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REVOLUTION WILL SNATCH VICTORY FROM U.S. PARTICIPATION IN WAR!

Lewis and Green Pledge Allegiance To War and Wage Cuts

The first step of the "people's" Congress, when faced with a war "crisis" was a move against labor and its organizations. One of the steps to be taken is a drastic reduction of the funds of the NLRB. This board, with the cooperation of the "leaders" of labor, having already largely supplanted the authority and prestige of class organizations of the workers has served its purpose and it is to be scrapped in the near future for more open dictatorial forms of class collaboration.

This would not be a defeat for the workers if: 1. labor was organized in proportion to its potential numerical strength; and 2. if labor had a leadership capable and willing to serve labor first instead of pandering to bourgeois "respectability" and licking the boots of the "national defenseists". Under present circumstances, however, it indicates that the bourgeoisie has gained another victory over the workers and is moving towards the next step.

TYING LABOR TO WALL ST.

With William Green, stooge of the Manufacturers Association in the ranks of the workers, climbing on the band wagon well in advance and pledging the "cooperation of labor" (at what wages, Mr. Green?) to the Wall Street war machine, there seems to be no encouragement from the direction of the AFL.

John L. Lewis, who is more "radical" than Green "demands" the right (!) to organize the war industries. On what basis? On the basis of class collaboration and of tying a noose around the neck of these exploited workers so that it will be still harder for them to kick over the slavery imposed by "our" government.

The M Day Plans, soon to become law, call for herding of the workers in the industries at set wages, prices and conditions. Those who dare to protest against this slavery will be called "spies" or "pro-German" and either shot or given long prison terms.

Submission to the plan of the government boards (manned throughout by the big industrialists) will be, and already is being, called "patriotism"; and such pay-triots as the U. S. Steel corporation will lay it on thick unless the workers call their bluff. The "enemy within our gates" will become the worker who wants a living wage. Such "sedition" will be crushed by the vigilante bands, the government, etc.

The workers must prepare now their defenses against their own misleaders and the witch-hunt of

"our" government. The organization of WORKERS DEFENSE SQUADS is on the order of the day. Only by swift militant action by the workers can the onslaught of the profit mongers be stopped. Strike the munition plants! Demand increases in wages and shorter hours! Not a man, not a dime, not a gun for boss war!

TEN CENTS MORE AN HOUR IS TREASON

The strike of 8,000 Maritime Shipworkers in Kearny, N. J., which delayed work on government battleships, is, according to democratic Congressman E. E. Cox of Georgia, "tantamount to treason".

This is a foretaste of what is (Continued on Page 4)

Not Allies or Uncle Sam But Workers In Each Country Will Defeat Fascism

To the degree that the war in Europe intensifies in all its fury, the full implications of its world relations are becoming more apparent to all concerned. The role of the three imperialist "neutrals" and the "neutrality" of the Soviet Union under Stalinism be-

comes more involved and more decisive for the final outcome. Most informed observers now realize that no matter who wins the war there will be vast economic and political changes taking place on its heels.

Some more farsighted observers already are speaking of some kind of a world revolution that will snatch the victory from either Hitler or the British — or any other imperialist power. They refer to the social revolution which they try to ignore to the last minute as the Anglo-French tried to ignore the powerful war machine of German imperialism until the last minute.

FEAR PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION MORE THAN HITLER

It is becoming clearer every day that an increasing section of the ruling class of England and France (as well as Norway, Holland and Belgium) and other so-called bourgeois-democracies are in deadly fear of the proletarian revolutions that the economic chaos of war will unleash, that they are a thousand times more fearful of the social revolution than they are of the victory of Hitler. This capitulation of sections of the ruling class before the onslaughts of Imperial Germany and its Fascist leaders has given the bourgeois-democrats of the United States a cold sweat.

And like a man driven by fear, the ruling exploiters of America are running helter-skelter to spend billions for war preparations, and to pass laws to "stop" the "Fifth Column". The mob hysteria being fanned into flame will inevitably be used to smash what few democratic rights the working class and oppressed masses have won through bitter class fights.

EFFECTS OF WAR INTERNATIONALLY

Since the Scandinavian countries have been cut off from the world market, since the lesser empires of Holland and Belgium have been brought into the Fascist orbit, the struggle over the remains of these colonial empires, to say nothing of a struggle to gain a position of advantage to grab what can be obtained out of the break-up of the Anglo-French empires, have caused Washington, Rome and Tokyo to work overtime. The British "protection" of Iceland and the Dutch West Indies was a measure primarily taken against the encroachment of American Imperialism and only secondarily against German Imperialism. England acted quick and United States had to "react". These are merely skirmishes

The Fifth Column Hysteria

The "national unity" of Mr. Roosevelt is impossible without first the creation of working class DIS-unity.

The vicious tirade against the 4 million foreign born workers and others in the country has that, and only that, in mind. The fantastic lies about "fifth columns" are aimed directly at the heart of the working class. It's the old skin game — divide and rule.

Mr. Roosevelt's whole 8 years in office has been geared to the task he is about to conclude — to establish the "civil peace" necessary to hurtle America into war, to drown out the voice of the proletariat so that the youth of America can be made into cannon-fodder.

Ever since the establishment of the FIGHTING WORKER we have pointed out this process. Mr. Roosevelt's regime has been a WAR deal from the very first moment. When he first took office he confronted militant bonus marches of the veterans, giant demonstrations of the unemployed, the workers in the mass industry ready for battle. Mr. Roosevelt constantly brags of the fact that: "I saved America from revolution".

PREPARED FOR 8 YEARS

By granting small concessions — most of which the workers had already won on the picket line — such as the "legal" right of collective bargaining and organization, a few billions for the unemployed, etc., Mr. Roosevelt dulled the masses into lethargy, channelized their INDEPENDENT CLASS ACTION into safe governmental channels, built the strait-jacket of labor boards, FBI supervision of many factories,

"you-can't-strike-against-the government" ideology, arbitration schemes, and other measures.

The demagogic speeches against the "fifth column" and the ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES to fingerprint foreign born workers, to smash revolutionists, to raise hours of work, etc., are the end result of 8 years of Roosevelt rule, 8 years of BOURGEOIS REFORMISM.

The workers of America must take stock at this hour of crisis, must denounce and thrust aside the "leaders" who collaborated in this giant conspiracy to establish "national unity" and working class DIS-unity.

THE BELT LINE

They must denounce Mr. Lewis and his CIO machine, which played the first fiddle in this orchestra; the Stalinists, who supported the WAR DEAL up to last September, who lied to the masses about Roosevelt's "peaceful" intentions, his "pro working class" legal measures, who hid from the workers the REAL essence of Roosevelt's activities. The workers must denounce the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas and the centrist confusionists, the Trotskyists (both sections) and the Lovestoneites who steered the energies of the masses, together with Roosevelt, into PARLIAMENTARY, bourgeois legal, channels; who called upon them to support false panaceas, impossible dreams, such as referendums on "any and all wars", wage and hour bills, Ham and Eggs plans. Collective bargaining nostrums; who above all sup-

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Don't Waste Your Ballot this November!

VOTE THE WORKERS VOTE PROGRAM AND CANDIDATES

END UNITY TALKS WITH REVOLT GROUP

Unity negotiations between the Revolutionary Workers League and the Revolt group were terminated at the end of the fifth session, June 2nd — for the time being at least.

After months of correspondence the two organizations began negotiations a few months ago when the Revolt Group finally accepted as a basis for the talks the 14 Point Programmatic Declaration of the International Contact Commission, to which the League is affiliated. A previous letter had formally accepted the 14 Points but had qualified them by presenting two positions on the Russian question and how to build the party, which the RWL considered vitiated the 14 Points. On this basis negotiations were rejected.

The League accepted the fact that the new endorsement of the 14 Points without qualification indicated that the Revolt comrades would not present their former positions. Events, however, quickly revealed that the whole procedure was merely a maneuver on the part of the Revolt organization.

MOVING TO RIGHT

The Revolt organization continues to hold to a position of defeatism for the Soviet Union in cases where it fights wars against small capitalist states; and the concept that the main road for building the Party today must be unity with other groups, rather than independent activity in the class struggle. Along with these points are many other positions which the RWL considers stamps the Revolt group as a centrist organization moving to the right. (Our position on the Stamm organization has been recorded in 2 documents in the Marxist and Fourth International).

The way was left open, should the Revolt comrades alter their position on the Russian question, to resume negotiations at the point left off.

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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 bayonets. A vote in 1940 for a Republican, Democrat, or any other Capitalist Party (even if it's called "Labor" Party) is a vote for WAR, REACTION and HUNGER.

You won't solve your problems at this election. The cards are already stacked against you. Wall Street owns all the major candidates and Parties. Wall Street millions finance the campaign. Wall Street lawyers have developed the election system to the point where it's just a fraud and a hypocritical snare.

Even President Roosevelt admitted last year that more than half the whites in Virginia over 21 can't vote. As far as the Negroes are concerned their plight is even worse. Poll taxes in the South of one, two or more dollars eliminate at least half the population from voting. Millions of transient workers, unemployed and youth under 21 — old enough to work or serve in the army but not old enough to vote, — foreign born workers, soldiers, residents of Washington, D. C., and many others are in one way or another barred from the ballot.

BOSSSES PREPARE WAR ENTRY

And now in the year 1940, the prospect is even worse. In a real sense economically and politically, America is ALREADY IN THE IMPERIALIST WAR IN EUROPE. This will be followed by the military phase. The war budget is being skyrocketed to over 2 billion, while WPA is being cut to less than a 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 you "can't strike against the government"; the smashing of the great WPA strike in Minneapolis and the frame up of dozens of its leaders; the anti-alien bills; THE FORCED LABOR BEING INTRODUCED 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 outfits; the shift of taxes quietly and slowly on to 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 your nose off to spite your face, is REALLY WASTING YOUR VOTES. To express your interests, push the class struggle in your factory, strike the war industry plants, organize the unorganized, and develop 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.

BOSSSES CONTROL ELECTIONS

Assuming, however, that all these people could vote — what sort of choice do they have? In at least 23 states in the union it is next to impossible for anybody outside of the two big capitalist parties to get on the ballot. Even the strong Coughlin-Lemke Union Party of the last election couldn't get on the ballots of many states. Other states require nominating petitions with as high as 250,000 signatures. To really run an effective presidential campaign under modern capitalism it takes millions of dollars. What working class organization can today match the capitalist dollars?

Furthermore, if a working class party could hurdle all these obstacles, could enfranchise the 10 or 15 million workers who are deprived of votes, could get all the necessary signatures to get on the ballot — what assurance would it have of actually being permitted to serve? None, whatsoever. Members of our older generation remember how the capitalists in New York, Washington, and many other places after the last war, threw Socialist legislators out of office simply because they were too "radical".

No, you can't solve your problems at the ballot. If you vote for Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Dewey, Mr. Hull, Mr. Vandenberg, or their second line agents, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Browder, or Mr. Thomas — you're voting to keep up this

"democratic" sham, you're voting to preserve the rotten hulk of capitalism. If you don't want to waste your ballot, write in the names of the Candidates on the Workers Vote ticket, C. B. Cowan for President, Allan Willis for Vice-President.

VOTE FOR WORKERS STRUGGLE

A vote for the Workers Vote ticket is a vote against capitalism, a PROTEST against the profit system, a voice telling the capitalists that you're sick of capitalist hunger, wars and reaction, that you're ready to fight for a WORKERS GOVERNMENT.

A vote for the candidates of the Revolutionary Workers League is a vote:

- 1) Against the Democratic-Republican War Plans — Defeat Capitalism.
- 2) For Workers Democratic Rights.
- 3) For Workers Control of Production for Use under a Workers Council Government.

Don't fall into the old trap again! You want a change — but don't change back to the Republican. For eleven long depression years you've been hearing both the Hoover and Roosevelt variety of the capitalist politicians as to why they CAN'T provide for the lost generation of youth, why they CAN'T build homes for the homeless, why they CAN'T raise the living standard of the masses.

Professors have brought out all sorts of books to show why the masses must starve while idle factories, idle lands, idle gold and unemployed rot, while the state builds up a war machine running into billions of dollars. But the facts are really very simple — simple enough for anyone to understand.

The United States could easily produce 160 billion dollars income annually. BUT under Hoover, Roosevelt and the rest, they produce 65 billion dollars a year. Capitalism refuses to produce when there are no profits. It condemns 12—14 million to unemployment, 24 million to relief starvation; it has 57 million pounds of turkey in COLD STORAGE while the masses starve, millions of pounds of butter, eggs, wheat, corn etc., while workers children get tuberculosis, pellagra and other diseases of undernourishment.

VOTE FOR A WORKING CLASS PROGRAM

1) **AGAINST THE ROOSEVELT WAR PLANS** — Expose the role of American Imperialism, Democratic and Republican, as the Main Driving force for War; strike the munition plants; 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** — Against Jim Crow discrimination of Negroes; organize to smash the restrictions forcing Negroes to live in filthy, overcrowded, high-rent Ghettos; free the five Scottsboro boys still held on a vicious frame-up in Alabama; stop the lynching of whites and Negroes by organizing powerful unions and Workers Defense Squads of black and white workers; for economic, political and social equality for the Negro people.

3) **SAVE THE "LOST GENERATION" OF YOUTH** — Demand the right 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.

4) **FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE WORKING CLASS** — Fight the Roosevelt campaign against civil rights; for the right to strike, INCLUDING THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE; to picket — INCLUDING MASS PICKETING AND WORKERS DEFENSE SQUADS; the right of assembly, and other workers rights.

5) **FOR IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES NOW UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONTROL** — including Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Cuba, Virgin Islands and many others; free the Puerto Rican nationalist prisoners in U. S. jails.

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**USING THE YOUTH AS SCABS AND
CANNON-FODDER -- -F.D.R.'S C.C.C.**

We have pointed out in many previous columns the military nature of the C.C.C. Now what we have predicted is almost a reality. On May 28, among the other military proposals that were favorably reported out to the various Congressional committees, a bill was introduced by Senator T. Connaly, Texas New Dealer, providing that all enrollees in the C.C.C., with certain minor exceptions be given military instructions and training.

Thus, after seven years of hypocrisy on the part of Roosevelt and his whole Administration, the true purpose of the C.C.C. is openly revealed. The C.C.C. has served the capitalist class in the following way:

SCAB WAGES

1. As a reform measure, in order to prevent the organization of the unemployed youth, especially the "wild boys and girls of the road", into revolutionary movements directed against the capitalist system, the C.C.C. was a form of work relief, a sop to the hungry youth.

2. Certain work, like the prevention of soil erosion and forest fires, had to be done anyhow, so these youth of relief families were given scab wages to do this necessary work of preserving private and government property. (Cases have been brought to our attention where C.C.C. boys, paid by the government at the rate of \$1 per day, were hired out to work for private interests, with certain big shots getting their rake-off from the company.)

BASE FOR ARMY

3. As a mass base for the U. S. army — which up until last year had one officer to every twelve men — General MacArthur was placed in charge of the C.C.C. to see that the boys get preliminary military training and become accustomed to semi-military discipline.

4. When a fellow had terminated his stay at the camps, much pressure was exerted on him to join some section of the armed forces.

5. The propaganda and "educational" value of the camps for the American bourgeoisie and their class institutions cannot be underestimated.

6. To give reserve officers practical experience in handling young men, graduates of the West Point, the R.O.T., etc., were put in charge of the local camps.

SUB ROSA TRAINING

7. Although formally not part of C.C.C. work there have been actual cases of complete military training within the camps. This was done on a **sub rosa** basis.

8. In every case where possible, the boys were taught phases of war engineering, such as constructing pontoon bridges, building telegraph communications, etc.

9. It has recently been revealed, moreover, that C.C.C. boys are being trained by the Maritime Commission as seamen. This has a double purpose: a method by which this government board can circumvent union conditions and the union hiring halls which have been and are one of the main weapons of the militant seamen unions; and secondly to train these boys in work which will directly assist the navy in its military plans.

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**The Fifth Column
Hysteria**

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ported the Lewis CIO and the Green AFL leadership which now delivers labor to the war chariot lock, stock and barrel.

WHAT NOW?

But all this of course is past history. We must assimilate these lessons and face the future. The measures being taken against a "fifth column" are directed against the WHOLE working class, the dozens of millions of Americans opposed to imperialist war, and to the advanced section of the proletariat especially.

In the face of this danger will the Stalinist continue to call the capitalist police to arrest workers distributing Socialist, Trotsky and RWL literature, while they themselves are suffering from the same brutal police measures?

Will the Socialists continue to refuse any joint action with other organizations to smash this onslaught on workers rights?

Will the Trotskyite and Lovestone opportunists, as well as the IWW and the Anarchists, continue their sectarian tactics of refusing any and every united front call for joint action against the bourgeois offensive?

Above all will these organizations continue their program of support to bourgeois parliamentarism, or will the members of these groups stand out firmly for CLASS action, for workers defense corps to smash the hooligan squads being established against the working class, for militant strikes to check the war drive?

Long live the unity of the working class, black and white, Jew and Gentile, foreign born or native, male and female!

Reject "national" unity, under your slave-owning masters!

For the CLASS unity of the proletariat against the capitalist masters and their capitalist government!

WORKERS VOTE PROGRAM

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6) RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE MASSES — For the five days week, 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 PRODUCTION FOR USE.**

7) SAVE THE POOR FARMERS AND SHARECROPPERS FROM PAUPERIZATION — Abolish all existing mortgages; divide the land of the Southern bourgeois 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 bonanza farms and smash the power of the landcapitalists.

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.

The working class must fight imperialist war; where the capitalists and their government organize wars 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 expropriate the capitalist slave-drivers, will socialize industry; 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 imperialist war. The workers in the United States must 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.
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CONTACT COMMISSION.**

**WHO VOTES
IN THE U.S.**

Only 67% of the people in the United States who are qualified by law to vote, actually cast a ballot in even a presidential election — and this does not include the millions of foreign born workers who are disqualified by law.

In many states disfranchisement of the voter is so great that only one out of every 8 or 10 citizens over 21 is permitted to vote. Poll taxes in South Carolina, for instance, reduce the vote to 10% of those qualified. In Mississippi the record is 14%; in Georgia, 16%; in Texas — the home of that "good American", Martin Dies — only 27% of the qualified voters actually vote; and in Florida only 31%.

HAVE YOU READ?

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WHERE SHALL THE JEWISH
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The American Psychopathological Association sent a similar telegram to the President. Archibald M'Leish, poet, Librarian of Congress, and economist, finds Latzko's "Men in War", Dos Passos' "Three Soldiers" and Aldington's "Death of a Hero", books "that have borne bitter and dangerous fruit. Their effect has been to immunize the young generation against any attempt in its own country by its leaders to foment a war by waving moral flags and rhetorical phrases". There goes another pacifist. Before night falls completely, remember Karl Liebknecht, the sole voice in his own country against the last war!

U. S. DEMOCRACY

The democracy which all the educators and scientists are trying to preserve is, as might be expected, shrinking a bit here and there, 56 aliens were deported to Italy, France, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania in one day. Aliens are to be registered, fingerprinted nationally, and deprived of their licenses to conduct business in Georgia.

Communists are not to have WPA or civil service jobs. Two Dies Committee agents and a Philadelphia police officer were cleared of charges of "conspiracy to violate the Bill of Rights and the civil liberties statutes" in connection with a raid on Philadelphia Communist Party headquarters. The bill to deport Harry Bridges to Australia has passed the House. Officials of the United Automobile Workers of America were arrested for trying to pass out union handbills in Dearborn Mich.

The American Legion in Birmingham, N. Y., announced plans to organize a home defense unit to protect the city from "any lightning invasion by foreign armies"; women's rifle corps and anti-aircraft units have been formed here and there, and "Erase the Fifth Column, Inc.", filed articles of incorporation in Los Angeles. Ten Stalinists in Pekin, Illinois, took refuge in the local jail where they were mobbed for distributing literature in that city. Four students at City College, N. Y., were arrested for "disorderly conduct" when a group of the students body took advantage of an ROTC parade of the college unit to make a demonstration against military training.

LEAGUE'S CANDIDATE TO TOUR

Comrade C. B. Cowan, Workers Vote candidate for President of the United States, will talk in St. Louis under the auspices of the Revolutionary Workers League, June 19; in Kansas City, under the auspices of a group of trade union militants and the League, June 22nd; in Philadelphia, July 2nd; and New York on July 4th.

For further details get in touch with the local comrades of the R. W. L. in each city.

The Main Enemy Is At Home

«Defense» Board unites rival U.S. Capitalists for War Profits

Include Prominent Labor Faker Hillman to Check Workers' Resistance

The new Roosevelt "Defense Board" that will plan the major work of building the mighty military arm of American Imperialism is another step in the direction of direct control over men and material for the U. S. entry into the war. As was to be expected, the Board is dominated by direct agents of the capitalists:

Knudsen and Stettinius, the latest representatives of Wall Street, are big-shot Morgan men.

It is wrong, however, to say as Earl Browder does, that Roosevelt is selling out to Morgan. Roosevelt has always represented one group of American Imperialists. Now there is a temporary bloc between the two dominant groups

of American Imperialists, the Morgan and Rockefeller groups who, between them, control the vast majority of finance capital interests; this temporary bloc is for the purpose of jointly attempting to achieve world conquest, although each group will attempt to gain all it can for itself in this predatory enterprise.

This bloc is indicated by Roosevelt's appointment of direct Morgan men to posts on the Defense Board which will have consultative vote under F. D. R.'s own apparatus in the war direction of American capitalism.

But this temporary agreement

of large sections of finance capital will in no way stop their intense fight within the country for a dominating position. Unless the fear of defeat internationally will drive them closer together for the moment.

LABOR AGENT GETS ROLE

Sidney Hillman, as one of the most capable agents of the exploiters in the ranks of labor has been selected to try to keep labor within limits and line it up for "national unity", while the Wall Street representatives handle the material — and reap the profits. Hillman's role for Roosevelt in the C.I.O. and A.F. of L. makes him the most valuable. At the same time he can give lin-service to the "reds" and line them up too.

Davis of the Federal Reserve Board and Henderson of the Securities and Exchange, as well as Miss Harriet Elliot, together with Hillman, gives Roosevelt a safe majority of four out of seven if the representatives of the lesser half of the "bloc" don't go along with the general plans of the dominant group of imperialists in the saddle.

This "Defense Board" is another cog in the war machine of the Roosevelt government. It shows how well planned and consistent are the preparations of the capitalists for entry in the war.

The only interest the working class can have in this Commission is to expose its imperialist objectives and its role to mobilize men and material for cannon-fodder in the present war for the profits of American Imperialism.

«NATIONAL UNITY» - - IN TERMS OF DEAD WORKERS

Before you get swept away by the hypocritical lies of Mr. Roosevelt and the drum beating of the bourgeois press—remember 1917:

The cost of the First World War for capitalist profit was:

12,996,571 dead,
16,257,000 wounded,
5,669,000 totally incapacitated,
184 BILLION dollars, direct expenditures,
85 BILLIONS in destroyed property.

The present war is even worse: 100,000 Dutch soldiers killed in ~~FOUR AND A HALF DAYS~~, according to the version of the Netherlands' High Command.

100,000 civilians KILLED in ONE city, Rotterdam, in just 4½ days of attack. Over 1¼ million casualties in the first TWO

WEEKS of the present blitzkrieg.

WHAT IS EXPECTED

And according to Donald Mackenzie, former news editor of the London Daily Mirror, this is only a drop in the bucket:

"For the first bombing raid on London alone, the authorities expect to handle 1,000,000 casualties". 500,000 beds are ready for the badly wounded. A whole market place of paper mache coffins is ready for the dead. The British government estimates that 100,000 fires may rage at one time as a result of the war over England.

Mr. Mackenzie ends up by saying that "all these horror pictures have been kept from the English masses. Perhaps it is kinder to keep the potential victims in hap-

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If Germany Wins — Then What? Proposed Amendments to the 14 Points of the I.C.C.

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A Letter from Australia

Parliamentary Action (Part 1)

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by ignorance of the terrors that may lie ahead".

And this is what they call "civilization" in 1940!

REVOLUTION WILL SNATCH VICTORY FROM U.S.

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leading up to the real question of the Asiatic markets and the Anglo-French holdings in the Latin American area. Great Britain continues its role of dividing and ruling. While it tells American imperialism that if necessary to keep Japan out of the Dutch East Indies the British naval bases in the FUTURE would be loaned to the American fleet, these same British gentlemen are endeavoring to line up Japan at present against American imperialism and to use Japan against the Soviets. America uses the same policy.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ANTAGONISM

The end of the first world war changed the relation of forces from a British-German world antagonism to a British-American antagonism. The second imperialist war will again alter this relation. Omitting for a moment the question of social revolutions and only considering the imperialist antagonisms it must be understood that a defeated Anglo-French and a victorious German imperialism would bring to the fore a German-American antagonism of world wide consequences. In other words the main inner-imperialist antagonism would be altered.

Such is not the case today, the Anglo-American antagonism still remains the most important underlying inner-imperialist struggle, but the German-American antagonism is more than a mere theoretical possibility. It is both in Europe and throughout

A victorious German imperialism is not only a threat to American Imperialism and its world desires; it is also a threat to the aspirations of Italy and Japan and their empires. Italy's relations with Germany is no more to help Germany than the United States relations to the Anglo-French. Italy and the United States in both cases are merely helping themselves. Japan is in a different position than these two imperialists. It is also maneuvering between a declining British empire, a strong American imperialism and a rising German imperial power. But its distance from the European conflict enables it more room to maneuver than Italy.

A German victory inevitably would lead to a conflict sooner or later with American imperialism. It is not excluded, however, that Germany would use the indirect method — or driving Japan into action, giving aid to Japan and using Japan against America as England has used nations against Germany, etc.

GERMANY, ENGLAND AND U. S.

Since the end of the first world war England with Colonies has been a weak and declining power, even though it held second place in the imperialist camp. The present war reveals the weak internal structure of both England and France. But since the defeat of the proletarian revolution in Germany and the rise of Fascism, German imperialism without colonies has been a strong and growing power. The possession of "breathing space" of colonies the world will make German im-

perialism that much stronger in relation to the other imperialist powers. This is what American Imperialism fears — not Fascism, but German imperialism. That is why her war preparations today are so feverish. That is why a "quick victory" by Germany in the European conflict would not end the imperialist conflict and war, but spread it to a broader area.

As Germany takes over the present spheres of influence and colonies of the Allied Empires it also takes over the economic antagonism of these areas to the main world imperialist, Uncle Sam. Instead of achieving a more "peaceful" relationship among the world imperialists, these conquests insure a far more chaotic and war-like struggle of the imperialists.

10 Cents an Hour Is Treason

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coming. An attempt by workers to get 10 cent an hour more (while the shipbuilders and their ilk are getting 4½ BILLION DOLLARS), the closed shop, and one week vacation — is treason.

Representative Hoffman immediately introduced a bill which would force all workers on "defense essentials" (which can mean anything, by the way) to sign "no strike" contracts. Penalties for breaking these contracts are to be 6 months in prison or \$1,000 fine.

Any attempt to live during (and before) wartime is treason to the bourgeoisie. But such "treasonable" behavior as that of the Kearny workers—who also defied their own reformist leaders — is the only behaviour the workers can follow.

Billings Still a Revolutionist

Warren K. Billings, who was framed with Tom Mooney, has finally been released from jail and is now on tour. Following the miserable capitulation of Mooney to the Roosevelt machine precisely when it is moving toward war, it is gratifying to report that Billings remains an honest and class conscious revolutionary fighter.

In his speech here in Chicago, Billings vigorously attacked the war plans of American imperialism, as well as the government's drive against workers democratic rights. He pointed out that he would do all in his power to work with the I. W. W. Defense Committee, as well as the Workers Defense League, to fight for class victims of capitalist oppression.

Billings in his earlier years as a labor organizer did not adhere to a Marxist position and it is evident today that he has not reached such a scientific-revolutionary position, nevertheless he does stand as a sincere and determined revolutionist. In this sense his call for united working class action against the war and for united defense of our democratic rights and his willingness to participate in such activity is indeed a positive and healthy sign.

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