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WAR—AMERICA KEEP OUT

Already we see the press and radio working up a subtle and open campaign of sympathy for the Allies by playing up the idea that this is a just war, a war against Hitlerism and fascism.

This is an IMPERIALIST WAR to redivide the world and particularly the Soviet Union. The American people have nothing to gain from supporting such an adventure on either side. This is not a choice of either-or, but rather a third course, to help bring a just peace in the world as speedily as possible.

We, along with the common people of the world, have more to gain by peace. War brings us only death, starvation, misery, disease and fascism. Communists are falsely accused of being fomenters and desirers of war. This is a lie by the enemies of the people. We fight War and Fascism. Along with the Soviet Union we raise our voices and direct our energies toward a just peace in the world.

Chamberlain and Daladier are not desirous of a just peace in the world. Can we believe them, when they say they are fighting to restore the independence of countries which have lost their independence through aggression? Who

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POLITICAL POTSHOTS

"Capitol Dome" Turnbow put his finger on the key to the problems of Arizonans, in his column, of Oct. 17, when he boldly stated "big Interests" control our state politically as well as economically. If they are jittery now, as he says, about "overplaying their hand in the legislature", we venture, after Nov. 1940 they will be certain they overplayed their hand.

With Winnie Ruth Judd in the limelight again, it seems it was not we who were crazy when we demanded a grand jury investigation and public hearing on the State Hospital a couple of months ago when two doctors were canned.

We predict that the opinion of Justice of Peace Harry Westfall (East Phoenix Justice Court) in the Menderson case, that the 1915 blacklist law is unconstitutional,

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OUR PROGRAM

**KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR!
GUARD BILL OF RIGHTS!
CURB PROFITEERING!**

**FREE ARIZONA FROM MONOPOLY CONTROL!
KICK WALLSTREET FROM STATE CAPITOL!
JOBS OR RELIEF AT ADEQUATE PAY!
TAX ABSENTEE MONOPOLY!**

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THE AMERICAN FARM

American agricultural econ-
omy is fast passing from the hands
of the small individual farmer to
the hands of giant corporations.
The mortgage debt of the farms of
the U S A is nearly twice what it
was before the World War in spite
of the fact that hundreds of thou-
sands of mortgages have been fore-
closed and liquidated. Another ten
years at the same rate, there will
be no small independent farmers
left in America.

The Communist Party recog-
nizes the impossibility of working
out a fair and impartial plan for
the farmer short of Socialism. But
we do believe that certain laws
and cooperative enterprises will
help to ameliorate the tragic con-
dition of the working farmer, un-
der Capitalism.

The primary and basic move
would be to increase the purchas-
ing power of the people so that
they might consume the full pro-
duction of the farmers. In that
respect the farmers' problem can
not be solved on the basis of the

farmer alone but on the consuming
and producing masses of the Ameri-
can people.

To this end the New Deal has
made some contributions. The Wage
and Hour Act, the Wagner Labor Re-
lations Act and the Farm Security
Administration, if carried to the
logical conclusion, will help in-
crease the purchasing power of the
laboring classes.

These contributions have
been bitterly opposed by the large
corporation farmers, who are seek-
ing to hold down wages to the low-
est possible level.

The present Agricultural Ad-
justment Act, has been largely a
concession to the large farmers
who wrote the act, and of very
doubtful benefit to the family
sized farm. The small farmer will
have to have more say in the ad-
ministration of A A A agencies. We
favor no restriction on production
as a basic principle, but rather
that surpluses shall be handled by
such agencies as Surplus Commodit-
ies Corp.

For many years the small
farmer has been caught between the
low monopoly prices for his pro-
ducts and the high monopoly prices
for his machinery power and trans-
portation. The working man in the
city is caught in the same infam-
ous scissors--Monopoly is continu-
ally attempting to keep wages down
while raising the price of his ne-
cessities of life.

Such groups as the anti-lab-
or Associated Farmers representing
corporation farmers and packers,
attempt to drive a wedge between
the wage earner and the working
farmer by saying low farm prices
are caused by demands of labor in
the cities. The working farmer is
learning that he and the wage
earner are allies against a common
enemy--Monopolies. Higher wages
mean a good market if the monopcl-
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WAR

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sold out the Czechs at Munich? Why did they not sign a mutual assistance pact with the Soviet Union, which could have guaranteed Polish independence effectively? Everyone admits NOW that when England and France "guaranteed" Polish independence they knew they could not effect it without Soviet aid.

No! The "perfidious Albions" have no intentions of freeing any peoples. (Else why not start by freeing India and Africa?). British and French Imperialism have no intentions of freeing the German people from Fascism. They want to yoke them with another and worse Versailles. They want to turn this war against the Soviet Union, as these Imperialists have planned for years. (Remember they built up and encouraged Hitler on the understanding of attacking USSR).

Senator Bob LaFollette had the following to say on this subject in Congress. "Not in Manchuria, nor Ethiopia, nor Spain did the British and French governments whose democracy we are supposed to support, show the slightest intent to carry out the tenets of democracy. Then came Munich. Then democratic Czechoslovakia, pledged protection by France, was betrayed by them into Hitler's clutches. And what of Spain? The British and the French hid behind the futile non-intervention committee sitting in London, while Germany and Italy openly supplied arms and men to Franco".

Whatever Congress votes, retention or repeal of the Neutrality Act, will not keep us out of this Imperialist War. On both sides of this issue are warmongers with carefully laid plans to use the decision, either way, as the starting point for drawing America into the war.

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Our main efforts "today must be directed against all forms of reactionary capitalist dictatorships, against capitalism, the source of all war; against capitalist exploitation and oppression and against all forces supporting the imperialist war and its continuation. What is necessary today is the establishment of an alliance between the working class and its natural allies the toiling farmers and exploited middle class".

"Pressed by the imperialist bourgeoisie, the Roosevelt government, despite its avowed intention of 'keeping out of war', more and more takes a course which threatens to involve the U S A in the imperialist war. (His recent statement that the sinking of American ships caused our entrance into the last war, arouses our suspicions.) "Therefore it is imperative for the American working class and toiling people to pursue an independent policy and to resist and defeat the policy and influence of the reactionary Wall Street monopolists and their agents upon the government's foreign and domestic policy. It is necessary to organize and register the people's opposition to American involvement in the imperialist war". (From statement of the National Committee, C.P.U.S.A., Oct. 13th, 1939)

The main issues today are to curb profiteers (which means the monopolists) and to protect our civil liberties. The monopoly interests, who are profiteering at the expense of the American people and attacking our civil liberties, are the same interests who want to get us into war to grab super-profits.

A successful fight against Monopoly and their stooges, such as Dies, who are red-baiting and undermining progressive laws and constitutional rights, will keep WAR and FASCISM out of America.

CURB PROFITS

The insidious thing about profiteering is the apparent mystery of its source, like following a river upstream to seek its source only to lose it in an underground cavern.

Actually, however, there is no mystery about it, although the profiteers would have us believe that "public hysteria" is the reason.

A large scale war has come upon the world and Big Business Monopoly is seizing the opportunity to profit by selling war materials to belligerents and boosting prices at home.

There is no justification for this profiteering. Government authorities are emphatic in declaring that no possible shortage of anything exists, yet prices skyrocket and the people are robbed.

The businessman or the family farmer is not at fault, they are paying more for what they buy, too. The laboring man is not at fault as his wage has risen only a fraction of the rise in cost of living. It is the great food monopolies who are hogging this extra gravy.

There is a double danger in profiteering. War profits will lead us to war, embargo or no embargo. Food profiteering will degrade American living standards, by decreasing purchasing power.

We must STOP PROFITEERING. The people of Arizona, with the rest of the American people, must unite to save their sons and homes from war and a lowered standard of living. They must demand increas-

ed wages to meet soaring prices.

In your organizations and as individuals, demand that laws be passed, and that the Departments of Justice and Agriculture investigate and CURB PROFITEERING.

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AMERICAN FARM (cont'd)

ies don't hog it all. To protect the small and middle class farmers of Arizona from being eliminated by the banks and corporation farms, we favor a homestead exemption up to \$5000 on all ad valorem taxes, and a graduated land tax on farms over \$5000 valuation.

We favor the extension of producer and consumer cooperatives and the New Deal policy of placing farm workers and their families on cooperative farm projects.

We favor government loans at low interest rates to dispossessed farmers and tenants to purchase farms, as well as at least cost of production for produce so that the small farmer can hold his land.

As a final means of preserving the small farmer we urge him to organize, as the apricot and raisin growers of California have done to raise cannery prices, and as the small California orange growers are doing today to fight the pro-rate laws. We urge him to encourage organization of farm workers and join with them and the city workers on the political and economic field for their common interests and against their common enemy---the monopolies.

We urge the dirt farmer to carry on the tradition of the Populists, who fought the Monopolists so vigorously in their day.



GUARD BILL OF RIGHTS

LABOR UNITY

To those who feel the red-baiting and attacks against the Communists is "no skin off my nose", we warn; they sleep while the democratic ship, our forefathers built in the fire of 1776 and 1861, dangerously nears the shoals of fascism and war.

What is behind the Dies Committee? Is it directed against the Communists only? Let us refresh the memories of those who forget what took place in Italy in 1922, in Germany in 1933 and in Austria in 1934. Under the smoke-screen of saving the country from Communists and reds, the civil liberties and democratic rights of the people were taken away. Where are the unions, masonry, the Catholic and Protestant Church? Where is Dolfuss, Rev. Niemuehler, Finstein, Starember, etc., etc.?

What has happened to the tradition of liberty and democracy of France under war-hysteria? The third largest political party, the Communist Party, with 76 deputies, is declared illegal, for opposing the Imperialist War. Does any one believe French imperialism will stop there? Where the fascists failed in 1934, they are attempting to bring fascism in now, under the guise of national unity. The Chamberlain government moves in the same direction in Britain.

The suppression of Communists in this country will be the signal for dragging us into this imperialist war and yoking us with fascism. The Bill of Rights, that the American people struggled and bled for, will be wiped out overnight. The American people must repudiate the Dies Committee and red-baiting as a camouflage for warmongers and profiteering monopolies. They must GUARD THE BILL OF RIGHTS from the attacks of reaction which wishes to destroy it under guise of a war-hysteria.

Our neighbor, the Arizona Labor Journal, has commented editorially on our September bulletin referring to our attack on the "Associated Farmers and other enemies of organized labor", stating "The Communist Party of Arizona has nothing to offer Arizona labor except its active hostility".

We are gratified to find we see eye to eye on the identity of our common enemies. We also agree that labor unions are among the first groups to be abolished by our common enemy, fascism. But we take issue with any expression which foments enmity between trade unions and the Communist Party.

After all what is the issue?

The forces of reaction, Big Business Monopoly, the Marleys, Tovreas, Hearsts and Fords are beginning a rabid campaign to suppress labor's economic and civil rights. To do so, they seek to destroy labor's organizations, union in the economic field and parties in the political field. Just as the American Federation of Labor is one of the organizations in the economic field the Communist Party is one of the organizations in the political field.

Wherever Big Business Monopoly has established a Fascist regime it has destroyed both labor unions and workers parties. While ~~we will not contend for the honor of being first to be destroyed, we know that the destruction of one is so closely linked to the other that it is practically simultaneous.~~ we will not contend for the honor of being first to be destroyed, we know that the destruction of one is so closely linked to the other that it is practically simultaneous.

We recognize that the present tactic of the fascist forces is to drive a wedge between the rank and file of organized labor and our Party. Any support of such

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SUPPRESSED NOTES

Senator Bob LaFollette's remarks during debate on Neutrality Act, condemning both sides of war as imperialistic. (see quotes on page 3).

The victory that 20,000 cotton pickers in San Joaquin Valley have won against the Associated Farmers. Raising wages from 80 per hundred to \$1.

The victory of Ed J Jefferies, backed by the A F L and C I O, in defeating Mayor Reading, by a 68,000 majority, in the Detroit Mayoralty race against the Republican and corporation tool.

The challenge of the Communist Party of Arizona to a public debate with the American Legion of Arizona, on "What is Americanism?" (no reply yet).

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political potshots (cont'd)

will cause greater political repercussions than the more publicized Harless-Conway-Hofman Pardon Board dispute.

What the "futile fourteenth" failed to do would still make work aplenty for a SPECIAL SESSION.

Why doesn't the Industrial Commission enforce the State Labor Laws? Arizona workers wonder.

As an amateur political columnist, we dispute with timidity, professional crystalgazer Geragi's recent statement on Governor Jones popularity. Our state-wide scouts report Jones very UNpopular, even among former supporters. But possibly our information comes from the lower depths of the crystal.

Leading a lawless mob seems insufficient for removing Associated "Framer" Kemper Marley from office. We wonder what is----- action at the polls?



LABOR UNITY (cont'd)

a policy is misguidedly playing in to the hands of the fascists. The Associated Farmers make no distinction, as objects of destruction, between A F L, C I O or the Communist Party.

If we are attempting to destroy the labor unions, as the editorial says, why are we attacked by the Associated Farmers along with the A F L? We are not ashamed of our record in helping to build the trade unions, A F L and C I O. Our only wish is that the efforts of all in the ranks of labor were in its interests, in the same degree.

Let us, therefore, continue to fight our common enemies. We offer our hand in fraternal solidarity. In the meantime, we will be found as always, in the ranks of the workers fighting for broader democratic rights for all workers.