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# BEGIN DRIVE FOR CANADA ANTI-WAR MILITANT

## Auto Workers Gird for Action Against Inhuman Speed-up and Lockout Attack on Unionization

FLINT, Mich., Oct. 14.—General warfare in the auto industry threatened this week as the big corporations, leading off with the Chrysler speed-up and lockout, began a smashing attack against organized labor.

In Detroit the Chrysler Corporation locked out about 55,000 workers, who had refused to be made the victims of an inhuman speed-up that was taking its terrible toll in workers' sweat and blood.

In anticipation of pre-war military orders, the auto moguls are trying to clear the plants of organization, smash wages, and initiate a speed-up never before seen in the auto area.

The Chrysler lock-out was as brazen a union-smashing maneuver as the auto industry ever has attempted. The company first herded into the plants scores of young inexperienced workers who in most cases had never had a job before in their lives. These workers were told to work harder and faster than anyone else if they wanted to keep their jobs.

Then the whole line was speeded up to keep up with the young fellows who were green and did not realize the fink role they were playing. However, union men in the plants saw through this ruse immediately and refused to step up production. They stuck to a normal speed. Immediately the company charged a slow-down strike, yelled bloody murder about the CIO taking "control" of the plants, and following a big publicity campaign, locked out 55,000 workers.

The Chrysler division of the UAW-CIO has notified the company of its intention to strike and Tuesday will be the deadline. The lockout affects Chrysler, Briggs, Dodge, Plymouth and many other divisions of the corporation.

**Effects of Speed-up**  
In answer to a full page newspaper blast by the Chrysler corporation the UAW-CIO issued the following statement: "The fact that the Chrysler Corporation is attempting a speed-up in several departments cannot be disputed. In Dodge crankshaft department men are lifting almost three tons a day. The management has refused to install hoists. As a result several workers have been ruptured."

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## DEFENSE SHATTERS FRAME-UP TESTIMONY IN MINNEAPOLIS TRIAL OF W.P.A. STRIKERS

### Flash!

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—The first trial of WPA strikers ended today, with five convicted and three acquitted, by a jury carefully chosen to include no working class elements.

The five convicted—Carl Pemble, Myron Phillips, Richard Connell, Ben Palmer and Leslie Wachter—were members of the Federal Workers Section of General Drivers Local 544.

Arnold Mullen was acquitted by the jury, and the judge directed verdicts of acquittal for Gordon Smith and John Marshall, the latter the only Workers Alliance member on trial.

The indictment under which the strikers were tried was based on a provision of the relief law forbidding "interference" with WPA workers.

A second trial, involving four other WPA strikers, began today. A total of 193 WPA strikers have been indicted.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Brilliant testimony of defense witnesses shattered the federal government's frame-up accusations against the WPA strikers on trial here, for "conspiracy, intimidation, etc."

Star defendant on the stand was Carl Pemble, steward of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544. His testimony revealed the lies of the cops, project supervisors and scabs who were paraded on the stand last week by Federal Attorney Victor Anderson.

**Nation-Wide Action**  
In his testimony, Pemble showed that the WPA protest in Minneapolis was part of a nation-wide protest movement against the relief cuts, and that reports of the protest throughout the nation were published in the daily press.

As for the ridiculous charge of "conspiracy," Pemble showed that he did not know any of the seven other defendants save Wachter until the strike began, and that he had not discussed the strike with Wachter, Connell and Phillips, two other defendants, also later testified they knew none of the other defendants until after the strike began. The framed-up "conspiracy" charge of the government will make tough headway against such testimony.

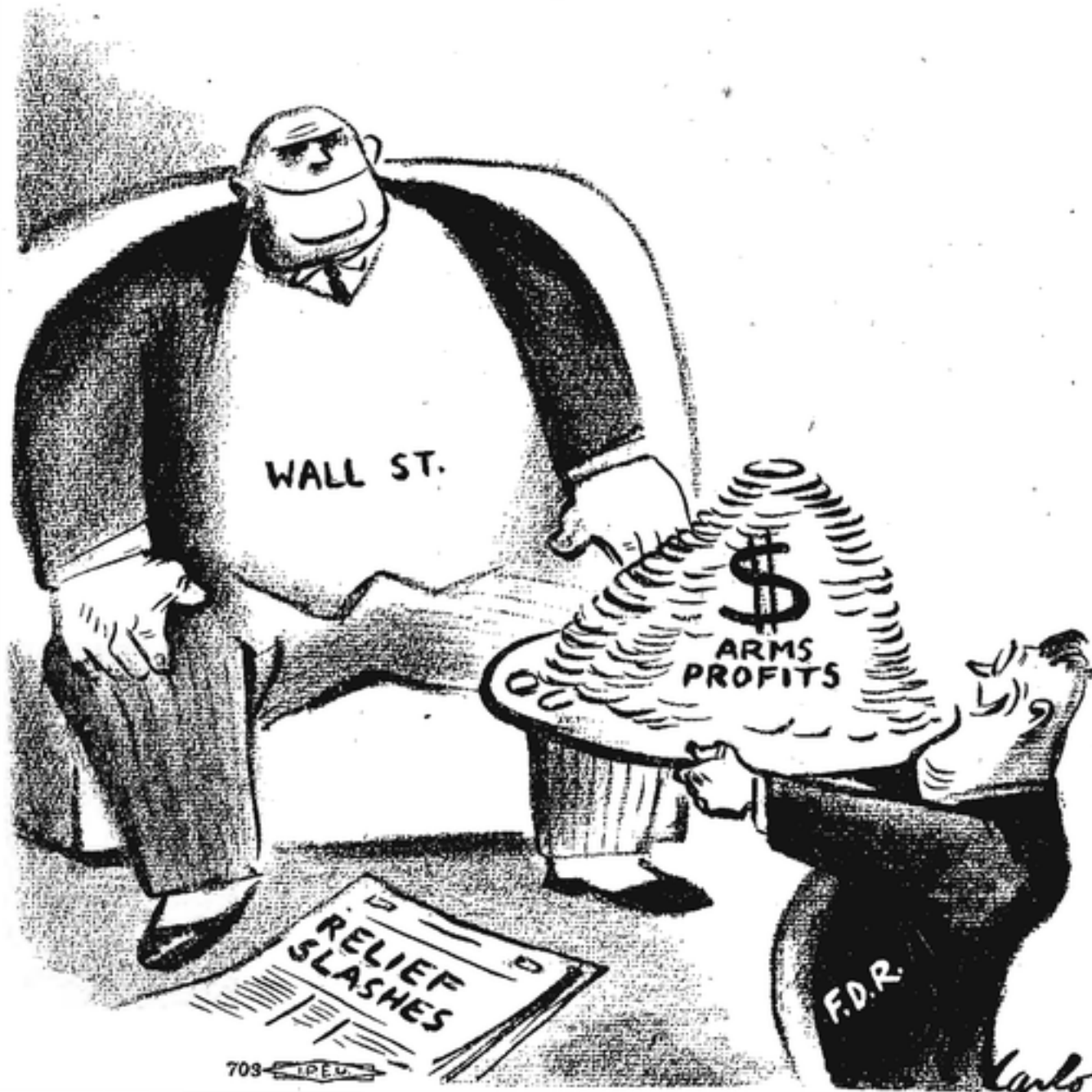
**Repeats Strike Speech**  
At one point in his testimony Monday, Pemble used the impressive device of standing in the courtroom and delivering a 10-minute speech identical to the talk he delivered July 10th before his fellow WPA workers.

He told of coming to work and finding other workers inspecting the bulletin board notice informing them their wages had been cut and their hours lengthened.

"You workers must go out and protest this action," he said. "I urge you to come to a meeting of WPA workers and vote on the question of striking. The papers tell us that W-

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## The Unforgotten Man



## Stalinists Break With F. D. R. To Aid Stalin-Hitler Alliance

By JOSEPH CARTER

As agents of the Stalin-Hitler war alliance and "peace proposals" the Communist Party has begun an open attack on Roosevelt and the New Dealers as spokesmen of American imperialism who seek to drag the US into the present war.

"Pressed by the imperialist bourgeoisie," declares the latest resolution of the Political Committee of the Communist Party, "the Roosevelt government despite its avowed intention of 'keeping out of war,' more and more takes a course which threatens to involve the USA in the imperialist war." (Daily Worker, Oct. 15, 1939.)

In the present situation, we are told "the slogans of anti-fascism no longer give the main direction of the struggle of the working class and its allies as they formerly did in the period of the struggle for the anti-fascist peace front and people's front." Under such conditions the difference "between the New Deal and anti-New Deal camps is losing its former significance. Both are parties of the bourgeoisie and seek in various ways to realize and promote the predatory interests of American imperialism in the war and both are following policies which threaten to involve the US in the present war."

### Alliance Dictated Turn

As foretold by the Socialist Appeal, the abrupt turn-about-face of the Communist Party from enthusiastic support of Roosevelt's war program to opposition to it, was in the cards as soon as the Stalin-Hitler military alliance was signed. So long as Stalin sought a military alliance with the democratic imperialist powers and believed that American imperialism would be his ally in a war against German Fascism and Japan, the Communist Party was ordered to support Roosevelt as the champion of the people against Wall Street monopoly, the democratic opponent of the imperialist section of the capitalist class. Whoever challenged this lying propaganda was condemned as an agent of fascism.

The Stalinists hailed every pro-war move of the President as a blow for democracy and against imperialism war. They supported his policy of "national unity" for "continental defense," that is, imperialist domination over the Latin American peoples, and his pledge to aid Canada in case it was attacked. They supported his rearmament program, and his

drive to lift the arms embargo so as to help Anglo-French imperialism.

Even after the outbreak of the war in Europe, the Daily Worker greeted Roosevelt's fake promises to keep America out of the war as good coin. In the trade unions, at the conventions of the Rubber Workers Union, the Transport Workers Union, and the recent CIO congress the Stalinists supported resolutions which endorsed Roosevelt's "peace" policy.

### Talk Militant—But Why?

Now the Communist Party has thrown overboard these policies. Has it suddenly discovered that Roosevelt, the New Dealers and the Old Dealers are class enemies of the toilers, imperialist spokesmen irrespective of the secondary differences among them? Hardly! However, yesterday Roosevelt was a potential ally of Stalin; today Roosevelt is already an ally of Chamberlain and Daladier who are engaged in a war against Hitler, the present partner of Stalin. Roosevelt has already lined up against Stalin by his letter to the Kremlin on Finland.

These unscrupulous henchmen of the Kremlin autocrat now use the phrases of militant working class struggle against capitalism and for socialism. How strange it must be for members of the CP to read the present resolution of their Political Committee. Their leaders have drilled into their minds that the democratic sections of the capitalist class must be supported against the fascist sections; that democratic imperialist governments could conduct a just war deserving the support of the masses; that anyone who denied these bits of Stalinist wisdom were enemies of the working class, progress and socialism. Now . . .

"The merciless enemy of the workers always has been, is and will be: the capitalist class. This is so regardless of the particular political face with which the capitalist class appears, regardless of the political form in which it shields its domination, regardless of the lying and hypocritical slogans with which it masks the imperialist aims, whether in times of war or peace."

### Drop Criticism of Fascists

What honest and intelligent worker can any longer be fooled by the lying and hypocritical slogans of the Stalinists who mask their own reactionary aims—the victory of the Stalin-

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## American Labor Aid Calls for Funds to Help Watson Defense

Cannon Hails Creation of Watson Defense Fund as Demonstration of International Labor Solidarity Against the War

NEW YORK—In a statement issued today, Mary Green, National Secretary of the American Labor Aid, announced the creation of a Watson Defense Fund to obtain full moral and material support in the United States for Frank Watson, Toronto anti-war militant convicted under the War Measures Act for speaking at a public meeting of the Socialist Workers League, Canadian Section of the Fourth International.

## SEEK TO RULE SWP NOMINEES OFF N.Y. BALLOT

Anti-War Candidates Protest High-handed Procedure of Board

Appearing before the Board of Elections Monday morning, October 16, to protest its action in ruling his name off the ballot, George Lyman Paine, Councilman Candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Manhattan, charged the Board with "a high-handed disregard for the unmistakable mandate of thousands of workers," the Campaign Committee disclosed today.

Acting on the flimsiest technicality to disqualify the only anti-war candidate for Manhattan, the Board of Elections ruled that Paine's nominating petitions were "improperly notarized and marked by erasures."

### Flimsy Pretext

Pointing out that there were a sufficient number of signed petitions to cover any irregularities, Paine charged that the Board was acting on a "flimsy pretext to deny thousands of workers in this city the opportunity to register their anti-war vote with the regularly nominated candidate of the Socialist Workers Party. In the face of the incontrovertible evidence at hand that there is no ground to rule my name off the ballot," Paine declared, "the action of this Board is an outrageous disgrace."

The Campaign Committee announced today that the drive to elect Paine to the City Council will continue unabated. Dwight Macdonald, Secretary of the Committee, stated late today that "unless the Board of Elections reverses itself, the fight to restore the name of our candidate on the ballot will be taken into the courts."

### Send In Protests

The Campaign Committee today called upon the workers of New York to make known their protests to the Board of Elections. "This will be the first time in dozens of years that a Socialist candidate will not appear on the ballot for Manhattan if the Board of Elections is permitted to stand on its rule-

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Watson was arrested on September 15 after a speech in which he denounced British imperialist policy in the colonies and possessions. "Workers, when they tell you to fight for democracy in Europe," he called out to the crowd, "reply by fighting for it here. . . .

"When the Canadian millionaires felt that their wealth was safe," Watson concluded, "they turned the unemployed single workers on the streets to starve without a cent of relief. Now that they feel their wealth is in danger, they can afford \$1 30 and 85 cents living allowance to these same unemployed to fight for Canada. For whose Canada? Not ours: we own nothing. The unemployed are being paid only to become cannon-fodder of imperialism. Workers, let us first own Canada before we fight for it."

### Year's Sentence

For these remarks Watson was convicted on September 21 of "making statements likely to prejudice recruiting of His Majesty's Forces." On September 28 he was sentenced to six months imprisonment plus another six months or \$300 fine. Since the defendant is practically destitute the sentence is actually a one year's term of imprisonment.

The American Labor Aid received an appeal for help from many individuals, members of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, the Socialist Workers League and other labor organizations constituted as the Watson Defense Committee who have rallied to Watson's defense in the Dominion, and are now engaged in obtaining a review of the case in the higher courts. In reply to their appeal, the ALA has created the Watson Defense Fund.

"In the speech for which he was convicted," Miss Green said in the statement issued, "Watson warned that 'the first casualty in the war for democracy' is democracy itself—the workers' rights of free speech and assembly. The vicious sentence imposed upon him has furnished living proof for his contention."

### Danger Signal

"The Watson case is the first example on our continent of the effects of the present war, conducted in the name of a struggle against so-called Hitlerism, upon the rights and liberties of the people on whose behalf it is supposedly waged. "It is a danger signal to workers and genuine fighters for liberty throughout America.

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## Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

Japan is meeting with a good deal of trouble in its effort to bring the war in China to a rapid close.

Following the outbreak of the war in Europe and the conclusion of its own armistice with Russia, Japan embarked upon a policy of hastening termination of the China campaign in order to free Japanese arms for future eventualities. To this end it equipped itself with a brand new government and a brand new high command on the China fronts and simultaneously launched fresh military and political drives to "settle the China incident."

So far the results have proved something less than negligible. The first large scale military offensive in a year was begun in Central China. It was stopped in less than a month. Columns attempting to converge on Changsha, capital of Hunan province, were turned back with severe losses. Military experts of other powers began to wonder if the Japanese had reached the limits of

their capacity to penetrate the Chinese hinterland.

In the political domain the Japanese achievement has likewise been something less than brilliant so far.

In these spheres the main elements are the creation of a new central puppet regime and the continued probing for points of support within the Kuomintang regime at Chungking. The proposed puppet government, with the miserable Wang Ching-wei its leader-designate, has had a sad buffeting from circumstances on and off during the past year.

The last date set for its inaugural was Oct. 10—the Chinese national holiday. But this was put off because the Japanese hoped their truce with Russia would make Chungking more amenable to peace overtures. But the Russian truce is already cracking if it has not already been broken. The Kuomintang leaders are not likely to hasten any settlement with Japan until the further clarification.

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# WAR--WHAT FOR?

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By James P. Cannon

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The Real Meaning of the Present War

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