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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
- 4. Thirty-thirty! \$30-weekly minimum wage-30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on
- 5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability
- 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.
- An independent Labor Party.
- 11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilante and Fascist attacks.
- 12. Full social, political and economic equality for the Negro people.

## A Step Forward

The candidates of the American Labor Party for the coming election have been announced by the State Secretary of the American Labor Party -and although this announcement came before the meeting of the Executive Committee which was supposed to select them at its meeting next Saturday, the fact that so far as is known they have made no deals with either Republicans or Democrats makes it possible to support them as working class candidates.

The support of the Socialist Workers Party for these candidates is based on their independence as working class candidates and the urgent need of the working class for political action on its own program independent of the capitalist

But while the Socialist Workers Party can support these candidates because of the independent stand they have taken, the silence of the State Executive Committee of the American Labor Party in regard to war policy, unless rectified immediately, can negate this independence and in fact chain the American Labor Party to the war machine.

The war issue now constitutes the dividing line between capitalist parties and working class parties. It is a dividing line that cannot be strad-

A political party is of value to the working class only in so far as it espouses the cause of the working class; and the next step in the direction of independence from the capitalist parties is the formulation of a fighting program.

War and fascism-these are the burning issues upon which the political parties of the workers must take a stand in this period. The fight against war and fascism together with the fight for the most elementary reforms such as lower prices of food, lower rents, must be espoused by the American Labor Party. Only the most temporary successes can accrue to it if it takes any other course.

When the people have learned the meaning of the present imperialist war through the intense suffering that the military dictatorship will entail, they will turn to those parties which fought their battles from the beginning of the war.

A progressive step has been taken by the American Labor Party in refraining from the kind of deals with the capitalist parties it made in the past. Now it is necessary to take another step forward by formulating a clear program against war and fascism.

## Making New Friends

A Washington dispatch by the Associated Press tells the following touching story of the reconciliation between President Roosevelt and Senator Carter Glass of Virginia:

"When the 81-year-old legislator went to see the chief executive a few hours after that address was delivered, it was said that Mr. Roosevelt slapped him on the back and exclaimed:

'Well, it took a war to get us together again. I hope it will take an earthquake to separate us. "

An interesting and symbolical story. Glass has always represented arch-reaction in the Senate. Southern Bourbon to the marrow of his bones, he violently attacked Roosevelt on more than one occasion, seeing in the President's mild and queazy reforms-never made in anything Kremlin autocracy.

hem and revolution.

the Economic Royalists and their pretended en-

er to participation in the mad world\_slaughter out of which he hopes American imperialism will emerge the master of the wealth and power of the globe, Roosevelt will most certainly find more and more now friends of the Carter Glass type. At bottom, they never had divided loyalties. They differed only in having two varying con- people in Great Britain. No ceptions of how best to preserve the sick and amount of censorship can prerotting body of American capitalism, of how vent isolated items getting into best to prevent the working class from removing tion after less than a month of have told up the first and ministry is Mr. H. B. Lee from the scene the decaying mess that is poison- war. Thus Hannen Swaffer, in

Imperialist war is the great solvent of their for slum clearance in London, differences. On that score, all sections of the which were being carried out er by lengthening their hours wives how to curtsy and deport capitalist class are united. Into the war! "Mak- by Herbert Morrison, labor work-days a themselves, when they went to ing the world safe for democracy" is even better structions of the Cabinet. And win the victory over Hitlerism of Information is Mr. Noel business now than it was in 1917. Profit, and if any town in the world needs and the employer does not re-Baker. more profit, and still more profit-that's the slum clearance, it is London. outlook for American capitalism in the war.

Old friends of Wall Street and reaction as well as new friends - on to the fight under Generalissimo Roosevelt!

## A New Dilemma

· Life is certainly no bowl of cherries for the that the West of Scotland minleaders of the Stalinist party, and the sickly ers are in danger of wage cuts. already been listed with its exgreen look on their faces as they slink down the MILLIONS ADDED side streets to reach the headquarters of the Daily Worker should prove it to anybody.

Just a few days ago, they were given the dirty lard, one of the great defenders Expeditionary force was car- minds of Labor leaders, a feeljob of whitewashing the Hitler-Stalin pact. of democracy, paints a dismal ried out without a hitch. Why ing on the government's part, They finally got around to a limping explanation weeks of war. Despite the num- the working class and this mis- have in the struggle is the adof it and if it wasn't any good, at least they did bers of men drawn off for the ery among the workers? At the justment of hours, wages, and the best they could with the instructions from army, navy, and air force and beginning of the last war the smilar matters." We can take Moscow. The world war for which they were clerical services in Government deliberately endit as certain that the millions of couraged dismissals to drive workers are very much conclamoring in every key and language suddenly ministries "The first result of men into the army. But this cerned with hours, wages, and turned out to be, in their new analysis, an im- the war here has been to add time there is conscription. The similar matters." We can take perialist war. For saying no more than this, we millions to the unemployed, reason is that the British gov-millions who do not yet know ernment, like the American, is begging for the opportunity to were savagely denounced as agents of Hitler what is going to happen to them determined that this time there tie the working class movement only a few days earlier.

No sooner had they got this off their chests, thing else to do.

"When to this is added the during the last war. If any prof-dustrialists, haviness men than the new Ribbentrop-Molotov statement was wholesale migration that is tak- its are going to be made, the business men." made public. It doesn't say anything about an ing place from the cities in fear capitalists alone will make In the minds of capitalists, imperialist war—that goes without saying. It of air-raids, it is possible to get them. A bill has been passed what else has labor to do with some idea of the completeness giving the government control this war but to make better does, however, give an analysis of the war which of the dislocation of British life, over the dismissal, employ- slaves in factories and to prois identical, thought for thought and even word even in families that have no ment, or transfer of workers. It vide cannon fodder for German for word, with that given by Hitler, Goebbels, sons or husbands going to the is quite useless. The penalty is bullets? More sensitive to the Goering & Co. since the war broke out.

Poland? A bag of shells. Not worth fighting over, and anyway, it's all finished Now that Hitler has his belly full of conquered Poland, he'd ler has his bell has like to rest a bit until he has it fully digested, and workers have suffered through fines are trifles and well-worth to bring labor, by which they he naturally doesn't want his repose disturbed by thousands of busses, taxi-cabs the risk. a war on the western front. Virtually since the for war work, and this has not al doing the major share of despicable role for so-called lawar began, the Hitler mob has therefore been been compensated for by the this work, which the capitalists proposing an imperialist peace to England and transport of troops and military could never do by themselves. bor leaders can hardly be im-France and, when rejected, to throw the onus of the continuation of the war exclusively on the shoulders of the "democratic" pirates.

Now Stalin-Molotov join in the Hitler chorus. Accept Hitler's peace, or we denounce you as the war-mongers, the aggressors, and take "necessary measures" to support Hitler the peace-lover

Do not imagine for a moment that the bellygrinders of the Stalinist leadership will hesitate to swallow the new line. As stooges of the Kremlin, they are the faithful spokesmen in this country for the Hitler-Stalin alliance. If Hitler has to be pictured as an aggrieved angel of ready F.D.R. and his fellow peace in order to continue in Stalin's graces, Browder and Co. will picture him just that way.

The new dilemma created by Ribbentrop-Molotov will be resolved by the Communist Party leadership by wrapping their tongues just a little more firmly around Stalin's boots.

## The French C. P.

With the dissolution of the Communist Party road and, if he has his way, affected by the Embargo. In France by the Daladier regime, the Stalinists are having jammed down their throats the last same aims, he will advance by shall American capitalism our exploitation of the Negroes, and the bitterest fruit of the treacherous policy new arguments, attempt new of "popular frontism" they followed in years persuasions. But all will have longer. "The Embargo merely that we can build munition fac-

The "popular front" initiated by the Stalinists in France was going to bring about, so they guaranteed, peace, prosperity and democracy. It brought about war, misery, and arbitrary, dictatorial rule by Daladier's decree-cabinet.

The Daladier government, it is interesting to last issue of the Appeal, has alrecall, was voted into office as a "popular front" ready given us an advance look government. It came into power with the solid 72 votes of the Communist Party deputies in the Chamber of Commerce. Daladier now repays chase arms, Hitlerism will tri- So much excitement that the them for their activity in the brutal and annihil- umph and Western Democratic American press, and Mr. Lippating manner that was inevitable. The Blum-Faure social-democracy, it goes without saying, mann. continues to support the same Daladier regime.

Years ago, Leon Trotsky designated the Stal- is today not the slightest ves- significance of the forces that inist machine as the Great Organizer of Defeats. in a single one of the Allied And if the "democracies" do loudly and boldly-would be a That is all it ever accomplished since it usurped countries. Chamberlain and not really need American help, blow at the war maker's camp. power in the Soviet Union. The smashing of the Daladier are the first to admit then how explain their hesita- the from end the danger of American Stalinist organization, in which so many that one must do is to compare, swer is plain. British imperialica being plunged into the war. militants were duped into placing their hopes, point by point, the laws governism will not really begin to But the next step after that is only another inevitable result of the criminal ing the Allied powers with the fight until it has America- would be clearer than ever: course imposed upon the Comintern by the laws governing Hitler's Germany. They differ not in the manpower—lined up solidly be-

## but the interests of preserving American capital-ism—something suspiciously approaching may- Unemployment, Deeper Misery-What brings them together—the darling of the Economic Royalists and their pretended en-As he drives the United States closer and clos- As It Operates Under War-Rule

By BRITANNICUS

has penetrated into the consciousness of the masses of the the press which show the situathe Daily Herald of September ployers who are doing well are contributions to the struggles 13, reports that all the plans the employees they retain hard- Labor Party M.P.'s and their leader, were stopped on the in-Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, informed local housing authorities in England and slum-clearance and redevelop-Transport has suspended Sec-

TO UNEMPLOYED In the N. Y. Post of Septem-known to the last pound.

and passenger trains being used | .The labor leaders are as usu-

tertainment, book - publishing, the Admiralty is the Right Honand the newspaper business crable A. V. Alexander. Con-The bitterness of war already numbers of unemployed. "FIGHTING HITLER"-BY

EXPLOITING LABOR

gret that this places fat profits | The Times of Sept. 26 tells into his pockets.

Why this disorder, this dislo- leader of His Majesty's Opposlcation of the life of the work- tion, (at \$10,000 a year paid by

freight. The collapse of the en- Liaison Officer for Labor with agined.

contribute to the growth of the tact with the Air Ministry for Labor is Mr. Hugh Dalton, son of a Chaplain to Queen Victoria; educated at Eton and And what of our doughty war- Oxford; and one of the greatest riors for democracy, the em- misleaders of the British workployers? How have they been ing class. Contact with the warhave told us that, "some em- Smtih ,one of whose important utilizing the opportunity to work of the workers was to teach the

us that Major Clement Atlee.

Wales, of the suspension of all of course Britain was thorough- Arthur Greenwood, his lieutenly prepared for the war. The ant, visited the Prime Minister Scotsman of September 9, on September 25. These Labor ditions, wages. The Ministry of states of the iron and steel in- leaders had a complaint. They tion 19 of the Road Traffic Act dustry, that production is now complained that Mr. Burgin, limiting the working hours of on a high level, with plans to the Minister of Supply, in orincrease output to the maxi- ganizing his Ministry had failed truck drivers. The Edinburgh mum. At the outbreak of war, to avail himself of offers of help every blast furnace, every roll- from labor, but had established act capabilities. Stocks of raw servants." The Labor leaders' and finished material were grievance is that there is no direct contact with the Supply ber 25, Oswald Garrison Vil- The transport of the British Ministry, "This implies in picture of England after three then this apparent neglect of that the only interest the unions and where they will find some- shall be no high wages in the up with the government Supply munition factories as were paid Ministry which consists of "in-

a fine of 100 pounds (\$500) and real feelings of the workers The white-collar workers five pounds (\$25) for each day than the capitalists, and aware

## The Wall Street Boys Know What Is Behind the "Cash and Carry" Plan

(Concluded from last Issue)

But F.D.R. has taken the war machinery, etc., are totally unwill not listen to these voices. the same war aims!

#### LIPPMAN RAISES A FEW BUGABOOS

Walter Lippman, authentic spokesman of American financial and banking interests into the new arguments certain to be advanced by F.D.R.

tige of "democracy" remaining are opposing change.

the suppression of democratic build factories in Canada and The Presidenial fight for re-

(2) But, adds Lippmann, evwar mongers have met a bitter en if we retain the Embargo. opposition from the masses of the "democracies" can still get SUGGESTS A WAY arms and munitions. They will OF FINANCING With instinctive understand- build factories in Canada and ing, the American workers elsewhere and will utilize Am- of financing to suggest. If the have grasped this simple fact: erican raw and semi-finished Allies cannot get help from repeal of the Embargo Act and products. "Even with the em-'Cash and Carry" are new ma- bargo on arms, this country to build factories in Canada, jor steps on the road to war. will develop a great war trade. they can get the finances from The flooding of Washington . . ." Such products as wheat their Empires! Here is an adwith protests is the outspoken and flour; semi-fabricated mission of what England and

To Lippman, the question of the war industry would operate the completely imperialist by the time needed to organize character of the present war. abroad the plans which pass To sum up: Mr. Lippmann semi-finished goods through would have the Embargo lifted the final stages of manufac- because to retain it would ture." In other words, whether mean the end of Western "demproblem were discussed in the or not the Embargo is retained ocracy"; because the "democmakes small difference-mere- racies" can get needed supplies ly a matter of inconvenience.

But in the first place, there is quite a good deal of excite-(1) If the Allies cannot pur- ment about such a small thing. civilization is lost. This is the mann, are set to call those who flood of protests deluging Confirst bugaboo raised by Lipp- oppose removal of the Embargo "Nazi agents." Actually, and Carry" proposal and of his Unfortunately for him, there Lippmann fully realizes the

slightest because they are mod-hind her. Lippmann lies when Congress.

By SHERMAN STANLEY |eled on the same general rule: | he says the "democracies" can peal of the Arms Embargo Act is scarcely a week old and al-

(3) But Lippmann has a way America and find it necessary voice of working class men and steel; sugar; horses; dressed France really are and what the meats; metals; ores; tools; war is really all about. If money is needed, turn to the hundreds of millions of colonial slaves in Africa and Asia-Instead, while pursuing the the Embargo struggle is simp- they will supply us! Increase join forces now, or wait a little Indians and yellow races so lengthens the period in which tories. Here is an admission of

> anyway (then what's the excitement all about?) and because it means larger war orders, profits and boom.

made in answering these war mongering statements by the efforts to repeal the Embargo if American labor speaks out

# The American Legionnaires Go To Town

By EVELYN SHERWOOD

Blowing their tin whistles and wearing their bright new uniforms the American Legion swarmed into Chicago 250,000 strong for a five-day session on peace, love of country, and the American

They were loudly greeted by every bar and liquor store in town. State Street merchants presented them with a key to the city-and boarded up the store windows. Loop hotels prepared for a ten million dollar volume of business, but removed all the rugs and furniture from their lobbys. They knew what to expect when the defenders of American morality poured into the city for a middlewest bacchanal,

The boys-whose average age is 47-lost no time in getting to work. Within twenty-four hours the loop was a bedlam. Traffic was hopelessly disrupted as Legionnaires staged swing jamborees in the middle of Michigan Boulevard, set off false fire alarms, and exploded one-pound cannon at regular intervals. They threw water in paper bags from hotel windows. The streets were littered with fragments of telephone directories. They smacked pretty girls soundly across the rump with their canes, and squirted passers-by with water, paint, and ink. They had a barrel of fun.

#### Serious Business

Frank E. Samuel, national adjutant, forecasted that this year's convention would be more serious than the sprees of the past. The Legion had important work to consider-like maintaining law and order. "The wild conventions of the past," he said, "are gone forever."

But his buddies didn't seem to know it. Returning from a religious-patriotic ceremony in Grant Park, they stopped to pitch horse-shoes in the center of the boulevard. They dragged an ash-can into the street to use as a table for a friendly game of poker. Surrounding cars stalled in the traffic jam, they deflated the tires and reached under the hood for a handful of spark plugs. Boys, you know, will be boys.

They brought their women-that is, one third of them did. One Legionnaire had his wife anchored to him by a four-foot chain. Another tenderly kissed his wife goodnight on Sunday and said, "So long, toots. See you Thursday." The women with them reeled down the streets with lamp-shades perched coyly on their heads. Open, co-educational drinking took place on every corner.

The defenders of the sanctity of American womanhood blocked a corner with construction horses and made the girls step over them in order to pass. They rigged up a device that shot sprays of water up women's skirts as they walked by. Swaying mellowly on replicas of "40 and 8" railroad cars, they serenaded the crowd with the choicer verses of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres."

## "Good, Clean Fun"

One Legionnaire stood at a street crossing with an old-fashioned chamber-pot and offered Curb Service; Paper Free. Scott tissue was in fact at a premium, with buddles rushing in and out of restaurants, hawking rolls of it as the latest "war extra" or the "morning paper." Some enterprising mountaineers led a portable privy through the streets. Other delegates had a pet skunk on a leash. All in the spirit of good clean fun.

Impromptu parades of the drum and bugle corps floated down the treets. One of them was led by two clowns and a Nazi caricature of a Jew, his enormous putty nose moulded into a grotesque. curve. Another squad carried a coffin marked for the spreaders of "alien isms." A truck carrying an anti-aircraft gun caused a traffic jam on La Salle Street. This, presumably, to demonstrate their policy of Arm America First.

By Monday morning a police siren had ceased to mean anything but a bunch of Legionnaires and visiting state troopers having themselves a hell of a time. A traffic accident was narrowly averted when members of the Austin post went shricking at high speed through a red light. A Chicago fire engine, returning from answering a false alarm, was stuck in the loop for a half hour because people refused to heed the siren. They'd been hearing

The municipal judges authorized a special court to take care of cases involving visiting Legionnaires, "trivial cases" to be weeded out before they reach court. Maybe these included the bright boys who derailed a Madison street car full of passengers, or the buddes who switched a Clark street car, so that it went back on the wrong track. Or the ones who tied up traffic for six blocks behind by sitting on the roof of a bus and blocking the doors so that the passengers couldn't

Two thousand extra police were detailed to the downtown force, and all leaves of absence were cancelled. But they stood by good-naturedly while the upholders of law and order littered the streets, (disorderly conduct), sabotaged transportation, revolutionized Chicago's traffic system, and incited the hilarious crowds to riot.

## Colossal Nonsense

At every intersection self-appointed traffic regulators blew their whistles and sounded their sirens. One pajama-clad Legionnaire directed traffic for seven hours, then staggered into a police station and asked for a whistle, because he was hoarse from shouting. They cornered a cop at a busy downtown crossing, stripped him, and sent him home in a taxi. Then thoughtfully sent his uniform after him in another cab. Five pie-eyed Legionnaires pulled a mounted policeman off his horse and rode the animal into a hotel lobby.

At night-fall the revelry reached an unbelievable level of hilarity. "Forty and eight" floats and dilapidated Fords clanged down the sidewalks, pushing the pedestrian crowds into the streets. Motor traffic was impossble. Bands of Legionnaires prevented any movement by perching on the bumpers of stalled cars. Fortified with an electric suitcase, they blockaded the entrance to one loop hotel for an hour. They staged unrequested concerts in hotel dining rooms. They stopped busses on the streets and polished the windshields with their handkerchiefs before allowing them to proceed. It was colossal. It was pandemonium.