Down with Imperialist War!

Fight Social Patriotism
To Workers and Oppressed Everywhere:

The imperialist brigands are on the eve of a new imperialist war to divide the world once again, to save tottering capitalism from its inevitable doom, the proletarian revolution. The Czechoslovakian struggle is merely an incident; no matter what its outcome the millions of men mobilized in Europe and the untold billions spent for re-armament on all continents, especially in America, will soon be plunged into a new World Carnage.

"Peaceful" Britain, murderer and enslaver of hundreds of millions of British Indians, Africans, Asians, and Europeans, attempts to get its European house in order in a new attempt to plunder the vast Asiatic Markets, to keep its old Empire under her. "Agressive" Germany is trying to gulp up Little Czechoslovakia as a step toward the same end, the oil fields of Rumunia, the wheat fields of the Ukraine, and the vast markets of Asia. "Democratic" America, hiding her time, waiting for the powers to exhaust themselves as they did in the last World War, before entering the new slaughter-fest, stands with its powerful economic club over the whole of humanity, waiting, like the rest, to plunder more thoroughly the Asiatic markets, as a decisive step towards organizing the whole world for American Imperialism.

REVOLUTION STOPPED WAR IN 1918

The victorious October Revolution in the weakest link of capitalism in 1917, Russia, and the struggles of the revolutionary masses everywhere, particularly in Germany, put an end, after four long years, to the last imperialist slaughter. Democratic capitalism was confronted with two dozen proletarian revolutions, a struggling world class fighting to end once and for all the system of war, unemployment, and oppression. The treachery of the social-patriots of that period, the 2nd International, and later the treachery of Stalinism in China, Germany, Britain, Bulgaria, etc., gave capitalism a new lease on life, and paved the way for this new imperialist war.

No power on earth, or above it, can stop the present impending "organized murder", except proletarian revolution against capitalism. The workers in Czechoslovakia and France, by organizing Workers Militia and Workers Councils for a struggle for power will deal a greater blow to the war plans of imperialism than all the "peace" gestures of Britain, America, Stalinism, or French imperialism. The workers in Czechoslovakia by tearing down fences from the capitalist and oppressive Czechoslovak government, by preparing independent workers class defense against Fascist aggression, by giving no support to Mr. Beneš and his masters, the Skoda munition workers, will be striking a blow for lasting peace, for the emancipation of the working class from the system that breeds war.

CAPITALISM BREEDS UNEMPLOYMENT AND WAR

"Agressive" or "defensive", "fascist" or "democratic", "allied" or "not allied" with the Soviet Union, the imperialist brigands have but one goal: further enslavement of the toilers and oppressed of all countries.

Dozens of millions were maimed, killed, and wounded. (Continued on page 4)
Shall Workers Support A Labor Party?

With capitalist decay reaching new heights, sixteen million again unemployed, war and its complications more intense and costly than ever before, a new "beacon light" is being held forth for the American working class — the Labor Party.

Shall the Negro help organize such a Party? Shall they support it once it is built? In the answer to these two questions are involved our basic policies in the struggle against imperialist war, and against capitalist oppression in general.

WHAT IS A LABOR PARTY?

What kind of a Party is this Labor Party? Is it a workers’ Party, a capitalist Party, or what? It is the sense that the Labor Party is based on the trade union movement, it is in form a "Workers’ Party," in the broader and decisive sense, however, in its policies and class content, it is not. Its PROGRAM is REFORMIST. A Marxist program similar to that of the Trotskyists is overthrown but at the reform and perpetuation of capitalism. In that sense the Labor Party is a capitalist party, a reformist party.

This fact is all-important. A Labor Party in program and in action, no matter what preparations may exist, is an utterly meaningless but another capitalist party. Mr. Browder — the Stalinist leader — four years ago spoke of a Labor Party which was "not reformist and yet not revolutionist." He is aware that the Labor Party will have "not a reformist program, but a program of revolutionary transitional demands" (sic), in other words a Marxist program for the pre-revolutionary period. Mr. Browder subsequently denounces this program and now recognizes that his Labor Party is to be a reformist Party. The Trotskyist rank and file, a part of which is now in revolt against the leadership, may do well to keep in mind this experience in mind.

UNITY ON A MINIMUM PROGRAM

The Labor Party is the American counterpart of the People’s Front. In content although slightly different in form, the British Labor Party is similar to the European Parties of social democracy. Its roots are in the trade union movement. Its economic base is in the ability of the working class, unionized in Europe, to the workers hand and foot to the capitalist state, betrayed the general strike of 1926; helped advance the millions of colonial people of the British empire; participated in the capitalist government and helped pass compulsory arbitration laws and other strike-breaking measures.

How about the Labor Parties in the United States? The Farmer-Labor Party movement in Minnesota, for example, or the American Labor Party? The former has helped murder striking workers in Minneapolis; the latter put into office and supports a strike-breaking mayor in N.Y., a strike breaking governor and a strike-breaking president.

Social developments in Mexico can change all. If the economic and social changes in Mexico are not halted into safe channels by a new national government, the United States will be faced with a new and potent enemy. 

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FREE TOM MOONEY
DOWN WITH IMPERIALIST WAR

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...ed in the last slaughter to "save the world for democracy." But the capitalist contradictions, stronger than the words of the professor President, forced capitalism in its weakest links into the tyranny of Fascism, reduced bourgeois democracies to their lowest point in history.

Twenty-five million are unemployed in the world. Fifteen million in the U.S. alone. The warehouses are full of wheat, but the workers are hungry. The factories lie idle, while the need for the things of life is never greater. Mankind has developed an abundance of the things and deprived the imperialist bankers can maintain their system only by a new world carnage, to gain new markets for the investment of capital and the export of goods, only by death, by death to more dozens of millions of the exploited and oppressed.

FOR THE CLASS WAR AGAINST IMPERIALISM

The toilers of the world have nothing to gain from such a war, from an imperialist war. The working class and oppressed can gain only by the continuation of the class war against capitalism. The imperialists are trying to use the oppressed as cannon-fodder. The selling majority must turn this war of robbery and plunder, this imperialist war into a war of classes, a war of the working class of the world, on both sides of the trenches against the capitalist class; for the emancipation of mankind.

If the world wishes to be free, the nations must fight imperialist war by working for the defeat of its "gods," the world police, its "empires," its army, everywhere. It has no country to defend, except the oppressors and those who threaten the Soviet Union; it has no fatherland.

SOCIAL CHAUVINISTS' WORK PLANS

Those who are in the service of a "fatherland," of defending it: those who stand in the way of proletarian revolution, are on the side of imperialist war. Those who are calling their workers to fight for French Imperialism, the American imperialism in the name of "democracy," in the name of the "capitalist Union," are on the side of the imperialists. The only Defense of the Soviet Union is the international struggle against international capitalism, fascism, and war.

Those who in France are aiding the Bonapartist premier, Daladier, place military rule over the dock workers, are helping to call off struggles against the lengthening of the 40 hour week in the interests of national defense, are traitors to the working class. Those in America who support the billion-dollar arms shipments, who propose "non-intervention" nostrums to the American working class, serve the interests of the capitalist class, and capitalism as a whole against the proletariat as a whole. They are the future Naske and the Germans of America, the butchers of proletarian revolution.

The social-chauvinist 2nd and 3rd Internationals are beating the drum of "peace" and "order" for world imperialism in a "holy" crusade against Germany. Similarly the 1914 Brouwers, Stalins, Thomases, and Vandervelde (who even then was called Vandervelde), beat their drums of "peace" and "order" for the world crusade against Germany in the "holy" crusade against Kaiserism and Germany.

BUILD THE FOURTH COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

Comrades and fellow workers there is but one enemy, capitalism, imperialism. Down with all imperialism! British and American, as well as Italian and German! There is no solution for our oppression under capitalism. The "peace" of Versailles was merely a boomerang, forerunner of new imperialist carnages. No matter who is "victors" in the new war it is likewise no solution. The only solution lies in the establishment of a United Socialist Soviet Republics of Europe.

If the proletariat is unable to stop the war by revolution, then when the war breaks out it must fight to turn the imperialist war into a civil war. The war and economic breakdown will give birth to many revolutionary situations. It is up to the working class to transform these revolutionary situations into successful revolutions.

MAY FIGHT ON SAME SIDE

Despite the F.I.S.-British anti-communist, the next war may very well see those two enemies on the "same side" against a common foe, poisoning their open warfare to a later date. Even so, however, American and British imperialism will still continue their struggle against each other, but it will take the form of further economic and political struggles in preparation for the final coming to an agreement among the world's proletariat, America's needs that dominates both sets of struggles.

War Threat

Darkens Europe

U.S. Groups

Shape

War Policy

American Fascism in Europe, in Paris, Berlin and London are humming with activity. Under Uncle Sam's "guarantee," capitalism is on the loose and preparing for new wars and new sacrifices of blood. The British war press is singing an enormous "war propaganda" campaign. The British propaganda machine in the U.S.-"in alliance with sections of American imperialism,-is trying to gain an imperialist front for American aid to Britain in the protracted war against Germany and the Fascist world in war time. But another section of the British war press, of course, is "getting down to business," "let's keep out of the European War and the Far East." These are two sections of the British press, in the same war, trying to seduce the working people into the arena of reaction.

TWO Blocs of Capitalists

Both groups represent two powerful lines of American Imperialism. One is Imperialism seeking to expand its position by a war of aggression against both Germany and Fascist Italy, the other trying to give aid to the Fascists in Europe. One section of British Imperialism seeks to expand its position in the world market, through the alliance with the Fascist world. The other section of British Imperialism, through the use of a "neutral" army, everywhere, has no country to defend, except the Fascists and those who threaten the Soviet Union; it has no fatherland.

MAY FIGHT ON SAME SIDE

The latter bloc, by its semi-capitalist propaganda of keeping American empire out of war is a more subtle and equally as dangerous as the American working class. By taking the lead in the most reactionary movement in the world, the Fascists are able to control the working class, having meanwhile d o o d d e a d aed in America's "peaceful" intentions.

WHAT THE CRUSADE IS FOR

Whether the cry for "peace" is raised in the interest of the Fascists, or the American military, is being checked Hitler (e. g. Chicago Daily News) or in the name of the Fascists, is for the "peace" and "non-intervention" of the Fascists, it is an imperialist policy of creeping Fascism for the world. America's needs that dominates both sets of struggles.

Emperor of the United States

N.Y. United Front

The F.W.I and JIMF Field groups in N.Y. are setting a new united front call of Negrere.

Workers’ Election Program Against Capitalism

For the sixth hour day, five day week with no reduction in pay!
For work relief at trade union wages!
For Workers Councils, the right of the ballot!
For Adequate Cash Relief!
For the socialization of all bank, bond, union as a social struggle policy, with industrial structure!
For democratic rights; for the right to organize, strike and picket!
For the education of workers in self-defense.
For the right to an education for all ages: for equal pay for equal work; for independent vote for all; equal work for equal pay to all!
For full economic, social and political independence for the Negro masses!
For immediate complete indemnities of the Colonies and protectorates of the U.S.!
For the end of all imperialism, the end of all imperialist wars!
For a Workers Council Government!
For independent working class action!
For Workers Control of Production!
Philo Workers Fight Long Battle
Philadelphia — U n d e r the bosses threat to open up plants in other states and demandfulfillment by the capitulation policy of the majority of the union, "Philo ship," the workers of Philo ended their bitter 4 month strike by accepting a rotten contract by a small majority vote. The militant drive of the workers prevented the bosses from yielding a complete victory to the bosses, who at first demanded an opened shop.

WORKERS DEMAND FIGHT!

When the bosses refused to renew the union contract on May 1st, saying that the union "represent ed nobody", the workers countered with a demonstration of over 10,000. The bosses of the United Electric Radio Workers Union, however, instead of meeting the Philo workers on an organized strike basis, called it a breakout and conspired against the workers and others for arbitration. Only after 2 futile meetings and criticisms from the membership were picket lines organized, calls for physical, financial, and moral assistance made to the Brotherhood of Railway Telegraphers of America, and to the IWW of Philadelphia and nationally.

The workers turned the demand for arbitration over and over again at the press contract at one turbulent mass meeting after another in recent weeks, by overwhelming majorities, and one demand after another in the leading officers of the arbitration. Most, and opposition coming from the lowest paid workers, were naturally close to the workers. As a result, the bosses had already opposed the labor fakers of the Philo plant in a démarche rally at Reyburn Plaza in July.

The bosses, however, won out by forcing a secret vote and a factional campaign to demonize the workers' resistance.

MUST REORGANIZE FORUS

Five at this time are about 1,500 workers out of 13,000 members and only about 20. The sense of the contract is fought a whole lot more by the bosses than the workers. The contract, in fact, was for a fight, a political strike, and the workers have little or no control over its outcome. The sense of the contract is fought a whole lot more by the bosses than the workers. The contract, in fact, was for a fight, a political strike, and the workers have little or no control over its outcome. The sense of the contract is fought a whole lot more by the bosses than the workers. The contract, in fact, was for a fight, a political strike, and the workers have little or no control over its outcome.

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Organize the Unorganized

Kroger 'Insure' Workers

Cleveland — One of the unexposed racketeers victimizing the workers in Ohio is the tip-off between the big insurance companies, the chain stores, and the company unions in the retail food industry. The racket is fleecing the workers of thousands of dollars annually under the pretense of "free" earned wages.

MUST TAKE INSURANCE

The Kroger Grocery and Milling Company, whose workers have been on strike in Detroit for almost three months, is one of the worst in this larcenized robbery. A worker that is employed by Kroger works three months and is then given a notice to quit because he has taken out a $1,000 or more insurance and that such action automatically places him in the company union, the Kroger Employees Mutual Benefit Association (K e m b a). Not to take out this insurance is to force you off the job.

Here and throughout the country the chain stores and supermarket have been cutting expenses. In Cleveland they have closed about 25 stores in three months and in place of these they open about three self-service stores, thus cutting the pay of 1/3 of the regular staff.

In 1934 Prudential Insurance made a contract with Kroger in which Kroger was to assume a certain amount of "group insurance" on their employees. The fact that they had several hundred stores at the time of the contract means that despite the closing of stores the insurance amount contracted for remains the same, but the amount paid for each person increases. In April 1938 the company forced an extra $500 insurance on each employee in addition to the $1,000 already required. Only two things prevent the immediate strike are the company union and the subterfuge of "free" insurance.

COMPANY UNION

The Kemba union is supported by the Kroger management and is simply a company union despite the fact that it is not in Cleveland. Its membership is filled only the bosses compulsion, contained in a printed and circulated document, is that membership is necessary for employment. The membership is never called to meetings or permitted to call meetings of its own. They are never consulted about any policy nor asked to take more insurance, just arbitrarily ordered to do so. Just to illustrate the difference between K e m b a and Kroger, the Kroger national headquarters is located in the National Offices of the Kroger Company.

Picket Consults for Negrete

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riles have added to the Interna tional pressure on Negrete's be half which helped secure his first release from the Loyalist govern ment. A new appeal to these same organizations to resume and intensify their pressure on the Loyalists and on American imper i alism, has been sent out by the Revolutionary Workers League through Hugo Oehler, National Organizer, and co-editor el Negrete in Spain last year, and himself a Loyalist prisoner for 45 days.

CLASS COLLABORATION

SABOTAGE

Attempts to start united front action in the United States have met with the sabotage of this cam pai gn by the Trotskyists and the "Revolutions" deduct group which has tarred the Trotskyites in their class - collaborationist "defence" campaign. It is to be hoped that the four months of falling off of this line, and the pressure of the interna tional proletariat, will force a retreat from this policy determinedly Stewart.

SMUGGLERS. Whatever excuse they use to cover their de e a n reasons, will be wellcome every honest master effort to all the workers of the world and the same struggle campaign in behalf of Negrete and the class war prison ers in Spain.

The Revolutionary Workers League is supplementing its work of meetings, protest cards, propaganda, etc, with a number of picket lines in front of the Spanish Consulates in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and other cities. New York has already begun its activity in this direction. All workers interested in help ing defend Negrete and the other printed "struggle literature" in Spain, should immediately send funds and get in touch with the National Revolutionary Workers League, 1934 Division Street, Chicago.

FREE ROSALIO NEGRETE

BOSS PARTIES IGNORE WORKERS ISSUES

Fourth thousand more families were forced onto relief in Chicago during July and A u g u s t. Thousands of families are threatened with a 1 1/2 refusal cut, despite the starvation level of present relief stan d a r d s. 27,000 certified applicants on WPA, were reduced to a 1 1/2 refusal cut, due to general factory refusal cut of workers in H o l l o w e n's (and Horne a r d n e l y's) war preparation. Work ers of the North Shore Line are cut on strike against an attempted wage cut of 1 1/2 refusal cut. In the rubber industry factories workers are being finger-painted, given blood tests and regular medical examinations, by Roosevelt's (and Harold's) workers war preparations. Workers of the North Shore Line are cut on strike against an attempted wage cut of 1 1/2 refusal cut.

BA LL OUSTERS IGNORE WORKERS ISSUES

The Republican candidates for office, as well as both the Roosevelt and Kellogg cliques in the Illinois Democratic Party, are blindly oblivious to those miseries of the masses in their present election campaign. No matter who is elected, it is clear that none of theills of the workers will be eliminated. Once the elections are over, relief will be cut more, WPA workers 50¢ a day, and the National Guard called out to stop more strikes, and possibly repay the Memorial Day massacre of 11 workers in Chicago last year.

PROTEST VOTE

It is clear that the solution for the workers of Chicago and Illinois (as well as the rest of the country) is not by voting for this or that capitalist politician, whether Old Deal, New Deal, or Raw Deal, but by fighting on a class struggle line for our own demands and for the overthrow of capitalism. The B. R. L. uses the election campaign to bring the real issues before the class and to organize workers class-wide protest against capitalist misery and exploitation. The B. R. L. organization in Chicago, is running J. Hadley for Con gressman-at-large, in order to register the vote of the workers opposed to capitalism. Those workers deprived of a vote by the capitalist election laws — negroes in the South (and North), whites who can't pay a poll tax, youth under 21, foreign born workers, etc. are asked to sign a part of sympathy for the B W L election program by signing the ballot of the Raw Deal, the B. R. L. lists circulated in Chicago by the B W L. Those who can vote should write in comrades Hadley's name and sign the Workers Vote program as well.

The Workers Vote program of the B. R. L. is printed in adjoining columns.

For Workers Control of Production

Rail Workers Take Strike Vote

The railroad unions are now taking a strike vote. But it is not enough workers to vote strike. Active preparations for a strike by rail workers, strike funds collected, active support of other unions will be of no avail to the support of the Maritime and truck drivers union. The great danger is that the class-collabora tionist elements in the railroad unions will pin all their hopes and efforts on Roosevelt and his "fact" finding commission and sabotage the railroad workers will have no choice but the hands of another Roosevelt commission.

The railroad workers have no choice but the hands of another Roosevelt commission.

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