

Confidential Bulletin Exposes Bosses' War Schemes

By JOSEPH HANSEN
Article II

The most important task now facing the capitalist class, according to the confidential report issued by the Tax Research Institute, is the completion of preparations for the war into which Roosevelt will plunge the United States in the immediate future.

The inside information, according to this bulletin issued by the top circle of Big Business for the benefit of the capitalist class, is that American participation in the second world war is imminent, and every capitalist must hasten his preparations in order to reap the enormous profits that will drain from the blood-soaked battlefields.

Roosevelt Role Important

An important part of these preparations is thorough understanding of the new role that will be played by Roosevelt and his regime.

In language clear enough to penetrate the iron skulls of even the most reactionary members of the capitalist class, the bulletin explains that Roosevelt will act solely in the interests of capitalism when he clamps down the military dictatorship in America which has already been prepared for the day when the dough-boys start sailing for their graves in Europe.

"Primarily," says the bulletin, "business must understand two facts: (1) the plan is NOT new: it is not a 'New Deal' accomplishment; (2) the plan is the product of the joint efforts of the War and Navy Departments applied to the business problem since the close of the World War."

This declaration concerning the Industrial Mobilization Plan is true in that the Republican regimes have fostered it as much as the Democratic, but it fails to give Roosevelt the credit that is conspicuously due him for his indefatigable efforts to push the plan throughout his term of office and to see to it that it got funds diverted from relief allowances.

Want to End Boss Factionalism

This slight omission of the credit line in the bulletin is clearly designed to appeal to those old-fashioned die-hards who look at the world through the door of their office safe and who have been particularly exercised over the pink New Deal paint Roosevelt sprayed over his administration. Big Business is anxious to end factionalism in the capitalist class in the interests of unity in the face of war and the dangerous operation of wringing maximum profits from a blood-bath that will inevitably deal the coup de grace to more than one capitalist state in its death agony.

Army officers are back of this plan, the bulletin therefore explains soothingly, the same men who run the National Guard, men who see eye to eye with you about profits, bayonets, and labor problems.

But the bulletin does not stop with this explanation. Big Business, stream-lining itself for the super-profits of modern warfare, wishes to assure that no capitalist—not even those with the antiquated mentality of the flint pistol—crosses the interests of his class because of past factional differences as to just how the executive arm in Washington should have conducted its tactics before the war broke out.

War Board Represents 60 Families

"The Industrial Mobilization Plan," continues the bulletin, "... is the work of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, the coordinating agency which acts for both departments of War and Navy in the problems of war planning and procurement. The War Resources Board which has just been appointed will act as the civilian advisory committee to the Army and Navy Munitions Board. This civilian board will review the policies already prepared pertaining to the mobilization of industry and the nation's economic resources."

That this civilian War Resources Board is not simply a reviewing stand of flag-wavers for Army parade day but in reality an executive committee directly representing the interests of Big Business is explained in the following paragraph:

"As soon as the President declares that an emergency exists, however, the War Resources Board will become THE important executive agency of the Government with the broad powers exercised by the old War Industries Board. The possibility that, shortly after war breaks on the European continent, the President WILL find that an emergency exists in the United States and that war is imminent, makes the War Resources Board of paramount importance to business. The Board will then be in a position to exercise its full-fledged role in the preparation of American business for its part in the war."

One would think that such a paragraph explaining the complete wiping out not only of the entire "New Deal" but

every one of the democratic institutions that might possibly boomerang against the interests of the capitalist class could not be misunderstood by any one capable of clipping a coupon. But the confidential bulletin goes still further and even fills in the names and addresses:

War Deal Replaces New Deal

"T.R.I. Observation: It is important to note that despite the New Deal Administration, if the War Resources Board plays its emergency roll, its effect upon American Business will be that of a conservative agency. Note the names of the Board: The chairman is Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., U.S. Steel Corp., Board Chairman. The other five members of the Board are: Karl T. Compton, President, M.I.T.; Walter S. Gifford, President, Amer. Tel. & Tel.; Harold G. Moulton, President, Brookings Institution; John Lee Pratt, Director, General Motors; and General Robert E. Wood, Chairman, Sears Roebuck & Co. The Board's Secretary, Col. Harry K. Rutherford, is particularly equipped for the analysis of the military-industrial problem."

A wax museum wishing to depict the murderous overseers hired by the Sixty Families—Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon, DuPont, Girdler, etc.—could not have chosen a list of names more gory than these.

In brief, the political tip of this confidential bulletin to the capitalist class is this: The New Deal is wiped out. The War Deal now reigns. Big Business runs the War Deal. Stop all factionalism. Prepare your business operations for the PROFITS OF WAR

In the Labor Unions

By B. J. WIDICK

The conventions of the AFL and the CIO called for early in October assume historic significance because Congress will be in session on the war question at the same time.

Many a Washington politician is not going to cast his vote for or against Roosevelt's war policies until he sees what the labor movement has to say.

Many Issues

War! That is the burning issue before the delegates to the two conventions. For or against the Roosevelt war program. For or against a people's referendum on war.

Labor unity! Will it take the form of a united front against war and its menace to Organized Labor or will it be a unity with the Army and Navy to hogie the unions to the military machine?

Roosevelt? Will the man who turned the New Deal into the War Deal be repudiated or is labor going to put its stamp of approval via a third term endorsement on its chief opponent?

While both conventions face many other important problems, these three questions are the decisive issues. Recent events give a fairly accurate forecast of how labor will give its answers.

Stalinist Turn

The new turn of the Stalinists ("Keep America Out of Imperialist War") already has been felt in the labor movement. The New Haven Central Labor Union adopted the new line which includes ducking the neutrality issue as presented to Congress.

The American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO, rejected a resolution endorsing Roosevelt's "peace policy," and adopted the new C.P. line of "Keep Out of Imperialist War," and for "true neutrality."

Evasion of the fundamental problem of fighting against the war policies of Roosevelt is the essence of the new Stalinist treachery. It will carry much weight at the CIO convention because of the strength of the Stalinists in those unions.

Lewis Silent

The decision of the CIO convention, however, rests primarily on John L. Lewis and the top bureaucracy. Outside of his Labor Day blast Lewis has been silent. Perhaps he is waiting for the CIO convention to give his views a more authoritative backing?

Present indications are that Lewis will follow along the same lines of his Labor Day speech. His criticism of Roosevelt for spending sleepless nights worrying about entangling America in a foreign war while the unemployed starve at home probably will result in a convention decision against a change in the neutrality law.

Since the AFL top leadership has had a "more friendly ear" at the White House than the

CIO in recent months, William Green and the AFL executive council will be more receptive to support of Roosevelt's war program.

Obstacles

But they face an obstacle that will be very difficult to overcome. The Minnesota Federation of Labor convention went on record for a people's referendum on war. Passage of a similar resolution at the national convention would constitute a heavy blow to Roosevelt's war aims.

Let the People Vote on War! This rallying cry from the AFL and CIO conventions would gather whirlwind speed and support throughout the country. It would put a serious crimp in Roosevelt's style.

Unity Prospects

Prospects for labor unity of any kind are less than they were a year ago. The AFL leaders think the CIO is rapidly disintegrating. Let time solve the problem.

John L. Lewis hasn't even made a gesture towards reopening unity negotiations which were postponed at his suggestion during the coal strike last spring.

Roosevelt is pushing for a reactionary unity behind the war machine. The rank and file in both camps want unity but its voice has not been powerful enough yet to force a progressive unity.

Unity in action against M-day; against emasculation of the unions; against the de facto repeal of the wages and hour law and the Wagner act; against war profiteering; this kind of unity must emerge from the conventions. It will come only from rank and file pressure.

All the ballyhoo in the world can not keep the terrible tragedy of unemployment from demanding attention at the conventions. Will the unemployment problem be "solved" by sending millions to European trenches, or will all war funds go to the unemployed?

A Job for Delegates

The sniveling attitude of Lewis and company in begging for a labor representative on the War Board shows that any serious action will not come from them. It's a job for the delegates.

A third term for Roosevelt was the usual stand of many labor conventions, both CIO and AFL. However, recent events changed this situation somewhat.

Rebuke Roosevelt

The New York State Federation of Labor very deliberately avoided a vote on that question as a rebuke to Roosevelt for his WPA wage cuts. There is much sentiment of that kind in the AFL. The executive council has always been divided on support of Roosevelt. A Republican wing headed by William Hutchinson of the Carpenters Union, has other reactionary ideas.

From every point of view, this is one question on which the AFL convention will find itself divided. If a progressive wing develops at the convention capable of clearing through the muddle-headed thinking, repudiation of Roosevelt as a war-monger and anti-labor politician can become a reality.

Lewis Changes Tune

John L. Lewis recently changed his tune in regard to Roosevelt, as we outlined in a previous column. No longer is it the policy of the top CIO lead-

Progressives in N. Y. Hotel Union Unite to Combat C. P. Domination

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lution on policy to be sent to all local unions and officers of the International, enumerating the crimes of the Communist Party machine committed during the past three years:

"They defended the racketeers against the Dewey prosecution; "Criminal incompetence in the conduct of the Horn-and-Hardart strike of 1937-1938; inefficiency and incompetence in the handling of the current Brass Rail strike;

"Communist Jay Rubin, President of the Hotel Trades Council, conceived and consummated an agreement with the Hotel Association in New York City which provides for: split-shifts, complete control of hiring and firing by the employer, a 'Czar' in the industry to decide all other vital union disputes, a four-year contract which fails to provide for periods of sky-rocketing cost of living, and deprives labor of its strongest weapon during such

periods—the right to strike; and which contract is similar in many respects to a company-union contract;

"Complete lack of organization of the catering establishments at the World's Fair and no accounting of the funds collected for work permits from non-union workers;

"Vicious and dictatorial rule over 30,000 culinary workers by threats, terrorism, suppression of free speech, suspensions and expulsions without fair trial."

The convention pledged itself to defend any member victimized because of his participation in the work of the Inter-local Progressives. It established a permanent organization with representation for the progressive groups in all the local unions. Plans are being drafted for the publication of a newspaper, and the beginning of a drive which will end in smashing the traitorous Communist Party machine and the re-establishment of a militant, democratic union.

PREVIEW OF WAR-TIME SUPPRESSION

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—A preview of police suppression and intimidation during war times, was seen in the announcement made by Superintendent of Police Hubbs which stated that all "subversive meetings" hereafter would be required to be held under a police permit and under surveillance of plain clothes detectives.

Heading his message "a precautionary measure to prevent mob violence" Hubbs said it would be a comparatively simple matter to place the blame signs when they occur. The fact that sponsors of each meeting must obtain a permit will serve as a means of clamping down on those with unfavorable records," Hubbs concluded.

The metropolitan press headed this new police order as a campaign to stamp out "subversive activities" during the

ers to call for an unqualified endorsement of Roosevelt for a third term.

The Transport Workers Union convention, Stalinist-directed, last week passed a resolution giving the new line. For a president who carries out New Deal policies. No direct endorsement of Roosevelt! It's the same line that Eli P. Oliver, executive vice-president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, gave to the United Rubber Workers convention.

duration of the European war. This reactionary measure is already in effect on all SWP street meetings. All meetings are attended by a number of detectives, who write down the names and addresses of the speakers as well as a gist of what they said.

Recognizing that this measure is intended to bulldoze and intimidate the anti-war workers in the city, the SWP is going ahead with their work, refusing to be cowed, and using this opportunity to show the workers of the city what they will have to contend with when this country goes to war to "stamp out" fascism. Making use of this opportunity to show "that fascism will be introduced in a legal fashion, the day the U.S. goes to war, the SWP is planning a vigorous campaign of anti-war activity to expose the reactionary activities of both the national and city administrations.

STUDENTS SPIKE MILITARY PLAN AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

A bill to make military training compulsory at the University of Wisconsin—already passed by the Wisconsin State Senate and now before the Assembly—struck a snag this week when the student body returned to school for the new term.

The students jammed the meeting of the Assembly subcommittee holding hearings on the measure (the White bill), hooted the sparse defenders of the bill and cheered on its opponents, despite the strenuous gaveling of Chairman Schritz.

The quick reaction of the student body showed their determination to prevent the militarization of the youth, just as the bill reflects the government's drive toward girding the country for war. Following the students' display of militancy, the Assembly committee failed to endorse the bill, reporting it to

You Can Aid the Fight Against War by Signing Nominating Petitions for SWP Candidates

All citizens resident in New York who sympathize with the campaign of the Socialist Workers Party to place a candidate in the Bronx and one in Manhattan on the ballot for the Councilmanic Elections are asked to sign a nominating petition immediately.

Drop in at headquarters, 116 University Place, N.Y.C., or at the headquarters of the nearest branch to place your name on a petition. If you have friends who are registered voters too and who will sign the petition, bring them with you or give us their names and we will have a canvasser call upon them.

The circulation of a petition for signatures among your shopmates, if you are in a position to do so, will give the campaign a big boost.

Absolutely no obligation is entailed in signing. Without any commitment on your part, by signing a petition, you give the only anti-war party in the United States a chance to fight against the second world war from the vantage point of the ballot.

We need your help now as never before in placing our anti-war, anti-fascist candidates on the ballot for the coming election.

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So popular has the Socialist Appeal become in the vicinity of the West Bronx that the S.W.P. branch in the neighborhood has decided to add a number of newsstands to its present route in order to make it easier for interested readers to secure their copies of the paper.

In the struggle against war, the Socialist Appeal is a mighty weapon in the hands of a worker. The Bronx comrades call upon all sympathizers and friends to push the sales of America's only anti-war newspaper—the Socialist Appeal.

You can do your part in the fight against war by telling your friends to buy their copy of the Appeal at the following newsstands that have been added to the route:

167 Street and River Avenue, SE corner; 170 Street and Jerome Avenue, SE corner; 3 East Mount Eden Avenue (candy store); 150 E. 174 St., (candy store); 176 St. & Jerome Ave., NE; Tremont & Davidson Ave.; Burnside & Jerome Ave., SW; 183 St. & Jerome Ave., SE; 188 St. & Grand Concourse, SW; 17 E. Kingsbridge Rd.; Kingsbridge Rd. & Jerome Ave., NE; Kaplan's Stationery, 3889 Sedgewick Ave.; 204 St. & Valentine (candy store); Moshou station—East Side; 166 St. & McClellan, SE;

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Rochester, New York, also did very nicely, sending in 4, while 6 new subscriptions were entered from New York.

St. Paul sent in an additional 2, Boston 3, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 2, and several scattered subscriptions totaling as follows:

Chicago	11
Rochester	4
New York	4
St. Paul	2
Boston	3
Fitchburg	2
Evansville	1
Gloversville, N.Y.	1
Allentown, Pa.	1
Newark	2
Minneapolis	2
Albany	1
Los Angeles	2
Miscellaneous	3

The total number of new subscriptions in the past week was 42. This is among the best weeks for new subscriptions.

RESULTS SHOW GREAT POSSIBILITIES

St. Paul again did splendidly in obtaining renewals, sending in 8, and local Philadelphia also did well with 6. From Los Angeles and New York came 3 each, two from Minneapolis and one each from Newark, Chester, Pa., Allentown, Detroit, St. Louis, 4 scattered for a total of 31 renewals, or a combined subscription total of 75 for new and renewal subscriptions.

The results of the past week show the possibility for a large number of subscriptions if systematic efforts are employed. Oakland, California placed a new bundle order for 10 copies. Eloise Booth, the unusually fine literature director in San Francisco, writes that the column on the Negroes by Comrade Johnson is attracting the interest of the young Negroes.

Local St. Paul has once again increased its bundle order.

Denver, Colorado, notes slow, but steady improvement, as indicated by the increase of its regular bundle order, and Los Angeles sales on the streets and newsstands are now more systematically handled under the able charge of Harry Baker, despite a temporary decrease in the regular bundle order.

In New York City, Abe Miller, city literature agent, reports there has been a big increase in newsstand sales, particularly in the Bronx.

ST. PAUL ANTI WAR MASS MEETING LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR!

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this time to 125 copies per issue, and while temporary, hopes to keep the figure far beyond its original order of 75.

In Evansville Henry Schnautz systematically reaches a large number of readers with the Socialist Appeal and the New International and is confident of obtaining several regular subscribers.

Now that Sam Richter, Chicago literature director, who has been ill, is back on the job, Chicago will again be in the forefront as is indicated by the subscriptions sent in from there in the past week.

A bundle order for 5 copies has been placed by a new agent in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In Allentown sales of the Socialist Appeal and the New International have spurred ahead again, thanks to the spirited and energetic efforts of Comrade Ruth Querio and others. Cleveland has reorganized its literature system with the addition of a couple of live wires, who are transferring their activities from other work into the literature field.

Minneapolis is now driving particularly for new and renewal subscriptions for both the paper and the magazine.

NEWSSTAND SALES GOING UP

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