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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 and housing program.
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.

Danger Signal

The Dies Committee, operating with the aid of Federal agents, has raided the offices of the Communist Party in Chicago, and of several other organizations which are not named in the newspaper accounts.

The attitude of every revolutionary worker, of every honest progressive worker, for that matter, towards the Stalinists, is pretty well known. We consider Stalinism a poisonous influence in the labor movement and we have not been in the last ranks of the struggle to eliminate that influence. But everyone who is concerned with the interests of the working class, and who reflects seriously on the problem, will share our position on the Dies Committee attack upon the Stalinist party.

In our fight against Stalin, Browder & Co., we not only proceed from certain unshakeable principles, but we are very careful—doubly careful nowadays, in the conditions of the war crisis—about WHO it is that is fighting the Stalinists and what AIMS he pursues in the fight.

In our fight against Hitlerism, we are not prepared to turn to the imperialist murderers of the "democracies" for leadership and cooperation. Similarly, in our fight against Stalinism, we are not prepared to turn to the labor-hating, red-baiting gang of Bourbons who guide and run the Dies Committee. Reaction, whatever it may seem to be doing at a given moment, cannot and does not serve the interests of progress.

Only shortsighted people, fools and scoundrels can take any comfort in the thought that "regardless of his real aims," Dies is striking a blow at Stalinism. Only turncoats without principles or scruples—people like Ben Gitlow and Joseph Zack—can cooperate with outfits run by Dies. For our part, we condemn the Chicago raids with all our strength, just as we condemn the whole conception and course and aims of the Dies Committee.

The raids, like the rest of the Dies Committee's activities, are part and parcel of a national anti-labor and pro-war movement. Today it is the Stalinists who are the victims of the government at whose heels they trotted for many years and which they have not yet really abandoned. Tomorrow, on much the same pretext, Dies and Murphy and the whole governmental machinery will be swung into action against all labor and militant elements who refuse to come to heel under the orders of the war dictatorship.

Unless the labor movement promptly takes measures to put a stop to the activities of the Dies Committee, it will find tomorrow that the Dies Committee will have taken the measures needed to put a stop to the labor movement.

J. P. Morgan has turned over his Scottish estate to the British government as a war hospital. Well, he should; he helps get 'em shot.

Green's Speech

The opening address of President William Green at the Cincinnati convention of the American Federation of Labor puts him as squarely behind the War Deal government in Washington as Roosevelt would desire.

The leadership in the movement to drag the United States into the Second World War is in the hands of Roosevelt. He has made no bones about the fact that he has already decided which

camp in the war he favors. The new "neutrality" legislation proposed by him is calculated to bring the country two or three steps closer to the "democratic" empires in the war than did the present "neutrality" legislation he sponsored in its time.

The fight to keep the United States out of the war is primarily a fight against the Roosevelt regime. That fight cannot be led by any other force than the independent labor movement— independent from all capitalist parties, capitalist politicians and capitalist governments. Only such independence can make the anti-war fight a serious one.

Green, however, true labor lieutenant of capitalism, uses the occasion of the AFL convention to endorse Roosevelt, to cover up his hypocritical "peace" assurances, to get behind his war program, the program of armaments expansion included. All he asks is that he be "fully represented on any and all government boards engaged in preparing plans for industrial mobilization. . . ." His only beef is, you see, that he hasn't been given enough recognition as part of the war machine.

How illusory, in the light of this, is the hope expressed by many workers that the Greens and the Lewises are going to stand up against the capitalist war-mongers—an illusion expressed only recently at the Duluth convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor which, in its anti-war resolution, mistakenly hailed William Green as an opponent of the war.

Green and Lewis and their similars in the trade union bureaucracy can no more be relied upon to fight war than can Roosevelt. They are the agents or servants of the war-mongers.

In Washington, D.C., the wage-hour administration granted the lumber industry in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota partial exemption from the fair labor standards act for the spring freshet driving. This will permit employment of workers for as much as 56 hours a week for 14 weeks without paying overtime. Ordinarily, overtime is paid after 44 hours a week. The administration also granted exemption to the sugar beet industry, affecting thousands of sugar beet workers. It's strange, but it looks like the workers who most need this act, with its minimum wage of two bits an hour, are the very ones who are always being "exempted".

Thomas vs. Browder

Norman Thomas has worked himself up in more than one speech and article during the past few weeks against the Hitler-Stalin pact and in particular against its defense by Earl Browder.

In the past, Thomas often condemned Browder and Co. for pursuing a pro-war policy in this country calculated to bring the United States into the camp of the "democratic" imperialist pirates with whom Stalin was allied or hoping to be allied. Now, and not without justice, Thomas condemns the new line of Browder, which is calculated to alter the position of American capitalism in such a way as to facilitate the work of the fascist imperialist pirates with whom Stalin is at present allied.

Yet the position that Thomas has taken towards Stalin and the Soviet Union place him essentially on the same plane as Browder. As Chairman of the Socialist Party, Thomas has called upon President Roosevelt "that the arms embargo against belligerent powers in Europe be extended to include Stalin's government."

Thomas and Browder are on the same political plane because both of them take an essentially pro-war position and because both of them call upon capitalist governments to fulfill their missions.

Browder, up to yesterday, wanted the Roosevelt government to save Stalin from Hitler by plunging the United States into an imperialist war on the side of the "democracies." Browder now wants the Roosevelt government to help Stalin by keeping hands off Hitler and refraining from taking sides with England and France because—Browder has discovered this now that the Hitler-Stalin pact is in force—the war is imperialistic. At bottom, Browder, in the interests of his paymaster, wants to sub-contract the job of the working class to the imperialist governments, or to one of them.

Thomas too has no faith in the working class and in its ability to act as an independent and decisive force in society. He is opposed to Stalin. But he calls upon the American imperialist government to do the job of crushing or "stopping" Stalinism. At bottom, he also wants to turn over the task of the working class to a sub-contractor.

Imperialism and imperialism war are a plague. Stalinism is a poison. But neither one of them can be combatted by subjugating the working class, intellectually, physically and politically, to a capitalist government.

With all their differences and disputes, that is precisely what Browder and Thomas, each in his own way, are trying to do.

COMMENT SUPERFLUOUS

From an item on the International Youth Day parade in Moscow, in the Manchester Guardian Weekly of September 8:

"Two German newspaper correspondents sprang to attention and clicked their heels when an O.G.P.U. (Secret Police) band began to play the 'Internationale' . . . Thaelmann's picture was not to be seen."

Danish Fourth International Issues Revolutionary Call for a United Scandinavian Socialist Federation

Everywhere in this war-ridden world the voice of the Fourth International is making itself heard as the only voice of hope. Several weeks ago we published the manifesto of our British comrades of the Militant Labour League. In this issue we are reprinting a leaflet issued by the Danish Fourth Internationalists. In subsequent issues we shall make public the anti-war declarations of our French and Canadian comrades, copies of which have only just reached our office.

The Danish manifesto is signed by the International Communists. This group has since merged with the Leninist group and formed a united section of the Fourth International in Denmark under the name Revolutionary Socialists. In a note to us the comrades explain that the change in name was made necessary by the discreditment of the word "communist" which after the Stalin-Hitler pact reached such a point that workers drove the Stalinists off the streets wherever they showed their heads.

Seven thousand copies of the stirring appeal of our Danish friends were distributed in Copenhagen. Two comrades were arrested in the process. The Revolutionary Socialists answered the arrests with an intensified campaign of anti-war work.

TO THE DANISH WORKING CLASS!

The war has come! Millions of people are about to fight and die—not for any ideas or views, not for democracy or fascism, but for the maintenance and expansion of the imperialist terrain, for the exploitation and redivism of colonies, for interest paid on capital exports.

That is what this war is being conducted for. None of the belligerent parties have any concern over moral or historic "rights."

This war is an imperialist war, an inevitable catastrophe in the epoch of imperialism. From the moral point of view, this war is a gigantic crime on the part of the ruling classes which have no other means of securing, maintaining and expanding the conditions of their existence.

Only Way Out
Lenin and Trotsky, Liebknecht and Luxemburg showed, in the last war, the only way out for the working class: Down with the governments of all the belligerent states! Turn this war into a civil war! Seize power for yourselves! That still remains today the only way—out of war and fascism, out of chaos and barbarism!

Where are the parties of the Second International? Where is the social democracy? Ever since 1914 the history of the social democracy has been the history of its betrayal of the revolutionary tasks of the labor movement and the working class. Wells, Blum, Attlee and the Staunings of all the parties of the Second International bear the responsibility for making possible that another imperialist war can flare up in Europe at this late date. Hitler and Mussolini, Daladier and Chamberlain, capitalist "democracy" and fascism—that is the way out, that is the handiwork, created by the Second International.

A Tool of the G.P.U.
Where is the Third International? Out of the banner-bearer of the world revolution, out of the hope of the oppressed in the whole world, Stalin has debased the Third International into a propaganda agency for his counter-revolutionary foreign policy, into a tool of the G.P.U. in the struggle against Trotskyism and revolution. These last few days Stalin has entrusted the fate of the Comintern into Hitler's hands. Morally and politically destroyed by the enormities of Stalinism, the Comintern apparatus which still remains is naturally attempting to falsify the Germano-Russian "non-aggression" pact as a victory for socialism. But only the conclusion of this pact, only the direct war aid of the Soviet Union initiated by the trade agreement allows Hitler to launch his war with confidence!

Danish Workers! What shall you do?

Workers' Educational Forum presents
ALBERT GOLDMAN
on
"EUROPE IN FLAMES"
Friday, Oct. 6—8:30 p.m.
at 810 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.

In all the belligerent countries, in all the countries more or less directly dragged into this war, the "neutral" states, parties and groups of the Fourth International, and only these parties, fight against the war and for the social revolution, for socialism. Do not permit the catastrophes of the Second and Third Internationals to cast you into despair and apathy. Take the revolutionary road. Do not lose courage! Believe in the future of the revolutionary movement!

Support the Fourth International ideologically and materially!

Support the Fourth!

War and blockade will place Danish capitalism and its social democratic government before heavy tasks, which they can solve only at the expense of the working class. The Danish bourgeoisie is attempting to remain out of the war. But it is not the Danish bourgeoisie—it is the General Staffs in Berlin and London which will decide in the last instance whether Denmark is to participate actively or passively in the war.

Will you, can you, leave the struggle against war to Stauning and Aksel Larsen? Never! At the end of this war, victor and vanquished will stand at the precipice faced by social

revolution. If socialism can be victorious in Germany, in France or in England, then the working class can also conquer in Denmark and all of Scandinavia. Even today the united working classes of Scandinavia could give an example of the seizure of power to the workers of the world, if there were revolutionary parties in these countries.

Distrust S.P., C.P.

Do you believe that Stauning and Larsen will take this road? Stauning and the social democracy, upholding their tradition, will fight on the side of the bourgeoisie in the future also. And the Danish Communist Party will always adopt any counter-revolutionary position ordered by Stalin at any given moment.

War is sharpening all class contradictions. All the questions of the daily class struggle are being placed on a high plane. The war places you directly and immediately before your historic tasks: Overthrow of the rule of capitalism—proletarian dictatorship!

Only a Marxist-Leninist party, which must grow out of your ranks, can enable the Danish working class of fulfilling these tasks.

International Communists (Affiliated to the 4th Intl.)

Injunction Fails to Halt Calif. Sports Wear Strike

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29 — Entering the eighth week of its strike against the Billy Biller Sports Wear Mfg. in Los Angeles, local 266 of the ILGWU continues to hold firm despite the arrest of several of its militants and a court injunction restricting picketing.

The strike was called August 22 when the union protested the employer's violation of the state minimum wage law and demanded a union shop. At the refusal of the employer to grant any of their demands an overwhelming majority of the employees walked out of the shop and established a picket line.

In the fifth week of the strike five of the union leaders were arrested for their activity on the picket line and charged with five counts including

blocking pedestrian traffic, and battery. Alice Ingram, business agent of the local, and Paula among the arrested. All of the union members were found guilty and fined twenty-five dollars each. The day of the arrests, the employer found further assistance from the courts when an injunction was issued restricting the picket line to three people.

During the strike the employer was hailed into court and charged with criminal violation of the state minimum wage law. Although his trial was set for the 26th of Sept. he secured a continuance until Oct. 19. However, as a result of the strike and the work of the union the boss has already been compelled to raise wages to conform to the state law.

WORKERS' FORUM

USING SPIES AGAINST LABOR

Dear Comrade Editor:
The newspapers recently said that "detective organizations set up by industrial concerns to prevent sabotage would work closely with the FBI." My memory recalls that the Senate Committee on labor spies in 1937 reviewed how the detectives' organizations functioned against union organizing. My memory also recalls that I never read or heard of any labor spies being discharged after the Senate Committee end-

ed. So I must believe that the labor spies are yet in the employment of the corporations. Of course this is not modern. In the last war labor detective agencies worked with the federal government against unions organizing. I can just picture how a labor spy will get even with the union leaders that made life so miserable for them the last few years. The fallacy of misleaders of the labor movement will fall on their thick heads like a ton of bricks.

Behind the Lines

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It was to place the issue squarely before his wavering axis-partner that Hitler summoned Ciano to Berlin. It is not difficult to guess that Hitler was offering his pompous, frightened ally in the Palazzo Venezia his last chance to get in on the Balkan ground floor before Stalin occupies it all. It is now the favorite pastime of Anglo-French statesmen and their journalistic echoes to gamble on the early break-up of the new Moscow-Berlin axis. Even Winston Churchill did his part in his radio speech to throw a little oil on the fire he fondly hopes is burning under the camp of his adversaries. Russia is not really helping Hitler so much as helping itself and in the process is barring the Nazi drive from southeastern Europe, according to this theory. This is true enough, up to a certain point. But those who calculate that for this reason Stalin and Hitler will oblige Britain and France by flying prematurely at each other's throats are doomed to sorry disappointment.

For Stalin right now it is of the essence that Hitler remain capable of draining the strength of the Western powers in an exhausting war.

For years they have been telling the workers what a great friend of labor Frank Murphy is. Soon "I Break Strikes" Murphy will be working hand and glove with the stool-pigeons, company spies, strikebreakers, and flinks. They are in the same spot that the Stalinists are in now, so clear that even dyed-in-the-wool Stalinists can understand. Martin Dies made a press statement on the 26 of September that "CIO soon would announce dismissal of all known Communists from its ranks." Boy, what a set-up for the labor spies in the CIO. They will find more "reds" than there are corn stalks in Iowa, every union militant will be painted a "subversive element" by the flinks.

Comradely yours,
H.V. Romer

St. Louis
P.S. You are doing a good job with the paper, more news in action. The headline some time back which said "Workers this is not your war" went over big here. I heard good remarks about it. It draws their attention sharp.

For Hitler—who realizes he must subdue Britain or go down before it—Stalin's "neutrality," however malevolent, is worth any price he can pay. For both, their self-preservation is wrapped up in continuing for the present along the paths they have chosen. What awaits them around the next bend, however, neither of them really knows.

A Warning to The People of The Colonies

(For additional material on this manifesto see the column on the Negro Question on page 3.)

To the oppressed and exploited masses of the British Empire, and all peoples under the heel of Imperialism throughout the world:

You, the most oppressed and exploited, will soon be called upon to take part in a war which threatens the slaughter of millions of men, women and children. Ruin, misery and devastation unparalleled in history endanger humanity. Yet at the conclusion of the war the mass of the people will still remain in their present condition of abject poverty. War is no solution for their problems.

Even if agreement is reached between the rival Imperialisms, it will only delay for a short period the threatening conflict. The next issue will be the Colonial Question.

The Truth About the War

We are told that the war will be fought to save Poland from Hitler. This is a lie! If a battle is waged it will be to prevent Hitler from overrunning Europe and stealing "their" colonies.

This is the truth that they dare not tell! If these democratic nations are so concerned with defending smaller nations against aggression, why did they stand aside and allow Mussolini to attack the defenseless Abyssinian people after having promised them assistance? It is to mislead you that our Imperialist masters are asking you to join up and fight for Democracy against Fascism.

DEMOCRACY! What do you know of democracy in the Empire? In 1914 they called on the masses in the Mother Country and in the Empire to fight for Democracy and self-determination. Millions died on Flanders' Field, in Palestine, in East, West and South Africa. For what? More slavery, more oppression, more exploitation.

No "Rights" Under Imperialism

You in the Empire! What rights, what liberties, what democracy have you in the "glorious" Empires of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, etc.? They have robbed the masses of their land and broken up their civilisation. They segregate you in your own country, pen you in reserves and locations like cattle, make you carry passes like common criminals, and then pay you starvation wages. In the West Indies you are still denied the most elementary rights of human beings. You asked for bread, and they gave you hot lead!

The colonial masses in war, as in peace, can have only one aim, one goal—**INDEPENDENCE**. And we summon you in whatever country—India, Ceylon, Burma, Palestine, Africa—all people who fight for this end, to unite against the warmongers, both Democratic and Fascist, and all those who at this hour pledge in your name your lives in defense of the Imperialists. They do not represent the real aspirations of the colonial peoples struggling for liberty. Be vigilant and watch the traitors in your own ranks.

Unite in the Common Struggle

We denounce the whole gang of European robbers and enslavers of the colonial peoples—German Nazis, Italian Fascists, French, British, Belgian and Dutch democrats—all are the same **IMPERIALIST BANDITS** whose common aim is the enslavement of humanity throughout the world.

To the workers of Britain we appeal also. You must unite in the struggle of the colonial peoples against the common enemy, who is in your own country. To white and black the solution is the same: Organize and be ready to seize the opportunity to overthrow the enemy.

FOR COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIBERATION OF THE COLONIAL PEOPLES! DOWN WITH THE IMPERIALIST BANDITS! WORKERS OF ALL LANDS UNITE!
British Centre Against Imperialism
International African Service Bureau.
London—August 29, 1939

Hear Cannon on the Causes of Imperialist War

The first lecture in a series of four was delivered by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party last Friday at Irving Plaza.

An alert and intensely interested audience of over two hundred and fifty workers heard Cannon outline the causes that gave rise to the first World War, the collapse of the anti-war pacifist movement, the betrayal of the "labor leaders" and the struggle to reconstitute a revolutionary international organization after the collapse of the Second International.

The audience, largely composed of the post-war generation of workers were particularly interested in the vivid picture Cannon gave of America's entry into the war in 1917. The instructive lesson of the complete betrayal of all those who "opposed" the war but refused to take a revolutionary anti-imperialist position was driven home.

Cutting through the fog of official history Cannon showed how the peace of 1918 was the direct outcome of the great revolutionary upheaval starting in Russia in February, 1917 sweeping across Europe and changing the entire course of modern history.

The lecture was followed by a lively question period.

The next lecture will deal with the "Aftermath of the First World War—The Versailles Treaty." The division of the world among the victorious powers will be subjected to an analysis showing how it prepared the conditions for the second World War.

The New York Local of the SWP is sponsoring these lectures and invites all workers to attend this coming Fri. 8 p.m. in Irving Plaza, 15 Street and Irving Place. Admission 25c.