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- FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY FOR:**
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 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.
 12. Full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people.

"Unanimous"

Like everything official that happens in Germany and Russia, the ratification of the pact by the "Supreme Soviet" was unanimous.

With elaborate mumbo-jumbo the "deputies" were gathered together (except for those purged since the "election") and after a perfunctory lapse of time they went through the motions of considering and voting for the alliance with Hitler.

The real situation in the Soviet Union is reflected in the mirror of this "parliament." In France, England, America, the Stalinist parties have suffered serious defections in membership, as a result of the pact. Several Communist deputies in France have denounced it. In any casual group of Communist party members anywhere, at least one will be found who, at the least, hasn't made up his mind—anywhere except in Russia. There not a single voice is raised, for the good and sufficient reason that a raised voice means a cell in a concentration camp, if not death.

How were these Soviet "deputies" elected? By exactly the same method as Hitler's Reichstag "deputies" were elected—a single ticket, no opposition candidates: vote yes—or else.

His Majesty's Flunkies

The kind of struggle against war and for peace and democracy carried on by the Stalinists and the London Bureau (Independent Labor Party, etc.) received striking illumination in the recent Commons debate on the Emergency Powers Bill.

As reported in the last issue of the Appeal, the bill

1. Gives the King, i.e., the Cabinet, power to issue decrees having the force of law, i.e., exactly the sort of power that Hitler and Stalin have.
2. Any premises may be entered and searched.
3. Anyone may be arrested if the government "deems it expedient".

Thus a British subject in this great British democracy has no more liberty than if he lived in Berlin, Rome or Moscow. American workers, take note. It can and will happen here.

Now how do the friends of "democracy" react to this naked tyranny? The Liberals vote for it side by side with Chamberlain.

The Labour leaders voted for it unanimously as John L. Lewis and William Green will certainly support Roosevelt when he brings in the Emergency Powers Bill.

And the Stalinists who to this day foam at the mouth whenever they mention Chamberlain, William Gallacher, the Communist M.P., voted to put this noose around the neck of the British workers. So much for the Stalinist love of democracy. And what will Browder do here when Roosevelt brings in his Emergency Bill? Browder will rally to its support and prove that this is the finest example of democracy in the world, just as he proves that the Stalin-Hitler alliance is a victory for democracy.

And the "revolutionaries", James Maxton and the I.L.P. erstwhile brothers in arms of the Lovestoneites. They voted against, but Maxton, their spokesman shows exactly how he is going to struggle against Chamberlain and the war.

He is for a revolution but Chamberlain must make it:

"I have to record my opposition to the Prime Minister's mandate to go to war. But I give the Prime Minister a complete mandate and complete support for him to go out into the world and make a new call to the nations to build a new civilization that will abolish poverty and inequality. . ."

He supported Chamberlain at Munich, he now asks him to lead the revolution to abolish poverty and inequality. (He, Maxton, will support him there.

STALIN LIED UP TO LAST MINUTE . . . On August 14, ten days before Stalin signed the pact with Hitler, Pravda, Stalin's personal organ, published an article violently attacking Germany for desiring to change Europe's frontiers by force and to obtain complete hegemony in Europe. Pravda said:

"The war of the Soviet Union against fascism will be the most just and most legitimate of all wars that humanity has known. It will be a war for the liberation of the oppressed nations reduced to slavery. It will be for the defense of the international proletariat and the culture of the whole of progressive humanity against fascist barbarism."

This—just ten days before he signed the pact!

The Daily Worker

The Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party, came out Friday morning with the following headline:

"Enraged by Polish stand, Nazis bare British squeeze on Warsaw."

Workers rubbed their eyes as they read it. For the World War was already on.

But what is the war, compared with orders from Moscow, to Stalin's flunkies on the Daily Worker?

Moscow had said that the Hitler-Stalin pact was a "blow for peace". Therefore there could be no war.

Moscow had justified its turn to Hitler on the theory that Britain would force Poland to capitulate to Hitler. And the Stalinist hacks, in America as elsewhere, write what Stalin orders.

That's why the fantastic headline in the Daily Worker when the war had already begun.

NUTCRACKER . . . "BERLIN—Reports from Moscow that Soviet military strength on the Polish frontier was being raised instead of lowered were published here under headlines which suggested the dream of all Germans—that the Polish nut may now finally be gripped in a nutcracker which can crack it."—New York Herald Tribune, Aug. 31, 1939.

Why the Polish C. P. Hasn't Commented on the Pact

A great many people have expressed surprise that the Polish Communist Party has issued no declarations on the Stalin-Hitler pact or, in general, on Hitler's Polish demands. Last year when Hitler moved on Czechoslovakia the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia was loud in its pronouncements. It would fight! The Czech people must never give in, etc. Why then the unusual silence of the Polish C.P.?

The explanation is simple. *There is no Polish C.P.* Stalin dissolved it just a year ago! Literally, actually, read it out of existence!

First, the leaders of the Polish C.P.—Sophie Unshlicht, Bronkowski, Lenski, etc.—were summoned to Moscow and murdered in the torture chambers of the G.P.U., accused of being spies and agents-provocateurs. Then, the history of the Party, which had been organized by Rosa Luxemburg and Leo Tishko, was re-written and pictured as a police agency for all its twenty years. And finally, on Stalin decree, it left the land of the living.

Could it have been an advance token to Hitler of Stalin's sincerity?

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Only the Workers Can Stop The New World Slaughter

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hands, and throw off the bandits who rule over them.

"This is not our war!" said the American people in November, 1916, and they elected Woodrow Wilson because he ran under the pledge: "Vote for Wilson—he kept us out of war."

But the "New Democracy" of Wilson had already secretly prepared to drag us into the war, and within a few short months of his election, he succeeded in dragging us into that foul and reactionary war.

"This is not our war!" the American people have said, time and time again in these last few months. They said it in the Gallup polls, in the Fortune poll—up to 75% of those polled declaring that under no conditions shall American ships and troops fight across the sea.

But the "New Deal" of Roosevelt is hot-footing it in the footsteps left by the "New Democracy" of Wilson. The Roosevelt administration is dragging us into the war, as fast as it dare go. Already General Hines, Roosevelt's administrator of the Veterans Bureau, is making lynch-speeches against "slackers"; Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson is howling for the hides of those Congressmen who dared vote against giving Britain and France access to American armaments.

They "only" want to provide the British-French bloc with arms, say Roosevelt and the Republicans—they're united now in "sacred union" for the war.

But where arms go, soldiers will follow. That happened in the last war, it will happen again. Everything is being done in secrecy in Washington. Only a hint here and there, a slip of the tongue here and there, give us an insight into Roosevelt's preparations for war.

What must we, the American people, do?

Tear from the hands of the greedy and merciless Sixty Families and their War Deal agents the war-making power!

Take the war-making power away from Congress!

Let the people vote on war! Let the people decide!

Put an end to secret diplomacy. The State Department, under Roosevelt's orders, has closed all its files from 1914 on—open the records of the State Department to the people!

All secret treaties and agreements, all the secret reports now being sent in by American diplomatic representatives abroad must be made public!

Not a man, not a penny, for this war of the bosses!

All war funds to the unemployed! Workers—in your unions, in your neighborhoods, everywhere, mobilize for merciless struggle against the war!

Join the anti-war party—the Socialist Workers Party!

ROOSEVELT WORKING OVERTIME TO DRAG U.S. PEOPLE INTO WAR

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eration. Roosevelt's war-mongers label these as "aliens" and (as if the war had already broken out) as "slackers". This campaign is being whipped up with a new frenzy as M-day, the day for general mobilization of American cannon-fodder draws near. General Frank T. Hines, United States veteran's administrator, addressing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, declared: "the American people will not tolerate for long alien groups advocating foreign 'isms'; and he denounced those "attempting to advocate changes in our form of government and our methods of procedure thereunder." "Such groups", he declared, "are led by slackers".

Latest scare-raiser is no less a person than Attorney General Murphy. On August 31 he declared at Washington: "There will be no repetition of the situation in 1917 when a democracy was unprepared to meet the espionage problem."

Roosevelt's right-hand man has no doubt that 1939 is another 1917. This week he is flying to Los Angeles where he and Edgar B. Hoover of the FBI will meet in a conference

"presumably" to discuss the menace. Murphy announced that offices would be opened up not only all over America, but in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone and Alaska. Wherever the American flag flies you must prepare yourself as a sheep for the slaughter or you will be called "alien," "slacker," "red," or "spy."

War Deal

Roosevelt, however, has one little anti-war bone sticking in his throat. The Neutrality Law, banning the sale of arms (though not of other war materials) to belligerents still makes it a little difficult for Roosevelt, Morgan and Dupont to keep in step with the British war-mongers. Roosevelt therefore, on August 29, seconded the stand of Louis Johnson, assistant Secretary of War, who had charged that the maintenance of the embargo on arms shipments "discriminated in favor of Germany", and was "very nearly equivalent to presenting Germany with an Atlantic fleet".

But Roosevelt and Johnson don't want to provide England and France with any "equivalent". They are getting ready

CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED—STARRING I. BEGUN

Place: Hotel Center. Time: Tuesday night. Business: "explanation" of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Isadore Begun, Stalinist candidate for the City Council from the Bronx, is answering some questions.

QUESTION: Why was the "escape clause" absent?

ANSWER: THE PACT IS STRONGER WITHOUT THE "ESCAPE CLAUSE". (four—applaud the answer).

QUESTION: Doesn't the trade pact help Germany by providing Hitler with raw materials for war purposes?

ANSWER: No. Since there is a labor shortage in Germany, that means that every machine sent to Russia will prevent them from making a machine-gun for themselves. (No applause).

to place the American fleet and the American people at the disposal of Britain and France to help them in the protection of "their" empires and to keep the Latin American and Chinese markets away from Japan, Germany and Italy. Roosevelt cannot save American capitalism by the New Deal in time of peace so he will try by the old deal of war. He will succeed in neither.

I Am No Longer A Member of the Stalinist Party

This is to inform my friends and comrades in the labor movement that I have severed connections with the Communist Party. I am utilizing the press of the Fourth International to publish my reasons for this action because there is no other way of making my case known to the public. I am not a "Trotskyist" nor have I joined the Socialist Workers Party, as I have not yet studied their program sufficiently to consider the serious step of affiliation.

I joined the Communist Party in 1936. I was very active in the Unemployed Councils, later in the City Projects Council, and held various posts in different locals.

Was Wounded in Spain

On May 14, 1937, I left for Spain to serve in the Abraham Lincoln Battalion of the 15th Brigade. I served on the Aragon, Levante, and Ebro fronts. I was wounded at Teruel and spent approximately four months in the hospital. Altogether I served nineteen months fighting General Franco's fascist troops.

In Spain I began to wonder about the sincerity of the Communist leadership which came from the United States. The business of officers being appointed in the United States was particularly difficult to understand if the Communist Party really trusted its rank and file. Many of these officers were corrupt to the marrow. In many cases they robbed the rank and file at every opportunity. When packages for us came from home they divided them among themselves.

While the ranks suffered equally with the Spanish workers—poor rations, filth, deprivation—the officers of the army and particularly officers who were members of the Communist Party enjoyed the very best kind of food, wine and meat, and innumerable special privileges. With my comrades I wondered why both letters we wrote and letters we received from our folks at home, dealing with non-military subjects, were rigorously censored and anything enclosed, such as money, confiscated.

Returns—And Finds Party Changed

Upon my return to the United States I was shocked at the deep and fundamental changes in the position of the Communist Party especially in regard to the unemployed. There had not been a picket line at 70 Columbus Ave. for six months. There was a steady policy of retreat. Where a few years ago the dismissal of 11,000 from relief was sufficient cause for a giant demonstration, now nation-wide cuts aroused only a postcard protest.

In 1936 the Communist Party was still officially opposed to Roosevelt—a few years before it had classified him as a fascist—but now it unconditionally supported his every act.

The Communist Party had thrown the hammer and sickle out of the window while I was fighting the fascists in Spain, and had put up a fountain pen and a postcard in its place.

Tries to Argue for Militancy

Still believing that the Communist Party was a democratic organization, I attempted to discuss these changes in policy with my friends. There was nothing disloyal in our discussions. We were anxious to see that the Communist Party grew and that its political line represented the interests of the working class.

What was my amazement to be charged with being a "Trotskyist"! Outside of official party literature I did not have the slightest idea of what a "Trotskyist" was—true I had heard about them in connection with the demonstration at Madison Square Garden on February 20, but I had not even read their press.

The idea proposed at that time by the "Trotskyists", of Labor Defense Guards seemed to me very good, especially after my experience in Spain. I thought that the Communist Party should defend itself against the numerous Coughlin attacks by organizing such guards. But nothing was done by the party leadership about forming such guards; in fact they opposed the idea and appealed to the police and the Mayor for help, both of whom have proved themselves sympathetic to the Coughlinites.

Besides being charged with the sin of "Trotskyism" I was accused of being a "saboteur," and a "fascist" . . . all for discussing the changes in the party position! To top these charges, they attempted to blacken and assassinate my character.

No opportunity was given me to defend myself. I was grilled as if I were a convict under the third degree and then the whole case was "referred."

I decided to make a thorough investigation of the "Trotskyist" movement in which I was accused of holding membership.

My experience shows clearly that there is not the slightest democracy inside the Communist Party. The rank and file is stifled by a self-perpetuating bureaucracy that decides all questions and decides them only in its own interests and the interests of Stalin. No one is allowed even to discuss their decisions.

But no party can represent the interests of the working class unless the rank and file exercise full democratic rights and is allowed to express its opinion and let its weight be felt in formulating policies and decisions.

The Third International is dead! I have severed all connections with it. I call on all my friends and comrades to do likewise.

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