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## THE ROAD TO PEACE

November marks the 22nd anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Millions of workers, farmers and other exploited classes all over the world celebrate this event each year.

They see in the Soviet Union a realization of their hopes for a better life. They see mankind building a new Socialist civilization of peace and progress in the midst of a capitalist world of war reaction, confusion and unbearable burdens for the common man.

What is more appropriate in November, 1939, when the Second World War is raging, than to evaluate the peace and foreign policy of the Soviet Union, particularly what it means to us Americans.

WHAT IS THE SOVIET PEACE AND FOREIGN POLICY? WILL IT HELP KEEP AMERICA OUT OF THE WAR?

We are prone to measure Soviet foreign policy with imperialist yardsticks. It is reasoned thus: The Soviet Union secures military and naval bases in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The imperialist states have for decades been fighting for and getting "similar" bases for purposes of national aggrandizement. Therefore the Soviet Union is necessarily engaged in the same sort of thing.

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## POLITICAL POTSHOTS

Copper is being used for other commercial purposes than carrying power to some of our State boards and departments. There is a copper "thread" originating in Wall Street and coming to the desk of Chas F Willis, Room 528 Title and Trust Bldg, Phoenix, office of the "Mining Journal".

Ask Wm Graham, chairman Mineral Resources Board, about mineral resources and he refers you to Willis. Ask where the Copper Tariff Board is located and again--- Willis. Small Mine Operators Association--- Willis. For the editor, of a mining journal, he sure knows his boards.

If it isn't a liquor man, or Associated Farmer it's a banker--- appointed to State Commissions. It looks like another banker, Spencer Shattuck of Bisbee, has been appointed to the Highway Commission. The next convention of

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# ROAD TO PEACE

But examine the thing a little closer. When a capitalist state secures military bases in a weaker country, even when it is accomplished peacefully (which happens very rarely) that country inevitably becomes the victim of imperialist exploitation and war designs of the stronger country. As an example, take Cuba and the Philippines. To secure military bases in these countries, American imperialism waged a bloody war against Spain in 1898.

Following that, the imperialist circles of this country waged a ruthless war of extermination against the peoples of Cuba and the Philippines, who wanted national independence and freedom instead of substitution of one foreign oppressor by another. Subsequently, with the establishment of "peace", American bankers and Big Business generally began to penetrate these two countries, setting up and cultivating reactionary regimes, rbbing their natural wealth, retarding progress, and subjugating their economic life to the interests of American Finance capital.

This is an example, and not the worst, of an imperialist capitalist state securing bases in neighboring and smaller countries.

Now take the recent treaties between the Soviet Union and its Baltic neighbors. Here, the people of these countries themselves, and also their governments, wanted to strengthen good neighbor relations and friendship with the U.S.S. R. They granted to the Soviet Union the right to establish military bases in their countries as a measure for their own peace and security as well as that of the Socialist state.

Furthermore, there are no monopoly finance capitalists in the Soviet Union to follow in the wake of its treaties with the Baltic states. There is no Oil Trust, or Shipping Trust, or Fruit, or Utility Trust and Banking Trust, owned and controlled by finance capital, to despoil these countries of their wealth and to oppress and rob their masses.

No! The Soviet Union is a SOCIALIST STATE. Its economy is owned by the people and is run for their use and not for the profit of a parasitic class of finance magnates.

Finally, the military bases secured by the Soviets can never become means of involving these countries in imperialist war, because the Soviet Union does not

follow imperialist policies (Witness the actions of the Soviets, turning the Ukrainian land over to the peasants, and giving the city and province of Vilna back to Lithuania). These military pacts are part of mutual assistance pacts AGAINST aggression.

It is becoming plainer every day that opposition to the peace policies of the Soviet Union is tantamount to opposition to peace and democracy. It really means supporting the imperialist war and the imperialist aims of the German French and British imperialists. It means supporting American imperialism and its imperialist policies. It is, therefore, either the imperialist camp or the anti-imperialist camp. There is no middle ground.

We, Americans, must support the peace policies of the Soviet Union if we want to keep out of this war. This policy is to limit the spread of this war and to work for the bringing of a just peace as speedily as possible in the world. A peace which will free oppressed peoples and will not impose new imperialist yokes on any peoples.

LET'S TELL THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN WAR MONGERS "THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING". LET'S ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE WITH EVERY FORCE THAT IS WORKING FOR PEACE.

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### OUR PROGRAM

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

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

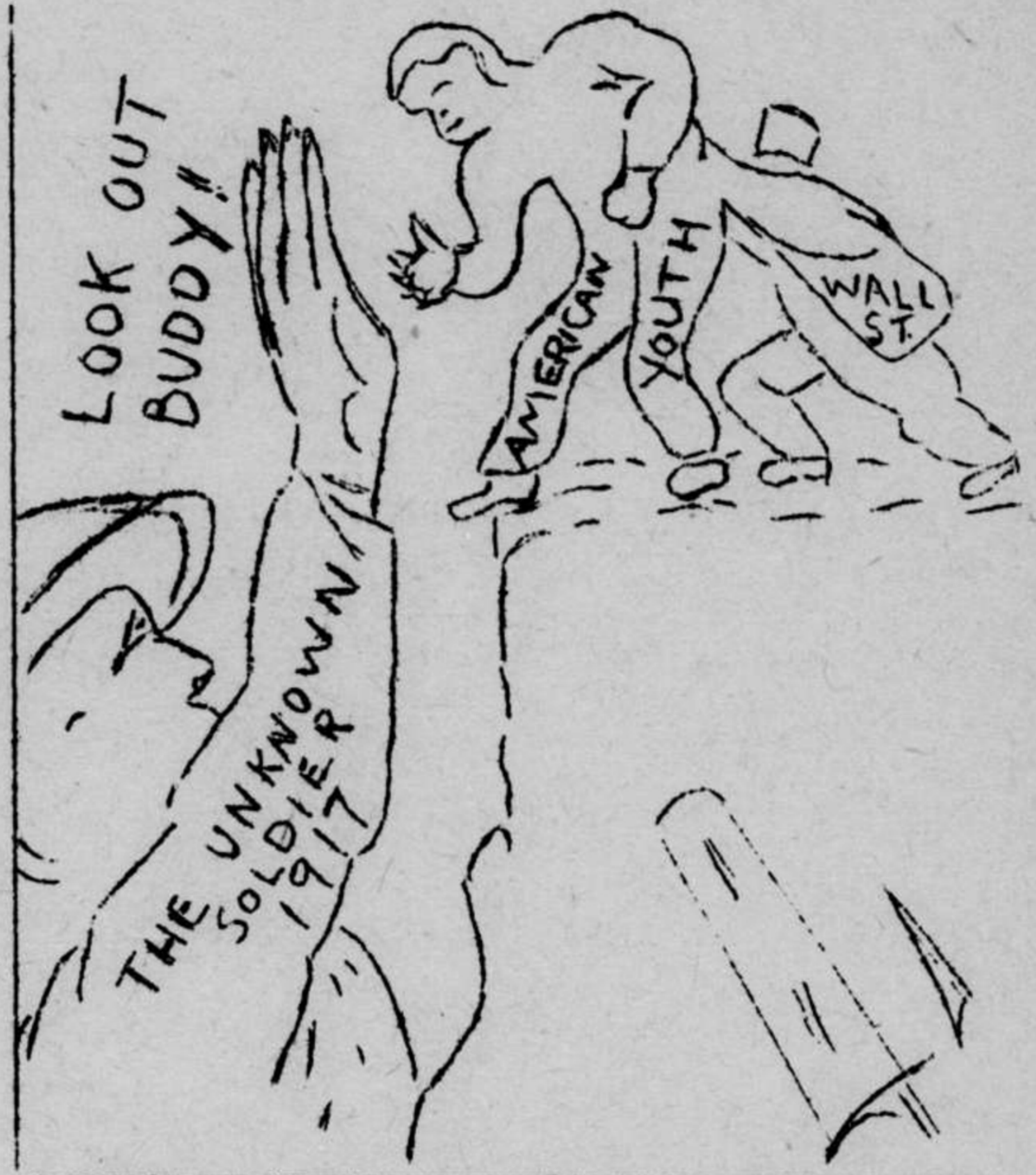
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## FARM BUREAU MEET

The state convention of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, ending Tuesday, Nov. 21, passed some resolutions that are to be commended and supported. Every farmer and worker vigorously agreed, when the Bureau resolved against American involvement in the imperialist war. The resolution would have been stronger if it had pointed a finger at the forces attempting to drag us into this imperialist war, namely, the war profiteers, and not left the job of keeping us out completely in the hands of Congress and the Administration.

The desire shown to work with cooperatives and other organizations having common problems, was constructive and bound to bear fruit, but allies of the farmer, surely, cannot include bug corporations (as the tax resolution vainly assumed). It is true Phelps-Dodge, Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, and the power companies want lower taxes, but not for the farmer (as the "Tax Exemption" resolution overlooks). It was they who opposed tax-free homesteads in 1938. Labor is the farmers' natural and trustworthy ally. They have a common enemy---monopoly.

It was a disappointment, when



the convention did not condemn the Associated Farmers and its un-American activities. Governor Olson, of California, recently speaking before the 21st annual Dinner of the California Farm Bureau Federation, made the strong assertion that "Associated Farmers are fakes" He also stated, "The Associated Farmers is not an association operated by and for the dirt farmer, but against their best interests by a group of financially powerful men in the processing business".

Arizona needs a militant farm organization, representing the dirt farmer. The Farm Bureau can become such an organization in Arizona by adopting a strong program and militantly pushing it in cooperation with all anti-monopoly groups. Such a program should include tax-free homesteads; graduated land taxes on big factory farms exempting the family-sized farm from crop restrictions; breaking the stranglehold of monopoly on prices and marketing basic commodities; building consumer and producer cooperatives; unity between the city and rural laboring people on the political and economic field and a militant struggle to keep America out of war, which entails the struggle to guard our civil liberties from destruction by the warmongers, namely, Wall Street.

# WHO PAYS TAXES?



# SUP PRESS ED NOTES

The report of Sales Tax Collections for October, 1939, shows a total of \$312,092 on gross income of \$21,742,907. This report covers all Arizona Business, including mines and retail stores. Retail stores paid \$203,521 on business of \$10,176,104, while mines paid \$46,573 on business of \$4,657,370.

In other words, retail stores paid 65% of the tax on 50% of the business, while mines paid 14% of the tax on 23% of the business. In these figures lies the reason, why the mines are willing to pay a 1% Sales Tax (which they claim to be illegal) on metal shipped out of the State, rather than pay a 3% Severance Tax, which is much less than is paid in many other States, with mineral resources.

Looked at from another point of view, the present Sales Tax brings in about \$3,000,000 yearly. The average yearly production of mines, for the last thirty years, has been about \$100,000,000 a year. A 3% Severance Tax would bring in \$3,000,000 yearly, or enough to make Sales Tax unnecessary. Also it could be used to provide Tax Exemption for all Arizona Homes.

The question arises, "Shall Wall Street "miners" control the government of Arizona, without paying its expenses?"

We propose an initiative petition for a 3% Severance Tax. It will relieve the intolerable burden on the purchasing power of the wage-earner, home-owner and farmer who live, work and buy in Arizona.

The reactionary press, gloating over the "defeat" of Ham and Eggs Nov. 7, conveniently forgot almost 1/3 of the electorate, 1,000,000 voted for the plan. Voted for the principle of an adequate pension for aged citizens; took a definite anti-monopoly stand.

The fact that Chilean copper, which we hear so much about lately is OWNED and MINED by AMERICAN mining companies. Arizonans are being used by one copper group to fight a rival.

The "kept" press unanimously distorted Browder's recent Boston speech. Why? It 'quoted' "the time is ripe for a quick transition from democracy to socialism in the U.S.A." Browder actually said, "America itself-----is technically and objectively the country which is the most ripe, the most prepared for a quick transition to socialism, for which it lacks only the understanding and the will of the masses to that goal".

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## "YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED"

By WM Z FOSTER

Q. Charges of Red Imperialism are often directed against U.S.S.R.

A. Imperialism is a manifestation of capitalism. It is an expression of the capitalist exploitation of the toilers in the capitalist countries and colonial lands. Imperialism can have no place in a socialist society such as is in U.S.S.R., where capitalism has been abolished. The phrase "Red Imperialism" is, therefore, a contradiction in terms, a characteristic anti-Soviet slander invented by reactionary enemies of the people, of democracy and of social progress;-----

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# WOMEN LEAGUE TO CURB PROFITEERING

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.-- Mayor Fletcher Bowron has promised a committee of women, Los Angeles will begin a concerted campaign within the next few weeks to stamp down the soaring prices for essential foods, it was learned.

Bowron met with a committee, known as the Woman's Coordinating Committee Against Profiteering, headed by Mrs Chelene Eckerson, former councilmanic candidate and prominent leader of the League of Women Shoppers, late last week and decided upon an immediate program to bring prices down to normal.

It was reported to the Mayor that although family incomes have remained the same, consumers on relief and in the smaller salary brackets have been unable to purchase essentials because of an artificial rise in prices.

Mrs. Eckerson told the Mayor that prices have been going steadily upwards and that they are out of proportion to the demand, tending to show an artificial rise of prices by the monopolies.

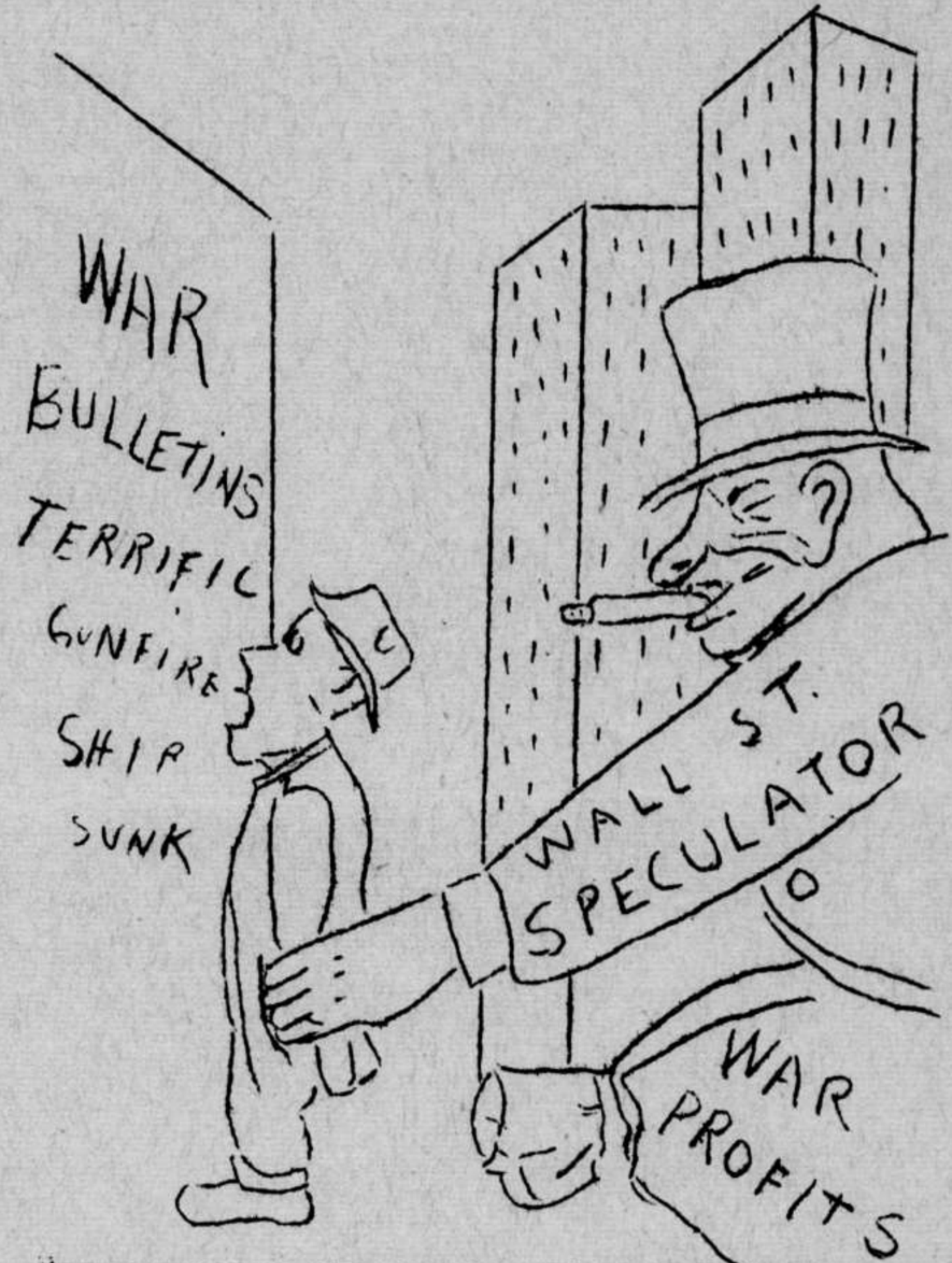
Immediate steps to make an investigation into local prices were taken by the Mayor when he appointed his field secretary, Ordean Rockey, to aid the Committee in working out a series of prices for food essentials.

Headed by the committee an investigation will survey all the markets in the city in an effort to reach a price that is commensurate with the demand. 'It will be the first time that a citizens' committee has undertaken such a program, it was announced.

The committee will make public a list of proper prices after the investigation in order to inform consumers.

Mayor La Guardia of New York originated the move when he agreed to have the city cooperate with a citizens' committee in investigating prices that had been artificially raised. All profiteering will be exposed by the committee.

(Editor's Note.--This move is the most practical method of curbing profiteering locally. Arizona should profit by the example.)



THE CHIEF ISSUE By EARL BROWDER

"-----Every day this war continues, the forces in America, that will drag us into the very center of it are growing bolder and more impudent, waxing fat on the war profits of their mercenary neutrality. Every day this war continues, there rises more viciously the sweep of reactionary assaults against labor's rights and living standard and against all democratic civil rights... Clearly, the fight of the American people to protect themselves, their peace, their living standards, their liberties, is summed up in the fight to KEEP AMERICA OUT OF THE IMPERIALIST WAR,-----"



## "ETERNAL VIGILANCE"

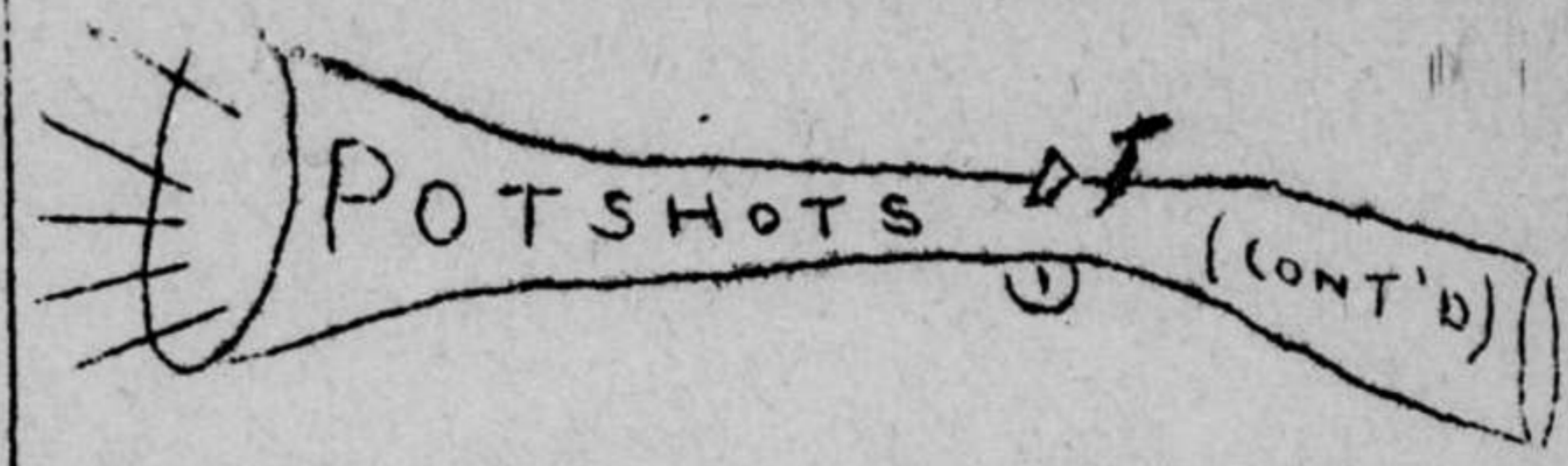
"The Arizona Labor Journal" of November 23rd, carries a reprint from "The Southwest Labor Record"; on the subject of injunctions against picketing. As stated in the article, "This is not the first time that anti-union employers have attempted to use the courts to stop organization work."

The Busy Bee Cafe case, referred to in the article, very pointedly shows that the Associated Farmers will seize any pretext to carry out its union-busting campaign. It should be recalled the Menderson "blacklist" case is another attempt to chisel away the rights of labor.

The case also shows that Labor must be constantly on the alert to defend its rights, even such fundamental rights as freedom to picket. The injunction against labor has been fought for many decades and has been won many times, but, evidently, the Associated Farmers will not let it rest.

Now, while reaction is using the war threat hysteria to work up propaganda against civil rights, with the aim of driving workers into the concentration camps of war industry, under a war dictatorship, we must be on guard more than ever to defend our civil rights.

We agree most emphatically that no group of the American population, whether the Communist Party or Trade Unions, can be suppressed without threatening the liberty of the rest.



the State Chamber of Commerce can be held in the State Capitol.

Associated "Framer" Kemper Marley is still on the public payroll.

T W B Andersons column in the Nov. 3rd issue of Arizona Fax, unofficial organ for Jones stated, "the Jones administration has stood by the farmer". What farmers-----? The Associated "Framers"? Ask the dirt farmer about the last legislature killing the tax free homes bill, the bill to abolish sales tax, and the bill setting up cooperative power districts. And the patronage removal of Dr. Oscar Barlett, State entomologist.

There must have been puzzled looks in the eyes of rank and file Democrats at appointment of anti-labor Dean Stanley, Salt River Valley grower and shipper, to the Democratic Party Jackson Day Fund campaign.-----Opinion is that neither the cloak of 'Old Hickory' nor the New Deal fits Stanley becomingly.

It must have been a bitter pill for the "Big Business Boys", who used the Teachers' Association last year to kill the tax free homes amendment, to find the teachers have learned a lesson this year, by giving a quiet but firm endorsement at their State convention. Watch the "Big Boys", who see the handwriting on the wall, try to put over a phony amendment.

California will have its special session in January, called by Governor Olson, to take up vital questions, such as, unemployment, old age pensions, etc.etc. Will Arizonans have to wait until Nov. 1940 to remedy what the "futile fourteenth" failed to do?

Somebody ought to put the Industrial Commission wise to its job----looking after the interests of labor, not industry. Maybe they are literal men and Arizonans will have to change the Commission's name-----or the commissioners.