

# This Is Not Our War! Down with the War!

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Beginning with this issue, the *Socialist Appeal* will appear three times a week, and more frequently if necessary.

The war situation dictates as rapid an expansion of our work as is humanly possible. A party of agitation—that is the goal laid down by our recent convention. We must reach the widest possible number of workers with our anti-war message. Outdoor rallies and indoor meetings, tireless agitation in the factories and schools and neighborhoods—and above all, increasing the circulation of the party press.

The three-times-a-week *Socialist Appeal* is an experiment, for a period of one month. At the end of that time, if increased income and distribution justify it, the *Socialist Appeal* will continue to appear at least three times a week. But only if the results of the experiment demonstrate that the party branches are prepared to assure the necessary increased costs and circulation.

Forward to the DAILY APPEAL!

National Committee  
Socialist Workers Party

### N.Y. Party Swings Into Anti-War Action

With the outbreak of war in Europe and the increasing danger of an early American entry, Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party (Fourth International) has launched an intensive drive to arouse the city's workers to vigilance against the war-mongers in the United States. Meetings in all parts of the city have been scheduled for this week in preparation for a large, city-wide rally later on.

All leaves of party members and Yipsels have been canceled to meet the emergency. All forces have been mobilized to intensify distribution of the *Socialist Appeal*, now appearing three times a week; as well as for the circulation of tens of thousands of leaflets denouncing the war.

Mass meetings scheduled by the City Executive Committee for Thursday and Friday to broadcast the truth about the Second World War and the meaning of the Stalin-Hitler pact have been arranged for the following localities so far:

**Needle Trades**  
Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 P.M. at Cultural Center, 125 West 33rd St. Speakers: Alex Howard, Abe Miller.

**Astoria**  
Thursday, Sept. 7, at 9 P.M. at Workmen's Circle Hall, 29-31 31st Ave. Speakers: George Lyman Paine, Robert Siler.

**Boro Park**  
Thursday, Sept. 7, at 9 P.M. Branch Headquarters, 1601 42nd St. Speaker: Sherman Stanley.

**Lower East Side**  
Friday, Sept. 8, at 8 P.M. Great Central Palace, 90 Clinton St. Speakers: Sam Gordon, Sylvia Blecker.

**Brownsville**  
Friday, Sept. 8, at 8 P.M. Palestine Hall, 1731 Pitkin Ave. Speaker: Nathan Gould.

**Downtown**  
Friday, Sept. 8, at 8 P.M. Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave. Speakers: Felix Morrow, John G. Wright.

Additional meetings will be announced later in the week. Sympathizers of the party and readers of the *Appeal* are urged to aid in getting the largest possible turnout for these rallies.

# ROOSEVELT 'WAR DEAL' ACTS TO PROVIDE BRITAIN AND FRANCE WITH WAR CREDITS

## War Briefs

"All news from Europe is subject to censorship"—for the first few days of the war this warning notice is being carried by the press. Nobody needs the notice. Every line of "news" carried cries out that truth has been bound and gagged for the duration of the war.

How many workers, despite all the propaganda to line them up, have spoken out in all countries against the war? What Liebknechts have risen to denounce the lies of the war-mongers? What is happening in the colonies, among the oppressed peoples—in India, Ceylon, Algiers, Syria, the Malay states, among the black men, brown men, yellow men, ruled by the colonial fuchers of England and France? How many anti-war fighters have been imprisoned—or executed? The veil of censorship, as yet impenetrable, is drawn across the living stage. Only the staged tableaux of the imperialist rulers and their lying communiques—only these are permitted us. The "democratic" censorship of England and France is as opaque as that of Hitler.

### Workers Will Pierce Censorship

In the first, overwhelming days of the war, the censorship is supreme. As supreme as the pillars. But the last war toppled a score of thrones; and long before that, the veil of censorship had been pierced. It will be pierced by the revolutionary workers everywhere—and more quickly than in 1914-1918!

God and his ministers, unceremoniously relegated to the background during the diplomatic struggles of the last few months, came into their own again once the war started.

The emissaries of the Vatican, neglected and unheeded during the diplomatic tussles, when they vainly sought to secure consideration for one after another formula offered by the Pope, were warmly received by the various Chancelleries after the war started. Now the churches had work to do.

In each country the priests and ministers offered prayers that the just cause of their country would be upheld by the Lord. Hitler made a rather awkward, and certainly unaccustomed, prayer but a rather realistic one, that "the Lord God, who always has given His grace to him who was determined to help himself, will also stand by us."

All public buildings—movies, theaters, etc.—closed in London by government order. "Only the churches have held their customary services." Keeping the churches open was deemed, it seems, a war-time necessity. The Archbishop of Canterbury opened the church campaign before the war broke out: "It is no question of our own interests that is directly involved (in this war). It is a moral issue on which the future welfare of the world depends." No wonder the churches were exempted from the closing order.

Moscow dispatches report that an undisclosed number of reserves were ordered to register immediately in case they are needed. It has also been reported that service was suspended on eight principal domestic airlines. The suspension was presumed to have been ordered to enable the commercial planes to fly troops to any border point where they might be needed. Is Stalin getting ready for another "blow for peace"?

### Let Them All Play With Pins

"Methodically and with the precision of one long versed in warfare," reports a special correspondent to the *New York Times*, "the bent form of the German Kaiser—once the 'All Highest' of the German Empire—placed little colored pins on a map to indicate the positions of the opposing armies in Poland, their advances and retreats, the various towns bombarded and the objectives falling to the German armies."

Speed the day when Hitler, Chamberlain, Daladier and every other member of the ruling classes will be reduced to impotent play with paper maps and little colored pins!

The government of Australia, New Zealand and Canada announced their entry into the war, and the world was thereby given to believe that the peoples of the British Empire had signified their assent. But only the tiny section of "whites" were in any sense consulted, about one in thirteen of the 550 million people in the British Empire. The other twelve (375 millions in India alone) were no more consulted than Hitler consulted the German people. The same "democratic" method was employed in the French Empire.

"This is no war for domination or imperial aggrandizement for material gains, it is not a war to shut any country out of its sunlight and the means of progress.

"Perhaps it may seem a paradox that war should be undertaken in the name of liberty and that right should require . . . surrender for the time being to the executive our most valued traditional liberties. We are sure that these liberties will be in hands which will not abuse them, which will use them for no class or property interest."

Who said that? The man who cold-bloodedly starved the German people, gave rickets to (those who survived) a whole generation of German youth after the war was over, continuing the British blockade to make sure that the German revolution was crushed. The man who drew so tight a blockade around "Red Russia" in the post war years (in an undeclared war that was finally stopped by the British workers with the threat of general strike) that operations had to be made without anesthetics and famine swept away millions. The man who was Clemenceau's strongest ally in writing a vengeful peace—Winston Churchill, now First Lord of the British Admiralty as in 1914.

## "That's What Wilson Said"



## Says "I Hate War" But Acts To Enter War

War Deal Jumps the Legal Hurdles to Make The Treasury of the United States Available To the British, French War Needs

"I have said not once but many times that I have seen war and that I hate war. I say that again and again. I hope the United States will keep out of this war. I believe that it will. And I give you assurances that every effort of your government will be directed towards that end."

Thus Franklin D. Roosevelt concluded his radio speech to the American people on Sunday, September 3, the day that England declared war on Germany.

The President of the United States was not telling the truth, to put it mildly. Two days earlier, he had taken the first big step towards dragging the country into the European slaughter.

On September 1, after a conference at the White House, Jesse Jones, Federal Lending Administrator, announced that "the Export-Import Bank is in a position to finance American exports of surplus commodities to Europe, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has plenty of unused credit to finance industrial production in this country should the occasion arise for it as a result of the war emergency."

### Violates Present Laws

Jones' statement was in flat violation of the Johnson Act which forbids the extension of Government credit to foreign governments which are in default on their obligations to the United States. France and England have not paid up on their war debts for several years. The plain and obvious intent of this law, solemnly passed by Congress and solemnly signed by the President—the news pictures don't show whether his tongue was in his cheek or not—is unmistakably to cut off France and England from all Federal credit.

All this is true, but to the realpolitikers of the War Deal, the Johnson Act, like the Neutrality Act, is merely one more legal hurdle, to be jumped over and crawled under as seems most convenient. There is no lack of legal talent in Washington. Although both the R.F.C. and the Export-Import Bank are official governmental agencies which can draw on the billions of dollars in the U. S. Treasury for their operations, they are set up as quasi-private corporations. Furthermore, they don't deal directly with foreign governments, but only with the industrialists and exporters who sell to such governments. Legalistic hair-splitting, of course, but sufficient for the purposes of the War Deal.

Opens the Treasury Legalists aside, the point is that the War Deal has already (Continued on Page 3)

## Funds Do Not Keep Pace With Agitation in S.W.P. Anti-War Drive

By HAL DRAPER  
Secretary, Campaign Committee

The total receipts on the Anti-War Fund drive now stand at \$1000.

That used to be considered a good bit of money. Now it is a drop in the bucket.

We set the goal of \$5000 by September 15. That was modest to begin with. While the non-financial aspects of the War Referendum Campaign have shown good results for all the sections of the Party which seriously went into campaign work, THE BRANCHES HAVE NOT COME THROUGH ON THE FUND QUOTAS.

### Funds Are Vital

Our meetings are larger than ever; the regular press run of the *Socialist Appeal* is now at the highest point in its history; the petition drive will easily go over the top by the date set; new thousands of workers, who have never listened to us before, have been attracted by our drive to take the war-making power away from Congress and to let the people vote on war.

But the anti-war chest of the Party is empty.

We know that many branches have planned to concentrate their money-raising efforts during the two weeks before September 15. But if even this is going to pull us through, the comrades in the branches have to realize what the fund drive means to the Party at this moment.

### Great Burden

Make up your list of pamphlets and leaflets which you want to see us put out; reckon up the sections of the country where organizers are urgently needed; think of what a perma-

## Repeating an Old Performance

J. P. Morgan arrived home from England Monday, ready "to repeat our performance" of 1914-1917 when, as American agents of the British Empire, his banking firm successfully manipulated America into the war on the side of Morgan's client.

Asked if it were true that his firm was being retained again by Britain, Morgan told newspapermen that he hadn't yet, but—

"It seems to me it would be a natural thing if they wanted an American representative that they would call on us to repeat our performance."

One of the far-flung agents of J. P. Morgan immediately went to bat—Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., of the Philadelphia Drexels and Biddles and of Drexel & Co., Philadelphia affiliate of J. P. Morgan—and, incidentally, U. S. Ambassador to Poland. He declared in a well-publicized statement to the State Department in Washington that his villa in a Warsaw suburb had been bombed "deliberately." (He had just moved in.) Why the Germans want to bomb a U. S. ambassador, the scion of a long line of bankers, he did not say.

## Party Asks Friends to Help Put Shachtman, Paine on N. Y. Ballot

Collection of 5,000 Signatures for Anti-War Candidates Is Concrete Step in the Fight Against the Capitalist War

Calling for an intensified drive to put Max Shachtman and George Lyman Paine on the official ballot in the coming Councilmanic Elections, the City Committee of Local New York, Socialist Workers Party pointed to that step as the immediate task in the concrete application of the party's anti-war program in this city.

Shachtman is the S.W.P.'s candidate for Councilman in the Bronx and Paine is its standard bearer in Manhattan.

"We must assure the placing of our candidates on the official ballot," a spokesman for the City Committee said today, "in order to take full advantage of the possibilities that an election campaign offers for publicity. As against all the other parties, every one of which is participating in the current wave of war-mongering, we must put forward our election program on every occasion and on every platform in the course of the coming pre-election period. Point Number One in our program is the international fight against capitalist war.

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## "Coincidence"

"Professor Mamlock," the anti-Nazi film produced in the Soviet Union, and played continuously at the Soviet Pavilion at the World's Fair, was withdrawn from the Soviet Pavilion program two days after the Hitler-Stalin pact was signed.

Pavilion officials said it "was just a coincidence."

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