

WAR!

The Enemy Is
In Our Own
Country

NO MATTER how highly developed the armed strength of a nation may be, the coming war, like the last one, will be fought by the masses who are compelled to employ the weapons of warfare.

But before the workers of all nations can be driven to the trenches, their minds must first be poisoned with chauvinist gases, the bayonet of lies and misrepresentation must first rip out the bowels of their class solidarity.

In the last war, the masses were led to fight for Pan-Slavic czarist expansion in the name of the struggle against Japanese autocracy and German Kaiserism; the enemy of the Russian workers was in . . . Tokyo and Berlin. The German worker was called on to defend the Junker's fatherland from Russian barbarism and French "revenge"; his enemy was in . . . Moscow and Paris.

In most countries, the official Socialist parties turned recruiting sergeant in behalf of the imperialists. It required the immortal Karl Liebknecht to exclaim: "The enemy is in our own country!" In 1917, the Russian masses learned the meaning of these words. They turned on their real enemy, they took power, they brought the war to an end in their way.

The working masses are now being mobilized for imperialist war in the same way. Only, today it is not the Kaiser who is "forcing a war upon us"; his place has been taken by Hitler.

Does Fascism mean war? Yes, but only because Fascism means the rule of capitalism organized in the nakedest, most dictatorial and murderous way. It is imperialist capitalism that produces war, be it organized as an autocracy, a constitutional monarchy, a Fascist state, or a "democratic republic."

The social democrats are merely repeating their old role when they shout about the need of the workers defending the "democratic" countries against the "Fascist aggressor."

The Stalinists are merely lending a helping hand by creating illusions about the League of Nations, about "disarmament" as a cure for war, about the "capitalist powers that do not want war" and the "capitalist powers that do want war."

Does this mean that it is a matter of indifference to the workers whether or not they are ruled by Fascism? Not at all! Just because we are ready to fight tooth and nail for the right to organize, to speak, to meet, to publish our press, to strike, to picket, to fight for improved conditions and for freedom from capitalism—we stand intransigently opposed to the imperialist war. These are precisely the rights that are curtailed or abolished by even the most "democratic" countries the minute war is declared.

Many battles were fought in the class war to win these rights; battles are fought every day to preserve them. We will not surrender them lightly. We will fight to retain them, in the only war the working class can support—the class war—because we need them to defend ourselves better against the daily attacks of capitalism, because we need them for the speediest and most effective overthrow of capitalism!

It is Hitler who crushes the German proletariat. It is and will be American capitalism that exploits the American working class and reduces it to gagged and fettered serfs.

The enemy is in our own country!

Ever greater numbers of workers will realize this profound truth.

It will immunize them against the poison of chauvinism.

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Labor Rallies to Aid of Akron Strike

Juror Hits Verdict in California

Goldman Appeals for New Trial as Deal Is Uncovered

SACRAMENTO, April 4.—Sentence was not passed today upon the eight workers convicted of criminal syndicalism Monday. Judge Dal M. Lemmon's schedule was upset when, on the motion for a new trial, Albert Goldman, attorney for the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, instead of limiting himself to dry technical arguments, exploded a bombshell which forever destroys the validity of the guilty verdict in the minds of all but the frame-up prosecution and the court.

Opening the defense argument for a new trial, Goldman denounced the verdict as an illegal horse-trade. The crowded court was electrified when he read an affidavit by a juror affirming this view. The judge immediately discounted Goldman's argument, but broke off proceedings to seek legal authority not to grant a new trial. Court will reassemble April 10 for further argument, Goldman having left Sacramento today for his home in Chicago. In the meantime, the judge has refused to set bail.

The affidavit impeaching the guilty verdict especially in the cases of Norman Mini of the Workers Party and Caroline Decker of the Communist Party, is signed by Howard S. McIntire. An accountant, he worked 27 years in the State Adjutant-General's office and is a Past Master of the local Masons, who last week presented him with a diamond-studded watch-chain. McIntire held out for 118 ballots before agreeing to a horse-trade on Mini and Decker in order to get a verdict.

Jurors Threatened

McIntire, who is indebted to one of the local banks back of the prosecution, finally gave in because of threats by other jurors. During the deliberations, Foreman Rackliffe and Mrs. Mary A. Perry, instruments of the prosecution, denounced as Reds those jurors who opposed convicting everybody on two counts. They threatened not only McIntire, but Juror Mrs. Clara F. Keith, whose son is a traffic cop, and Juror W. W. Jackson, former railroad worker who lives off a Southern Pacific pension. Fully conscious of the State's failure to make a case, McIntire nevertheless surrendered after a fight lasting 66 hours, and a horse-trade was arranged.

McIntire's affidavit was given voluntarily to the defense in order, as he stated, to get a new trial for innocent people. Immediately after the verdict he sought out Attorney Goldman in the lobby of the latter's hotel to tell him about the horse-trade. He shed tears of shame and regret. Next day he encountered on the street Jack Warnick, acquitted defendant, Norman Mini's father, and Herber Solow of the N. P. L. D. to whom he told the same story. On the second day after the verdict, he sought out Solow and Warnick in the former's hotel room, and there expressed a desire to try to undo his action. As a result he composed a statement, which he then swore to before a notary and

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ROLL, TIRE, ROLL!



Toledo Auto Strike Looms

Continue Fight for the Scottsboro Boys

In handing down its unanimous decision to set aside the verdict in the Scottsboro trial, giving a new trial to Clarence Norris and Heywood Paterson, the United States Supreme Court performed a political act of the highest significance. The Supreme Court gave nothing from the goodness of its heart or from the mere formal excellence of its juridical brains. Seething unrest among the Negro masses, and, to a degree, its organized expression in the Scottsboro campaign has bumped square into the oppressive exploiters and discriminators against the Negro population. The decision of the Court is a political reverberation of that collision.

The victory is only a partial one. The scene shifts back to Alabama where, in a new trial, the ruling class will try another maneuver in their attempt to railroad the Scottsboro boys.

As a result of the Supreme Court decision Governor Bibb Graves has ordered a revision of jury boxes in Alabama. The prosecutor—now Lieutenant-Governor Knight—has promised a new and ironclad case. It is obvious the state will now try to avoid all technicalities without giving the boys any better chance.

Some Negroes may be allowed on the jury. They will be drawn from the thin middleclass stratum of the

Death and Destruction 'Peace' Record of 1934

During 1934 throughout the world 2,400,000 men and women died of starvation and 1,200,000 men and women committed suicide because they had no further means of existence.

At the same time the social order which permitted and condoned this state of affairs evolved as a remedy to alleviate this misery the peculiar device of destroying

- 1,000,000 wagon loads of wheat
- 267,000 train loads of coffee
- 516,000,000 pounds of sugar
- 50,000,000 pounds of rice
- 50,000,000 pounds of meat.

—Steel, in The N. Y. Post.

Negro people and, lest any of these go astray, intimidation—open and concealed lynch threats—will be used against them.

Now, if ever, real victory is not far off. The I.L.D. has always been the cat in the boot; yet so near and yet so far.

Only a mass movement can save the Scottsboro boys!

The Supreme Court will not and cannot save the boys!

The I.L.D. alone cannot save the boys! Only by building a mass defense, with all working class elements represented with rights of criticism, can the Scottsboro boys be finally freed.

The Scottsboro boys shall not die!

Men Flocking into Chevrolet Union

BULLETIN
(By Wire to the New Militant)
TOLEDO, O., April 9.—Despite instructions from the A. F. of L. to the workers not to participate in the election at the Chevrolet plant in Toledo arranged by the Auto Labor Board, 1,326 men voted for the A. F. of L. and only 508 voted for no affiliation. Only a handful failed to vote at all. Organization sentiment is running high, and the workers are flocking into the Federal union. Action talk is heard everywhere and a strike appears likely in the immediate future.

By ART PREIS
TOLEDO, O., April 9.—Organization of the production and skilled and office workers in the large Toledo plant of the Chevrolet Motor Corp. is proceeding rapidly following two jammed and enthusiastic mass meetings conducted by the Toledo local of the United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Union.

Over 900 workers have attended the meetings and it is expected that all will be signed up in the union by this Saturday. This is one of the most successful attempts which has been made to unionize a plant

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Solidarity Pledged by Cleveland & Detroit

Intervention of Perkin Threatens to Continue the 'National Run Around'

LATEST STRIKE ASPECTS AT A GLANCE
The Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Metal Trades Council have formally pledged their support to the Akron rubber workers' union.
F. J. Dillon, A. F. of L. auto head in Detroit, announces that "in the event of a strike in the Akron rubber factories we are prepared to give support."
"Impartial observers," say press reports, "are practically unanimous that the walkout (in Akron) will be under way before the present week is ended."
Secretary of Labor Perkins has stepped into the Akron situation, conferring with company officials, in hope of averting the strike of rubber workers.

By JACK WILSON

AKRON, April 9.—Akron's 30,000 rubber workers stand poised and ready to strike against the provocative attacks of the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone companies and establish union recognition. Certain outstanding facts this week indicate that the rubber struggle is the most important political event for the working class since the New Deal.

Labor Supports St. Louis Gas Workers Strike

Trick Settlement Rejected -Ladies' Auxiliary Is Organized

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—The strike of gas house workers goes into its second week with ranks firmer than ever, with mounting enthusiasm, and with wider and wider support.

The strike received fresh impetus last Saturday with the endorsement of the St. Louis Central Trades Council, bringing the entire organized labor movement of St. Louis behind the strikers. The decision came after several prominent officials of the C.T.C. visited the offices of the Laclède Co. in an attempt to lay the ground for a settlement. Gosling, head of the company, refused even to interview them.

Labor Movement in Support
The support of the Central Council greatly strengthens the strike, bringing ever wider circles of the labor movement to the aid of the strikers.

The Laclède company, frightened by the success of the daily strike bulletin, has begun a campaign of slander against the union in paid advertisements inserted daily in the capitalist press. The bulletin has answered the company lies as frequently as they appeared, making it embarrassing for the company to continue.

A women's auxiliary, organized last week, which includes the wives, daughters, sweethearts, and sisters of the strikers, is doing fine work in feeding the men, in assuring wider distribution of the bulletin, and in raising money to support the strike.

"Settlement" Rejected
The union unanimously rejected a "settlement" proposed by the Mayor's Committee last week, a settlement which bore all the earmarks of a company lawyer's work. Under its provisions union men could have been fired wholesale for organizing. Not only that but there was no mention of seniority rights, and one of the union's main demands, that the service charge be revoked, was completely neglected.

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The strike is purely defensive in character. Insolent rejection of all A. F. of L. compromises, lay-offs, wage cuts and every other means of antagonizing labor have been used by the rubber barons to provoke a strike.

The National Manufacturer's Association, pushed by Dillon, Read and Company, the Wall St. bankers, is directing this offensive. The 3,000 armed guards, the barbed wire fences, the sand-bank entrenchments—these are the forces of repression which the capitalists are bringing to play.

Major Battle of 1935
The purpose of the industrialists is plain. They want to smash the union completely and show the working class that the dreaded open shop is here to stay. A defeat for the workers in rubber would have nationwide effects. It would mean that the capitalist offensive against the workers was succeeding and the American proletariat was being defeated in its first major combat with capital in 1935.

The issue of the Akron situation is the right to organize. The capitalists want to drown this fundamental right in workers' blood.

Furthermore, the whole future of the American Federation of Labor is involved. Green, having definitely committed himself to a strike, is playing his last card, being pushed by circumstances to such a position. All the A. F. of L. class-collaboration has failed. The capitalists have insisted on class struggle, feeling sure of themselves. Either outright capitulation and ruin in rubber and elsewhere or a fight faces the A. F. of L. and it seems to have chosen to fight. Of course, one or two more maneuvers can be expected. Probably Green will appeal to Roosevelt directly, but it doesn't seem possible that he can control the rank and file, who want to strike.

Sentiment Militant
The rubber workers are rapidly seeing the entire political aspect of the situation. "This will be a minor revolution," is the sentiment of many rank and files.

Coleman C. Claherty, A. F. of L. organizer in rubber, has himself declared that the key to the entire labor situation is in Akron. If the rubber workers win, it spells the doom of the open shop in steel, auto, and other industries. He says the A. F. of L. is concentrating its entire strength behind the Akron workers.

The working class is showing amazing militancy. Flying squadrons, military squads, outlining of strategic spots in the companies' fortresses—for such the factories are—these and other strike weapons are being utilized and will play a prominent role in the battle.

While newspapers and preachers—in particular preachers—cry against the workers, the workers calmly continue to get ready for a stiff battle which can only be described as impending civil war.

The workers' ranks continue to grow. The strike vote proves that. Scabbing will be done only by few misguided workers, if they can get in. It doesn't seem likely that they will.

Of course, the A. F. of L. has promised nationwide support. This promise must be made a reality. Otherwise the struggle of the Akron workers against the entire capitalist structure will be made more difficult.

Nation-wide Strike Against War Stirs Students

On April 12, at 11 A.M., thousands of students throughout the country will go out on strike against war and fascism. The response on Friday will be an indication of the strong anti-war sentiment on the part of the student youth. As a militant anti-war manifestation the strike should receive the support of every student and worker and their organizations. It will be an indication of the disillusionment with capitalism's fake peace promises and the determination not to be cannon fodder for the next imperialist war.

It is unfortunate that such a strong expression of student opinion should be misguided and diverted into channels which will mar the

success and effectiveness of the demonstration. No small measure of the responsibility for this can be laid at the door of the Young Peoples Socialist League and the Young Communist League. Proper guidance and leadership can be given only by the working class through its organizations. The Spartacus Youth League, realizing this necessity, appealed to the Y.P.S.L. and the Y.C.L. for a national united front of political working class youth organizations to give leadership and support to the strike. To date no answer has been received. The strike committee is in the hands of the Socialist S.L.D., the Stalinist N.S.L. and the Methodist Youth Council.

In every school where it has any foothold the S.Y.L., while affirming its support of the strike, has attempted to correct false slogans advanced, has analyzed for the students the nature of imperialist war and has pointed out the only method of ending it—revolutionary struggle against capitalist war. In many instances the slogans raised are purely pacifist and entirely distort the role of the students in the anti-war fight, helping to spread the illusion that the students can conduct their struggle entirely independently of the working class. Where the slogan "Against War" was raised, S.Y.L.ers succeeded in some cases in making "Against Imperialist War" the central issue of

the strike.
In Franklin Lane High School, Brooklyn, where the administration attempted to avert a strike by persuading the students to call it after school hours, we were active in getting the students to agree to walk out at 11. In N.Y.U. members of the S.Y.L. in conjunction with the Student League for Industrial Democracy called an anti-war rally at which they demanded that Prof. Sidney Hook be allowed to speak at the strike mass meeting. This was in protest against the National Student League policy of allowing only people who agreed with their line to speak. In City College of New York members of the S.Y.L. fraction issued leaflets exposing

the pacifist channels into which the local strike committee was leading the strike and calling on the students to avert the danger. In Penn State College the local S. Y. L. branch issued militant leaflets calling for support of the strikers. Lincoln High School S.Y.L.ers have issued the first bulletin which analyzes the war question and calls for support of the strike.
Throughout, though criticizing wrong policies and slogans and attacking all attempts by the organizations in the official united front mechanically to control and dominate the local united front committees, the S.Y.L. has asserted its support of the strike and assisted in the preparation for it.

Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH

"My doctors say I react favorably to the excitement of roulette," says Charles Schwab as he sails for the French Riviera.

MERRY ENGLAND: One half the people jailed in England are incarcerated for non-payment of debts reports Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour.

ECONOMICS: Since 1932 the RFC has spent \$9,000,000,000. Of this \$7,300,000,000 went to the Bankers, Railroads and Industrialists.

LABOR: Thirty-six of the last thirty-seven decisions of the Woman Auto Board have gone against the workers.

CRIME: Al Capone, by dickering with the Government, has succeeded in reducing his income tax \$101,862; from \$322,842 to \$220,980.

SOCIETY NOTES: At least 500 families live in coke ovens near Connellsville, Pa.

Troyanovsky Poses as Doctor for Capitalism

By A. J. MUSTE

It was pointed out in a recent issue of the New Militant that the Communist Party in following out its new "labor party" line was flirting with left liberal congressmen.

This is, however, mild stuff compared to the line which Ambassador Troyanovsky gave the Bond Club of New York in his speech on March 22.

The ambassador of the Workers' State was addressing the gentlemen of the Bond Club on the peace policy of the Soviet Union.

He expressed encouragement over the prospect of "general acceptance" of this definition "among countries interested in the observance of peace"

Physician for Capitalism But "this would be merely a first step on the road to maintaining peace". At last we are to get the Bolshevik doctrine, one opines, especially as the ambassador goes on to assert: "We have to dig to the bottom of contemporary troubles."

When British or German Social Democrats collaborated with "broad-minded business men" for the economic rehabilitation of capitalism in one country instead of using the crisis for the overthrow of capitalism, what did the C. I. say that was?

Socialism can be built in one country, the Soviet Union, according to Stalinist theory, even though the rest of the world remains capitalist.

Thus the Soviet Union through the present leadership of the Communist (Stalinist) International is used not for the overthrow but for the rehabilitation of capitalism, not to build but to emasculate the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries.

Pacifism with a Red Color The policy of the Soviet Union is not a proletarian peace policy—the only true peace policy is that of working class revolution—but a

"One way out of the depression is for the American people to eat a lot," says Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture.

pacifist policy. Pacifism has ever proved and will again prove the road to war, to the ruin of the masses.

If the workers of the Soviet Union, those who made the revolution, knew what was happening they would overthrow this regime. But they do not know.

For some time, Father Divine, who is believed by many to be "God," has been meeting up with stiff competition in Harlem.

Mother Horn and the Elder Divine has the advantage of his two competitors in that it is believed by many that he is "God" and is the creator of both Horn and Michaux.

The Elder is Popular The second competitor of Divine is Elder Michaux. Michaux got his start in Canada, but ended up in New York City.

Left Wing Group Scores Gains In French Socialist Ranks

From the New Leader, organ of the American Socialist Party we copy the following tribute to the activities of the French Trotskyists:

"The Communists having declined to conclude a united front with the Trotskyists (!), the latter have joined the Socialist Party (of France: S.F.I.O.) where they function as a separate group and are conducting energetic propaganda.

In addition to direct mass work the Trotskyists have directed their energies toward influencing the left elements in the S. P. At the last Federal Council of the Seine in February a resolution containing the principle Trotskyist slogans was adopted by a majority.

Influence Rapidly Growing From other sources we have received further information on the activities of the Trotskyists. Their influence in the S.P. has grown rapidly, until almost every militant, in the Seine district at least, is a propagandist for their ideas.

Trotskyist orators advance their slogans (program of action, militia, armament, general strike, etc.) at numerous public meetings.

based on the principles of revolutionary internationalism and workers' democracy depend therefore upon the building of new revolutionary parties in the capitalist countries and a new revolutionary international.

Upon this depends also the liberation of the masses in capitalist countries from unemployment, poverty, Fascism and war.

It is no wonder to us that the C. P. daily subjects the Workers Party to bitter and slanderous attack. That does not disturb us.

and religious theatrical performances have attracted quite a following in Black Harlem. He is somewhat handsome and very popular among the women.

Father Divine in a Jam Why should Father Divine worry about his competitors? He is "God" and can remove any obstacle that gets in his way.

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Confusion Reigns in Ranks As C.P. Veers to Lab Party

By AL DASCH

The Labor Party announcement of Earl Browder's at the Washington Congress for Unemployment Insurance, followed two weeks later by the resolution of the central committee which was merely a re-echoing of Browder's speech, caused some surprise.

Divine's Kingdoms are composed of Black and White male and female angels, but they never indulge in sex life, since in Heaven they have no use for marriage or divorce.

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Question Box

By A. WEAVER

A. W., BRONX— Question: Define the following: Imperialism, chauvinism, opportunism.

Answer: "IMPERIALISM is capitalism at that phase of its development in which the domination of monopolies and finance-capital has established itself; in which the export of capital has acquired very great importance; in which the division of the world among the big international trusts has begun; in which the partition of all the territories of the earth amongst the great capitalist powers has been completed." (Lenin, "Imperialism")

CHAUVINISM is extreme nationalism or patriotism, and is usually spoken of by Marxists in contradistinction, implied at least, to the internationalism of the working class and its political movement. The word, itself, had its origin in a certain individual, Nicholas Chauvin, and ardent admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte, who acquired notoriety through his exaggerated and demonstrative devotion to the emperor and the imperial cause.

OPPORTUNISM, in a general sense, is the attempt to make immediate partial gains, of one form or another, at the expense of the historical interests of the class. The theory of "the partnership of capital and labor" is opportunistic since it tries to reconcile the workers to capitalism in the hope of securing temporary concessions.

Question: What have Marx or Engels to say on the theory of "permanent revolution" as against the theory of "socialism in one country"?

Answer: Marx and Engels did not have occasion to counterpose their INTERNATIONALIST position against any nationalist conceptions in quite this manner, since the theory of "socialism in one country" did not acquire the force in the labor movement it now has, since its introduction by Stalin in 1924.

As an example, in the "Address of the Central Authority to the Communist League", made as early as April, 1850, speaking of the relations of the party of the proletariat to that of the democratic petty bourgeois, they had this to say:

"The democratic petty bourgeois, far from desiring to overturn the whole of society for the revolutionary proletarian, strives for a change in social conditions which will make the existing society as endurable and comfortable as possible for him. . . . But these demands can in no way satisfy the party of the proletariat. While the democratic petty bourgeois wants to bring the revolution to an end as quickly as possible, and with the settlement at most of the above claims, it is our interest and our task TO MAKE THE REVOLUTION PERMANENT, until the proletariat has conquered the state power, and the association of proletarians, NOT ONLY IN ONE COUNTRY BUT IN ALL THE DOMINANT COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, has advanced so far that the competition with the proletariat in these countries has ceased, and at least the decisive productive forces are concentrated in the hands of the proletarians." (Emphasis ours.)

Allentown Gains In Sub Drive

Allentown last week had a score of 5%. This week the score stands at 38% and they are still going strong. This shows what can be done in the drive. Salt Lake City has forged ahead to 30 percent during the week. Cranford has entered the field with 2 subs, a worthy showing for the efforts of one individual.

Minneapolis has piled up a still larger score and promises further increased efforts in the next weeks. Davenport has made another increase in bundle orders.

The big three—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are still far behind. Chicago has promised a better showing in the near future. We are waiting to see it. But there is no excuse for such poor showing on the part of industrial centers of this type. They should be leading the way, since the opportunities for easy distribution are present in such places. We ask the comrades and friends in these sections to get busy at once. Get the subs and send them in—we will do the rest.

A donation was received this week from Comrade S. in Bangor, Pa. We need many more such to keep things going. Send subs and donations NOW to the Business Manager:

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