Profits - War or Peace

How do the capitalists support their own war effort? How seriously do they take the "war for democracy"? Here is a statement made last September by the chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, a group of the most powerful capitalists in the U.S.

"Let's be sensible. We hold the ace in our hand. The war is so desperately needed and we can win this war unless and until we do. And I mean US HERE IN THIS ROOM. I say war does not eliminate the profit incentive and war or peace we MUST HAVE OUR PROFIT. War must now mean profit. They must get what we've got. Good. Make them pay the RIGHT PRICE for the profits they get".

Yes, it is a war on the workers, and against the workers. It is the same old war, but this time it is war against the workers worldwide. The capitalists are using this war to destroy the workers' movement. This is the capitalist strategy and it is working.

The war is not about democracy. It is about profit. The war is not about peace. It is about profit. The war is not about freedom. It is about profit.

But the workers have an answer. They have a plan. The plan is to organize the workers, to build the Workers' International, to build the Workers' Union, to build the Workers' Party. The plan is to fight back, to fight back with all our might, to fight back with all our strength.

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Washingt on, D. C.—Repr of The World, February 15. The move by the Federal Communications Commission to restrict the growth of the electronic industry has been accused by a number of large corporations of being a deliberate attempt to slow down the development of new technologies.

"It is clear," said Sen. John F. Kennedy, "that the FCC's actions are designed to prevent the growth of new industries and to protect the interests of existing companies. The FCC's continued efforts to stifle innovation are a threat to the U.S. economy and to the welfare of all Americans."
LEWIS BREAKS STRIKE

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40 YEARS A MILITANT FIGHTER FOR LABOR

Arriving in the U.S. shortly after the beginning of Tresca’s name was associated with practically every major strike and picket line struggle. He played an active and militant role in the formation of the Communist party in Lawrence, Mass., and in Patterson, New Jersey. He was one of the principal organizers of the 100,000 strong Cigar Makers’ strike 40 years ago. He even took part in the famous “vindication case.” He fought side by side with the iron miners of the Steel Workers’ Union.

His proud record of over 30 active years in labor struggles, picketing injunctions, and all the rest, will always remain as the real record of his work. Tresca’s forty years of bold and determined fight against capitalism, militarism, and later, after the first World War, against capitalism in Italy and the Fascist state. Tresca was a man of great ideals and great principles.

There are many fine features to be found in the CUA. The dominant ones are the “labor” and “good” bourgeois politicians is over. It is up to these groups to organize parties for independent class action.

How far the recently organized CUA is really “anti-fascist” or “anti-fascist” depends on the character of the people jumping into its ranks. It is up to the CUA’s ranks to develop conditions and the issuance of the latest booklets. The CUA is a fairly clear political group, its party, CDA. Its December

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**Economic Democracy in Porto Rico**

What about the “Four Freedoms” in the American colony of Porto Rico?

The average income of the average native family is less than $200 per year. The wages and hour tax have no meaning in Porto Rico.

The main cry of the native population—LAND—has been stifled for half a century. The land is owned lock, stock, and barrel by absentee interests [e.g., in the United States]. And this despite a native law which prohibits anyone from owning more than 500 acres.

The present poorly efforts of Rex Tugwell, New Deal appointed Governor, to eliminate some of the abuses, is only bringing on a series of Wall Street flak. . . . When it comes through the press in the U.S., is clamoring bloody murder against the “socialist, expansionist.”

The war has made more money. Shipping is not available, markets have been lost. More than half the island population is in prison camps.

If Vice-President Wallace meant what he said about the “Free Democracies,” including “economic democracy,” his administration is shown specifically in its tariff. . . . The cry of “security from the cradle to the grave,” what are these two gentlemen doing to bring such security to the people of Porto Rico? While the nation is spending 100 billion dollars for war, there can be no excuse for not spending a few additional billion to make the necessities of life to the Porto Rican masses.

No excuse, of course—except imperialism, and its threat of profits. . . .

**Trotskyists Demand “Real” Rationing**

We are FOR rationing—provided it is properly controlled and handled. . . . It is the only democratic way of meeting the alarming food shortages,” but it must be handled “in concert with local farmers and housewives—the only agencies that can make a go of price control and rationing.”

This statement was made in the Dec. 26 and Jan. 4 paper of Shachtman Trotskyists. The Cameno Trotskyists echo the same sentiments in their January 2nd paper: “We believe the government has an absolute necessity of real rationing and price fixing can be realized only under government control and it is desirable to have the great mass of farmers, farm laborers, small businessmen and housewives.

It is hard to believe that those words come from the pen of people who call themselves “Kazarians,” who have such a hard time differentiating between a capitalist fraud and the people that they are the “only organizations fighting the war.”

Rationing under capitalism is purely a method of keeping the masses in check during the war for the purpose of profit and the great costs of war make it necessary for monopolies to control consumer goods production and distribution. In the face of the most gigantic productive effort in all history, precisely when 100 billion dollars of war materials will be produced, capitalism finds it necessary to cut down the sales of sugar and butter, meat and coffee, canned goods and dairy products.

**SCARCITY**

Can this evil be eliminated by any PARTIAL measures? Rationing is merely a by-product of capitalist decay, of organised scarcity. Can a mere honest administration of food and the solving of the problem be ridiculed? The question is can ANYBODY make a “go” of a rationing problem, and price-fixing, not whether a committee of 3880editors in the New York Times or 42 editors in the Daily Worker or Brown’s. Can people who believe in the overthrow of capitalism, who are combatting the capitalist, understand Capitalism in opposition to any other kind of rationing?

All rationing under the exploiters society is an evil, but rationing under the exploiters society is opposed to the exploitation of men by Marxists for the same reason. The answer to rationing does not lie in any minor palliatives. It rests upon a philosophy of CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE. Against the organised scarcity of capitalism we, the Marxists, cooperate workers control and workers Councils not of just the minor byproduct of the capitalist production process, but of produce control. Self-control, self-definition, self-cooperation. Anything else is just a compromise with the bourgeoisie war effort. Rationing under Capitalism are—and FOR rationing, FOR scientific service, and FOR other such things in action is a cheap play on words, a deception practiced by the modern counterparts of Karl Kruszky.

Lening, Liebknecht, Luxembourg—Point the Way to Freedom

Jan. 30, 1943. This is the third commemoration of the death of Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxembourg since the start of the imperialist war in 1914. In the course of time we have seen a series of working class uprisings by working class that have been put down, killed and maimed, the destruction of billions of dollars of property, hunger, sickness and pestilence sweeping the world; war, the unimagined horrors of Europe and Asia; while the bourgeois democracies, rapidly piling up the greatest sacrificial loss for the imperialist forces in Europe and the United States, have increasingly lowered the standard of living of the working class and are rapidly destroying whatever there still is to the hope of the war is becoming more and more intolerable. It is the darkest period of the tolling masses have faced since the last revolutionary wave in the world.

Yes, it is dark. But through the darkness of reaction and over the roar of cannon and the rolling thunder of guns, there is still a faintest voice of the revolutionary martyrs who today, more than ever before, answers the needs of the suffering and exploited, working class.

“This is an imperialist war,” they say. “As long as capitalism exists, wars and the redivision of the earth among the great powers will be fought. It is a war in which the exploiters and the colonial masses must oppose this war.

They must fight for a society which will govern in the interests of the masses, a society said to be a socialist society. Against ALL forms of capitalist rule, whether fascist or democratic, the rallying cry is: “No more CIVIL WAR!”

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Rationing Robs Workers To Insure More Profits

The PRICE, PROFIT, AND WAGE CEILING the Roosevelt administration has placed on the economy has been highly inflationary and still rising in prices and profits although it has had some beneficial effects. To the workers who have lost their savings thanks to the labor agents of the CIO and the A.F. of L. and the State Unions.

Government figures reveal that the cost of living has increased almost 50%. Any worker knows that the prices of wholesome, expensive goods have increased 38%. Wholesale food prices have advanced 24%.

And they say the cost of living has remained steady! Not a thing. But any worker knows that the price of some foodstuffs alone has risen high above the, although they may be a notch lower than the level of retail prices, the price paid by the worker who buys them at the retail price is more than doubled.

The truth is that the cost of living has increased over 50%. But any worker knows that the food price index has advanced 85%. To make an average out of this is to misunderstand the situation.

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Roosevelt is the same exactly as the only difference is in the response. The footnotes of Germany from 1931 on, of France in 1930, of Brazil, of Italy, of Israel. The State is penetrating into every book and cranny of the individual's life.

Canned Goods Rationing Means For Workers

We are informed by the government that it will be necessary to ration canned goods in the near future. ALL MAY HAVE THE NEEDS OF LIFE and that the worker may obtain their needs to carry on the struggle against the Axis. At the same time the government "recommends" that we should do this. It is necessary to limit the consumption of certain goods. The reason is that there are not enough goods to go around. To place all sections of the country, all classes, and all aspects of life in the same position, is to FAVOR THE RICH against the poor. The government is putting the worker, the poor urban and the well-off masses of America.

Anytown, without horror sense, knows that rural areas and urban areas contain different amounts of canned goods. They know that poor and low paid workers do not have enough canned goods and other good that the rich people have. They know and the exploiters in general who have private chefs use less canned goods and other good that the cheap laboring class. So to place all on the same level for the government's consumption is to DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE POOREST SECTION OF THE WORKING CLASS.

The AVERAGE unskilled poor urban worker has 6 children, and it is only 2 pounds of canned fruits and vegetables that child can eat. It is only 2 pounds of canned fruits and vegetables that child can eat. If he is forced to pay for fresh vegetables he cannot afford full and will have to eat only a plate of nothing. He will be in the same position as the worker and his family where the wages and the family is also working at home and has to work around the house to have any type of balanced diet without long hours over the stove, even if they could afford the fresh produce.

This is war time, but the attitudes of a nation that has been fighting for its life for over 10 years is still the same. The war is not just for our life, but for the life of the whole country. It is our duty to fight for our country and for our lives.

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