Hitler Victory In Norway Brings U.S. Closer To War

Plenum Launches Workers Vote Campaign

Virginia Judges Upheld Negro Discrimination

League Calls Conference

Cleveland, Ohio, May 2, 1940—

As a result of the arbitrary pass machines which are being used in a number of cities, the Division of Relief has instituted and put FORCED LABOR for all single men and women who are on the relief rolls of the city.

Most of the unemployed victims of the panic of 1929 are in this week displacing regular city employees in the parks and street divisions of the city. These "forced labor scales" are made to work eight a month at an average hourly rate of 35c. The regular city employees thus displaced have been working at the rate of 10-11 cents an hour. The wages paid the "forced labor scales" will be about 50% in cash and 50% in restricted relief orders.

UNIFIED FRONT FIGHTS BACK

The Joint Committee of the Association of Unemployed on Dis- trict and Work Relief and the Federal Workers Union are holding a meeting on May 6th to tie up for joint action of the two organiza- tions against the back of the bosses against the Cleveland workers.

These two organizations of the unemployed and WPA workers, which successfully fought against the relief cut last December and forced Burton and City Council to restore relief, are also under- taking to keep up the pressure on the WPA relief cuts of the Re- gional Office in Cleveland, and the simultaneous efforts of the Central Appropriation Or- ganization to fight a further reduction in the WPA workers will be forced to apply for relief.

JIM CROW ACTION

In an attempt to extract super- profits from the Negroes and drive them back, the Negroes are also to drive a wedge between the Negroes and white workers, town- ship by township, to create a vicious segregation law. By Jim Crow action, U.S. workers are to be divided into separate Negro labor unions, in order to make the Negro workers more unemploy- able and lower the wages of the more employable workers.

Milk Strike Truce

Workers must still struggle against boss arbitration

The Milk Wagon and the Dairy Employees Union had the milk supply of Chicago completely under control through their two days' strike. But in an all-night conference at the State Attorney's office with the Dealers Association representatives, the union leaders agreed to call off the strike, go back to work at the present wage scale AND THEN NEGOTIATE for a new wage scale.

What the strikers were winning on the picket line the union leaders gave way in the conference room.

The strike was 100% as effective as to its aims, and with such a condition, the tempo still up- ward. The wage scale should have been a condition of calling off the strike.

The dealers were responsible for the strike, and now the union will have to fight very hard to prevent a wage cut in the negotiations.

The Milk Dealers Association

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SUPPORT WORKERS VOTE PROGRAM

When you vote for Presidential candidates in 1940, don't forget 1916. That was the year the American people voted for Peace and Wilson, and got a bellyful of war, profits for a few, and doom for the masses. It's history (even if it's called "Labor" history) to show how a vote for "REACTION and HUNGER" solve your problems at this election. The Wall Street racketeers stand for Nice Act. Wall Street owns the Nice Act. Wall Street owns 99.9% of the mass media. They finance the campaign. Wall Street lawyers have the election system tied to the point where it's just about a hypocritical sham.

BOSSES PREPARE WAR ENTRY

And now in the year 1940, the prospect is even worse. In a real sense, the war is coming; and to prepare for the war, the bosses are getting into power. America is already in the IMPERIALIST WAR IN EUROPE. This will be followed by the military phase. The war budget in 1940 was $12 billion; in 1941 it is being cut to less than $2 billion. The capitalist politicians in Washington, led by New Dealer Roosevelt -- are preparing a giant straitjacket of reaction.

We've already seen its beginnings. The government prosecution of building trade unions on phoney "anti-trust" charges; the Roosevelt and LaGuardia edict that "no government contracts are to be awarded to the government"; the armament of the great WPA strike in Minneapolis and the frame up of dozens of its leaders; the anti-union bills; THIS FORCED BEGGINERS EPIDEMIC PRODUCED IN VARIOUS STATES FOR JOBLESS ON RELIEF; fingerprinting on many war projects; threatened disfranchisement of workers on relief. The increased activity of the rotten Dies Committee -- which is paving the way for the illegalization of Working Class organizations; the growth of all sorts of vigilante outlaws; the shift of taxes quietly and slowly onto the backs of the workers and poor home-owners, and many, many other such factors.

To vote for this government and this system, for the program of plowing under while people starve, is to cut the capitalists' throats. It is wasting your vote. To express your interests, push the class struggle in your factory, strike the war industry plants, join the WLM, organize a mass political and independent working class action, support the Workers Vote Campaigns for a WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT by writing in the names of C. B. Cowan for President and Allan Willis for Vice-president, WORKERS VOTE candidates.

VOTE FOR A WORKING CLASS PROGRAM

1) AGAINST THE ROOSEVELT WAR PLANS - Expose the role of American Imperialism, Democratic and Republican, as the Main Drive for War; arm the working class and the poor farmers against the bourgeois war machine for the defense of their democratic rights; fight against the Roosevelt War Plans by fighting against the Capitalist System.

2) FULL FREEDOM FOR THE NEGRO PEOPLE - Demand the rights of equal pay for equal work; for independent relief for all youth equal to that of adults; for free educational and practical vocational training for all youth.

3) AGAINST DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE WORKING CLASS - Fight the Roosevelt campaign against civil rights; for the right to strike, INCLUDEING THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE; to picket, INCLUDING MASS PICKETS, the right of assembly, WORKERS DEFENSE SQUADS; the right of assembly, and other workers rights.

4) IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES NOW UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONTROL - including Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Cuba, Virgin Is.

STRUGGLE FOR ASIA SHARPENS U.S.-BRITAIN FIGHT

At the present time the imperialist war is confined primarily to Europe and only the European imperialist powers are directly involved. But this stage is rapidly coming to an end and all indications point to an early extension of the conflict.

At the outbreak of the war in Europe, we had correctly analyzed the important events and factors leading up to it, we did not forecast the immediate, all-out, all-round, all-purpose, all-ending war, which is now in the making, with the aim and object of the imperialists is to reduce the world, which means primarily to gain decisive control over it. To achieve this aim and object to do this, the imperialists must first settle the question as to which the munition plants and the food in Asia, they will dominate the life line to Asia. The main object of the American war aims of the imperialists, the developments in the Pacific and Asia are vital. The following factors are of the greatest importance: 1- The struggle for the fundamental inter-imperialist division in the world and the United States for control of the world, 2- The manner in which Japan uses this conflict, as determined by America, its real ends.

We have only dealt with part of these questions. And we again point out to those who may think that such analysis is superfluous, that one must have a clear understanding of ALL the aims of the imperialists in order to make a fight against their war.

ENGLAND WEAKENED

It was previously dealt in detail with the struggle between the British-owned and led CBI, and the CERIE control of the entire empire. We saw that although it is true that England is now fighting Germany, this struggle is not abating, but is taking new forms. At the present time, Britain's position is weakened. This is due to: 1- The military conflict with Germany, and threatened by colonial revolts; 2- Italy is ready to strike at her Mediterranean allies unless Britain can appease her interest in Asia; and American Imperialism extends its trade war, gaining a big victory in South America and strengthening herself in Asia, while she prepares for another round.

What kind of bargain can England make that will strengthen her position against America? To win over one of her Allies, and if Japan to martial action against Germany, she can offer very little. Yet America is already that she has, which have not succeeded. But in the midst of a military struggle against Germany.

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The Main Enemy Is At Home

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR CLASS WAR
May 15, 1940

Fighting Worker

WORKERS VOTE PROGRAM

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lands and many others; free the Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned by the U.S. Navy.

6) RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE MASSES — For the five days, six-hour day; for trade union wages on WPA; for a $30 weekly minimum for WPA and relief; for workers control of the administration of relief; for social insurance, maternity, old-age, unemployment, and others — PAID FOR BY THE CAPITALISTS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR WAGES.

The working class must struggle for these demands today in order to better their living conditions and in order to prepare for the greater struggles that are to come. Only a Workers Council Government can solve the problems of the oppressed in the last analysis.

7) SAVE THE POOR FARMERS AND SHARE-CROPPERS FROM PAUPERIZATION — Abolish all existing mortgages; divide the land of the Southern boot-socks among the sharecroppers and tenants who now inhabit them; for a complete moratorium on rents paid to the large landowners; organize the workers on the big banana farms and smash the power of the landcapitalists.

The working class must fight imperialist war; where the capitalists and their government organize war to continue their system of oppression of the proletariat, the workers must organize and work for the defeat of their “Own” government and the capitalist armed forces.

THE WORKERS MUST ESTABLISH A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT, a government that will emancipate the capitalist slave-drivers, will socialize industry, will govern against the exploiters, in order to insure a government against the exploiters, in order to insure democracy for the working class. The new government will carry on production for use instead of for profit, will organize production on a higher level in order to assure abundance for all, instead of starvation amidst plenty, to insure the elimination of poverty, unemployment, and misery. The workers in the United States should establish a Workers State that will cooperate with the workers of the whole world, including especially the revolutionary workers within the Soviet Union, and to lay the basis for a world communist society by giving material support to the revolutionary movement throughout the world.

The Workers Government — the Dictatorship of the Proletariat — can be obtained only by the independent action of the working class, both in the economic and political spheres, only under the guidance of a new party of the working class, completely independent of all other parties, an International Party, the New Communist (4th) International.

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE OF THE U.S. AFFILIATE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT COMMISSION.

U.S. Imperialism Moves Closer To War Entry

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try to force immediate gains from both sides.

Britain’s moving of her fleet to the Eastern Mediterranean and her threat of a blockade are desperate attempts to unite the “free” world against Hitler. But it is American Imperialism that is the prime mover behind this war. The Italian Imperialists are in position to demand material concessions from Uncle Sam. America, in her efforts to cut off Italy’s defense, depends on this attempt to come to terms with Italy, but that is dragged closer to her own entry in the vortex of military operations.

U.S. PREPARES ARMED FORCES

This is not the only activity of the American imperialists. They have been intensively watching operations in Norway, analyzing the successes of air raids on warships; they understand that navies are vulnerable from the air and they would like to double the confidence that they must build heavier, more powerful warships as a defense against their own forces. But to talk of the “dictatorship” is only to deceive the blind.

For the American imperialists are preparing to use their armed forces on a WORLD scale to achieve world domination.

The more they talk about the danger to warships and the fleet, the more clearly they reveal on the basis of which their war is for decisive action.

The further involvement of the U.S. on possible German action against Holland means that the U.S. is consolidating in Scandinavia, America imperialism has already served notice on Japan not to dare to move against the Netherlands. Further proof that the American imperialists’ aim at dominance in all of Asia.

The imperialists carefully prepare to smash the workers who are fighting for the workers’ movement and to bully the workers on the basis of the workers’ movement.

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workers must rally to the defense of FREEDOM FOR FREE SPEECH is against this boss attack. A protest demonstration of 5th differences is possible if there is no scab, if there is no collection of the workers of the Forum as soon as the weather permits it to open, and if there are many voices of various organizations, and the like, that are being sent to the Park Commission.

But above all the workers must rely on their own organized strength. The power of the Forum as the power of the masses, of the Forum to defeat the FSA and fight against the Park Commission and the Police.

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A New Stage in the Imperialist War

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Richmond, Va., April 30th. — In 1938, taking advantage of the lack of organization among the workers, the owners of P. Lorillard Tobacco Co. secured the services of the nearly-revolution professed by a general wave of cut of 10%. Known for years as the "wholesale cut" factories in the whole town, this cut was the greatest of the last three months of the workers and their leaders, they were able to get what of this cut meant in terms of a reduction in wages. As in the three previous strikes, but for our undernourished children. And this at a time when the directors of P. Lorillard were boasting of their profits to prospective buyers of stock! About a week ago, after several days of futile negotiation, the machinists, having their own union, came out on strike for a restoration of the 10% cut. Just about the same time, the bleachers of three or four Negro Negro strikers one by one came out. Both the machinists and bleachers had the heartiest encouragement and support from the workers. A wave of organization spread among the Representatives of the Cigar Makers and Bleachers Union, who have organized hundreds in the course of the day.

BOSSES LOCK OUT

The bosses, except the machinists and bleachers, who went on strike at the factory, were informed in advance that the strike was "called indefinitely" except "by the 1938 company." As usual, the two immediate threats were the "loss of the State Unemployment compensation" and the "loss of the company's unemployment compensation.

MILITANT PLATFORM

But we know (most of us have just found out) that we can expect nothing from the bosses, or the State, or the 1938 company, except what we can get by going to the workers. We must find out how to try to line up our fellow-workers 100% in the union and:

1. ELECT A STRIKE COMMITTEE.
2. MITIGATION OF RESTORATION OF THE TEN PERCENT CUT.
3. DEMAND A UNION SHOP
4. DEMAND IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

We shall not be bluffed by their "loss of the State Unemployment compensation." We know what orders they have to fill, and that they are dependent on us. If we stick together we can lick them out. We will not be put back as a starter. And we will:

FRATERNALLY

A STRIKE

MILK STRIKE

WOMEN WORKERS MUST STRUGGLE STRAIGHT FOR ARBITRATION

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The arbitrationist is an attempt to prevent strike action — the workers' only real weapon. The Union men must utilize the next weeks. Publicize their policies, show their strength, build up the case. By May 31, differences are not likely to be settled. There will be a final board of arbitration, to take the place of the workers and submit the dispute. The Department of Agriculture will know how to make concessions to — the Dealers.

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