaza of Union Square, Saturday, August 19, 4:30 p.m.!

LAY PLANS TO FIGHT JOBLESS 'DEPORTATION'

Unemployed Negroes Are Hardest Hit by New Jersey Scheme

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEWARK—Plans were laid at a conference held in this city to combat by an organized drive the "deportation" of relief clients who have not been residents of the state for five years.

The conference, which had been called at the initiative of the Workers Relief and WPA Union, tackled the problem as one chiefly affecting the Negro workers who, though residents of the state for a long enough period to vote, are consistently denied relief.

Prepare State Bill A campaign to last until January 1, 1940 was outlined. The campaign will concentrate around a Bill drawn up by the Workers Relief and WPA Union. The Bill will be introduced in the State Legislature when it meets on January 1. A state-wide committee of 100 will be organized to mobilize support for the Bill. The legal campaign will be complemented by a campaign of mass action, including picket lines and demonstrations.

The situation in which the Negro workers find themselves was dramatically presented by four Negro women who recounted their own experiences how they were denied relief, and how their families have suffered as a result. A sponsoring committee of 18 was elected and told to go ahead with contacting individuals, organizations and newspapers for support.

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New York City.

I would like to get better acquainted with your paper, the Socialist Appeal. Please send me sample copies for the next few weeks.

Name
Address
City

The Editor of the Jewish Day And the Coughlin Demonstration

"If the Coughlinites should carry banners that insult Jews, or that incite against Jews, we are duty bound not to stand and look on quietly.

"That may be expected of Jews in Hitler's country, but in no other country in the world.

"In such a case, the Jews may justifiably express their reply to such insults.

"Naturally within the framework of law and order. "But the police must not allow a situation in which Coughlinites will insult Jews in a manner in which the Jews will not be able to contain themselves within this 'framework of the law' which protects Coughlinites and does not protect Jews.

"I can only point to myself: if I should see a march in New York in which there is a parade of placards that insult Jews, I do not believe that I could possibly restrain myself and not throw something at the placards which insult Jews."—B. Z. Goldberg, editor, the Jewish Day, August 12, 1939.

CIO Packinghouse Organizer Arrested by Boss Flunkies

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Ver-non Ford, Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) organizer, was arrested here last week for passing out leaflets. Held for three days, his case was dismissed and he was released.

Ford was arrested by the company-owned National City police. National City is a township carved out of East St. Louis by the big packing companies in order to avoid taxes. It has a population of 200 and a police force of 15. The packing companies own every building, outhouse and blade of grass in the town, including a lien on the souls of a group of company sucks living there, who form the nucleus of the Swift company union.

Appeal to Farmers Ford was distributing the leaflets to farmers and stock-raisers, whose support the union is seeking to enlist in its fight against the packers.

East St. Louis is the fourth-largest meat-packing center in the country. In the Armour plant here, second in size to Swift, the CIO union maintains an overwhelming majority—1,500 dues-paying members out of 1,600 eligible workers.

ARMOUR REHIRS 15 DISMISSED WORKERS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CHICAGO, Aug. 13—Fifteen members of the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, fired when they were attempting to take up a grievance with the management, were re-hired after a mass meeting of 3,000 workers demanded action.

Five hundred shop stewards and officers of Local 347 had instructed the strike strategy committee to prepare for a walkout. A delegation of PWOC leaders met with two Armour vice-presidents and the reinstatement followed.

Armour's continues to refuse to negotiate a contract with the PWOC, and everything points toward a showdown on a national scale between the giant corporation and the CIO.

Their Government By James Burnham

A man, they used to say, is known by the company he keeps. It becomes an easy matter to know Franklin D. Roosevelt by this test if we apply it in connection with the six buddies whom he has just appointed to his new War Resources Board.

Who are these six? First comes the chairman, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. Stettinius is chairman of the board of that well known charitable organization, the United States Steel Corporation. And a little note further: His father, Edward, Sr., was one of the three leading partners of Morgan & Co. during the period which included the last world war. When Morgan & Co. became fiscal and purchasing agents for the allied powers (two years prior to the entry of this country into the war), Stettinius, Sr., had charge of purchases, and dispensed more than three billion dollars to the corporations favored by Morgan. The part which these operations played in getting the United States into the war belongs to well-established history.

Second comes John Lee Pratt, a leading director of General Motors corporation, which has just reported a \$100,000,000 profit for the first six months of 1939, at the same time that its ample resources have been doing their best to smash the UAW. Pratt himself is a member of the mighty clan, high in the list of the Sixty Families, whose interests are closely interlocked with the Rockefellers.

Just a Bunch of the Boys

Then we have Walter S. Gifford, head of the American Telephone & Telegraph, which managed to scrape by during the past six months on a profit of \$80,000,000, a paltry amount in the light of its more than five billion dollars worth of listed assets.

Amusingly enough, there was issued a few months ago a government report, prepared by two years of research, proving fully that A.T. & T. was gouging the public by every form of hijacking known to high finance. For this happy record, Roosevelt now gives Gifford his fitting reward.

Next comes General Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck & Co., which has been rolling in profits this year to the tune of around a million dollars a week. General Wood has been a Roosevelt favorite for some while, having functioned until recently as a special adviser to the Department of Commerce.

A few weeks ago, in Boston, General Wood made a little speech. He surprised some of his audience at the time by praising several aspects of the German and Italian regimes, confessing that he was particularly partial to the forced labor allotted to young men and women.

Each of these four is a millionaire many times over.

The remaining two are the "intellectual" frosting for this very juicy cake: Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harold G. Moulton, president of the Brookings Institute.

Compton, before his appointment to M.I.T. (a school run by the Sixty Families—financed chiefly by the Duponts—to supply their corporations with technical help), was a distinguished physicist. Since his appointment, he has used his scientific prestige to deliver a series of the most bitterly reactionary speeches on social and economic affairs.

The Brookings Institute, founded to give expert analysis and advice on how to make capitalism work, had vague liberal leanings in its early years, but during the past five years has become a pillar of orthodox reaction.

Both Compton and Moulton have, by the way, singled out nearly every even mildly progressive phase of Roosevelt New Dealism for special attack.

The Vulture Smell Carrion

When we say that the war is going to be fought for the benefit of the Sixty Families, we mean this literally. It is not a question of their "moral" or "spiritual" benefit, but quite plainly and bluntly for the benefit of their pocketbooks.

War, for the Sixty Families, is a chance to make super-profits. That's what it amounts to, and that's all. There's not much sentiment in the Sixty Families.

In the last war, their corporations coined billion after billion out of the blood of 45,000,000 casualties.

To make sure of the maximum profit and graft, they had to put their agents at the heart of the government in Washington, at that heart where contracts were allotted, purchases made, and financing handled. In those days, Bernard Baruch (also one of Roosevelt's closest friends and advisers, incidentally) was their key man as head of the War Industries Board.

This time they are taking no chances. They are getting in there well before the war starts, monopolizing the War Resources Board which will be made the chief social and economic agency of the government during war-time. Contracts, purchases, money and profits will be under the control of this board.

With the exception of Pratt, these six are not actually members of the Sixty Families (though they are extremely wealthy in their own right). The actual members, most of them, are happy to sit back in Long Island, their yachts, the divorce courts and Honolulu, while drawing down their dividends. But these members of the War Resources Board are among the ablest and shrewdest agents of the Sixty Families: "front men" who, for a stiff price, manage their corporations for them and handle "public relations".

In this new Board you've got the whole setup for the coming war concentrated in a nutshell.

And, my friends, it wasn't John Garner who selected the names. It's the President, in these United States, who has charge of appointments.

There's no doubt about it: Roosevelt is going to give us a rip-roaring democracy, with no holds barred, in that war of his.

THE AMERICAN WAY—1939: With four of his horses dead and no money to buy another, Oliver Fairbrass, 51-year-old Omaha, Neb., farmer attached himself to his hay rack and "pulled until my eyes stuck out"—but he got out his hay crop. He is seen (in a picture) in harness side by side with his only horse, with Mrs. Fairbrass driving them both.