Let the People Vote on War!

The Opposition to the War Referred to

Several years ago, Representative Ludlow of Indiana put into the House an amendment to the Defense Resolution which he introduced in the House of Representatives; and last year his resolution came up for a vote in the Senate. From association with him, one is continually referred to the "Ludlow amendment." It should be noticed that Ludlow did not embody the plan in its simple and direct form. He attached to the proviso the popular referendum, and if that plan had not been defeated, it would have been the law of the land.

Ludlow has reintroduced his resolution, with several modifications, at the present session of Congress; and a similar resolution has been sponsored in the Senate by a group of our Congregationalists headed by Mr. Proctor. In both of the current resolutions, the referendum would enable the voters of the United States to vote on the war of which her territories and possessions or any part of Latin America were involved or immediately threatened by it. Therefore, in words, the present Ludlow and Proctor resolutions provide for a referendum only in the case of an armed conflict with a European or African body, Congress would undoubtedly retain the present Constitution's right to declare war.

What Is Behind the Opposition?

It might be supposed that these sweeping provisions—along with the fact that I shall have something more to say about the section—would roll all the "objections" to the plan. Doubtless, everyone from Roosevelt to Mr. Brown has been assuring the people that the United States will never go to war for "aggressive" purposes, that the young men of this country will never again be sent to fight abroad, that the assurance of the United States is being built up for purely defensive purposes.

Now, the logical question is: how will they have the people vote not on wars, but on those who deserve to be punished for them. We must not, then, exempt ourselves from the war if the people are allowed to vote on it.

Ludlow's stand is a stand as against the war plans. In all and any of its forms, he has been the strongest and most active of the supporters of the Fifth Liberty League, the American Liberty League, and the American Legal League; all of the most powerful newspapers, particularly the New York Post, the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune; all of the most widely read magazines, the big-shot columnists, especially Walter Lippmann, George S. S. Johnson, and Dorothy Thompson; and the Communist party.

For the least part, the attacks on the war referendum plan are in a form of humor from all sectors of the nation. The public is being asked "to be reasonable," and it is suggested that they are being prompted by appeals of gases which are not in the public interest. The latter is not a strong argument against heavy flow-filling and big advertising.

Arguments Hold No Water

When we examine the arguments which some of the opponents try sometimes to put forward, they boil down to (1) the fear of it being "bad for business," and (2) the holding of a referendum would show other nations that "the country is divided;" (3) the requirement of a referendum before entering" into a war would damage the government in its foreign policy.

Each of these arguments is a complete absurdity from the point of view of genuine democracy. Granted that the United States has a representative form of government, but is the government supposed to represent? The will of the people, presumably. No question could be more important than that of war. If those who claim to be representatives of the people believe that the nation should enter a war, then a popular vote on the war could only help to bring about such a result. If for every war we were in truth	

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In the Labor Unions

W. A. A. Publicly Joins Strikebreakers

Labor-Skate Lasso Craws on His Belly
To Assure Roosevelt of Fidelity

By B. J. VIDICK

Finally, after a week of sneaky underground subterfuge and disinformation, the W.P.A. striker has been publicly joined by W. A. A., the Labor-Skate Lasso. It is a new development in the Labor-Skate Lasso's long history of creativity, and is a serious blow to Roosevelt's plans.

The Labor-Skate Lasso, whose real name is W. A. A., has always been a master of the art of deception. He has used his wit and cunning to outsmart his enemies, and to make sure that his cause is always represented in a positive light.

The Labor-Skate Lasso has always been known for his ability to sway public opinion, and his latest move is no exception. By publicly joining the W.P.A. strikers, he is making it clear that the strikers are not alone, and that their cause is just.

The Labor-Skate Lasso's move is a direct challenge to Roosevelt, and it is clear that he is not willing to let the government get away with the way it is treating the strikers.

The Labor-Skate Lasso's involvement in the strike is a major victory for the strikers, and it is a sign of things to come. The Labor-Skate Lasso has always been a bold and fearless leader, and his involvement will give the strikers the boost they need to win.

Stalinist Outfit Wrecks Alameda W. P. A. Strike

Boston Appeal Salesmen Hold Ground Against Coughlinites

Watch the Anti-Coughlin Campaign in New York!

On the W. P. A. Pickle Line in Minnesota

W. P. A. workers, who struck for union wages and against Roosevelt's roll-back-calling, as they held a mass meeting in New York City. In Minnesota, the W. P. A. is completely paralyzed by the strike.

On the W. P. A. Pickle Line in Minnesota

By CARL O'MRHA

Squad of youth and women workers from St. Louis, Missouri, and the special W. P. A. Strike Union, joined by the W. P. A. picketers, organized a delegation to visit the state capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota, and to present their demands to the state legislators. The delegation was distributed through the streets of the city and distributed to the various towns and cities in the state.

Here's the deal: The St. Paul Pioneer Press revealed today that a group of W. P. A. workers from St. Louis, Missouri, and the special W. P. A. Strike Union, have been picked up by the state police and are being held for questioning.

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In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevenes

Minneapolis Labor, Pressing W.P.A. Fight, Honors Martyr Killed on Pickle Line by Policeman's Bullet

One day last week I was on an O'Rourke street wedding in a cable-car watching and saw some workers in the street, and I heard them say, "We are going out on strike for one day!"

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Clear of all entangling alliances with capitalist parties.

There is no other possible course. Any labor leader who insists on supporting the War Deal in the face of the Roosevelt actions ought to hurl his head round or get his spine stiffened. And any labor leader who tells the workers to go back to the Roosevelt Republicans ought to close the doors of his office.

The workingmen, and women of this country, with their husbands and wives, fathers and children, brothers, sisters, together with the agriculturists and workers and poor farmers, constitute the overwhelming majority of the population of this country. No body of people in the world, they would rule the country. They can rule the country.

The Labor Party is a capitalist party! Build a PARTY OF LABOR for INDIA'S LIBERTY, FOR THE UGLY AGAINST THE BOSSS CLASS!!

The Bridges Case

The attempt to deport Harry Bridges from the United States should be food for thought for all those who continue to regard Roosevelt and his Administration as progressive.

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We don't care a trapper's ass where Bridges turns up, your move to deport him on these facts is a gross blunder.

In other words, the labor movement and, as a matter of fact, the whole labor movement, are and have been, their irresponsible differents with Bridges. To aim them to settle scores with him and his colleagues in their own way and at their own time. They continue to labour, they will continue to labour, to organize and act for the interests of any capitalistic institution.

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