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Organ of the Revolutionary Workers League of the U. S.


## Utility Workers'

 New Tactic Gains VictoryDETROIT - The attempt to cut the wages and destroy the
Union of 6,000 Consumers Power Workers in Michigan has been defeated by the militant action of these utility workers. Faced with the prospect of having their gains taken away from then by the power magnates the power house workers of Consumers took control of the property of the com-
pany and declared they were on strike. They went one step ahead
of the sit down tactic by inuing to operate the plants

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## May

Proletaria all lands make this oppressed masses of ident" is preparing for more imper unifying your ranks against the impendng imperialist war, and for the class war against capitalism. Under the Banner of the class struggle the organized might of the proletariat is invincible.

May Day 1938 finds capitalism from one end of the globe to the other floundering on the rocks. The so-called recession in history, more evere even crisis in American crisis. To the millions already unmeployed and half-starving, have been a d ded millions more, doomed forever under the sly system to a slow starvation. Omino drive of American Imperialism towards drive
war.

## BOSS METHODS

The cynical and hypocritical answer of capitalism to all this misery and oppres ion, consists of adding billions to the war budget plowing under more wheat and foodstuffs, cutting the relief and WPA budgets for the class as a whole. While the millions starve, their "Friend" in the White House draws up plans to "plow under" and produce less, While millions are looking for the things of life, for food and shelter, the "Smiling Pres-
blood baths, for war and destruction.
In foreign lands the oppressed working class, the peasantry and colonial peoples are faring even worse. Disarmed and drugged by their reformist leaderships the working class of the world a is unable to effectively fight the advancing tide of fascism that sweeps through the world. Hitler's butchers are mopping up in Austria. Thousands more are condemned to death and brutality in his concentration camps. The fascist Franco is sweeping before him all vestige of the democratic rights won by the proletariat through the class struggle, is mowing down thousands of workers who, trapped by the lies and hypocricy of the S p an ish Roosevelts Lewis, Browders and Thomases, are heroi cally fighting against overwhelming odds.

From one end of Europe to the other the social barrel is filled with dynamite Italian fascism, on the brink of bankruptcy, faces new mass struggles in the near future. British workers are being regimented for the desperate re-armament o British Imperialism. The French Proleta riat, faces a revolutionary situation in the near future, as the Blums and Cachins betray at every step their servitude to French
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Mexico
Expropriates Oil Companies The expropriations of $t h$ American and British oil holdings by the Mexican government gives the Mexican workers an opportunity of pushing forward an independent class policy. The policy
of President Cardenas is the oil companies in full, even though they refused to the Mexican Gevernm recognize But since the pressure of U. S. imBut since the pressure of U. S. imperialism through its refusal to
buy any more silver has intensified the economic crisis in Mexico, the Government will do well to keep of paying leve water let alone talk of paying legal bourgeois debts. Although the blow against the oil companies seemingly is aimed
at American and British holdings with equal force, certain facts take the edge off' its effectiveness against the U. S. More than once American interests in Latin Amer. "allowing" used the tactic of to oust British and American in terests, and then turning around and obtaining the whole concession for itself. This posibility uncrlying the Mexican pattern
should be kept constantly in mind U. S. IN BETTER POSITION England has developed her property and needs oil for war
needs, while American interests needs, while American interests
have held in reserve their holdings and are not in need of this oil at
present. The Mexican Ca1les group has a powerful group of American financiers behind it in its fight against Cardenas and the U. S. forces supporting him.
The Roosevelt viewpoint pressed by those close to the exident is that the Mexican gresment should pay the oil companies depreciatiginal investment minus American and British basis the hies are placed on different levels Cardenas uses this as a bid to cale down values. Standard oil roperty in the little in Mexican roperty in the last decade; the
mprovement on its origina estment is therefore British companies, however have continued on page 3 )

## FUNDS

 FOR SPAINNews from Spain reveal that he Fascist push toward Catalonia most precarious positionts in a bourgeois loyalists position. The inist supporters and their Stao place the proletarian attempting ently in a trap. Funds are urNegrette e eded for Comrade vorking with others whom he is working with.
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Gets Setback

## The defeat of Roosevelt's reor

 ganization bill, which provided forconsolidation of many bureaus and increased power to the Pres-
ident ident, shows how deep is the fermet in the capitalist ranks.
Those who opposed the bill, like Those who opposed the bill, like
Father Coughlin, Hearst, Knox, the Republicans and Democratic
anti-New Dealers, are not opposed Hearst is one of the supporters of
Hitler centralization, and Cough Hitler centralization, and Cough-
lin is a semifascist in the U.S. shall do the re-organizing, who
shall dominate the patronage
system. It is significant that thiere Hull's war nolicy, his denunciation
of the pacifists who are preparin a "naval frontier", and his clear
cut policy of sending the navy out
to all parts of the world to protect TOWARDS "ORGANIZED The rumored 4 billion

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## For Class

Struagle May Day
Demonstration




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CHICAGO SUNDAY FORUM
Every Sunday at 8:30 P.M.
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## The Main Enemy Is At Home

## League Holds 4th Plenum



## imperialism, raise prices, inflate, put over the capitalist rearmament plans <br> In Asia Marx and Len <br> into China, slaughters its plows steadily replaces American and British imperialism as the foremost enslaver of the Chinese proletariat and peasantry <br> The working class will answer these We <br> Weakened by economic "recessions" faced with a rapidy receding market, fear- ful of the rising wrath of the proletariat, world imperialism snatches to the last straw, IMPERIALIST WAR, in save itself from the inevitable

TION of the work inevitable REVOLU in Ethiopia and Austria, in Bolivia and China; the hypocritical diplomatic manouvers of the "democratic" U. S. or the one end - a new world war forthe redivi-

## U. S. WAR PREPERATIONS

The most powerful nations are able to the weak fascist powers. American imperialism, still possessing enormous power cloak of "peace". But here in this country lies the biggest war monster of all, the most thirsty imperialist in the world. For American imperialism to exist must re-organize the world, must conquer it from its

## EXPLOITERS AGENTS

For the most part dormant, rising only on a few occasions, the working class ol
more firmly to the bourgeois wagon. Its towering strength has been kept muzzled by the 2nd and 3rd Internatonals, with the places.

In the United States our big task is to organize the organized into industrial unions with a class struggle policy.
The rising tide of strikes in the $U$ S the strikes in Little Steel, on the docks in either west coast, and dozens of others ended concessions. Brutal American "democracy" showed how "democratic" the capitalist dictatorship is. Eleven workers were mas-
sacred in the city of Chicago during the Steel Strike. More were murdered, arrested, framed, and beaten in other places and other sections.

But the main job of intimidating the working class of keeping them in check, fell to the capitalist agents WITHIN the
ranks of labor. The Lewis' and Greens, the
stalinists and socialists, as one man jumped the bandwaggon of capitalism when the strikes and "recession" threatend its very
existence. The sit-down strike and "quickie" were entirely given up, strikes forbidden, and pledges of "faith" and aid given to the "democratic" Roosevelt. agents support the war moves of Ameri Imperialism. The stalinists, the biggest "working class" Party in the U. S. re-echo Roosevelt's war program, like Moscow parrots, hail his war moves in the Phillipines and South America, pledge to sup-
port the "good" imperialism, America in its wars. The Labor Party, Socialist Party, AFL, CIO, WAA, stand fundamentally on the same program.

The centrist Trotskyites and Loves toneites, carening around like drunken acrobats, in one degree or the other sup CLASS ACTION NEEDED
The illusion of peace under capitalism is fraud and deception. The Profit system can breed only misery, unemployment, starvation and imperialists war. Peace, Freedom and Bread can be gained only by a determined working class struggle against capitalism.
Under the domination of the stalinists the first Workers State, the Soviet Union, is threatend with destruction. The Stalin burocracy has betrayed the Dictatorship of the Proletariat to the imperialists, is Revoluation the remants of the October and fights against any private property and fights against any extension of that

Workers of the wo
Workers of the world rescue the Build a new Communist Party in the Soviet

## UNITE AND FIGHT

Workers and Oppressed of America white and black, colonial and native, raise your hand this May Day in giant protest against the whole rotten capitalist system. Let your shouts and slogans spread terror in the hearts of capitalism, remind it that he proletariat intends to seize power, to rom the oppression peace and contentment

Now as never before erect your Maris Paty to help guide the whole people towards the Workers Society. The 2nd and 3rd Internationals and the centrists have and are betraying you. Your salvation lies only in the building of a New, 4th Communist Internatonal

Join, Build, support the Revolutionary Workers League and its youth Section, the Young Workers League. Down with capitalism. Long Live the Workers State.

## TRADEUNION NOTES

SUBSIDY ASKED BY R. R.
UNION CZAR
$\qquad$ Harrison, Railroad Workers czar,
and the rail owners in asking for subsidies from the government,
not for the workers, if you please, not for the workers, if you please,
but for the Companies, is touching but for the Companies, is touching
indeed. Railroad workers face large pay cuts and targe pay cuts and "lay offs and the
answer of their "leader" is to get government money for their ex-
pleiters. Where labor fakers of the Harrison, Martin, Lewis, Frey
types can bamboozle their member ships into servile submission they
throw off their fancy pro-labor
phrases and show their real faces, the humble tools of capitalism.
STALINIST SUPPORT "KELLY. STALINIST SUPPORT "KELLY-
NASH"
The Chicago stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance is carrying
through a "Moscow purge in its
ranks. Those who oppose the capitulatory scheme of the leader-
ship to gain relief by hu mbly
begging for a capitalist Special Leqingature to $t$ a $k$ e up up the
question, are being cut out of the organization without e er e mony.
Class struggle politici is forbidden
in this unemployed or but the support of Kelly-Nash
political machine is tolerated and In Local 24 of the Office Wirtue.
orkrying to get rid of a progressive organizer, that there's not enough
money around. But in Local 26
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## An archists Endorse

 Reformist Actions
## black international

In spite of all the tallending Spain, it is still receiving the port of the "Black" or "First" movement. This support was ex ference last December which en
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the government, its support of the People's Front, the liquidation of the "Anti-Fascist Militias", the
betrayal in the May Days, ett. The
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May 9 to 1
St.Louis
Springfield

## Utility Workers New Tactic Gains Victory

(Continued from page 1). without the control of the
capitalists. The workers themselves took steps toward the workers contal of production, ed the seizure of the plants of the capitalist class. Vigilantes were organized. Gover--
nce Murphy, New Deal supporter nce Murphy, New Deal supporter
denounced the "strike" as a threat to private property.
conference of ealled a tives and employers, but was un-
able to smash the strike. The new method of conducting a strike resulted in a renewal
month agreement and
ing of of
STRIKE - BREAK
WORK
In the next ixty ers will be confronted work a
National Labor Relations Board election in which a company
union, and the AFL outfit, will have free competition in their at-
tempt to destroy the Union. the Utility Workers Organizing
Committee, a CIO affiliate. During Committee, a CIO affiliate. During
the strike the AFL sided with
Murphy and the employers. F. M. Harris of the AFL Union threate
ed to shut down 9 power plants Western Michigan if an agre
met was reached with the UWC
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class. In this period of the decay
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increasingly clear that first in the
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must be the workers own control
of production. The Capitalist Government-Roosevelt, Murphy
ete... must be swept away and
replaced by a workers government that will organize prod
use and not for profit.
In the Immediate future the Consumers workers must co-
ordinate their efforts with the or
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which they supply power, and the which they supply power, and the
unemployed and farmers in the
surrounding territory. Against the ar me d veriliantes and Black
a m entionaires they must create a Workers Defense Corps. The
breathing spell will only prepare breathing spell will only prepare a use the National Guard. They
must attempt to establish friendly connections with the AFL workers in other power plants in spite
their strike breaking leaders.


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## Smash Exploiters' War Plans

## DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST WAR PLANS

The war in Spain and China and the Hitler push in the Balkans reveals the feverish preparations of the imperialists for the coming war and redivision of the earth. In this mad race of armaments the United States leads while it talks of peace. The United States is heading rapidly toward war.

The workers must not permit the war preparations and the imperialist war to go unchallenged. The workers must fight against the imperialist wars by the CLASS STRUGGLE.

## CAPITALISM AND WAR

As long as capitalism exists imperialists wars are inevitable. They are as inevitable as depressions, misery and poverty under capitalism. When the American capitalists declare war the working class must striuggle to turn the imperialist war into a civil war by working for the defeat of its "own" imperialist army, by revolutionary class action, even if this momentarily means the "victory" of the "enemy" army

## CLASS ACTION

The workers through their organiza tions, must form united fronts for joint action againt war preparations on concret issues. This does not mean the establish ment of a permanent "united front" to "fight against War". Such an instrument front and would be an instrument for reformists. Only the revolutionary Marx ian party can lead the stuggle against imperialist war. It utilizes the Leninist THE PEOPLES FRONT, FASCISM, AND WAR.
The Stalinist Peoples Front policy has proven bankrupt in stopping the onmarch of Fascism and war. In fact it has helped pave the way for Fascist gains in Spain and the Balkans. That is because the Peoples Front is an instrument by which the reformists subordinate the proletariat to the "democratic" bourgeois in its fight against the open reactionary bourgeoisie. Fascism can be destroyed only by over throwing capitalism. Because Fascism is only an acute stage of capitalism when economic decay and the danger of the protetariat revolution forces the exploiters to save their system by these methods.

## THE SOVIET UNION

We consider the Soviet Union as a warped Workers State, a dictatorship of the proletariat, evolving back toward capitalism by the false Stalinist policies. Our task is to oust the agents of the capitalists, the Stalinist reformists, and again restore healthy economic and social relations that will lead toward socialism and to extend the October Revolution.

The best way to accomplish this is first of all work for the overthrow of our own Soviet Union against its imperialists enemies and its agents within the Sovie Union. This calls for the conditional de fense of the Soviet Union in war. In the im perialist country the workers fight to de feat their own exploiters. In the Soviet Union they fight to defend the warped workers republic against the imperialist and their agents within. This calls for a
fight on two fronts, similar to the struggle fight on two fronts, similar to the struggle in a strist fight against
labor agents in our union ranks, the refor mists policies, and sell-outs. Stalinism can not successfully defend the Soviet Union Only a new Marxian party and the proleta riat can successfully defend and save the Soviet Union.

## REFORMIST SOLUTIONS

The workers must not become victims reformist traps. Pacifism, which in words is against ALL wars (especially the class war) but in reality helps prepare the ground for the imperialist war must be rejected. Likewise all talk for : "collective security", "neutrality". "Disarmament"
"isolation", etc., are the best smokecreens to cover up war preparations.

The workers want "peace". But the workers are not for "peace" under ca pitalism-for class peace. The workers are
fight to stop it. We fight for peace, by fight to stop it. We fight for peace, by working for t e o overthrow of capitadism.
But peace can only be achieved in a class-

## ess communist society

## FASCISM AND DEMOCRACY

The reformists talk about supporting he democratic exploiters against the fas cist exploiters is another way of preparing for imperialist war and is social-patriotism. We are opposed to the support of any and all capitalists nations no matter wha they claim the war is for. It must be kept in mind that every STATE is a dicatorship (against the oppressed classes) and serve out democary to its own class, Today we have the capitalist dictatorship against the We must replace thi with ot workers. We must replace this with our Workers State that will insure genuine Workers State that will insure genuine

## AGAINST PACIFIST BILLS

The illusion that war can be preventd, checked, or exposed through a referendum is pacifist and anti-working class. The exploiters and war mongers cannot be ef ectively exposed by asking for a referen
dum on war. Imperialist wars can only be exposed and fought against on the basis o class line. To transfer the war struggle o the parliamentary sphere as does the Ludlow ammendment is false and in no

To attempt to establish a permanent boycott against the "bad" capitalists is of no value to check the agressors. In the case of Japan it plays into the hands of the American imperialists. The main struggle against capitalism and war is not on the field of commodity consumption - but on the field of production. To use boycott as an auxilary weapon, as a limited concrete action within the framework of a class policy is alright, but this has nothing in common with the refomists permament "boy cott"

REFORMIST AND CENTRISTS
The Stalinists as well as the right wing socialists present an open social-patriot po sition on imperialist war, against socialist tion of Lenis the some cases on present a centrical phrases and conserve war, useing radications

Likewise the Trotskyite socialists have a centrist position on war. For example Trotsky speaks of a war between Germany and France stating he would apply defeatism in Germany and political criticism in France. In Spain the Trotskyites supmaterial aid to the Peoples Front. In China they trail along with the Koumingtang
with "left" criticism.
Against the capitalists and their agents the workers must

## Mexico Expropriates Oil Companies

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 completed their holdings with all nodern improvements. Britain is in no position to take etion alone against Mexico. If merica does not move on paraliel With the new silver restrictions America will get what she wants and most likely drive British inrests from the field.Unlike the Trotskyites and
thers, we do not support the Mexican government in its expropriation. Cardenas is a puppet of group of American imperialists gainst the Calles group. of Ameran imperialists and the British from the rising national bourgeoie and the workers and peasant bloc he controls through his "reTRY TO STOP REVOLUTION America's former purchase of silver at a rate higher than the market value was a flat present of nillions a year in support of Car-
denas' policy. It was dedicated not ut of love for Mexico but of fear of a SOCIAL REVOLUTION and or danger of either Communism hip if the present set-up falls To welcome expropriation "our" imperialists in any country and to support the capitalist state of that country are two different hings. We support the workers atin America, in their INDE parallel action and united front ction with the forces "fighting" gainst imperiaism can only be indected on the basis of a line for and no support to the State. To support Cardenas and his government is to support capitalism. To ght imperialism means to fight The last installment of WHY JOIN THE R.W.L.was lft out of thts issue for lack of space. Appear in June Issue.

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