DRAFT SET UP WILL TRY TO DIVIDE AND RULE

INTERNAL PASSPORT SYSTEM, MILITARIZATION OF WORKERS IMMINENT

The conscription bill is now a law. At least ninety percent of the workers affected are thinking mainly of their chances to evade the coming bloodbath. One important reason for its passage is the role played by the trade union leaders. Trade union leaders who talk against conscription (for the record) and refuse to act against conscription on their own, can only serve to stiffen mass action. Such a social-patriotic leadership cannot put up effective opposition to conscription.

A force like the A.F. of L, the C.I.O. and the Brotherhoods with ten million members in basic industries could have prevented the bill’s passage if they had organized a protest and strike campaign leading if possible up to a general strike. But they know full well the danger of an aroused working class. Their differences with Roosevelt after all are only tactical; so they readily acceded.

CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE

But all this is now past history. The question is what to do now. The working class must continue the struggle against conscription by organized class action in the factories and the streets; protest strikes and, where we can obtain united action, demonstrations and picketing of the recruiting offices, etc.

Class conscious workers will volunteer for no armed forces except Armed Workers Defense Corps in each factory, mine and mill, to defend Workers Rights in the coming period. If drafted, however, they have no choice but to serve in the armed forces of the capitalist state, but they will work for the interest of the working class — for democratization of the army, etc., etc. Class conscious workers will not be conscientious objects to “all” wars. We oppose the imperialist war; but we are for class war.

Some workers are consoling themselves by the government statistics that only 1 out of 16 men between the specified ages will be drafted. This is an incorrect attitude which will help the bosses firmly establish their military re-

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OTHER BANDIT POWERS TRYING TO GOBBLE UP BRITISH EMPIRE

UNCLE SAM ANGLING FOR LION’S SHARE

September 22 — As hundreds of tons of explosives are hurled from the air by the opposing German and British forces, the Battle of Britain has reached a state where it is clearly evident that unless Hitler strikes almost immediately for control in the Balkan area, to stand off through the winter. The weather is temporarily on the side of the British Isles but this in no way means that it is on the side of the Empire; for the scene is set for a shifting of the stage of conflict to the Balkan and Near East area.

AXIS DICKERS WITH SPAIN

No official report on the conversations of Von Ribbentrop, Mussolini and the Spanish Fascist, Sainz have been made; but it is certain that the Axis is endeavoring to push Spain into military operations against Gibraltar; or at least permit their own military forces to proceed to such an attack through Spanish territory.

INTENSIFY BRITISH - AXIS STRUGGLE

This would mean, no matter what the outcome of the Battle of Britain, an intensification of the struggle of the Axis against the Empire. For military struggle against Gibraltar, an Egyptian and North African attack would threaten the life-line of the British Empire and give the Axis entry to the East. This is only another way of saying that the German struggle for control of the Continent against the declining British Empire is reaching a new stage which is the prelude to the drive for the markets and territories of Asia and India.

GERMAN - ITALIAN QUARREL

But this by no means indicates that all is peaceful between the two “allies”. It is evident that Germany will not permit Italy to make too many gains; conversely, Italy, in a far worse relative economic position, wants to increase its control in the Balkan and Mediterranean area. Despite the lack of reports, one thing is certain about Ribbentrop’s trip: he did not go to “help” Mussolini convince

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New Deal Blasts « Gang Ruie » In Step To Impose « War Rule » Over Unions

FOR INDEPENDENT WORKERS’ ACTION AGAINST GANGSTERS AND NEW DEAL REFORMIST

The investigation and exposure of gang rule in the A.F. of L., with the Carborundum, Sciolli and Matt Taylor incidents have been the signal for the intensification of the State, City and F.B.I. forces to liquidate the unions throughout the nation. In eleven large cities the government is checking up on "mob rule".

No trade unionist will deny that the cancer of gangster rule is a national labor problem, but many few members of organized labor understand the real purpose behind the smoke-screen of the New Deal struggle against gang rule. All of the sudden the business men's associations and the government have taken a "beneficent" attitude toward labor. They will "rescue" us from the gangsters. Watch out that this not a wooden horse brought into our unions. Watch out that this not a new form of gangsterism from within. For in these gangsterisms bring forth many new angles to old problems.

SMASH THE RULE OF THE GANGSTERS

It has been an open secret for years, in Chicago for instance, that the Capone mob and the other lesser flits, Nitti, Scialli, Carrozzo, etc., have dominated the Chicago movement and have been in league with the Chicago Federation of Labor, the City administration, and behind them, the real rulers behind the scene, the groups of the LaSalle Street bankers, inter-warfare between the mobs to keep control brought on many deaths. Gangster use of the unions as tools to shake down the exploiters was common knowledge.

But little is now said against the systematic terror that the gangsters exercised for their own benefit, against militant left-wingers who tried to do their bit to rescue the union and bring it back to workers control. The intimations, blacklists from jobs and murder on this score are even worse than the struggle for control between gangs. The newspaper played up the latter but tends up the serious terror these gangsters did to beat down the progressive class struggle elements.

The war development and the need of the ex- ploiters to obtain unions with full obedience has caused some "leaders" to switch to the new masters.

The New Deal is using the attack against the former gangsters allies of the electrical machi nes as a battering ram, a club with which to force through the war program as it effects labor — to force the AF of L. and the AFL to acquiesce any opposition to the draft, and to 'assume open control of many unions — through FBI and judicial intervention. This is attested by Thurman Arnold, big shot New Dealer, in his latest book, "The Bottleneck of Business".

Undoubtedly such CI0 men as Sidney Hillman had their hands in these exposures. Obviously it helps them against other groups of reformist and labor fakers.

The trade unionist must fight on two fronts: Against the gangsters and their allies; and against those labor agents like Lewis, Green and Hillman who are under the domination of the state and the social-patriots. Both groups are enemies of organized labor. One group, the reactionaries and the gangsters, use the unions as their personal property to rob the robbers. The other group, which has called in the State Attorney and the F.B.I. are the bosses and the anti-revolutionary leaders of trade unions who want to eliminate these hi-jackers, so the ex- ploiters can have a more efficient union movement as their war preparations.

THE PURPOSE OF THE STRUGGLE

In every case the gangsters have been in alliance with the local political machine of a group of ex- ploiters. The drive against the gangster control has produced excellent vote-getting material. The issue: Smash Mob Rule — will appeal to the public, and the workers. But there is a deeper motive behind the drive. Present economic conditions offer little allure of the "golden twenties". Due to the economic pressure and the mounting cost of war preparations, the bosses have to share with their gangsters allies. Furthermore, in order to in- sure civil peace in war-time, the Raw Deal seeks a more solid control of broader section of the labor movement.

DIRECT BOSS CONTROL

The basis is thus being prepared to bring the trade unions directly under the control of the bosses government.

Despite the economic pressure and the war need, however, tomorrow when the workers rise in struggle and the bosses have to resort to fascist dictatorship, they will again be forced to divert part of their profits for new form of gangster, criminal, and lumpen-proletarian activities as the base of the Fascist order against the workers.

The exploiters kill two birds with one stone. They want to get rid of the tribute they must pay to the gangsters; those who rob the robbers. And who will produce the new gangsters, these with the Chicago Federation of Labor, the City administration, and behind them, the real rulers behind the scene, the groups of the LaSalle Street bankers, inter-warfare between the mobs to keep control brought on many deaths. Gangster use of the unions as tools to shake down the exploiters was common knowledge.

While this fight between the Exploiters and those who rob the exploiters is intensified, the workers who are exploited and robbed in both cases must organize their own independent force to fight both cliques. Both the exploiters and the gangsters have powerful allies: among the reactionary labor leaders; among the local city officials; among Republican and Democratic Parties.

The fight against exploiters social-patriotic war mongers and the reactionaries and gangsters cannot even be started without a clear understanding of the contempt classes and the real meaning of the present imperialist war.

The progressive element in each union, in each shop, in every factory must organize their own group. They must take the union out of the hands of the gangsters. They must FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLE. The State’s Attorney fights it for you — you will not have a free union after he wins anymore than when the Gangsters were in control. If the union is not worth fighting for you can never expect to have a democratic union. The working class must not bring its fights into the exploiters' courts. We have nothing to win and everything to lose by such action. The working class must establish its own democratic courts. We need the will and decision of the membership. Only when the workers run their own unions will THESE UNIONS FIGHT FOR THE WORKERS INTERESTS.

The progressive members of the unions must issue a CALL TO ACTION. Not a call to action to fight in the imperialist war. A call to action against the reactionaries who are in alliance with the bosses and the gangsters. Against the gangsters. And against the Social-Patriots, the war mongers, who wrap the American flag around themselves and call the military effort a red, 65th columnists, in order to help prepare the union movement for the imperialist slaughter.

Organize independent progressive groups in each union local. Fight your own battle for the democratic rights of the working class through your own shop committee movement.

September 9, 1940.
NEGRO EXPOSITION FRONT FOR NEW DEF GAL PLAN

The first "International" Negro Exposition held in Chicago is now over and it is well to take stock and see what was accomplished.

This first exposition takes place during the second world imperialist war. The exposition was arranged and done in; rather he went down to advance and secure German hegemony in any Spanish or Italian military activity. Germany will not permit Italy to gain real control of the Mediterranean, even though she may be the losing side in the first stages of battle.

DRIVE FOR NEAR EAST

With France out of the picture Germany moves to gain control of the Suez canal, and the badly needed oil fields in Iraq and Saudi Arabia. This, plus the impeding Gibraltar attack, means a decisive thrust against the Empire, means a German attempt to extend her continental control clear through the Near East and achieve control of the gates to Asia.

Although Italy has attacked Egypt and the Axis is trying to convince the Egyptian puppet regime not to fight, it does not seem that the Italian forces can carry through a campaign alone. German troops will have to be diverted, again indicating the weakness of the Italian forces.

SCISSORS AGAINST STALIN

All these moves, plus the Romanian and Transylvanian incidents show the increasing antagonism between Hitler and Stalin. The French have raised Hitler's interests, even as it has greatly weakened the position of the warfed Workers State under Stalinism. Now every move of Hitler toward the East brings inevitably closer the attack to Soviet Union through the Ukraine.

While a complete censorship prevails in Moscow, it is possible to piece together enough evidence to show that there is a serious mass unrest against Stalin. This is which is attempting to bolster its precarious position by a new series of purges of trade union leaders, new severely stringent labor laws, etc. Such further blows against the workers by the Stalinist cancer at a time when Hitler casts his eyes East, show that the contradictions of the bureaucracy are straining toward the breaking point.

Turkey, with whom Stalin has been able to temporarily come to terms, is gravely threatened by the Axis moves, and now vacillates as to her future course of action. Stalin would like her to be the buffer-state again, but to stand up against the German military machine is more than Turkey can manage, especially since Britain can offer no real aid.

JAPAN MAKES GAINS

Taking advantage of the weakness of Vichy France and the inability of Britain to make material opposition, Japan has stepped up her demands in regard to Indo China. Formerly she asked for the closing of supplies to China; then for the right to land troops and to move troops against China. Now she wants almost complete control of Indo China, both directly and through Siam-j puppet control.

Japanese moves in the South Pacific are of first rate concern to the British, French and Imperialists. Japan, it is already has obtained permission from England to use its Pacific air bases, especially Singapore. British and American "agreement" on naval bases in the Pacific in reality means of United States at the expense of the British, to be used against Japan. Military action by United States in Latin America and Asia is now a matter of a very short perspective. The imperialist war is rapidly involving all the powers to the highest degree.

Indications of mass unrest can be seen in the shift of French colonists to De Gaulle-British support, the activities of the Manin peasant parties in Romania, etc. The latest news is that the houses are already in a certain control in a different form temporarily. But only temporarily, the spread of the war, the increased hardship, misery and oppression will inevitably create a revolutionary situation that will be the only method of ending the imperialist slaughter.

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Waller Trial Postponed

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JUDGE SHOWS BIAS, INSULTS ATTORNEY

Judge Clement revealed his bias by insulting remarks to J. Byron Hopkins, Negro attorney and member of the defense counsel. He further indicated his anxiety to get Waller killed with the least trouble possible by telling the court reporter that he didn’t particularly care whether she got his remarks in the record or not! Which shows how much “his honor” cares about the law-system under which he serves.

One special instance of the railroad attempt; Commonwealth Attorney Whitehead produced a “copy” of a letter allegedly sent to Thomas H. Stowe, defense counsel, on September 4th, stating that the trial (if the indictment were returned) would take place on September 19th. But in reality, the defense knew nothing of the date up to September 16th. Much as Whitehead did not have any receipt to indicate having registered such a letter, which was never received, the conclusion of the trial is obvious — another example of how the forces of “law and order” violate their own laws against the workers.

POLLS TAX EXCLUDES CROP-PERS ON JURY

Defense has already listed exception to the manner of its choosing jurors in the county, since only those who pay the poll tax are allowed to jury list. This results in exclusion of share-croppers, regardless of color. This is a direct working class issue. For Waller is thus denied the right to be judged by any but the agents of the ruling class before whom he is already considered guilty of insubordination. This again shows how little class law means to them, for the “law” is supposed to give each man the right to be judged by his “own” (equal) and not his masters who certainly consider him guilty.

BUILD NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

As stated above, through action in the county, the first skirmish in the defense of Waller has been won.

No national protest, and national exposure of the bias. discrimination and prejudice against Waller must be carried to the doors of the people. Judges and attorneys must be shown that Jim Crow and economic exploitation and oppression forced by workers everywhere, that Waller will not be permitted to be railroaded to the guillotine.

For this purpose a National Waller Defense Committee is being built with locals in all cities, and the people of white workers on this case. Preliminary action in this respect has been taken in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York, as well as the existing Richmond Committee.

For further information, or in sending funds, write immediately to the Richmond Waller Defense Committee: address: E. Campion, 1519 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.

CLARIDAD PROLETARIA
El Imperio Imperialista: La Fuerza Popular Que Empuja a la Guerra
Las Lecciones de España

5 Cents

The Centrist Trotskyites Speak on Conscription

REPEAT ERRORS OF THE SPANISH POUm AND ADD MANY MORE

ARM THE PEOPLE IN OPPOSITION TO THE BOSSES

The Trotskyites may be small in America, but this sort of revolutionary-sounding virus is deadly poison to the proletariat.

The workers must ARM themselves, train themselves, gain their own facilities, and work toward actual Workers Control of Production for use. But they can’t do this with the “aid” of the capitalists: they can only do it by controlling the capitalists and their state, their trade unions flunkies etc. The initiative will come from the bottom, from rank and file democratically elected shop committees. And the arms will be put into all arms have been gotten by the proletariat everywhere; through their own contributions, through the disarming of the police, through the coming over to their side of large sections of the armed forces, etc.

Against the hollow - in effect - capitalist - slogan of government ownership of war industries, the demand for government control of “our” army through the trade unions, the Trotskyists prove that the need to arm the people. Abolish the standing army, which stands above the workers, and establish a workers’ military; a true revolutionist for their attempt to “organize” the world; build the People’s Defense Corps, under rank and file control IN THE FACTORIES, under a leadership only ALL the workers in the plant regardless of political, religious, union affiliation, race, color, or religion.