FIGHT U.S. WAR PLANS!
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANIFESTO

The second imperialist war has now reached an unparalleled stage of carnage, death and destruction. As the arming of the Central Committee for the Workers of the World, we hurl ourselves against those of the Anglo-French, the prostitute propagandists of the boss class seek to smear the old lies about "defense of liberty," "defense of the soil," etc. In reality this war is a bloody struggle of the decayed capitalist powers for the redivision of the world, for new markets, spheres of influence, colonies. In reality it is the war of the bloodyly oppressed toilers of the world who are now paying with their blood for the crimes, oppression and exploitation of the profit-making, war-mongering imperialists.

It is at this time that the American Imperialists led by President Roosevelt, are unleashing a torrent of propaganda designed to drag all U. S. workers into this war as fast as possible. For years the war danger grew as an inevitable result of the bankruptcy of capitalism; many heavy defeats of the working class were necessary before imperialism could take a chance.

Now, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TOO, IS MOVING WITH MIGHT AND MAIN FOR ENTRY INTO THE IMPERIALIST BLOODBATH! It is preparing to enter the war, to engage in "parallel action" with the Anglo-French, not for any love of these powers, with whom it is in conflict for domination of the globe, but rather to attempt to achieve the U. S. bosses' goal — to prevent a European Bloc under German or British hegemony, to gain political and economic control with puppet governments in South America and on this basis the drive for control of the Middle East. This is the decisive dominion and control of the entire world.

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Jim Crowism Upheld In Virginia Case
Petersburg, Va., May 16. — As pointed out in the May 15 issue of The Fighting Worker, Judge Richard T. Wilson of the local Courtroom set May 16 as the date for his decision in the Murray-McBean case. On that day the two girls were convicted of "disorderly conduct". The "disorderedly conduct" consisted in one of the girls, who was sick, becoming hysterical. The crime of the other, they said, was no worse than the first. The real "crime", of course, was that the girls' name was mentioned in the newspapers. The papers insisted upon their rights, rights even of a crowned head of a capitalist law, as even the judge was forced to admit.

Upon being sentenced the girls were taken to the local jail. The girls state that when the judge said to them, "Why don't you marry me?", they were overran with ver- min; but it is worthy of note that the jailers were so impressed by the militancy of the girls that the real nature of the case that the girls were immediately ordered to clean out the cell, probably for the first time in its history.

LESSONS OF THE CASE

Several lessons can be learned from this case. The reliance by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People solely upon lawyers' arguments, not only the mass action, and the ignoring of mass action, in the opinion of the defendants themselves, permitted the judge, to carry out his shrivelled plan to jail them and, at the same time, to avoid a head-on collision on the segregation statute. The purely legalistic theories of the leadership of the NAACP has led to its own dissatisfaction in the local branch. It is even more worthy of note that the same judge who had these two girls arrested and sentenced the judge upon a charge of "disorderly conduct" and in the recent strike that the judge ordered the strike to be stopped. This should be conclusive proof to any who need it that the boss class and their Judicial office hold the real tieup of the fight for better working condi-

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Hitler's Gains In Spread of War
Reveals Britain's Weakness,
Bring U. S. Closer To War

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS SLAUGHTERED AS IMPERIALISTS HURL TOWARD GREATER WAR

May 16 — The conquest of Norway opened a new stage of the imperialist war and has brought in its wake the successful invasion of Belgium. Imperialism has been marching through the low countries,Carrier Germany to the smashing through a part of the French frontier and are within 75 miles of Paris at this writing. Paris has fallen into the hands of the German invaders. Germany is being whipped by the E. S. explorers.

The use of men and material has now reached huge proportions and every hour more are being consumed on both sides. The German imperialist victories cannot be halted, but we must take into consideration the fact that England has not yet fought her own battle. While Britain has been the last man of Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium and now even France is used to help exhaust German imperialism, while the latter has fought every inch of the way, British and E. S. economic pressure has helped much more than can be measured. The British has little real will to fight in any way, but they are putting up an economic pressure that is absolutely necessary. The deeper question, however, is whether this is enough to carry them through or not.

It is said that Hitler is using the same strategy as in 1914 in his drive through the low countries. This is false. It seems the same, but in reality the offensive is entirely different. Even if we omit the fundamental background of Europe, the military aspects are different today. Today Fascism also drives through Norway, Denmark and the Soviet Union. The air raid mechanized units also bring to the fray an entirely new method of warfare.

BRITISH BOSSES CALL IN LABOR AGENTS TO GAIN "NATIONAL UNITY"

Representatives of a party supposedly representing the working class, the British Labor Party, attached a BOURGEOIS racket to the post of "national unity". The smoke screen of the British Imperialist press was not conducting the blood. Bath sharply enough, vigorously enough. A exploded working class party and its Allies and Green Goods is dissolved because the capitalists are not killing off the proletariat fast enough.

This reveals the treacherous role of betrayal, not only in the capitalist class but also in the new government at this time. The monopoly of the ruling class and the shortage among the working class in order to line up labor, to bring about "national unity", the etc.

ITALY'S ROLE

Another important factor which is now coming to a head is the situation in Italy. At the beginning of the war we stated that due to the objective conditions, Italy could not keep out of the war no matter what the condition of Italian imperialism. Italy is only a matter of a short time. Any decisive military, or economic pressure, although important, will not be sufficient to limit Italy up for American ends. One road is still left to Ful in Italy, and that is for Fascism to take the lead. For what it pays; but this would be a big price—to bar the way to the future of a new generation and socialism.

The "FIFTH COLUMN"

An additional factor in the war is the so-called "fifth column". Such forces have always been used but not in so perfected a form. In reality, Fascism has not produced a monopoly of economic decay of imperialism and with it the decline of bourgeois democracy.

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New York Subway
BANKERS WAX FAT ON N. Y. SUBWAY

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1940 -- FORWARD TO SOCIALISM, NOT BACKWARD TO BARBARISM!

BY C. B. COWAN

WORKERS VOTE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

The 1940 presidential campaign is well under way. Democratic and Republican aspirants to the senate and the presidency have already announced a host of new campaign slogans. Behind the scenes the big banks and business industrialists, the REAL BOSSES OF AMERICA, are busy preparing the planks of their respective party platforms and gromming their political machine for the big election drive. In short, a political "blitzkrieg" is being prepared and directed by the capitalists against the toiling, exploited and oppressed masses of the nation.

The election campaign of 1940 occurs under extremely significant conditions. The contradictions of the capitalist system of private ownership, private appropriation and profit, have deepened the crisis of capitalism until, on every hand, we see the foul and poisonous fruit in its full ripeness and decay. Some of this fruit is the imperialist war in Europe, the death and destruction created by the drive of the imperialist plundherband.

ON GUARD AGAINST THE POLITICIANS

The election campaign this year gets under way in the midst of one of the greatest industrial and social recessions that we have ever known. The burning issue that demands our attention is the question of changes in the political system that will save labor from this machination that is being played out by the politics of both parties.

The whole social system of government is in danger of complete collapse. The American people are so weary of this whole political system that many of them are fast losing hope of any kind of change. This is a dangerous condition, and labor must act quickly to prevent the loss of the political arena.

There are two main reasons why the political party system cannot be changed. First, the capitalist class has made the political machine into a device for the protection of the interests of the whole social system. This system is far too weak and divided to be able to do anything against the interests of the capitalists. Second, the political parties are in the hands of the capitalists and are controlled by them.

Because their past record of misleadership and betrayal has exposed them too far, the Socialist Party, the Preliminary Communist Party, the third Inhuman Party, and the three captive organizations of the U.S. government have all failed to do their part in the struggle for the destruction of the capitalist system.

BATTLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

As a Negro I have experienced the sad plight of our locked-out youth who, in five million of us, walk the streets without jobs, another half million join us with diplomas in hand every June. Even if we are lucky enough to work, we must do so for $12-14 a day, and see no prospect that the job will last, let alone that we shall ever get a living wage. The one prospect that faces us is to be drafted to fight for the profits of the bosses who cannot even get us jobs!

Our Workers Vote program will expose to the hilt the rotten and hypocritical treatment by the bosses of the locked-out youth in this America, will raise the struggle for jobs, equal pay for equal work and the other demands of our program; and above all, will expose and fight the WAR PLANS of the government which aim to destroy the best blood of the nation for the profits of the owning class.

STRUGGLE FOR THE YOUTH

As a Negro I have been deeply felt the discrimination, abuse, deprivation and the unhappy lot of my brethren. We have no separate army, no army to fight for the United States; we have no separate police, no separate courts, no separate justice, no separate taxation, no separate education. That is precisely why the bosses subject us to the worst treatment: in order to provide the white brothers in the struggle for our own common aims.

That is why we are hounded and persecuted, why the Scottsboro boys are framed, why condemned buildings such as the death hells in Natchez are considered "good enough" for us, so that hundreds of Negroes perished in the fire which the boss press is now trying to hush up: that is why we are the last to get jobs, and then at lower wages, and the first to be fired; that is why the Jim Crow laws are in effect and have been for a generation.

These and similar conditions must be ended! Our Workers Vote program aims to make the plight of the Negro workers heard, increase the struggle for the release of the Scottsboro boys, fight the fight against the Jim Crow laws, fight the struggle for FULL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL EQUALITY for the Negro people.

UNITE WITH WORKERS EVERYWHERE FOR THE DEFEAT OF ALL CAPITALIST ARMIES AND THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM ITSELF!
CORRUPTION: IN THE BOSS-STATE AND IN THE UNIONS

Now that the Detroit city government has changed hands, graft and corruption are suddenly "discovered" in which former mayor Reading and many other politicians, police, and labor leaders who were involved in the same activities in the degree or another exists in every American city. The new administration should not make the same old promises about "cleaning up". "Muck-rakers" like Lincoln Steffens exposed the same conditions in American cities 40 years ago, and the same promises were made. They only mean a change in the spoilsmen and the bosses.

DEMOCRACY AND GRAFT

When politicians talk about the "glories of American democracy", they mean their "right" to the graft from prostitution and pandering, from gambling and city construction work; they mean the "glorious right" of the capitalists to take millions in interest on bonds while the workers in the factories are robbed. The "democracy" is a fig-leaf to hide the basic exploitation of the worker by the state. The state is the force to smash the workers' unions.

The politicians, ministers and liberals about the "reform" has changed none of those conditions and it is safe to say they won't be changed until the workers revolution breaks the exploiters state machinery and also sweeps away all the dirt, corruption and filth which thrive.

If while the bosses' agents in their government thrive on graft and theft; their agents in the workers ranks abuse and get their share of the spoils. Now the boss press is raising a big rumpus about Sccline and his racketeer pals. The real reason is the European variations of American union faker. American capitalism has produced the racketeer racket to unite the union movement, working in hand in hand with the racketeers. The bosses have thrived on terrorizing the workers, blackmailing the bosses, discrediting the union movement.

THROW RACKETEERS OUT

But just as there is no solution of the city graft by one gang of politicians "exposing" another, there is no solution of racketeer control of the unions by this SAME boss state arresting the racketeers. How can you collect funds from prostitutes clean up racketeers in the unions??? Such action only strengthens the boss against the unions, and drives workers away from the unions.

The workers themselves must clean out their unions. They must unite with the bosses to the union, as they are to the bosses' state; corruption in the unions must be ended by smashing the racketeers and bureaucrats, by BUILDING the union on this struggle policy with real workers, democratic control.

U.S. Closer To War

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imperialist slaughter. Twenty-five years after the end of the first world war, capitalism again throws to the surface another world imperialist war — to say nothing of the 50 wars and revolutions in these 23 years.

If capitalism is not checkbox by the workers it will produce another world imperialist bloodbath. After this one...

ONLY REVOLUTION CAN END THE WAR

But that is not the perspective of revolutionary Marxists. Just as capitalism produces war, so it gives rise to the revolutionary struggle against the war. The past world war was a symptom of capitalism in its decadence. The world capitalists had to use every and death agencies. It will bring to the fore the revolutionary movement that will put an end to the whole monstrous system of hunger, the REAL CAUSE of the war.

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Stalinist Maneuvers

Wreaken Soviet Union

May 15 — Stalinist maneuverings with Bulgarian and Yugoslav leaders are new speculations about the unification of the Balkans. Last week, when Moscow conducted the central Balkan countries, these speculations received new strength.

Many bourgeois democrats and liberal politicians hope that Stalin will again become a supporter of "democracy against Fascism", and thus "save" their mental contradiction of serving the "democratic" imperialists and remaining friendly to Stalinism.

For the workers, it is not decisive whether Stalinism continues materially and politically to support German imperialism or Anglo-French imperialist plunder. STALINISM WILL STILL REMAIN AN AGENT OF IMPERIALISM. Its maneuvers can only further the interests of the imperialist state in which it has its control.

Three maneuvers between the two camps may be partially explained by the Yugoslav Stalinism, having lined up with German imperialism other "socialist" nations with every success of Hitler. Stalinism's victory enables the Fascists to increase their strength and to extend the Soviet Union and everywhere make ready for a complete restoration of capitalism—which Stalinism is just trying to defend.

Stalinist Crazies For Imperialists

That Stalinism understands how the Fascist monstrosities are rising, is indicated by its campaign for American imperialism.

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FOURTH CONVENTION

On the basis of the decision of the Eighth Plenum, the Political Committee of the Fourth National Convention of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. has decided that the Fourth National Convention will be held the first week in August in any large city of the United States.

The agenda for the Convention is: 1. INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPERIALIST WAR. 2. The Colonial Question. 3. The International Committee's report. 4. TOWARDS MASS WORK WITH SUBAGENTS ON FASCIST CAMPAIGNS. 5. TRADE UNION Work, Unemployed Work, Organized Work. 6. ORGANIZATION.

A series of International Bulletins will be issued for the pre-convention discussion, which is now being organized in all units. In addition to the regular Bulletins, there will carry brief pre-convention articles.

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League Gains Seven Members
Since the Eighth Plenum in April, the League has recruited seven
members in various cities. As a result, the League has taken control
of every Walden, Lupton, and other schools, as well as
of the New York Editorial Office, the workers, and
of the trade unions. The League's influence is now such
that it is able to force the workers to carry its
program.

Workers of the Independent Subway system were also ready
to join with the workers of the I.R.T. and R.M.T. in a real strike.
The Stalinist Party, partially
reactionary, joined the strike
to make it a spurious one, and
the workers of the subway were
not able to carry it.

British Labor Party

Forward to Socialism!

By C. B. Cowan
Workers Vote Presidential Candidate

Against Social Patrotism
Let each worker step to the
front and be proud of the
British imperialism, which
is the only way to win the
bourgeoisie and the employers.

Against the League

League policy is now such that it is able to force the workers to carry its
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