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Indicted Strikers Win First Victory

United Labor Protest Wins Bail Reduction-Green Hits Arrests

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS — The Central Labor Union WPA Defense Committee won its first victory in the fight against the government's frameup of 103 WPA strikers, when Federal Judge Gunnar Nordbye last Tuesday filed an order providing about 75 per cent reduction in bail. Eleven of the 43 workers so far arrested were released without bail on their personal recognizance.

William Green, president of the AFL, declared the AFL's "sympathy and full measure of moral support" of the strikers in Duluth last Monday, where he spoke at Labor Day ceremonies.

Even with the judge's reduction, over $40,000 bail will be re-

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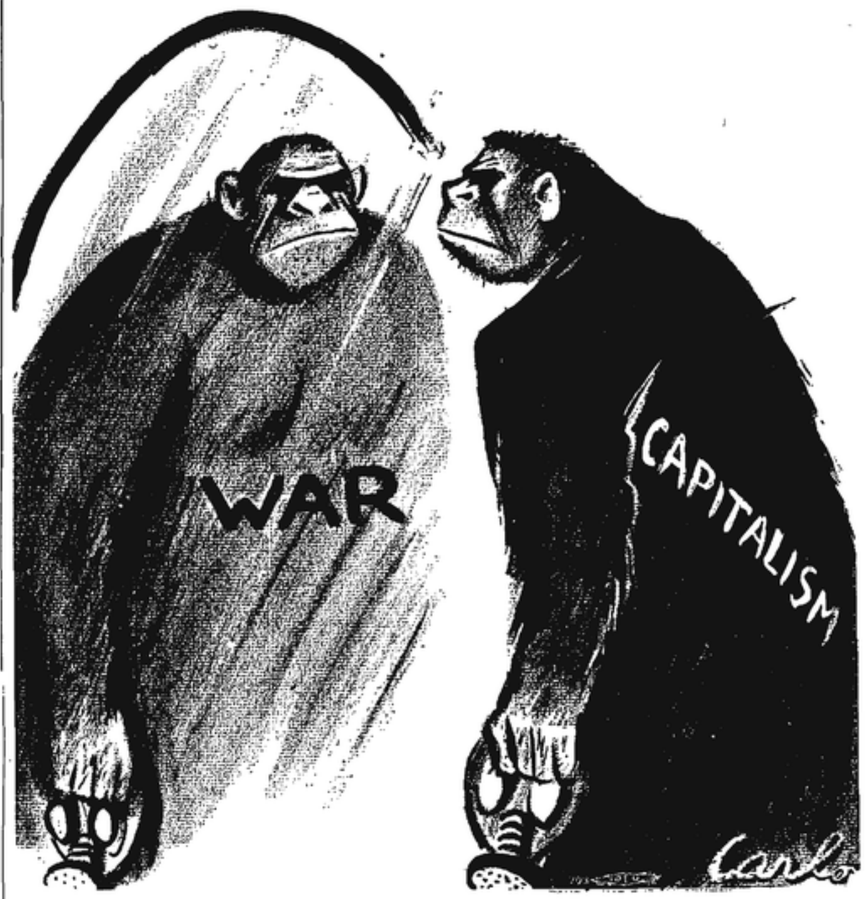

Progressive Labor Raps Roosevelt War-Making Plans

The Northwest Organizer, official weekly organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, on September 7 issued a scathing editorial against Roosevelt's war plans. Subscribed to by the entire membership of the ten teamsters locals of Minneapolis and by twenty other unions, the Northwest Organizer speaks for a powerful, militant section of the American labor movement. Its editorial is therefore an authoritative voice against the war plans and deserves to be reprinted here:

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That the boss papers would even dare begin to propagandize for the M-Day dictatorship is a sharp DANGER SIGNAL to the American people! The war-makers are preparing to drag us into the Second World War which began last Friday morning!

Leading the criminal war pack is the President himself, Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was Roosevelt and Farley who worked behind the scenes to prevent Congress from passing the war referendum proposal which would let the people vote on whether they wanted to fight another war for boss profits. It is Roosevelt's man, Louis Johnson, who has cooked up the M-Day dictatorship plot for the United States. And Roosevelt has just moved this man, a former national head of the American Legion, into the post of Secretary of War. It was Roosevelt who proposed, and a united Congress who adopted, the two-billion-dollar armament program in Washington this year.

With the publication of the M-Day Dictatorship plan, this reactionary plot is now out in the open. In succeeding issues of the Northwest Organizer we shall expose this plan which would crush all organized labor, outlaw strikes, blot out all labor papers, push labor down into the mud as far as any fascist has ever done.

Fascist Threat Is Here at Home

It isn't Germany that constitutes the threat to what democratic rights the American people still retain—it is big business and the M-Day backers right in this country of ours.

The second World War for Democracy is a fraud. The first victim of this war is democracy itself. There is no democracy in the England of Prime Minister Chamberlain or the France of Premier Daladier today. Both Chamberlain and Daladier—that is to say, Big Business—rule by decree laws, like the dictators they have become. If M-Day were to become a reality in the United States, the people of this country would be subjected to as brutal a dictatorship as was ever seen on the face of this globe.

The workers of this country don't want war and they don't want any part of the M-Day dictatorship.

Workers Have No Foreign Investments to Defend

The workers have no interests abroad to defend. No member of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union—or the General Drivers Union, or the City and Sanitary Drivers, or the Federal Workers Section, or the Electrical Workers Union or any other union—has any "interests" abroad to defend.

The Standard Oil company, General Motors, General Electric, Ford, J. P. Morgan have interests abroad to defend. We haven't. If the big boys want to go abroad to defend their investments, let them go.

J. P. Morgan has a gun. He has just returned from a sojourn in Scotland where he was shooting grouse. If he wants to defend his investments, let him take his gun and fight for them. But don't let him try to force us to fight for him. And don't let him try to lie about any fake "war for democracy." We can all see how much democracy came out of the first World War.

Down with boss war and all the boss war-makers!

Down with the M-Day Plan for a Military Dictatorship in the United States!

Take the war-making powers away from Congress. Let the people vote on war through a popular referendum!

All war funds to the unemployed!

Will Use Whip of War Hysteria to Drive Congress

Gives War Propaganda Machine Time to Operate Before Announcing Date of Special Session—Browbeats Isolationist Group

With the full cooperation of the kept press and the Republicans, Roosevelt and his subordinates are unlimbering every weapon at their disposal to assure a bound and gagged Congress when it meets in special session.

Roosevelt has delayed the special session while press, radio, movies, his FBI agents and every other possible instrumentality, batter away at the anti-war sentiment of the American people. He will probably now set the date for Oct. 2—giving his war propaganda machine a full month of wartime hysteria to prepare Congress to do his bidding.

He not only demands of Congress that it abrogate the sections of the Neutrality Act prohibiting shipment of arms and munitions abroad, but that it do so without discussion!

"The President is concerned lest oppositionist speeches by the isolationist group in the Senate might create the impression abroad that the nation is divided on the government's neutrality policy," the **N. Y. Times**, Sept. 10, reports.

Rigid rules of procedure in the House of Representatives assure the President of his will there, especially since the Republican leaders have promised to work hand in glove with him.

In the Senate, however, he is likely to have some difficulty. Senator Borah on Monday said he would insist upon full and open debate.

"We hear and read rather strange things these days," he said. "Although we are supposed to be neutral and not yet openly participating in the war, nevertheless there is constant suggestion about the censorship of the press, of the radio, curtailing public discussion and shutting off debates."

Ignoring Burning Questions

Borah and other isolationist senators are, however, likely to play along with the President at least to the extent of acceding to his insistence that no matter be taken up in the special session except the President's proposals on abrogation of neutrality legislation.

This means a two-party lynch campaign against proponents of the constitutional amendment to take the war-making powers away from the President and Congress and to vest them in the people by a direct referendum.

All the burning questions left unanswered by the last session—criminally inadequate WPA and public works funds to provide jobs for the unemployed, Federal failure to accept responsibility for direct relief, the dire need for a gigantic housing program, etc., will remain unanswered if the President has his way. He wants Congress to do his bidding, then adjourn and leave him with a free hand.

Lynch Spirit Unleashed

The repressive atmosphere instigated by the President's demand for "national unity," no opposition, no discussion, his expansion of the FBI to war against "subversive activities," has helped create a lynch atmosphere in which all forms of repression flourishes. The Communist party, hopelessly discredited by Stalin's Nazi pact, has had many meetings broken up by Legionnaires and other reactionary groups, the latest being the breaking up of meetings in Davenport and Des Moines, Iowa at which Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was scheduled to speak. The Daily News, Sept. 12, editorially called for the FBI to seize the books of the C.P. The Communist Party is now an easy victim, but these incidents are building up an atmosphere in which all labor and radical groups will become the victims, unless labor resists.

CANADA UNDER WAR-TIME DICTATORSHIP

Fourth International Group Challenges War-Makers

By CARL HICHIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

TORONTO, Canada, Sept. 7—Without waiting to officially declare war, the King government, long lauded by the Stalinists as a "democratic friend of peace", is hurriedly putting Canada on a war footing.

Dictatorial legislation, left on the statute books from the days of the last slaughter, has been invoked by the cabinet in council without so much as a parliamentary "if you please". Provincial police departments have set up special bodies to "deal with subversive elements". Secret trials have been legalized. The boss press has carried boasts that the state forces are all set to make a thorough "clean-up" of any "troublesome dissenters".

Workers in some key industries are now toiling in factories surrounded by bayonetted troops.

Rallying the workers in opposition to the slaughter, "Socialist Action", organ of the Socialist Workers League, Fourth International, has been prevented from appearing. Last night, a mass meeting called by the S.W.L. had to be cancelled because of the activities of state operatives. Fearful of the closure of their plants, printers have refused to print anti-war leaflets for the S.W.L.

First Casualty: Democracy

In this new war "for democracy", "democracy" herself has been made the first casualty.

And only the S.W.L. challenges the war-makers. With the sharpening of the crisis, it immediately commenced the distribution of leaflets by the thousands, explaining Stalin's capitulation to Hitler, warning of the imperialist designs, rallying forces in opposition to the boss war.

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Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

When President Roosevelt invoked wartime powers to order increases in the armed forces and to start a witch-hunt against "subversive" elements, he showed how soon and how swiftly democratic rights will be extinguished in this country as its masters drag it into war.

Britain and France are already as totalitarian as their enemy across the Rhine. Parliaments have been thrust aside without ceremony. They weren't even permitted to go through the motions of declaring this war as the sovereign will of the peoples they are supposed to represent. Chamberlain merely told the House of Commons that the country was at war. Daladier had his docile deputies vote to him in advance to declare war when he saw fit.

As their last acts these expiring "democratic" bodies turned over to the masters of the two governments unlimited dictatorial powers. These powers were swiftly used, to decree death to all remaining civil liberties, to choke off all remaining channels of independent opinion, and to dragoon the economy of the country—above all the workers!—into a totalitarian unit geared to the grim business of waging war.

And that is what "democratic rights" and Congress and its Congressmen will amount to when Roosevelt and Wall Street deem the moment has come to throw this country's weight into the struggle for markets, colonies, and super-profits. Roosevelt has already issued the false cry for "national unity"—an end to political differences in time of crisis. For the Republicans and Democrats—tools in common of the Sixty Families who are the real rulers of the land—this "unity" will be easy to achieve. They will simply stop their shadow-boxing. **But hidden behind this cry is the intention of the government to lash all genuine opponents of the war into submission, to begin the campaign of hysterical propaganda that will lead our millions of youth straight into the holocaust.**

That is why Roosevelt starts out with decrees aimed at "subversive" elements. That is why he is cannily waiting for the war boom to begin to make itself felt before he comes before a chastened Congress with a demand for abrogation of the war embargo provisions of the neutrality act—a feeble barrier against U.S. embroilment in war, but a barrier nevertheless. **When Congress convenes in its special session we shall be treated to an advance demonstration of the process whereby the representative bodies in England and France were dispossessed of their powers.**

Opponents of the war referendum have tried to tell the people that such decisions should be left to the divinely-inspired leadership of our elected representatives, elected, every one of them, by the corrupt political machines which are the real expression in life of the "democratic process"! But we already have before our eyes in the two great so-called "democracies" in Europe what happens when the people hand over their fate in such a crucial moment to these puppets of the big industrialists and financiers who pull all the strings of government.

Not even the highly-colored, censored dispatches from—not of the enemy but of the war-makers—across the sea can conceal the hatred, the reluctance, and fearful confusion of mind with which the masses of all the European nations have met the cruel fate of a second horrible war in their own time. They did not in time find their own voices and their own strength. **But they will, as the treachery of this war unfolds itself and all the fine phrases are unspun to reveal the greed of a few at the heart of all the destruction. Let us make our voices heard in time here. Let us demand the right for the people to speak for themselves and by universal vote proclaim their hatred of boss war and the war-makers!**

TAMMANY SEEKS TO BLOCK N. Y. S.W.P. COUNCILMANIC CAMPAIGN

Branch Headquarters Open for Sympathizers Who Wish to Sign Nominating Petitions for Shachtman and Paine, Anti-War Candidates

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 11—Tammany ward heelers have issued orders to their supporters not to sign the nominating petitions of the Socialist Workers Party which is now campaigning to place anti-war candidates in the Bronx and Manhattan on the ballot for Councilmanic elections.

This was confirmed yesterday by sources sympathetic to the anti-war campaign of the Socialist Workers Party.

War-Mongers Worried

"The orders of Tammany ward heelers to stymie our campaign to place candidates Max Shachtman of the Bronx and George Lyman Paine of Manhattan on the ballot is part of the drive of the war-mongers to hurl the United States into the world-wide slaughter," declared Edward R. Frank, City Organizer of Local New York. "Lately we have been getting reports from canvassers that they have experienced difficulties where formerly they have been met sympathetically by every one. This is particularly true in the sections where Tammany still holds sway. Now we have received confirmation of our suspicions from unimpeachable sources.

"By preventing us from getting the necessary number of signatures to place our candidates on the ballot," continued Frank, "the war-mongers hope to throttle the anti-war campaign and to prevent it from gaining wide momentum. Wall Street fears nothing more than the anti-war sentiment of the people which would find expression in the anti-war election campaign of the Socialist Workers Party.

Won't Be Stopped

"But neither Tammany Hall nor any other hot-bed of reaction can prevent us from getting the necessary number of signatures. We call on all our friends and all others who oppose war to help us in this campaign. We ask them to come down to headquarters, sign a nominating petition themselves, and circulate peti-

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GALLUP POLL SPREADS WAR PROPAGANDA

By H. D. HERRICK

Has the American Institute of Public Opinion—the Gallup poll—already been mobilized for the Roosevelt war drive?

The Institute, which is headed by Dr. Gallup, announced Sept. 9 that a new survey of public opinion was undertaken in view of the fact that Representative Ludlow has announced his intention of re-introducing at the coming special session of Congress his resolution for a referendum of the people before Congress can declare war.

Whereas in 1936 and 1937 it was found that over 70 percent favored the referendum proposal, and six months ago it was reported by the Gallup survey that the percentage had dropped to 61% as a result of Roosevelt's propaganda drive against it, today the proposal appears with a majority of only 51 per-

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