NEW DEAL SPEEDS UP WAR DRIVE AND TRADE WARS

The weight of the President’s state-of-the-nation speech underlined international events. Roosevelt was quite clear. On the one hand, American imperialism must build up an enormous war machine — potentially second to none — and on the other hand, he laid down a straightforward threat to Britain, Germany, and Japan of an intensified trade war — dumping, quotas, tariff restrictions, subsidies, etc., unless these other powers stop putting barriers to Uncle Sam’s trade abroad.

Two days after delivering this address, Roosevelt showed he wasn’t kidding by asking Congress for $10 billion dollars in new lend-lease aid to Britain. The move is a direct attack on aviators, strengthening of fortifications, new equipment, and strengthening of naval bases. The threat to strengthen the naval base at Guam was a warning to Japan to heed America’s note. Guam is the most suited naval base for offensive action against Japan.

That the threat of American Letter from Germany

A revolutionary group in Germany which, a few years ago split from the不锈钢ists and Trotskyites and became the Trotskyites and the London Bureau, again writes to the RWL after a period of silence due to readjustments under illegal conditions. We quote part of one of their latest letters.

“The... that came not entirely unexpected, put us in a new situation. On the one hand, it was necessary to speedily organize the emigration of our readers, in order to save our threatened comrades from the ‘National Socialists.’ Secondly, due to the sudden and unexpected blow, we had no time to organize a new set of contacts. This is why we did not react in time to the call of the International Communist League for a general strike.”

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Negrete Free

World Pressure Brings Release From Loyalists

Roslin Blackwell Negrete, a member of the Revolutionary Workers League, has been freed from jail and released to his family. TheRWL has been working hard to secure his release. We are happy to report that he is now back with his family. We thank everyone for their support in this matter.

Negrete was arrested in 1936 for his role in the Resistencia movement against the Fascist regime in Spain. He was sentenced to prison and spent several years in jail. His release is a great victory for the RWL and its supporters.

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Third Convention
April 8-9
The third Convention of the Revolutionary Workers League meetings will be held in Chicago April 8th and 9th. The agenda will include: the general world situation, (Russian question, U.S. — British antagonism, French crisis, U.S. — relation to the world crisis, document on Revolutionary Defense and Class Relations in the U.S.); unemployment; the trade union question; Workers Control of Production; and a number of organizational points.

New Unit in Chicago
With the addition of some new members, the Chicago B.W.L. established a new unit during the month of January. This brings the fifth new unit of the organization in the last few months. The new members are coming into the organization on work in the unemployed field, are sending speakers to a weekly forum in that neighborhood, and have organized a class each Sunday at 12:45 P.M. on Marxian Tactics and Strategy at 34 S. Peoria.

5 New Members in K.C.
The organizer of the Kansas City Unit reports five new members, all workers and members of unions. The unit will open a headquarters and will start weekly forums and classes. Detailed announcements will be carried next issue. The League is slowly moving on the upsurge organizationally with new units and new members on the increase.

Chicago Sunday Forum
Every Sunday at 8:30 P.M.
Workers Center
72 Division Street
February 5th
A Workman Looks at Congress
Bill Streetter
February 12th
Sellout in Spain
Sid Okun
February 19th
The Chicago Primary
Joe Hadley
February 26th
The Military Plans of American Imperialism
Hugo Oberle

Clariad Proletaria
Theoretical Organ of the Revolutionary Workers League
in Spanish
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March Separately, Strike Together
(The BOLSHEVIKS AND INDEPENDENT WORKERS ACTION)

The outstanding successful example of the struggle right and left arms of the exploiters on the other, was the way the Bolsheviks against Kerensky the "democrat" and Kornilov the white guardist. Under Lenin's policy the workers fought against Kornilov or their domestic bourgeoisie army against Kornilov. Furthermore, the continued the struggle at the same time for better living conditions, for arming the people, etc. against the Kerensky government ruling in Russia as the agent of Anglo-French imperialism.

Against the democratic institutions of the bosses and government of Kerensky, even in a country where the great masses of peasants, Lenin countered the inevitable will end up as. On the basis of this policy, the Bolsheviks prepared the masses in the struggle against Kerensky, to overthrow the capitalist institutions and replace them with the democratic institutions of the workers and peasants — the Workers Councils.

This was in Lenin's day. It is the opposite of what takes place today under Stalinism with its crushing of workers opposition in the Soviet Union. Its support of CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY. (Roosevelt, etc.) and the imperialist war under the banner of democracy against fascism.

IMPERIALIST WAR AND THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

Those who claim they are against the capitalist wars, and at the same time stand for the democratic institutions of the bosses, for bourgeois democracy against fascism, as social patriots, supporting the murder and plunder of the "democratic" bands of imperialist thieves against other imperialists. Patriotism for the democratic institutions not only washed out any really effective fight for workers democratic rights but paved the way for full submission to the imperialist war.

FOR THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED.

The democratic rights of the workers and oppressed masses can only be won by a FIGHT AGAINST CAPITALISM AND ITS STATE, in its fascist and democratic form. The workers fight can only be on the basis of a struggle against the democratic institutions of capitalism. Fascism can be held in check and defeated only by a powerful working class. The support for the democratic institutions, of CAPITALISM, paves the way for a Fascist triumph by blinding the working class to its real enemies, beheading the proletariat in advance of leadership, of independent class struggle action.

Those "lefts" who like the Trotskyites support Labor Parties, or left People's Front cabinets (Blum-Cachin, Ball-De Caux, etc.), only serve to delude and confuse the working class. Behind their left phrases they support the democratic institutions of capitalism. The perennial argument of such people is: "The workers are not yet ready for Communism. We must prepare them GRADUALLY." And so they proceed to prepare the working class for Communism — gradually, mind you — by gaining their support for capitalist parties and capitalist institutions. For Communists the way to prepare the working class for Communism, even though it is not an overnight, but a long process, is to teach them at every moment to break from the democratic institutions, to oppose them, to fight the democratic institutions even in the struggle for immediate demands, to organize independent working class action, to oppose capitalist parties and programs, no matter how left they sound in words. That is the only way to fight Fascism and Bourgeois Democracy both.

FIGHT CAPITALISM TO FIGHT FASCISM! FOR INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION!

Help the Victims of Fascism

In the Fascist countries of Europe there are an increased number of class war victims and Jewish people who need the help of the working class of the United States. In behalf of these comrades, the Revolutionary Workers League calls upon its members and sympathizers and the working class to give to this Red Aid.

The Austrian section of the International Anti-Fascist Red Aid has written us, pointing out the terror and great need to help the large number of working class revolutionists caught in the Hitler trap.

Funds are needed for the workers who have escaped and are living a precarious life in "democratic" countries.

Funds are needed for women and children of revolutionists who have entered concentration camps and have not been heard of since.

Funds are needed to get as many as possible of these victims out of Germany (and Austria and Czechoslovakia). Some of the revolutionists have escaped out of the German hell and are living precarious lives in the "democratic" capitalist countries, but the majority are still in Germany and need your aid to get out and to enable others to organize their fight against Fascism.

Send in your contribution at once. Visit your fellow workers and have them contribute. Remember, every small amount will help make a larger amount in the Red Aid against Fascism.

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The increased costs for prepa-
ration and for wages, taxes on an increased national in-
come. Roosevelt has hopes of raising them to the point that the States from 60 to 80 billion dollars — or about equivalent to the 1929 level. This is sheer out-
dreaming. America's econo-
y might come from about $50 billion again but only in case of war and enormous inflation.

"The first duty of our states-
nmanship, if we are to man-
ner power together," "We are strengthen-
ing the weakest spot in our economic power, its long smoldering labor dif-
ficulties." With these words Roosevelt summarized his 6 years of "internal preparedness" and offers a threat to the working class that it must submit to class collaboration — in the interest of the workers.

OPPORTUNISTS AIM NEW DEAL

The New Deal was able to double the strength of the work-
ing class over the last six years only because of the support of the various elements of the bourgeoisie who spent labor's wealth. From the right wing of the AFL, to the parts of the business that feel they have given increased support to bourgeois Labor Party. In these last six years the Trotskyists — the extreme left of this tendency — have pledged support to a new capitalistic Labor Party, the wage-slave-starvation bill, to the Carpenters and to the actions of America's puppet in Brazil, Cardenas, and other such actions.

Roosevelt's speech — in line with his drive to tighten up the war machine is doing its job.

Japan's success so far (one-half of China's industry and agricultu-
ure destroyed 13 provinces won) has two causes: The lack of leadership of the masses for an effective resistance; and the bitter struggle between the two giant imperialist nations, the United States and Great Britain.

The Chinese bourgeoisie are powerless to really fight back. They are the tool of the imperialists who have interests there. In fact, one section rep-
sented by Wang-Ching-Wei has promised to sell out to a Japanese puppet government. The only effective struggle has been the control of certain industrial actions and PARALLEL ACTION

The Chinese, the Chinese and the British, have joined forces to destroy the Chinese masses. The Chinese masses have begun to organize a party, workers and peasant militaries, as the only way to end China's position as a second-class country, now exp-
lonized by the imperialists, now by that. The task is now to march separately and strike together with the Chinese masses against Japan. This is the road to the Russian revolution, bringing up their forces from the rear.

CUTS FOR WORKERS

But there is not a single word — outside of the price-driven wig — for an 80 billion dollar increase — in anything else. There can be no appeal to the waters of the previous class strike. The workers will take a middle-of-the-road course. There will be no appropriation for relief and other social security measures. In summary: The House of Representatives for only 725 million dollars for WPA and Unemployed Workers Union in Chicago, a number of groups in New York, and in defend movements in a dozen other cities.

DEMOCRACY AND FASCISM

His attempt to create two camps in the imperialist area op-
to-smirkingly with the democratic imperialists and the Fascists, is a deliberate attempt to divide and to step to the beat of the Fascist tempo to obtain support for American war in Spain. This is the same tempos that were adopted at Lima. The fact that the Staliniets have taken the same line — that the m i n i-
r. in the working class and capitalists but under Fascism an Anarchist — shows the depth of the capitula-
ion of the reformists to the Fascist bourgeoisie.

Roosevelt, in his speech before Congress and in his whole outlook in the past six years, has based his program on the hope that he can keep the working class behind his subsidies schemes and preparedness programs. The New Deal has increased the energy of the working class. So far, with the aid of the reformists, he has been fairly successful. Only if the working class strike out in de-
pendently, break the fetters of its fake leaders, will the mass struggle upset all of Roosevelt's calculations for a war economy.

To the working class, to the mass of workers, we say: Join up with the workers of Japan, of the Soviet Union and China. Fight against the Roosevelt war plans.

Mexican Trotskyites 'Conclude'"
BOSS STOOGES BETRAY TEA NAT

Chicago, January 16th, - By a vote of 141 to 1 the American Federation of Labor, which scabbed on the militant strike of the National Tea Workers in April to August, 1937, won an NLRB election victory over the CIO Local 233 in the Chicago warehouse.

Since 140 workers were rehired in June, 1938, with a small re-imbursement for pay lost, CIO Local 233 President Herman W. Buller has conscripted and strengthened the CIO campaign for organization and against the AFL union. Efforts by the rank and file to re-elect the Local 233 leadership to issue bulletins, visit contacts, b. o. l. meetings and push a vigorous campaign against the AFL-union leadership, were fruitless.

STOOGES AIDS AFL

Buller showed on whose side he stood by bringing charges against one of the militant workers who founded the union almost two years ago, and who had been demanding a union contract, an end to the predatory practice of re-instatement of discharged workers, democracy in the union and an end to the violence of function-shooters, stock stewards, and organizing the union, in the interests of the tea industry.

The membership of Local 233 twice voted down the charges against this worker as being a case of "do-nothing-leadership." Since the election, Buller has agitated that he is a company stooge by proposing to liquidate the CIO union.

Another important factor in this defeat was the slack attitude of the International representative, Leonard Levy, who submitted tamely to his exclusion from the affairs of Local 233. Levy spoke of fighting for a militant class struggle program, but action he never once opposed the sell-out leadership of Local 233.

FIGHT BOTH BUREOCRACIES

National Tea workers can expect further attacks from the AFL leadership and the National Tea bosses, who work hand in hand. A campaign to fire militant workers followed the decision of the officers of the National Tea workers’ union to improve the honest elements in both the CIO Local and the AFL plant against those who were willing to wage a fight against the bosses, like Green, "supporters of the capitalist system, like Green, and against the pseudo-anti-labor attitude of the National Tea company.

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TWO CLASSES IN SOCIETY

A 64 year old man walked 50 miles for a job as a caretaker which paid $40.00 a month salary, only to find the job already filled. Having exactly 10c for lunch, he walked the 50 miles back to New York City without anything to eat the rest of the work there...The parents of Brenda Frazier spent $5000 on a party for the 10th birthday of their son, while the boy (who people?) gave a Jackson Day Dinner, where members paid 10c for the privilege of dining with Roosevelt.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN CHICAGO

Mayor Kelly declared there is no chance of extending the fair territory beyond the joints took the hint and closed up for a day...Of the 50,000 families in Chicago, less than 3,000 have any health or accident insurance except candles. As soon as it is dark they fall asleep by the fireside or bed or hang about the streets. School children who are too poor to go to school because of their homework, in the dark are doing what they can to make a living.

The other families which kept the light are all suffering from some illness, but they are better off, as they should be, from the report of the CRA supervisor, yet they insist on cutting the relief budget...

THE RICH GROW OLD, THE POOR YOUNG

40 million people in this country do not have adequate medical care. People get sick from TB, mostly poor white people who cannot get medical relief from pneumonia — not $1 in 20 of the millions of people have any kind of health insurance..."At the beginning of the Century of Progress in Chicago Cancer specialists could have treated you...A year later, if you are lucky, you could afford $14,000...and older people die from childhood, 3/3 could not have, even now, a thousand born to families with incomes of $2,000 a year and up, but 165 die every thousand born to families with incomes of $500 a year or less...Areas covering 17 million citizens don't have a single registered hospital, people on relief standard of living average 16 days a year sickness, but those in the higher income groups average only 7. When the press of United States hospitals of the worst cases in the world, it is no wonder of living, it confidently forecasts the collapse of the capitalist system, because people are living in a world where the whole, against the capitalist system, is not democratically and the Fascist

Madrid and environs must met each week in a bluff. The demonstration is giving a bad name to the fair community, they called upon the government of the same state, which is the capital of the state of Missouri.

The workers, under the leadership of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, answered eviction notices with this Ghandi-like demonstration. The landlords find pays under the federal subside plan to let the ground go uncultuted. So the State, in which 2500 "croppers" to stick out on the highway until they get aid from the democratic and the capital government.

LET EM STARVE

Government Refuses Aid to Evicted Croppers

Twelve hundred sharecroppers who pinned their faith on the great white father in Washington were greatly disappointed after one week of sitting and sleeping along the snow bound highways near highways 60, 61, and 62, when the state police broke up their "demonstration" and dispersed the "croppers" to save the "good name" of the good state of Missouri.

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MOONEY FREE; WHAT NEXT?

The freedom of Tom Moomy after 22 years in the capital jail on a frame up charge enables him to play a key role in the labor movement. Mooney's freedom is not the result of the "good" government Olson, or the New Deal. It is the result of the same class struggle which is intensifying in the United States. The "good" government and Mooney's death sentence mean more than a score ago years.

Governor Olson and the New Deal are themselves the by-products of the changing class relations since 1939 and the increased pressure of the working class upon capitalism as a whole. It was this pressure and the attempt by Olson to analyze and utilize the energies of the working class that led to Mooney's release.

MOONEY HOLDS KEY POSITION

Mooney a representative of the "old school," of the Debs, and Haywood type, has no political record, his world wide publicity, the natural recrudescence against a frame-up by many who are ardent supporters of the capitalist system, his "non partisan" role for years, places him in a key position in the labor movement of the United States and the world. No doubt some already have him slated for a 1940 presidential candidate on "Labor's" ticket. No doubt others think he would be a good president for a new federation of labor, with A. F. of L. and C. I. O. united, with both Green and Lewis taking a second seat.

LET MOONEY SPEAK

One thing is sure. His unique position will enable him to play a big role for the interests of the working class, or for class collaboration. We naturally hope that his time in prison and his political development has enabled him to understand the development of the October Revolution and its betrayal by Stalinism. His public utterances so far places him in the camp of the "democratic" front. He expressed himself clearly for the interests of the working class, but he has not presented himself for INDEPENDENT WORKERS ACTION.

The good labor leaders of new capital. Is he a "left" wing New Dealer, or is he an underling Stalinist? Or what? Let Mooney speak for himself.

Mooney is free. It is a victory for the working class. Now let's free Billings.

N.Y.C. Cops Frame Unemployed

New York—Magistrate Rothenberg has convicted Jerry Lewis for the "crime" of having volunteered to witness a strike. Three members of the Unemployed Workers Union who were arrested on the framed charge of "assaulting" Rothenberg is a good La Guardia appointee. Drive away those La Guardia's real anti labor character. The 3 workers involved came to the southern Neader relief station to ask for relief for their families. They were beaten up by the police and guards, thrown down the stairs, called a "bunch of dirty Jews" by the same judges. The State of New York says it is not "needed" — they have a right to starve unless someone comes to save their starving — don't you see?

LANDLORDS INDIGNANT

The good landlords of New York are indignant. Is he a "left" wing New Dealer, or is he an underling Stalinist? Or what? Let Mooney speak for himself.

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