

ROOSEVELT ASKS MASSES TO RAISE FOURTEEN BILLIONS FOR BOSS WAR

What Facts Lie Behind the French Turn to Fascism?

Exclusive

Labor Action Presents an Unpublished Document on Events heading to Petain's Fascist Rule Which Was too Hot for the American Press to Handle

In the last week, the swing towards fascism and an alliance with Nazi Germany which the reactionary generals and politicians of the Petain-Laval cabinet have engineered, has reached the stage of open warfare against England. When important units of the French fleet, on instructions from the Petain government, insisted on steaming for Toulon—and eventual use by the Nazis against England—British warships opened fire and sunk or put out of commission some of them. The French government at once broke off diplomatic relations with England, a step for which it had been waiting for a good excuse. A few days later French planes are reported to have bombed Gibraltar.

Thus the great crusade to save the world for democracy ends up with mutual slaughter and the alliance of one of the partners with Nazi Germany. The papers in the last few weeks have been full of accounts of treachery by the big business leaders of France and their generals and politicians. A large section of the French ruling class preferred victory by Hitler to perpetuation of the existing bourgeois democratic order in France. They now have their wish.

How did this amazing about-face happen? A friend has sent in to LABOR ACTION a remarkable document which while it was not written by a spokesman for the revolutionary position throws much light on the subject. It is a copy of a cable which was sent to the foreign news department of a large metropolitan daily from one of its staff correspondents abroad. The date is June 27, a week before the extent of the fascistization of France was generally realized. The newspaper, for reasons which will become clear when the article below is read, did not publish the story. It sees print here for the first time.

It should be obvious to our readers that we do not agree with the political views expressed by the correspondent; but print the article because of the important facts contained in it.

FOR MR. G . . .

The tragedy of France, as viewed in London lies not so much in what happened as in how it happened. Since the first break through at Sedan miles and miles

of sense and nonsense have been written about French military deficiencies, Fifth Column activities, refugee problems and insufficient morale. But above all this there emerges one far more important and tragic fact: France's capitulation was planned and engineered by a powerful group of politico-industrialists whose leaders and spokesmen were such notables as Pierre Laval, Etienne Flandin, George Bonnet, Jean Prouvest, Paul Baudouin and a host of bigwigs from France's 200 families.

These men—many of whom were members of the potent French industrial clique, "Comite des Forges"—were either influential industrialists themselves or had paid stogees in the Chamber of Deputies and other high places. Thus, there was no need for Germany and Italy to follow the usual pattern and organize a Fifth Column in France among cipher clerks, stenographers, housemaids and others in similar walks of life. France was betrayed by people in the very highest places.

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Senate Confirms Cabinet Appointment of Stimson, Avowed Interventionist

As in the Past, the Money to Pay for the Bosses Huge War Appropriations Will Come Mainly Out of the Pockets of the Poor

Back from a week end at Hyde Park where he conferred with leading government figures on the military program, Roosevelt prepared to submit to Congress this week a request for an additional five billion dollars.

Certain to be granted by Congress, this new appropriation, authorizing the construction of tanks and airplanes, will bring the military budget to the all-time high of fourteen billion dollars.

At the same time, the Senate Naval Affairs Committee recommended passage of the bill appropriating four billion dollars for a seventy percent increase in fleet tonnage which is expected to give the United States imperialists a "two-ocean navy." New Taxes

To pay for these huge appropriations consideration is being given to new tax measures. Already a series of taxes on "luxury" items such as cigarettes have gone into effect. Another tax measure designed to raise about a billion dollars was announced by Senator George. About a third of this is to be raised, according to Senator George, through a tax on corporations. But the remaining two-thirds will be raised through "miscellaneous sources."

In the light of past experience these "miscellaneous sources" will be found in the sweat-earned dollars of the poor. For all the talk about taxing excess profits (note: excess profits, and it's the big-bosses who really decide what is an excess), the gentlemen in Washington do not contemplate putting any pressure on the financial and industrial profiteers. Through taxes on consumer goods, the pressure is being ever more heavily put on the workers and poor farmers.

While the war budget rises to staggering heights, efforts are proceeding at top speed to organize industry to better serve the needs of the military machine. Upset by Henry Ford's refusal to build Rolls Royce airplane motors, thereby disturbing carefully laid plans, Roosevelt is considering a plan which would give the government preference in the purchase of a manufacturer's product—at a good profit, of course.

Stimson Wants War

Despite the President's eagerness to complete the initial stage of his preparedness program, certain elements in Capitol Hill are throwing a monkey wrench into his schemes—to suit their own political interests. This is particularly shown in the debate centering on appointment to the cabinet of Henry L. Stimson and Frank Knox. A group of isolationist senators led by Senator Rush Holt have attacked Stimson as an "anglo-maniac." According to Senator Vandenberg, Stimson would favor participation in the war "if events in Europe turned for the worse." "He

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Voting Does Not End Vital Mexican Conflict

Before Election Results Are Announced, Much May Happen as Right Wing Seeks Power

The Mexican presidential election took place on Sunday, July 8. The violent pre-election campaign ended with an outburst of street fighting that lasted the entire day and resulted in the death of forty-eight persons and injury to over four hundred others.

While the election of senators and deputies to the new congress took place simultaneously, the campaign centered chiefly around the two main presidential candidates, General Manuel Avila Camacho running on the ticket of the Party of the Mexican Revolution, supported by the Confederation of Mexican workers, and General Juan Andreu Almazan,

the "independent" nominee, representing the northern industrialists, the Catholic church and the rightist elements in the country.

Program Is Issue

The personal characteristics and abilities of the presidential candidates played only a subordinate role in the campaign. While each of them roamed the peasant areas, participated in local gatherings and celebrations to gain the description of "peoples' candidates," this aspect of the campaign was secondary. The main issue in the elections revolved around the program of the candidates, their attitude toward the Car-

denas program of "socialist" education, the rights of labor unions, expropriation of foreign companies, attitude to the United States and other powers, land division, etc.

The campaign took a sharp turn as a result of the active support given to Camacho, the candidate of Cardenas' party, by the Communist Party, and the labor unions led by the Stalinist, Lombardo Toledano. Although Camacho is by no means a Stalinist, or one of its supporters, he has accepted their support.

Claiming to be the true representative of the Mexican revolution and a disciple of President Cardenas, Camacho asked for the support of the Mexican workers and poor peasants.

It was his contention that his main aim is to "consolidate" the Mexican revolution and continue the program of progressive reforms instituted by the Cardenas regime. He has declared against "excessive" conduct by the labor unions and has hinted that he will halt the wide distribution of land to the peasants in order to bring about the aforementioned consolidation of the agrarian revolution and thereby bring about a state of economic normalcy.

General Almazan is far more blunt. The magazine, Life has described him as the "liberal candidate of reaction." Stationed with the garrison at Monterrey, Almazan has long been the favorite of the Mexican and foreign industrialists who look to him to bring about an end to the expropriation of the foreign companies, a cessation of the land divisions, and a curbing of the rights and powers of trade unions. He has himself stated that his program is for a "retrenchment of the revolution."

While there is this vague disagreement between the two generals on a number of questions, they see eye to eye on the question of taking a more "liberal" attitude toward the

Catholic Church, which has played a reactionary role in Mexican life for hundreds of years. Both desire to maintain good relations with U.S. imperialism, and both hope to bring about a return of foreign capital by easing up the pressure on foreign holdings.

On the decisive question of land reform, Almazan has already made clear that if he becomes president he will seek to bring about an immediate cessation of "collective agriculture on the Russian basis," that is, wipe out the ejidal system, the co-operative agricultural plan, and substitute for it the granting of deeds to those peasants holding land and working it. This would mean the immediate end of the agrarian revolution.

Under Mexican law, the ballots, counted on July 11, and thenceforth reported to the congress, are not announced until September 1. Only then will it be officially known who was elected president.

Struggle Not Settled

In the meantime, both candidates claim victory by overwhelming majorities. Ominous threats are made by both camps. At the time of this writing it is difficult to say what may yet transpire between now and the September announcement.

The Confederation of Mexican Workers with its trained militia vir-

tually announces that it will not permit any president except Camacho. Almazan's forces make similar threats and many of them declare that they will not abide by any announcement except that their leader has won the election. Thus the possibility of a post-election struggle is quite likely unless governmental measures nip in the bud the threatened physical encounters.

Although Almazan has shown amazing strength, testifying to the difficulties of carrying through to

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CIO Signs Stanley Cafeterias

LYNN, Mass.—A one year contract was signed between the United Restaurant Beverage & Allied Food Workers Local No. 701, of the CIO, and the Stanley Cafeterias Incorporated, operating cafeterias in Peabody and Salem.

The contract calls for a five-percent increase in wages and forty-eight hour week. Time and a half for all work performed after 8 hours and for certain holidays, seniority, closed shop, and the shop steward system are also included.

THE WORLD AT WAR

Warships Poised for Martinique Action

France Goes Fascist

The death of France's Third Republic was officially proclaimed last Tuesday, as the puppet Chamber of Deputies voted to give Marshal Petain full powers to organize a Fascist state.

Vice Premier Laval, chief reactionary spokesman of France's ruling 200 Families, and friend of Hitler and Mussolini, told the deputies: "I bring you not the conviction but the certainty that, if you want an honorable peace, you must give Marshal Petain what he wants."

Former Premier Paul Reynaud displayed his loyalty to the French imperialist bandits by attending the meeting of the Chamber. Edouard Herriot, another champion of "democracy", retains his post of mayor of the city of Lyon. Other notables who yesterday posed as enemies of Fascism "to the bitter end" have also adapted themselves to the totalitarian dictatorship.

Fearing a working class revolution,

For Labor Action —
Join Workers Party

French big business reached an agreement with Adolph Hitler and organized a Fascist regime. It is expected that a triumvirate of three will run France, as partners of German Fascism: Pierre Laval, General Weygand and Adrien Marquet.

British-French Naval Battles

Earlier in the week diplomatic relations between the British and French governments were broken following the Royal Navy's attacks on French war-ships in the Battle of Oran (off the Algerian coast) and the seizure of other French ships anchored in English ports. Later, Britain reported the crippling of the newest and most powerful French battleship, the 35,000-ton Richelieu, off the coast of French West Africa. At Alexandria, the French command agreed to the internment and demilitarization of one battleship, four cruisers, and other naval crafts. These shattering blows against the French navy have strengthened Britain's position on the seas, and her military defense of the British Isles from Hitler invasion.

At the same time the war spread to the Western Hemisphere as British warships blockaded Martinique,

French colony in the Caribbean Sea. A large French cruiser and an aircraft carrier are stationed at this island. Nearby is the British colony

of Trinidad, important source of oil for the British empire. Half dozen United States destroyers and a heavy cruiser are close by "observing conditions" as the Roosevelt government is considering taking over all French and British possessions in the Western Hemisphere, nominally under "Pan-American" control.

A New Penny Pamphlet: "This Is Not Our War"

The Workers Party has just published a Declaration Against the War as the third in its popular series of penny pamphlets on current subjects. It is "This Is Not Our War," a clear and direct explanation of the causes of the present war, and of what the war means to the working man and his liberties. It concludes with a complete condemnation of Imperialist wars and offers socialism as the only solution. Copies are available at the offices of the Worker's Party, 114 West 14th Street, New York, N.Y. or at any of the local offices. Bundle orders may be had at the reduced rate of 80c per 100.

Far Eastern Conflicts

Meanwhile, in the Far East, Japan, working closely with the Axis powers, is demanding an apology from the United States following the arrest and five-hour detention of sixteen armed civilian-clad Japanese gendarmes in the American controlled section of Shanghai. Japan charged the U.S. Marines with an "unfriendly act, and with insulting the honor of the Japanese gendarmes and the Japanese army." To which the American commander replied: "It's a lie."

Japan also threatened to seize the British colony of Hong Kong if Britain persists in her refusal to close the Burma road over which supplies are sold to Nationalist China. A British steamship was seized by Japan the other day on

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Picket Lines 100% Solid in Scrap Iron Strike

Five Companies Have Already Signed Contracts with Union

Special to Labor Action

NEWARK, N.J.—Fighting against long hours, low wages, dangerous working conditions and for union recognition, thousands of workers in Jersey's scrap iron yards have during the past months struck in four large nearby cities.

Out of eleven struck yards, contracts have already been signed with five companies by the Waste Materials Unions, Local 1120, AFL: Bovasso Bros., Jersey City Metal, Gerainick, Newark Compressed, and Hirsch. Four other yards are shut down tight: Reichman and Hoffman, (see Labor Action, June 17) Kaplus & Son, United Smelting and Refining, all of Newark; and Feldman and

Son, Elizabeth; The men in these shops are one hundred percent behind the Union and are on the picket line daily.

The bosses, however, are trying desperately to break the strike. At some yards, the management has sought to break the strike with cries of "obstructing national defense."

At other places, the bosses have put the squeeze on the workers with threats of halting their social security compensation.

The union has protested this action by the employers to the local Social Security Board.

Answering these strike-breaking moves by the bosses, the union has

accelerated its drive. Shops in Ruthersford and Newark have already been partially organized while in Elizabeth and Jersey City, the fight goes on.

The demands listed by the union are:

A union shop; time and a half for overtime as against nothing now; double pay for Sunday work; a 12 to thirty two cent hourly pay increase; a forty two hour week; adequate safety and sanitary equipment and no speed-up.

The bosses, who are coining fat profits as a result of the war boom, can, in the opinion of workers canvassed by LABOR ACTION, afford these modest demands.

With the Labor Unions— On the Picket Line

By David Coolidge

PATRIOT'S PROGRESS

The anti-trust division of the Justice Department has charged the American Pulpwood Association and 12 corporations with conspiracy to keep down the wages of 70,000 workers. The Association and the 12 corporations were indicted for violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. The forest workers, one half of whom are Negroes, should have been paid at least 25 cents an hour but they got no more than 19 cents. This means that some probably got less.

The indicted companies control 80% of the kraft paper industry. The Association is the boss and tells the woodcutting companies just how they are to operate and how much to pay the forest workers. There are producing companies and sub-producing companies and all have plants in the South.

It is clear that the labor base of these big chiselers is southern Negro and poor white labor. It is unorganized and frightfully exploited and oppressed. If the true story were known we would have a tale of Negro-hating, labor-baiting, brutal and ignorant foremen; and workers living in shacks and existing on a half starvation diet.

Even if these workers had a sixty hour week at the set minimum of 25 cents they would get only \$15.00. When the company deliberately steals six cents an hour, they pay these forest workers only \$11.40 and rob them of \$3.60 every week.

The indictment talks of a "conspiracy" to keep workers wages down. This is alright as far as it goes, but all workers must remember that capitalism itself is one vast "legal" conspiracy to keep all workers wages down. It was not just a nice sounding phrase when Karl Marx warned the working class many years ago that "they ought to inscribe on their banner the revolutionary watchword, 'abolition of the wages system.'"

SOME GET CAUGHT . . . STEALING

Another big patriot is Howard Hopson of the huge Associated Gas and Electric system. Hopson of course is one of the Willie-men. He is charged with stealing \$20,000,000 from his own company and then defrauding "his government" to the tune of nearly two million dollars in income taxes. This is the usual practice among the big shot bankers and manufacturers. They steal from everything and anybody; their own companies, the workers and the government. Some of them are not as slick as others and get caught.

If Hopson had not been in the clutches of the courts on July 4 he would probably have been on some D.A.R. or American Legion platform wrapped in the flag and bellowing for the workers to kick back a part of their low wages for national defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEASURED BY \$ SIGN

All of the Hopsons are supporters of the National Defense Tax Bill. This is the bill that forces the workers to pay proportionately more for national defense than their bosses will pay. It hits the single worker making \$65 a month and the married worker getting \$163. Then there is a special levy of 10%. Then come the taxes on beer, plug tobacco, movies and gasoline. There will be 2,000,000 new income taxpayers all from the group of workers whose living standards are already far too low.

There are lots of things for workers to pay attention to and remember in these days of billion dollar congressional appropriations. Nearly all of this money will go to manufacturers and bankers. Millions will go for profits and dividends. Love of country for the overwhelming majority of the big boys is determined by the size of the profits and the dividends. The ship builders have demonstrated this quite openly. Their patriotism is determined by the per cent of profit. If the profit for aiding in national defense is to be 10% above "cost" then their patriotism will glow with a pure white heat.

However, if the profit is to be only 7% the shipbuilders may not be so patriotic. In fact, Captain Krause, of the Defense Advisory Commission, in testifying before the Naval Affairs Committee, said that if the profits problem is attacked too vigorously, the attitude of the shipbuilders might become one of "hesitancy or resistance." Let every worker think this over when he is about to decide that this is not the time to strike for higher wages.

HERE AND THERE

Workers in the Mellon Aluminum Co. are threatening strike. The union is demanding a flat increase of ten cents an hour for 15,000 workers. The Aluminum Co. of course is one of the outfits that will cash in on the war. Just last week the company got an order from the War Department for cooking utensils and other equipment for feeding 1,000,000 soldiers.

Remington-Rand, Inc., makers of typewriters and office equipment has agreed to demobilize its nine company unions. Also to "cease urging and warning its employees not to become or remain members" of the machinists union. The company must also post a notice telling the employees that they may join any union they wish without fear of discrimination.

The CIO and the United Rubber Workers have started a drive for the complete organization of the Akron plants of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. At the same time the union is carrying on an organizing drive in the Goodyear plants in Jackson, Mich., Gadsden, Ala. and Los Angeles. The union will demand a written contract in all these Goodyear plants.

WEST COAST MARINE STRIKE CANCELLED

Two and one half hours after the deadline for ending negotiations and beginning the strike, the west coast marine cooks and stewards decided to call the strike off. Negotiations had been going on for ten months. Secretary Perkins wired the union urging them not to strike and Hillman asked Bridges, CIO leader, to intervene. It is not clear from newspaper reports just what the union gained. They won a ten per cent wage "adjustment." Does this mean a blanket 10% wage increase? From the reports it seems that the union gave up its demand for the rotation principle in hiring. The shipping companies claimed the right to hire "key employees" in place of someone that might be next in line.

All along the line there is a great deal of stirring in the ranks of the organized workers. This is correct. Now while capitalism is organizing for more profits is the time for the workers to organize for more wages and shorter hours.

Stalinist Defense Outfit Deserts Negro Militant

Henry Martin, well-known Communist Party militant, after waiting in jail for five days for the International Labor Defense to come to his aid, was bailed out by the South Side Action Committee.

Martin, who has a physical disability, had been eking out a meager existence by selling peanuts in Washington Park, on Chicago's South Side.

Even though not selling peanuts at the time of his arrest, Martin was thrown in jail. A well-known Chicago Negro capitalist who has secured a complete monopoly of all concessions in the park, was responsible for Martin's arrest.

The South Side Action Committee, which the Communist Party has repeatedly condemned as being "Trotskyist" has taken Martin's case and plans a fight against the monopoly which prohibits men like Martin from trying to make a living through selling in the park.

The ILL refused to help Martin because he is a rank and filer, and because his case would not bring the ILL enough prestige. Martin's case which comes up July 16, will be attended by sympathetic workers.

FOR NEWS OF THE
THIRD CAMP — READ
LABOR ACTION

Police Brutally Attack Air King Strikers

Union Holds Management Responsible for Unprovoked Assault

Thursday, June 20, a peaceful group of pickets marched before the doors of a large Brooklyn, New York radio plant. They had been out on strike for virtually a month—since May 17. They had laid down their tools protesting the dismissal of several fellow workers. During the six weeks prior to Thursday, June 20, the management had vainly tried to break the strike "politely." But on "black Thursday," the management changed its tune.

Late that afternoon, without warning of any kind, a horde of mounted police, riot squadrons, plainclothesmen descended on the peaceful picket line. When the police had mopped up, several score workers lay on the sidewalks.

Management Responsible

Immediately following this scandalous attack, Local 403 of the CIO's United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, issued a statement pinning

direct responsibility for the assault on the management, the Air King Radio Corporation.

The CIO Union responded further with an intensification of its strike against the company. The strike is now in its third month and still going strong.

The Air King Company, desperate over the virtual halt in production, has sought to undermine the morale of the strikers by the use of hired thugs and street corner hoodlums hired to march in and out of the plant at various hours during the day.

But nothing has lessened the will of the strikers. Behind them stands the CIO Union and a section of AFL luggage workers employed in the Air King Plant.

Upon the Air King management, rests all responsibility for provoking the radio workers. Distressed that virtually all of its employees had

left the conservative AFL Electrical Union and had signed with the CIO Radio Union, the management dismissed from its employ those who had led the organizing drive.

Quit AFL

That the Air King workers left the AFL to enter the CIO is significant. The AFL contract with the Air King management had no provisions for seniority and left little room for union democracy. In addition, the AFL electrical union contracted with the management for an exceedingly low wage scale.

In light of this, the workers proved more than willing to accept the CIO Radio Union as their bargaining agency and flocked to it en masse.

Local 403 is the result of this upsurge in the workers' militancy. The new radio Local is carrying on despite the combined terrorism of the management, the police and the distressed officialdom of the AFL.

Stalinists Continue to Run the AYC

Use Youth Anti-War Sentiment to Promote Their Own Ends

By IRVING HOWE

The 6th Annual Convention of the American Youth Congress ended this weekend with the question of its Stalinist control unchanged.

As in all previous Conventions of the AYC, the Young Communist League established decisive control by two methods: 1) electing large numbers of packed delegations from their paper "front" organizations who follow the "party line" on all crucial questions, and 2) by having their stooges in genuine youth organizations elected as delegates. In this manner, the Stalinists succeeded in giving the Congress a certain coloring of genuine youth representation, despite the numerous groups, such as Young Judea, which have withdrawn from the AYC.

Tunney Farce

This pose as the genuine spokesmen of American youth was made considerably easier by red-baiting attacks of Gene Tunney and his youth stooge, Murray Plaver, which were eagerly seized upon by the press. Many of the non-Stalinist delegates at this Congress were brought under Stalinist influence because they correctly resented the red-baiting of Tunney's boys. And the Stalinists cleverly utilized this fact by inviting Tunney to speak and then mocking his refusal.

They thus succeeded in partially obscuring the fact that they had steadily, since the organization of the AYC, acted in the most undemocratic manner towards delegates who opposed them from a progressive, anti-war point of view.

The decisive control established by the Stalinists can be clearly seen in the actions which the Congress took on the war question. The Convention held a year ago had taken the then Stalinist attitude on war: support of the capitalist democracies and endorsement of President Roosevelt's "defense plans." This, of course, was before the Hitler-Stalin pact.

At this convention, the delegates swung sharply over to the present Stalinist position: opposition to Roosevelt and the Allies, as a result of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

In view of the fact that whatever genuine anti-war spokesmen were at the convention were unable to gain the floor in order to expose the hypocrisy of the Stalinists, many non-Stalinist delegates voted for their resolutions because they believed them to be motivated by real anti-war sentiment.

Further evidence of Stalinist control was seen in the defeat of a resolution which directly labeled the Soviet Union a dictatorship.

No Change in Line

Considerable excitement was created when Mac Weiss, leader of the Young Communist League, made a speech urging an American-Soviet alliance to defeat Hitlerism. This was interpreted as "a possible change in line" by the Stalinists on the part of many delegates. Actually however, it was merely a clever statement of the present line of the Stalinists.

Turkish cooperation, Izvestia (July 5) states:

"The British and French press never ceased and are not ceasing to circulate rumors to the effect that measures of the U.S.S.R. in Finland, the Baltic States and on the western frontiers constitute a 'menace to Germany.' The purpose of these provocateurs is clear:

"First, they futilely attempt to prejudice German-Soviet relations clearly and solidly defined by treaties existing between the U.S.S.R. and Germany;

"Second, this slander is to serve as a smoke screen for anti-Soviet machinations by the authors of these rumors themselves." (New York Times, July 6).

The Russian press has opened an attack on Turkey for its purported agreement with the French plans. The Russian ambassador to Turkey, Alexis Terentiev held a one hour conference with the German ambassador to the same country, Franz Von Papen. Reports continued of early Russian demands, backed by Hitler and Mussolini, for control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, straits linking the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

According to an AP dispatch of July 8 from Istanbul, Turkey's capital:

"Foreign diplomats say they understand Germany, Italy and Russia are working closely together in deciding what attitude should be taken toward Turkey, which last Fall signed a mutual assistance pact with Britain and France.

"Many expressed belief that Germany was fully supporting Russian demands for an extension of Russian interests in this area." (New York Times, July 9).

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Union Paper Pins Anti-Labor Label on Fifth Column Hysteria

We reprint the following interesting article from the June issue of "Local 42 News" which is published by the Chain Service Restaurant Employees Union:

Ever since the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, a Fifth Column hysteria has swept the world as a whole, and the United States in particular. Newspaper headlines scream about the Fifth Column. Radio commentators give the American people the jitters about this "menace." Statesmen, here and abroad, from the President down, have made use of this latest scare.

What is this "Fifth Column"? This term was originated by Franco, the Spanish Fascist dictator, who with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini, destroyed the unions and workers organizations in Spain. Franco used this term to describe the Fascist sympathizers—big landowners and bankers—who lived in Loyalist territory. Franco said, at that time, that this column was his chief aid behind the lines.

Today, as every one knows, the "Fifth Column" refers to Hitler's agents in the conquered countries. There is no doubt that in this country, Hitler has agents. So have all the other governments of the world, to one extent or another. The U.S. too, has its secret service agents in every country. The Fifth Column is really old stuff. It is simply the secret service systems of the different governments of the world.

Why, then has this cry about fifth column been suddenly raised in this country, when the Federal Government knows that secret service organizations of other governments have always existed.

THE REAL PURPOSE behind this agitation, is to whip the American working people into a war fever and to divert their attention from the real problems of unemployment, anti-union drives, etc. The best proof of the truth of this statement is the Dept. of Justice's so-called anti-trust drive, which is in reality an anti-union drive. Our membership has recently passed a resolution condemning the Dept. of Justice Drive. Another proof is the feverish attempt by the Smith Committee and its reactionary allies to amend the Wagner Act in the interests of the bosses. And the more recent attempts to introduce anti-labor legislation under the guise of anti-alien defense measures is still another proof of the attempt to whip us into a war fever. We may be sure of further attempts along these lines.

The same people who are responsible for the Fifth Column hysteria, are to be found behind this anti-labor drive. They are the big industrialists and Wall Street Bankers who keep the factories closed while millions are out of work, and are behind every attempt to deprive the working people of their democratic rights.

It is clear from their actions that these forces are not interested in fighting Fascism in this country. As a matter of fact, these are the very actions used by the Fascists in Germany.

Let every working man and woman beware of this "FIFTH COLUMN" agitation. If any group in this country is to be called Fifth Column, it is those forces who are behind the anti-labor drives.

Lewis Seeking Third Party Deal With Wheeler and Townsend

Hardly Represents Serious Anti-War Movement

By B. J. WIDICK

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A tiny and many-colored flame of the Third Party movement flickered dimly here last week, fanned by the desires of three prominent politicians.

Unable to obtain a satisfactory deal with the Republican Party after his public bid for it, John L. Lewis, CIO chieftain, threatened to form a Third Party if the coming Democratic convention didn't select Senator Burton K. Wheeler as presidential nominee.

Lewis spoke before the Townsend national convention which cheered his blistering attack on President Roosevelt and his threat of a Third Party.

Previously, Dr. Townsend, leader of the old age pension movement, had criticized both major parties and offered to join hands with labor in forming a new party, if the Townsend plan wasn't accepted by a major party.

Third actor in the drama was Senator Wheeler, who announced his intention of running against Roosevelt at the Democratic convention and threatened to bolt if his isolationist position wasn't adopted by the Democrats.

Since there is little likelihood of any of those IFs being realized at the Democratic convention, it appears that the plan of these three politicians might have to be placed into effect.

Pre-Arranged

Apparent to everyone present at the convention was the fact that the whole series of Third Party threats was pre-arranged by Lewis, Townsend and Wheeler.

Townsend sounded off in a keynote speech to the convention. His entire talk was aimed at discrediting the Republican and Democratic parties—and paving the way for the Lewis speech.

Lewis received a better reception and much greater ovation from the Townsdenites than from any union convention. Although he criticized the Republican program somewhat, his main barbs were directed at Roosevelt. Failure to provide adequate old age pensions, failures to solve or try to solve the unemployment problem and conscious effort to drag America into war: these were the Lewis charges against the Roosevelt administration.

Lewis demanded that the Democratic convention repudiate Roosevelt and choose Wheeler instead. Since Roosevelt controls over 75% of the delegates to the Democratic party convention and Lewis knows

this, his demands can only be interpreted as a maneuver.

Wheeler, speaking before the Townsend convention and a "peace" rally of 2,000, warned the Democratic party against becoming a war party, and threatened to help build a new and peace party, to the cheers of his listeners who shouted "Wheeler for president."

Unreal Atmosphere

Despite all the bold words and brave talk of these men, it was hard to sense an air of reality about this Third Party movement. Lewis spoke as though he were representing 10,000,000 members of the CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League, American Youth Congress, National Negro Congress and other organizations. Fact is that Lewis is a minority in the CIO today. Politically, he hardly speaks for it, or for the other organizations he mentioned.

Wheeler, remembering the past experience he had in 1924 with LaFollette senior, in the Third Party movement of that day, is evidently much impressed by the response he has obtained to his "anti-war" speeches—and believes that a new party can be blitzkrieged into existence.

Townsend appears like a smart politician who has built up some national strength on a program of reform which he has little hope of achieving and is casting about for a deal in exchange for the votes he controls.

Since all three spoke as 100% patriotic supporters of U.S. capitalism, emphasizing their belief in defending America and South America from "aggression" and in a program of "National Defense," one can hardly expect any serious anti-war movement from the hodge-podge organization these gentlemen might form.

Although this talk of a Third Party is not decisive in American politics, its importance was recognized by President Roosevelt when he called William Green, president of the AFL, for a special conference to discuss its possibility.

Irrespective of the weight or importance of the votes which a half-baked Third Party might obtain, Roosevelt sees it primarily as an obstacle to his plan for national unity, and thus fears it.

The stand of the AFL was made public when its publicity chief, Philip Pearle, blasted the Third Party idea as Fifth Columnist, and also significantly, announced that the AFL would not take a stand for either Willkie, or Roosevelt, if he ran.

World at War - -

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the ground that it was carrying munitions to a belligerent power on Japanese controlled territory.

Hitler-Stalin Prepare Further Expansions

Following Stalin's moves into Rumania, Pravda (July 5), Russian Communist Party organ, announced that the Russian military actions in the past eight months were directed "against plans of the British-French warmongers."

Commenting on the latest German White Book, which cites alleged French documents containing plans of a French attack on the Russian oil fields in Baku and Batum, with

Turkish cooperation, Izvestia (July 5) states:

"The British and French press never ceased and are not ceasing to circulate rumors to the effect that measures of the U.S.S.R. in Finland, the Baltic States and on the western frontiers constitute a 'menace to Germany.' The purpose of these provocateurs is clear:

"First, they futilely attempt to prejudice German-Soviet relations clearly and solidly defined by treaties existing between the U.S.S.R. and Germany;

"Second, this slander is to serve as a smoke screen for anti-Soviet machinations by the authors of these rumors themselves." (New York Times, July 6).

The Russian press has opened an attack on Turkey for its purported agreement with the French plans. The Russian ambassador to Turkey, Alexis Terentiev held a one hour conference with the German ambassador to the same country, Franz Von Papen. Reports continued of early Russian demands, backed by Hitler and Mussolini, for control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, straits linking the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

According to an AP dispatch of July 8 from Istanbul, Turkey's capital:

"Foreign diplomats say they understand Germany, Italy and Russia are working closely together in deciding what attitude should be taken toward Turkey, which last Fall signed a mutual assistance pact with Britain and France.

"Many expressed belief that Germany was fully supporting Russian demands for an extension of Russian interests in this area." (New York Times, July 9).

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"Peace Officers" in Unprovoked Assault On Negro Editor

Carter Wesley is well known among the Negro People. He is the editor of one of the country's leading Negro newspapers, the Houston Informer. But his prominence did not save him from the clutches of Southern Lynch law.

On May 6, Editor Wesley was riding peacefully in his car on a highway near Spring, Texas.

Suddenly, without warning of any kind, and for reasons which are still obscure, his car was stopped by two "Peace Officers."

Constables Owens and Sutherland pulled Editor Wesley from his seat, proceeded to maul and kick him into insensibility and then hauled him off to jail.

So thoroughly did Owens and Sutherland attack Wesley, that he suffered a dislocated jaw, gashed lips, a swollen scrotum and other severe injuries. At the jail he was booked on a charge of resisting arrest.

That the brutal assault upon Wesley was entirely unprovoked is revealed by one of the charges against him: Waving to a White Oil Attendant several miles back of Spring.

The American Labor Aid has come to the defense of Wesley.

In a letter to the Governor of Texas, W. Lee O'Daniels, dated June 14, the A.L.A. states:

"We strongly protest the criminal assault by Highway officials H.R. Owens and Jack Sutherland of Spring, Texas, upon Carter W. Wesley on May 6, 1940. You must know that the people of this country, white and black, are particularly opposed at this time to brutal actions like these in defiance of democratic concepts.

"We call on you to immediately investigate this outrage and properly punish the officials responsible. The Peace officers who assailed the Negro editor must be summarily dismissed."

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Where You Do as You Please

Sparks in the News

"Government of Big Business, by Big Business, for Big Business"

A Little Who's Who of Washington—and Wall Street

The editors of *Time* have performed a real public service by giving, in the last two issues of that magazine, a partial listing to date of the business executives who have been put in charge of the national defense program (at a dollar a year each) by President Roosevelt. The partial list is as follows:

1. E. R. Stettinius, who chucked his \$100,000 job as board chairman of U.S. Steel Corp. to take charge of the raw materials section of the National Defense Advisory Commission.
2. William Knudsen, on leave from presidency of General Motors, and now in charge of the manufacturing production end of the Commission.
3. James Vincent Forrestal, who resigned as president of the potent Wall Street investment house of Dillon, Read & Co. to become an administrative assistant (at \$10,000 a year) to President Roosevelt.
4. Owen D. Young, former chairman of General Electric and eminent corporation lawyer, now devoting full time to "training" the youth of America through the CCC and the NYA.
5. Donald M. Nelson, vice-president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., who has become chief purchasing agent for the \$10,000,000 new army and navy expansion program.
6. Ralph Budd, president of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and now Defense Advisory Commissioner in charge of transportation.
- 7, 8, 9, 10. Four newly appointed consultants to Commissioner Budd, namely Messrs. A. T. Wood, president Lake Carriers Association; Edward Vincent Rodgers, president of American Trucking Association; Frederick C. Horner, assistant to the chairman of General Motors; Arthur Middleton Hill, president of National Association of Motor Bus Operators and Atlantic Greyhound Corp.
- E. R. Stettinius has so far brought to Washington the following staff:
 11. Onetime Yale Crewman Charles Edward Adams, chairman of Air Reduction Co., and of U.S. Industrial Alcohol Co. His job: Ed Stettinius' senior assistant.
 12. Philadelphia Republican William Loren Batt, president of S.K.F. Industries, Inc. (bearings), president of the International Committee of Scientific Management.
 13. William Casement Bower, vice president of New York Central System. His job: procurement studies.
 14. Gano Dunn, president of J.G. White Engineering Corp. and Cooper Union, recipient of many a scientific

award in electrical engineering and holder of 30-odd patents.

15. Samuel Hood Dolbear, globe-trotting mining engineer. His job: chromium specialist.
 16. Marion Bayard Folsom, treasurer of Eastman Kodak Co.
 17. Amiable, hawk-nosed Clarence Francis, president of big General Foods Corp. (at \$108,000 in 1938).
 18. Polo-playing William Avesell Harriman, board chairman of Union Pacific Railroad, partner in Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (private bankers). His job: liaison between Stettinius and Burlington's Ralph Budd, the commission's transportation man.
 19. Thomas Bayard McCabe, president of Scott Paper Co.
 20. Dr. David Percy Morgan, chemical economist for Wall Street Investment Counselors Scudder, Stevens & Clark.
 21. Allen Waller Morton, vice president of Koppers Co.
 22. Robert Ten Broeck Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., Manhattan textile sales house.
 23. Howard Calvin Sykes, depression president of the New York Curb Exchange, a specialist on mica.
 24. Walter Sheldon Tower, successor of Ernest Tener Weir, as president of American Iron and Steel Institute. His job: consultant on the steel industry.
 25. Dr. Edward Ray Weidlein, internationally famed director of the Mellon Institute, chemical engineer, and World War I member of the War Industries Board.
 26. Dr. Robert Erastus Wilson, bald, science-wise president of Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co., holder of 88 chemical and engineering patents.
- Meanwhile, in the production side of the commission, hulking William S. Knudsen, has also reached into business. Among members of his staff:
27. John David Biggers, president of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.; Knudsen's executive assistant.
 28. E. F. Johnson, former parts and accessories expert for General Motors; in full charge of ordnance production.
 29. Dr. George Jackson Mead, until recently vice president of United Aircraft Corp., and since boss of engine research for National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.
 30. Harold Sines Vance, broad-shouldered board chairman of Studebaker Corp.; in charge of machine-tool production.

War Problem Occupies YPSL Meet

Program Highlights Opposition to U.S. Conscription Plans

Characterized above all by the seriousness with which it discussed the problem of the war as it affects the youth, the national convention of the Young Peoples Socialist League, youth section of the Workers Party, met this last week end in New York. Aware of the many difficulties confronting them, and the immensity of the job they must do, the delegates set to their work with spirit and determination.

The greater part of the sessions was devoted to the discussion of a document on the tasks of the youth in the coming period. This document was accepted as amended by the delegates.

In view of the nearness of war, a program of new youth demands was elaborated. This paid particular attention to the need of organizing a mass youth struggle against the military conscription and forced labor camps planned by the Roosevelt Administration.

On the opening night of the convention, a mass meeting was held at which speakers from the Workers Party and the YPSL exposed the reactionary character of the proposed conscription. The youth speakers also discussed the progress and tasks of the organization.

Especially interesting is the fact that the delegates were extremely youthful, the average age of the regular delegates being 20 and the average age of alternates being 19.

The last day of the convention was taken up with a warm discussion of the name of the organization. A decision to change the name was adopted, but since no majority could be secured for any proposed name, the matter was left up to a membership referendum.

Why Is Hitler Winning?

Fortune Magazine Analyzes the War Economy of the Allies and Comes to the Conclusion that American Capitalism Can't Win a Totalitarian War without Going Totalitarian Itself.

By DWIGHT MACDONALD

How did it happen? And what must American capitalism do to prevent its happening again in a few years over here?

These are the questions *Fortune*, the dollar-a-copy house organ of American big business, answers in an authoritative and enormously interesting article in its current issue. *Fortune* surveys in great detail the war economy created by the democracies and comes to some conclusions as to this country which are not ordinarily put down in public print. But in talking to a dollar-a-copy audience, the editors of *Fortune* no doubt felt they could be realistic and frank.

BANKRUPT EMPIRES

The most remarkable discovery of *Fortune's* editors is that the British and French empires no longer pay their own way. They are living off accumulated capital like a couple of elderly ladies who have to go into their savings a bit each year to keep going. Or as *Fortune* puts it, after presenting a detailed analysis of the empires' balances of international payments for the prosperous year 1937: "On the merchandise side of the international ledger, they import so much more than they export that the huge income from their services—interest and dividends from their \$26 billion worth of foreign investments, their shipping, from tourist spending within their borders, from banking commissions accruing to London and Paris as financial capitals—can't make up the difference."

France and her empire ended up the year \$164,000,000 in the red. The only part of the British Empire that produced more than it received was Canada, and it was only the huge gold production of South Africa and Canada (\$675,000,000 in 1937) that enabled the Empire to bring its books into a rough balance at the end of the year.

WHY THE ALLIES LOST

But this economic failure of the two empires was a long-range factor, not an immediately dangerous weakness. They could have won the war in spite of it. And every one expected them to do so. *Fortune* shows that the democracies went into the war with adequate supplies within their own empires of every one of a list of twenty strategic raw materials except one, namely, oil, which they had no trouble getting on the world market. Germany had sizeable amounts of only five—steel, coal, sugar, zinc, and potash. The democracies, furthermore, had a combined war chest, in gold reserves and foreign investments, of no less than \$77 billion—against a German stripped—of the effort of rearmament of almost all her gold and liquid reserves, and blockaded from most of the world market by the British fleet.

Why, then, did the Allies fail? *Fortune* answers quite frankly: because they did not have totalitarian regimes which kept down wages, smashed unions, organized national production without paying too much attention to private property interests, and generally converted the nation into a barracks camp. The Nazis built this sort of a war machine, and won the war.

THE CHOICE FOR U.S. CAPITALISM

From its study of the Allied experience, *Fortune* concludes that the only way a capitalist America—and no other kind of America is, of course, considered by the editors of *Fortune*—can win its coming struggle against Nazi imperialism will be to become the same sort of totalitarian society as exists in Germany. *Fortune's* conclusions may be summarized in four propositions:

- (1) War is no longer an accident, an episode, but an integral part of the existing world order. ("It is in the nature of democracies to regard war as something apart. . . . The fact is that, irrespective of the direction of democratic institutions, war is a

recurring phase of the democratic existence.")

(2) The kind of *Wehrwirtschaft* ("war economy") the Nazis have created is something quite different from the sort of emergency wartime dictatorships (M-Day plans, etc.) put into effect by the democracies. ("Thus France went to war under what are generally described as totalitarian controls. . . . And yet the state did not really take charge. It simply established its civil servants and military officers inside the normal economy, which was still run by much the same masters.")

(3) This *Wehrwirtschaft* is a totalitarian proposition, ruling the whole national economy (business as well as labor) in the interest of war preparations and in that interest alone. ("In a war economy, the government makes the decisions. It commands a man's soul and his labor

and it rations his bread. The government fixes wages and prices and profits. . . . And through its leverage on the national income, it can squeeze the economy into any shape it desires. Thus a nation's productive capacity is shifted from consumption to war goods.")

(4) And finally, lest there be any illusions as to the nature of this sort of "war economy" which *Fortune* sees as the only possible way for American capitalism to withstand Hitler, there is this warning: "Our statesmen are deceiving themselves and they are deceiving us when, with phrases cut to the ballot box, they say that a nation can be made ready to fight an efficient war without touching hard-bought social gains."

That is, the editors of *Fortune* politely call President Roosevelt a liar.

Fascist France - -

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In effect this group staged a "coup d'état" perfectly timed to give it every chance of success. No doubt they would have liked to bring it about long before the war ever started. But this was impossible because the masses of Frenchmen, being patriotic and anti-Fascist, were able to express their will to resist Nazism through leaders like Reynaud, Mandel and other members of the organized government and the oppositional influence of people like Blum.

Stunned by Retreat

After Flanders was overrun two things, however, happened, which gave the Laval, Bonnet—"Comite des Forges" crowd—the chance it was waiting for. The first was that the Reynaud government lost its grip on the country by moving too late to Bordeaux. It should have left Paris days before it did and should never have gone to Tours, which was so near the fast receding front that the town was rendered untenable after five days. While the Reynaud government was thus completely disorganized, the would-be capitalists found themselves in a superb position to pull off their coup. The second thing that happened was that the great French mass supporting Reynaud's policy were stunned into complete silence and inactivity the moment word reached them that the French armies were in retreat. This sudden awakening from the deep slumber of Maginot mesmerism left them altogether helpless.

With the stage so perfectly set it was simple for the capitalists to form a government made up of their own men. And when the committee of ministers, itself under the influence of the Laval clique, forced Reynaud's resignation by voting against his proposal to fight on with Britain, there was nothing left for honest but weakened President Lebrun to do but give way. Astutely, Laval and Co. used a well-liked old figurehead in Marshal Petain to do their dirty work.

Feared Revolution

Why did the politico-industrialists of France sell out to Hitler and Mussolini? The reason, above all others, was their passionate hatred and fear of communism. They were frightened—perhaps with some soundness—of one of three things: firstly a communist Europe built on the ruins left after the Allies and Germany had worn each other out; secondly, even if communism wouldn't sweep over Western Europe after the war, they would have been almost equally dissatisfied with a France reconstructed on the democratic principles for which the Allies were fighting; thirdly, they feared the immediate danger of Communism in France and extended control over their interests if France continued to fight.

Had France not capitulated the industrialists would have been forced to destroy most of their factories, to keep them from falling into German

hands and perhaps live in poverty for the rest of their lives. By acquiescing to German rule they hoped that an appreciative Hitler would allow them to keep part of their wealth, thus enabling them to lead a pre-war life in their castles, yachts, and watering places.

Times Italy's Entry

Italy's entry into the war was delayed until Hitler was certain that Laval and Co.'s "coup d'état" would be successful. This delay was necessary because Hitler was using the Italian government, particularly her diplomats in France, as his main contact with the French capitalists. Not until Hitler was sure that the capitulation was a certainty did he give Mussolini the signal.

Working thus hand in glove with Italy, the Laval crowd exerted terrific influence on the French government up to the very last to keep it from 1) invading Italy, 2) bombing the industrial areas, 3) attacking Italy's vulnerable coastal cities by sea. Quite possibly Laval and Co. were telling the Reynaud government if the matter were left in their hands they could keep Italy neutral or even induce her to break with Germany. For playing ball with Italy Mussolini agreed to moderate his own armistice terms and do what he could to "soften Hitler's."

Cannot Stop Now

Though there is little doubt in London that Laval and Co. were overjoyed from the beginning at the German successes in Holland, Belgium and France, it is not believed that through subversive activities this group was able to bring about the collapse of the French armies. Rather the collapse of the army and plotting of the Laval crowd complemented each other, and ended in capitulation. However, in several important ways the capitalists were able to weaken the defense of the country: 1) they favored the strategy of keeping an army of 700,000 men on the Italian border and at the same time opposed any plan to invade Italy (100,000 troops would have been plenty there for defensive purposes); 2) they urged the Reynaud government not to defend Paris—which might have been a real obstacle for the German war machine; 3) they fought in every possible way the granting of facilities to American correspondents who might have made pro-Allied propaganda in the U.S.; 4) they favored the return of Weygand, whose anti-Communist bias certainly did not help him steel his heart on fighting Germany to the last Frenchman.

Obviously, the Laval capitalists cannot stop now. For if Britain triumphs and France rises again, they would be imprisoned or shot for betraying their country. So it is easy to understand why the Bordeaux government accepted the most humiliating terms at the hands of Germany. At all costs Germany must win—for them! It might be a crushing blow to Laval and Co. if the French fleet escaped; if the French Colonial Empire fought on; if America continued to send materials and planes.

The Better Half

by Susan Green

Mrs. Charles Shipman Payson is going to take into her home three children from war-threatened England. You don't know who she is? That is because when Mr. and Mrs. Payson celebrate their wedding anniversary each year, you and I are not invited. But some five hundred members of high society are. The frolic lasts until dawn. Imagine what such a swanky party costs and you will know immediately that these Paysons are not on relief.

I also read that Mrs. Payson is the owner of one of Long Island's famous stables. It is not unusual for a stable of the first rank to cost \$1000 a day upkeep, which is more than millions of American families get to live on for a whole year.

We can safely conclude that these refugee children will not be a financial burden on Mrs. Payson. Nevertheless her "noble" conduct has received a good deal of publicity.

These society women who are taking refugee children, belong to the class that thrives on WAR.

I have been scanning the news items about refugee children to discover whose children are being brought here. I see that at Tuxedo Park, New York, a wealthy country resort, "children and their nurses" will be cared for until they can be taken into homes elsewhere. Poor children do not have nurses. The wealthy people here are interested in the refugee children of their own class. The American Association of University Women has agreed to find homes for 3,000 to 6,000 children of British university graduates. Here we see middle class people looking out for the children of their own class.

At the most, only some thousands of children can be taken out of England. The millions of children of the workers will undoubtedly have to remain within range of Hitler's dive bombers.

If the mothers of these children leave their protection in the hands of the British boss government, they will be dead wrong. The French government was more afraid of the French workers rising to get their freedom than it was of Hitler. That is why the French defense was so weak. The British rulers—and the American too—are no different.

While \$1000 a day for the upkeep of stables is normal for high society, nearly four million people in New York City, the largest city in the richest country in the world, are so poor that they are entitled to free care in city hospitals. Yes, there are so many single people whose income is less than \$17 a week and so many families whose income is less than \$28 that it sums up to more than half of the population of the city. That is what Dr. S. S. Goldwater, Commissioner of Hospitals, said and he ought to know.

But these people don't get what they are entitled to. The demands of women in childbirth, of sick children, for hospital care cannot be satisfied. There aren't enough hospitals—there is bad overcrowding—and this situa-

tion is getting worse.

New York City is the home of Wall Street where the wealth of the nation is centered. It should be easy to raise money to build hospitals for half of the city's population. But, no. Dr. Goldwater bluntly stated that "the city has reached the limit of spending for new hospitals."

Instead, he spoke of a scheme to make these people, who the city admits are too poor to pay for medical attention, actually pay for it themselves.

This is the set-up that the bosses have made for us: No money for hospitals—but twelve billion dollars for howitzers, tanks, bombers, battleships—so that high society can lavish \$1000 a day on their horses.

Women of America, we are going to reverse this set-up!

In her flitterings here and yon Mrs. Roosevelt alighted the other day on the roof garden of the Educational Alliance, in New York City's lower east side, and helped send two hundred young people off to hunt for their first jobs.

She very graciously gave these children of the slums a few tips on how to behave before the lords of the earth, the bosses. She said:

First you must remember that there is a fine line between being too aggressive and being confident of your own ability. You must never seem to feel afraid that you, or those whom you represent, can't do the job. But you must also be careful not to give the impression that you know more than your employers.

Armed with this magic formula, these two hundred went out in the morning to find work. At 2:30 PM they returned to headquarters. Did they have two hundred jobs? No. Did they have one hundred jobs? Again no. They had exactly no jobs. Twelve had been promised, and thirty-five concerns indicated they would want people two months from now. That was all.

The first lady of the land, with the fine line technique, didn't think it necessary to tell these young people the simple truth. The youth of this country has no future under capitalism except in the huge war machine being built—to kill, to be killed, or to produce the instruments for killing.

R.G., Chicago, sent to this column a very valuable communication. She wrote that no matter how ignorant and dumb the working girl may be, she knows she is being exploited. R.G. believes that what is needed to reach these girls is simple printed pamphlets and not "ahead of the mob stuff" which they can't understand.

Both LABOR ACTION and the WORKERS PARTY are trying to meet this demand for simple education to create class-consciousness and an understanding of socialism. The Workers Party is issuing 16 pamphlets, and LABOR ACTION is starting a department in simple fundamentals. We hope to improve with experience and the suggestions of our readers.

Shachtman to Speak on Ohio State Campus

Having completed the western part of his national speaking tour, as a guest speaker for the American Advancement League in the Negro section of Los Angeles, Max Shachtman, national secretary of the Workers Party resumed his tour in St. Louis on July 8.

About 50 people, Negro and white, heard Shachtman's speech before the American Advancement League. The speech, on the "Negro and the War," provoked much discussion from the floor, especially on what the Workers Party, or any party has to offer the Negro. The audience agreed with the speaker that any party must be judged not by its words but by its deeds. And on that score, said Shachtman, the Workers Party "points to what it has already done as an earnest of what could be expected from it in the future. The discussion indicated that much of the distrust among the Negroes against political parties is the result of their experiences with the Stalinist Party."

Shachtman next proceeds to Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio. In Ohio he will speak on the State University campus on June 14 at 3 o'clock.

TOUR SCHEDULE

City	Date
CHICAGO	July 10, 11, 12
LOUISVILLE	July 13
COLUMBUS	July 14
AKRON	July 15
PITTSBURGH	July 16
WASHINGTON, D.C.	July 17
READING	July 18
ALLENTOWN	July 19
PHILADELPHIA	July 20

days. Chattanooga was called the Hindenburg Line of the private power industry. In 1935, when the public wanted a municipal light plant, the utilities, mostly controlled by Willkie, spent from 20,000 to 100,000 dollars trying to defeat the project.

The News fought for the people and the vote was 19,000 to 7,000 for a city plant. George Fort Milton, owner of the News, was the hero of the fight. The Willkie people set up a dummy corporation, supposedly independent and pro-taxpayer, called the Citizens and Taxpayers Committee. They ran tremendous advertisements and used the radio, claiming that publicly owned plants were a failure, that the American Way was the rugged individualism of the Commonwealth and Power Corp.

"But the News found that the power companies had subsidized the phoney Citizens committee with \$20,000. In 1938 it was disclosed by a Congressional investigating committee that Willkie supplied this money from the C & S treasury. At the same time the Willkie outfit determined to kill the News, and for that purpose not only withdrew all ad-

vertising, but made a deal with Roy McDonald's Chattanooga Free Press." (Our Emphasis).

Guilty on 917 Counts

Seldes reports that the State Public Utilities Commission "ruled the Willkie subsidiary guilty of improper conduct in dealing with the press, etc., on 917 counts."

The State Commission, reports Seldes, also fined Willkie "\$917,000 for discrimination in favor of the Free Press." When McDonald, owner of the Free Press, was held up to the public gaze as the chief beneficiary of this deal with Willkie, he screamed in the manner of his Master that it was "New Deal persecution."

As a sidelight to the New York Times' discreet backing of Willkie for the Presidency, its publisher, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, during the five years fight in Chattanooga, openly supported the Willkie power company and then threw his weight into the effort to kill the News. Sulzberger had, of course, his own axe to grind. He owns the Chattanooga Times.

On Willkie and "Free" Press

By ALAN SELKIRK

Since the close of the Republican convention two weeks ago, Wendell Willkie has managed to keep his name well up on the front pages of the nation's press.

Not even the approach of the Democratic Convention in Chicago next week has been able to rival the Republican Presidential glamor boy in newspaper lineage.

In New York City the press has been especially cordial to Mr. Willkie. The New York Times departed from its customary aloofness to hail the selection of Mr. Willkie as "wise." The Herald-Tribune, fanatically Republican in season and out, went off the deep end for the Utilities magnate. The World-Telegram, chief link in the Scripps-Howard chain, described the Republican choice as "strong."

From these comments it begins to appear that Mr. Willkie is assured of a friendly press. With the exception of papers like the New York Daily News, Willkie will be given more than every consideration.

This support by the big business press of New York is highly interesting. Interesting too is the support which the Republican candidate has received from such powerful organs of big business as "Editor and Publisher," weekly magazine of the publishing trade, and Life, most read of the pictorial weeklies.

His Power Felt

Willkie's connections with the influential press of the nation goes back many years. His power has been felt on more than one occasion. Able to bribe newspapers with huge advertising contracts for his Common-

wealth and Southern Utilities empire, Willkie has for years been assured of a sympathetic press. His constant blasts against the Roosevelt administration in connection with the TVA fracas were unduly headlined throughout the country.

So powerful has been Willkie's influence that at least one prominent newspaper was completely smashed as a result of its opposition to the Public Utilities magnate.

Last December the Chattanooga News had to be sold to its rival, the Free Press, as a result of this opposition.

According to George Seldes' bi-weekly, In Fact: "It was Willkie's cooperation which ruined the News." Continuing its disclosure, Seldes' paper states, "The Willkie method of smashing the Chattanooga News shows how the trick is done nowa-

Editorials

OUR PROGRAM AGAINST THE WAR

1. Not a man, not a cent for Wall Street's war. All war funds to the unemployed.
2. For a rising scale of wages to meet increasing cost of living. Thirty Thirty—\$30 weekly minimum wage—30-hour weekly maximum for all workers.
3. Expropriate the Sixty Families. For Government ownership and workers control of all war industries—aviation, steel, chemicals, railroads, public utilities, etc.
4. Against both imperialist war camps. For the Third Camp of World Labor and the Colonial Peoples.
5. Let the people vote on war. For the right of youth to vote at the age of 18.
6. Abolish secret diplomacy. Open the files of the State Department.
7. Withdraw all armed forces from territory outside the United States. Free the colonies. Hands off Latin America.
8. Against compulsory military training and conscription.
9. For the defense of civil liberties and workers' rights. Stop the persecution of aliens. Against the M-Day Plans and war-time dictatorship.
10. For full social, economic and political equality for Negroes. End discrimination against Negroes in industry and trade unions.
11. For an independent Labor Party.
12. For Workers' Defense Guards against Fascist and vigilante attacks.
13. No confidence in the Roosevelt government. For a workers' government and a people's army.
14. For Peace through Socialism. For the Socialist United States of America, for the Socialist United States of Europe, and for the World Socialist Federation.

France

Consider the horror of it: France a fascist state.

Only a few short years ago, in June 1936, this same France witnessed a wave of proletarian insurgency that swept the country in a series of brilliant strikes. It needed only a small spark then to convert these mass strikes into the revolution for human emancipation.

But that spark was stifled under the hand of the "popular front." The French workers who were ready to do battle with the boss class were deceived into collaborating with these bosses' friends. A joint government was established—presumably of worker and boss—for the purpose of combatting fascism!

This government did not wait long before it began to whittle away those victories won in strike action by the workers. And shortly afterwards, the working class movement deflected into the channels of class collaboration, this same government dropped the pretense of "popular frontism" completely. It had served the bosses well.

Daladier embarked, openly on the road towards dictatorship. But the working class with the nose of socialist and Stalinist treachery around its independence could not move.

As the war came closer, the dictatorship fastened its rotten fingers deeper into the country. Reynaud took over. Totalitarianism spread. Came the capitulation, and then the avowal of fascism by Petain. Petain had little to do; the base of fascism had already been laid.

France of the magnificent Commune, France with its revolutionary heritage—now fascist, betrayed by the crushing of working class independence.

Therein, comrades, is a lesson bitterly learned.

A Republican Lie

The Republican Party didn't forget the Negro in its platform. The Grand Old Party, the party of Lincoln, the party that "freed the slaves" came through with a fanfare of trumpets, the clanking of cymbals and the sounding of brass. They want the Negro vote in November. They look upon Negroes as their private property and far too many Negroes have been voting for the Democratic Party in recent years. The Willkie-Men say "we pledge that our American citizens of Negro descent shall be given a square deal in the economic and political life of this nation." Discrimination in government service must cease. "... universal suffrage must be made effective for the Negro citizen. Mob violence shocks the conscience of the nation and legislation to curb this evil should be enacted."

We believe that the Republicans are a bunch of liars. They stand for universal suffrage for the Negro? Since when? Eighty years have elapsed since 1860. The Republican Party was in power 56 years of that time. They were in power when

the South disfranchised the Negro. They were in power when the poll tax laws were passed. They have tolerated and encouraged the rotten borough system of the South. Today they are making no fight for passage of the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill.

And what is this Republican blarney about being against lynching? Do they think that Negroes are fools? Why didn't they pass the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill in 1922 when they had a big majority in the Senate? Why didn't they pass an anti-lynching bill in the time of Coolidge and Hoover? Why didn't they raise hell in the present congress for the passage of the recent bill that is dying a slow death?

The Republicans are just like the Democrats. They both have a covenant with big business. Northern big business has tremendous investments in the South. They want profits. Profits are based on the exploitation of the workers, the Negro workers especially in the South. Lynching, jim-crow, disfranchisement and race hatred are directly related to profits. The Republicans just like the Democrats are defenders of profits. They cannot be against lynching and they cannot be against universal suffrage for Negroes. They are damn liars.

1776—and 1940

The other day President Roosevelt delivered one of his little talks about American democracy. (The less democracy we have these days, it seems, the more Roosevelt talks about it.) His topic was the wonderful amount of freedom everybody enjoys under American democracy today. But there was one remark of the President's which really had us worried. "Even freedom of speech," he was reported to have said, "is limited when it comes to advocating overthrow of established government."

Now, we believe the capitalist system is rotten, unjust and unworkable and that it must be done away with by the workers and replaced by socialism. Furthermore, we think that this is good American doctrine. We refer our patriotic president to the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its power in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Lincoln's Wisdom

While we are resurrecting the American tradition—and there is a lot more revolution in that tradition than you would think from listening to Mr. Roosevelt—we might mention some words of wisdom once spoken by Abraham Lincoln.

"All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined," said Lincoln, "with all the treasures of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track in the Blue Ridge in a trail of a thousand years."

"If danger ever reaches us, it must spring up among us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live together all time or die by suicide."

Liebknecht put it more briefly: "The main enemy is at home." If fascism comes to America it will be through the actions of the same kind of army officers, big business men and right-wing politicians as have just established a fascist government in France. There is no way to prevent such treachery except for the workers of America to throw out the whole crew of capitalist politicians and put in their own workingclass government and their own democratic workers' army.

Protecting Whose Interests?



Our Readers Take the Floor...

CHICKEN DINNER: A SHORT STORY

Dear Friends:
I'm on the WPA you see, and we are going to revise the tax program so all people are treated equally. So they sent me down to Commission Row where fruits and vegetables and chickens and pigs are sold to all who can buy.

As I measured up the buildings for taxation purpose, I saw three women stand on the sidewalk. They were in animated conversation except that their eyes were constantly focused on a dead chicken in the gutter.

You can't divide a dead chicken so apparently they made up their minds to wait each other out.

I could write a book about the way they were dressed. Husband's worn out shoes, children's worn out shirts. You see they were rustlin' dinner. A chicken in the gutter, tomatoes in the alleys, lettuce on the dumping truck, spelled dinner to them. Their eyes envisioned the kind of a dinner they could place before their unemployed men folks.

The rotten tomatoes and wilted lettuce were available in sufficient quantities to entail no dispute among the women, but the chicken was a different matter.

After all, working people don't have chicken every day, and here was a chance to put stewed chicken before the family. So they waited each other out, much like you wait out an unwelcome visitor. They talked about the weather, their children and grandchildren and the one that could think of the most subjects to talk about fell heir to the prize dead chicken.

For fear some of my readers will think this is a concocted story, I want to say that this is my personal observation in the city of St. Louis and no doubt this observation could be repeated in Philadelphia, Detroit,

and all over the country where working people go hungry because they stand knee deep in wheat.

There can be chicken dinner for all workers when they make up their minds to wait it.

Sequel

The family of the woman that got the dead chicken not only got a chicken dinner but also a free vacation in the hospital due to food poisoning. You see the chicken was tainted.

St. Louis Worker.

ALL'S WELL NOW IN FLOP HOUSE

Dear Editor:
"Staff Bulletin," house-sheet of the NYC Department of Welfare, announces "social progress": "For the first time in the forty-four year history of the Municipal Lodging House, weekly religious services are being held at the City's Shelters. Arrangements for the observances by the three faiths—Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish—were made by Commissioner Hodson." Men receiving relief at the M.L.H. receive two meals a day. Perhaps the meals will be reduced to one on Sundays since "a religious service" can well be substituted for food of the sort issued at the City Shelters.

The Municipal Lodging House is located at the Foot of East Twenty-Fifth Street. The yacht bearing Wendell Willkie to NYC after his nomination in Philadelphia docked at East Twenty-Sixth St. If Mr. Willkie observed any of the Municipal Lodging House "reliefers" he must have seen that they have been pampered out of recognition by the "New Deal" ... Not even (because of inadequate diet) capable of bearing arms for the defense of Mr. Willkie's investments.

Fraternally,
New York, June 6. A.

Roosevelt—

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(Stimson) would not shun methods to take us into the war," said Vandenberg. When thieves fall out. . .

Stimson's appointment has now been confirmed by the Senate. Conclusion: the new Secretary of War will try to lead us into the war.

With Roosevelt more than certain that the Democratic Party convention scheduled for the end of this week will go the way he wants it to, he is concentrating his attention on his principal interest: war.

Thus, regardless of an occasional hitch, the militarization program goes forward. This week the Senate and House Military Affairs committees will hold hearings on the recently submitted bill aiming at conscription of forty million men. After a series of amendments are made, the bill will almost surely be favorably reported to Congress for passage—and another plank on the totalitarian road to war will have been laid.

Mexico—

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completion of the bourgeois reformist revolution, all accounts point to a Camacho victory. The leading capitalist powers, especially the United States, deeply concerned with their own difficulties arising from the world war, hope for an Almazan victory, certain that if he becomes president, it will greatly improve the safety and extension of their investments and control of Mexico's rich resources.

Through all of the campaign, Cardenas has kept hands off and said little or nothing, although Camacho is his candidate and the nominee of his party. More than two months remain until congress meets to announce the result of the balloting. It will be a period of great internal conflict.

Youth Need Trade Schools, Not Barracks

NEW YORK—The crying need of more trade school facilities for youth is shown by the fact that already 15,000 youth have been turned away by the trade school department of the Board of Education.

Some 60,000 youth have been placed in trade schools but this is a drop in the bucket in comparison with what is needed. Already the rolls for the fall term have been closed and the 15,000 not admitted are expected to be a mere indication of the thousands of additional youth who will try to get a chance to learn a trade and be denied the opportunity.

But they can always join the army and see the other world.

A FIGHTING PAPER — CHALLENGE OF YOUTH

If THEY Want To Fight, Let Them—Say We

Millionaire Scions Play Soldier-Boy to Stimulate Lagging Recruiting Drive

When the war broke out last September, its immediate repercussion in the United States was the launching of a large scale recruiting drive for the armed forces.

All over the nation posters and placards appeared by the hundred score urging the nation's youth into the army, navy and marine corps.

Special quotas were drawn up for each of the services.

Mythical air-raids, phoney blackouts, spectacular bombings were arranged.

Civic organizations pitched in.

The cry was unanimous. JOIN UP.

But throughout the fall and all during last winter the recruiting drive lagged. Voluntary recruiting, the authorities had to admit, had proved a complete flop.

To remedy a very serious situation, the Military Training Camps Association, a semi-private organization, supported by many of the nation's influential businessmen, urged a group of Congressmen to sponsor their pet idea.

"Pet" Is Monster

Their "pet," nurtured for the past fifteen years, proved to be—military conscription.

Two weeks ago a bill for the military conscription of forty million men was introduced into Congress. Next week, the Senate and House Military Affairs Committees will begin hearings on this conscription measure.

The Military Training Camps Association has won a signal victory. Its fifteen years fight for conscription seems at this date to be nearing official adoption.

The lone hitch in the drive towards conscription is the cool attitude of the American people towards it. This attitude was first displayed when President Roosevelt announced one month ago his own plan for the conscription of the nation's youth. Since then, there has been no marked change in the popular attitude towards conscription. The people are against it.

Puts On a Show

To prove to the American people that military training is more than its cracked up to be, that it's really not so bad, that it can actually be a lot of fun, the Military Training Camps Association is this week and next staging a big blowout at its Plattsburg Military Camp.

Playing at soldier these two weeks are Winthrop Rockefeller, son of John D. Jr., Mr. John Hay Whitney, of the kennels and stables Whitneys, Mr. John M. Meyer, vice-president of J. P. Morgan and Co., Winston Guest, "dashing polioist," and a horde of others.

The "boys" are setting a good example. Mr. Newbold Morris, President of the New York City Council, is doing "kitchen police."

Robert K. Haas, vice-president of Random House, publishers, is a waiter.

Jock Whitney is a buck private.

So eager and disciplined are these "soldiers" that they drew from their commanding officer the highest praise. "I'd like to have a company like this all the time," said the regular army officer.

A Good Idea

We agree entirely with the Officer. As a matter of fact, we go even further. We're for the retaining of every Rockefeller, Whitney, Guggenheim, Morgan etc. in the country. Not for two weeks but for six months. Harden them up. Toughen them up. Get the stink of those cocktails out of them.

And in case of war, we're for shipping these gentlemen off to do the fighting. Our slogan is simple. Let Wall Street fight its own wars. Let the Rockefeller and Morgans sacrifice their own sons. They make the wars. Let them do the dying.

In the meantime, the American workers can go about the business of setting their own example.

In the meantime, the American workers can fight for higher wages, better working conditions, for union recognition; can train themselves for taking out of the hands of the war-makers the factories, mines and mills and operating them for peace, not for war.

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