Down With The War Makers!

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J. P. MORGAN: "REPEAT WAR **PERFORMANCE**"

Another example of how the American boss class, concentrated in the 60 Ruling Families, is trying to drag the American workers into the war, is the recent interview which J. P. Morgan gave, in which he declared it would be "natural" for him to become the American financial agent of the British war government.

In view of the fact that Morgan represents one of the most powerful groups within American capitalism, the alliance of this group with the British government would act as an incentive toward dragging the American people into the war. As Morgan unashamedly declared, after being reminded by reporters that his firm represented the British government in the last war, "It would be natural of them to ask us to repeat our past performance."

Yes, Morgan's past performanrethe performance which dragged the American workers into the war for the purpose of saving the profits of the Morgans and his allies! Yes, Morgan's past performance - death and misery of war!

Now before it is too late-fight the war-makers, the Morgans and his cronies! This is not our war, not the war of the workers and youth! It is the war of the bosses, of the profiteers, of the 60 Famil lies! Down with the war!

A Call to American Youth ROOSEVELT SETS STAGE TO

The rulers of the world have once more unloosed war—the most devastating plague of humanity-upon the peoples of the earth.

Cities are turned into shambles, the countryside into a vast graveyard. The wonderful inventions of science, which could forever free man of poverty, become weapons of death and destruction.

Bridges, roads, buildings, factories, schools, churches libraries, museumsthe fruit of millions and millions of hours of human labor—are wiped out in the hail of bombs from the skies.

Millions of men, who for years begged for work and were not given any, are put into uniforms and sent to murder their fellow-men on the other side of the

Reason, logic, common sense, sanity -are all driven to cover as harmful subversive doctrines.

Madness, delirium, insanity—are enthroned as the philosophy of life.

And covering it all—a flood of lies designed to turn men into wild beasts.

"It's a war to re-unite the Germans," says Hitler who subjects Czechs, Austrians, Slovaks, and Poles to his brutai

"It's a war for for democracy", says Chamberlain as he converts Britain into a military dictatorship.

'It's a war in defense of the Rights of Man", says Daladier as he tightens the chains on the limbs of colonial slaves in French Morocco, Indo-China, and Syria.

"It's a war in defense of small countries", says the Polish Jew-hater, Col. Beck, who helped Hitler divide Czecho-Slovakia and took the Teschen district as Poland's share.

Lies, lies, LIES. . . .

All intended to cover the truth:

This is a war for markets and raw materials, for coal and oil, for gold and wheat, for rubber and manganese.

THIS IS A RICH MAN'S WAR TO COIN GOLD OUT OF THE BLOOD OF THE POOR.

And the American bankers and bosses are already licking their chops in anticipation. They want to begin by selling munitions to Europe to get a share of the bloody profits. Then they will send millions of young American workers and

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SPEED

By PHIL SHERMAN

"I Hate War." That's what President Roosevelt said in his radio speech after the outbreak of the war. Mr. Roosevelt is trying to get everyone to believe that he wants to keep America out of war; he wants us to think that he is fighting for peace.

But, Mr. Roosevelt, that's what Wilson said!

He wants us to believe these things now so that later, when he writes his war message, his stooges can say: "After all, Roosevelt hates war. Surely, if such a lover of peace thinks that we ought to fight Germany, how can anyone object?"

BUT ROOSEVELT IS LYING. HE IS WORKING OVER-TIME IN HIS EFFORTS TO DRAG THE U.S. INTO WAR!

Admiral Beats War Entry Drums

The drum-beating of the stooges of the American bosses for dragging the American workers and farmers into the war was officially opened by a statement of Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling last week with a statement in which he called for the protection of American interests (read: American boss interests) and said that "the one sure way to do that will be to go into testing plane. the war at first."

were the same as the interests of tant part of this complicated world, we should, instead of keeping out of foreign disputes that will affect our prosperity and security, go into them with both feet."

Already the Army and Navy boys are whooping it up for war. They can't even wait a few weeks for the war to start. What do they care if we, the youth of America, will die and starve? They hear their master's voice—the voice of the 60 Ruling Families. And they respond with their war whoops.

On War Board

Stuck away on the back pages of the newspapers of the 60 Families is the information that as soon as America gets into war, the country will be controlled by a small group 1917. But Roosevelt doesn't let a of J. P. Morgan stooges in the best Hitler manner.

President Roosevelt has appointed, in accordance with his M-Day plan which provides for military dictatorship in case of war, a "War Resources Board." This board, admits the chief boss paper, the New

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❖ Proof? Roosevelt is working hand in glove with the British and French war machines. The "New Dealish" New York Post said on August 31: "The Roosevelt administration is adopting a policy of a frank and open collaboration with Great Britain."

And Secretary of State Hull stated on August 30 that he knew what was in the still secret message from Hitler to Great Britain.

Roosevelt's connections with the French Army came to light a few months ago when a French officer was involved in a crash of a U.S.

A certain Col. Sweeney, member Declaring his belief that the in. of the Army Reserve, is organizing terests of the American boss class a volunteer division to fight the Al-"What we did in 1914," he the British and French bosses, the said, "has never been disapproved Admiral continued: "As an impor- and we see no reason why we should not do it again."

> Then there is Rear-Admiral Stirling, who thinks that "the U.S. ought to go to war at first." This brave fellow (who fights from a desk) also thinks that the present Neutrality Act is "ungrateful to Britain and France."

FDR Sets Stage

These gentlemen, Roosevelt and his stooges, are setting the stage. But other things are happening, even more important things.

A few years ago, Congress passed the Johnson Act which said that no loans were to be made to any country which hadn't paid its war debt to the U.S. This was aimed mostly at Britain and France. Now a lot of people thought that this law would help keep America out of war because they knew it was America's (J. P. Morgan's) great financial tie-up with the Allies, which set the hands playing in little thing like a law stop him: he has announced that the government will supply credits for Britain and France for war purchases by using a loop-hole in the law.

What does that mean? It means that Roosevelt is chaining the American people to the Allied war

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Workers Independent Fight For Socialism Way To Stop Hitler

anti-fascist throughout the world cue. stands solidly behind the Polish workers and peasants in their burning, noble desire to refuse to be slaves of Hitlerism.

But how, how! That is the cru cial question. How can Polish work ers and peasants defend themselves against Hitler?

The spokesmen for the "democratic" boss class in all countries, the reformists, liberals, pacifists and "Stalinists - of - yesterday," all the swarm of flag-wavers who led the people into the last World War give the answer in unison.

They tell the workers and peasants of Poland that they can defend themselves against Hitlerism by defending the Polish government, the government of the bosses and landlords, and by depending on the imperialist exploiters of France

Every militant worker, every and England to come to their res-

That answer is a lie and a be trayal! The desire of the Polish govern

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GERMAN WORKERS WILL SHUT HIM UP

Hitler General Forced To Admit Labor Unrest

The fact that the German working class is becoming increasingly discontented with the Hitler regime was strikingly demonstrated shortly before war broke out when Hitler found it necessary to send his chief general, Von Brautschitsch, to placate the workers.

As the New York Times declared, there are "persistent rumours that the German labourer is becoming increasingly outspoken and restless." This army stooge of Hitler was sent, significantly enough, to the Ruhr and Westphalian areas of Germany which are the most highly industrialized of the country. He spoke before the workers of the immense Rein-Metall-Borsig's armament factory and his speech was broadcast to all armament workers in the country.

The speech was a frantic attempt to convince the German workers that the Hitler policy of giving the people guns instead of food was a good one.

The question which is being asked is: Why is the Hitler government so anxious about "its" working class? Does it fear the spectre of working class revolt against the war? This fear of working-class revolt-held by the boss politicians of all countries-is the unknown factor in the world situation today. It Morgan Stooges long delayed the present war. It will now hasten its end.

E. V. DEBS:

"Capitalist Wars for capitalist conquest and capitalist plunder must be fought by the capitalist themselves so far as I am concerned, and upon that question there can be no mis-understanding as to my position.

"I have no country to fight for, my country is the earth; and I am a citizen of the world."

linist Youth Drop Anti-Hitler Slogans

There is nothing at all surprising about the fact that the leaders of the Young Communist International are quick to grasp the implications of the Stalin-Hitler pact and to conduct themselves accordingly. After all, not only the jobs but the very lives of the poor fellows depend upon it. How well they know their jobs is shown by the list of slogans recently issued by the Central Committee of the YCI in preparation for International Youth Day.

As reported in the New York Times of September 5th, the word "fascism" has completely disappeared from the Stalinist vocabulary. Not once does it appear in the list of fifteen slogans.

The call for the "united front against fascism-the deadly enemy of the youth" which was number four on last year's list of slogans has been replaced by the innocuous "greetings to the revolutionary youth in the capitalist countries" (surely they can't mean the various Young Communist Leagues-especially the one in this country).

Last year's slogan number seven which conveyed Bolshevist greetings to the revolutionary proletariat of Germany, the Communist Party of Germany and Ernst Thaelman, imprisoned German Communist leader, is replaced this year by a commendation of the wise foreign policy of the Soviet Union guided by Comrade Stalin. Thaelman apparently is now a forbidden subject in Stalinist circles.

Dmitroff Also Taboo

The fifteenth slogan on last year's list "long live the glorious pilot of the Comintern, the fearless fighter against fascism, Comrade Dimitroff" has vanished completely. It would appear that Dimitroff has too big a reputation as a fearless fighter against fascism. Long ago in 1933, during the Reichstag Fire trial, he stood up in the Leipzig court room and defied the fascists, exposed them, and made a laughing stock of Goering. That was all right in 1933 but Stalin and Goering are buddies now and Dimitroff's virtues of 1933 have been transformed into the vices of 1939. Such are the troubles which befall a Stalinist functionary.

Morgan Stooges On War Board

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Times "will control even the minutae of our daily lives." With characteristic cynicism, the Times labels this plan "a blueprint for dictatorship." This fact, however, does not stop the boss papers from endorsing the plan.

And who are the stuffed shirts who will have the power of life and death over America's youth? Who will tell us what to say and when to say it? Who will tell us how to work and how much to get for

Rogues Gallery

The list reads like a rogues gallery of capitalism. The head of the Board is Edward R. Stettinus, head of U.S. Steel, a well-known Morgan flunkey. Morgan stooge No. 2 is Pratt of General Motors, who also has the distinction of being the head of one of America's 60 families. Among the other stooges of the coupon clippers are Dr. Karl Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is known as a notorious reactionary and Army Chief of Staff Mar-

The Roosevelt government shows in advance that in case of war the country will be ruled by the Morgan and other coupon - clipper stooges. Even before the "war for democracy" starts in America, the government which will conduct it, exposes its own lying propaganda.

An Open Letter to the Members Of the Young Communist League

Dear Comrades:

The war is here. It is the war which Lenin said would be the inevitable result of the robbers' "Peace" of Versailles unless the system of world capitalism was first overthrown by the workingclass revolution.

To you, the rank and file of the Young Communist League, the outbreak of the war should be an occasion for the most serious reflection. How can blind confidence in the leadership of Communist International be possible, today, after the long series of blunders and criminal betrayals that led the workingclass from one defeat to an-

The line of the "third period" of the C.I. brought Hitler to power in Germany. Do you old timers of the YCL remember the line of 1930-34? "No United Front with the Social Democratic leaders." "The Social Fascist leaders of the working class are the main enemy-worse than Hitler." Do you remember the "Red" Referendum in Prussia in 1931 in which the Nazis and Communists united in an attempt to throw out the Social Democratic government of Braun? Do you remember the splits in trade unions brought about by the "dual union line" (T. U. U. L.)?

LINE CHANGES

The line of the "fourth period" brought fascism to power in Spain, broke the back of the militant French workingclass, and sold out the workers of the "democracies" to their "own" capitalist class in the vain search for Collective Security.

Do you remember the slogan of the French People's Front-"Put Daladier in power?" Do you remember the warning given by your leaders in all People's and Democratic Fronts-"Don't antagonize the liberals?" Do you remember where the Spanish C.P. led the workers under the banner of "Don't antagonize Azana and the old army generals?" and "Fight against all revolutionary measures, we must win the support of England and France?" Do you remember how the French C.P. called off the general strike in 1936 because it endangered "national defense?" Do you remember how the Deputies in the French Chamber who were elected on the People Front slate, voted to give Daladier the decree powers to smash the Communist movement? Do you remember the appeal of the French YCL to the new recruits-"Be the best soldiers in the French army-When you serve the Republic you serve your people?" Do you remember that these soldiers were used by Daladier to smash the general strike in 1938?

Do you remember the theory that England and France would unite with the Soviet Union for Collective Security? Do you remember the sad end of this theory at Munich?

Defeat in Germany, defeat in Spain, defeat in France, defeat in China, defeat in Czecho-Slovakia: blunders, crimes, tragedies for the workingclass of every country afflicted with a strong section of the Comintern.

And now comes the latest turn-a "fifth period" -ushered in by the Stalin-Hitler Pact. The leaders of the YCL are not yet sure what the political line will be that flows from it, but they are already endorsing it with both hands. They are not concerned about the political line. They are mercenaries who will carry out any line handed down from Kremlin, no matter where it leads. Only the greater fleshpots of the Roosevelt government could deter them.

WHERE TO, NOW?

But you, rank and file member, have you given thought to the political line you are carrying out today? Have you given thought to where this line will lead?

What is the real meaning of the Hitler-Stalin Pact? Is it a "betrayal" of the anti-fascist front against Germany, as the liberals, the Social Democrats, and all the other People's Fronters of yesterday indignantly denounced it? No, because England and France are not interested in an antifascist front. All they want to do is to protect their empires.

Is the pact bad because it keeps the Soviet Union from going to war against Germany? No, the lives of the Soviet workers and peasants are too valuable to be sacrificed to defend the semifascist, anti-Semitic, military dictatorship of Ridz-Smigly, Col. Beck, and the Polish landowners; their lives are too valuable to be sacrificed to defend the ruling classes of England and France who despise the Soviet Union and are ever ready to stab it in the back.

No, we do not share of the false indignation of yesterday's fellow travelers in every Stalinist People's Front and Collective Security venture.

DOWN WITH THE PACT!

We denounce the Pact, not as a betrayal of Poland, England and France, but as a new betrayal of the world, and above all the workers of

When Stalin signed the Franco-Soviet Pact in 1935 he betrayed workers of France by turning the French Communist Party into a patriotic arm of the French war machine. Stalin deals in workingclasses just as he deals in coal and oil. In re-

turn for a military alliance with a capitalist country, he is willing to sell out the revolutionary struggle of the workingclass of that country.

He sold out the Chinese workers and peasants to Chang Kai-shek. He sold out the French workers to the French imperialists. He sought to win the approval of the Polish militarists by liquidating the Polish Communist Party. He sought to win the support of the English Conservatives by undermining the Labor Party through a People's Front maneuver in England.

What did he offer Hitler in return for the pact? The liquidation of the German Communist Party? Hitler does not fear the C.P. The latter has liquidated itself through its stupid policies. Did he offer to stop subsidies to organizations carrying on illegal work in Germany? No doubt, but this is of little importance, for such subsidies only went to maintain staffs of German Comintern bureaucrats in Switzerland and France.

WHAT THE PACT MEANS

Will Stalin give up all the anti-fascist congresses and agitation which the Comintern led? Most certainly, above all in those countries where such agitation will hinder the work of the Nazi Bunds, as in America. The International Youth Day call of the Young Communist International omits mention of the word fascism. Anti-Nazi movies, among them "Prof. Mamlock," have already been banned in the Soviet Union.

The Pact is a betrayal of the workers of Germany and of the world because it is a crushing moral blow to see the Soviet Union capitulate to Hitler and give up the struggle against fascism. It is a blow, not because Stalin is no longer interested in the fate of England and France, but because the workers now know that Stalin is no longer in the fate of the international working-

The Pact threw the anti-fascists in all countries into confusion and gloom and brought rejoicing and enthusiasm to the pro-fascist forces. Fritz Kuhn, Nazi leader in the United States, declared after the Pact was signed:

"The change to the disadvantage of the Jew which has been going on in Russia since the fall of Litvinoff-Finkelstein has knocked the Jewish-British encirclement plan into a cocked hat, and an alert Germany has called the British bluff." (N.Y. Post, Sept. 8, 1939.)

On the other hand, outraged anti-fascist workers, particularly Jewish workers, attack salesmen of the "Daily Worker" and tear up their papers.

The greatest defense of the Hitler-Stalin Pact was that it would bring peace to Europe. Where is this peace? Only the poor, blinded followers of Browder refuse to recognize that was exists in Europe. Salesmen of the "Daily Worker" sell their paper with the cry, "Read the truth about the so-called war in Europe."

BUT THE WAR IS A FACT.

A serious workers political movement must analyse it and adopt a consistent attitude toward it.

What is the character of the war? Has the Communist International stated what kind of war is going on? The Program of the Comintern says that there are three kinds of wars: imperialist wars, wars for colonial liberation, and wars in defense of the Soviet Union. The workingclass of the world was only to give aid in the latter two kinds.

ROLE OF SOVIET UNION

In 1935, at the signing of the Franco-Soviet Pact, the Comintern declared that a war in which the Soviet Union would find itself allied to a capitalist power would not be an imperialist war for the capitalist ally of the Soviet Union. But, today, even this false and criminal argument does not help because the Soviet Union is neutral. (If the Soviet Union enters the war on Hitler's side, it would become a progressive war for Hitler according to this monstrous theory.)

Is it a war in defense of "democracy?" Tell the colonial slaves of the British Empire that they are fighting to save British democracy. They will think you are mocking them. They have never experienced British "democracy." The Hindus and Moslems of India, the Arabs, the Egyptians, the Ceylonese, the Chinese of Hong-kong, the millions and millions of black, yellow, and brown slaves of British imperialism know nothing about democracy. They only know the whip and

Tell the slaves of the French imperialists they should rally to the defense of democracy. Tell the Moors, the Tunisians, the Syrians, the Indo-Chinese, the Senegalese, tell them to give their lives for French democracy. Tell the French workers who had their general strike broken by martial law under the same Daladier who leads them to slaughter, tell them to defend French democracy.

In what way do the French and English military dictatorships differ from a fascist regime as far as the democratic rights of the people are con-

Is it a war in defense of small countries, of Poland, first of all? Tell the Slovaks to revolt against Hitler because he wants to partition (Continued on page 4)

ARE CANCELLED!

The youth of the world have become cannon fodder in the war for LOST. the protection and extension of imperialist profits. The Second and recruiting - sargeants for the imperialists.

fight of the Fourth International before the masses of this country. NOW IS THE TIME FOR IN-CREASED AGITATION!

In order to adequately carry the message of the Young Peoples Socialist League to wide masses of leaflets. youth, the National Office needs thousands of dollars. Every section counts. WE MUST ACT NOW!

EVERY MEMBER AT HIS of the League should assess themselves. Every member of the THE YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIAL- League, every partisan of the strug-IST LEAGUE IS MOBILIZED IN gle against war, is urged to speed THE STRUGGLE AGAINST WAR! his contribution to the Young Peo-ALL LEAVES OF ABSENCE ples Socialist League, 116 University Place, New York, N. Y.

ACT NOW. TIME CAN NOT BE

Throughout the country our members have just returned from the Third Internationals are playing summer camps where they have retheir expected roles of lackeys and ceived an intensive training. Now is the time to apply our knowledge to our work. During the coming The Socialist Workers Party and period the National Council expects the Young Peoples Socialist League the utmost of SACRIFICE from (4th International) are the only every comrade: sacrifice of time, anti-war forces in the United States. sacrifice of effort, sacrifice of abili-We must now, with more energy ties. All resources at the disposal than ever, put forth the anti-war of the League in its fight against

> All friends and sympathizers are asked to help and to join. Report to the various headquarters to help in the sale of the CHALLENGE and in the distribution of Anti-War

Little time remains. Every day



WAR . . . With the onset of the war the increase in circulation which we set for ourselves to be reached by Sept. 15th becomes a desperate necessity. There is no need to emphasize the seriousness of the situation. We must spread our anti-war program and our name.

INCREASE BUNDLE ORDERS . . All units must immediately communicate with us, stating the increase in bundle orders and the dates on which they are to take efbehind in bundle payments must immediately find means of liquidating their debts

SUBSCRIPTIONS . . . The special gift offers for new CHAL-LENGE subscribers make it simple to acquaint hundreds of American youth with our anti-war slogans. Subscriptions have taken a spurt during the last few weeks, as is in-

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LET'S GO OVER THE HUN-DRED MARK!

These include the special certificates which are paid for in advance. All books of ten gift certificates for \$2.00 are recorded as ten fect. All of the units which are subscriptions in this column immediately upon purchase.

INTO THE STREETS . . . ber approaches. The war is intensified. Our comrades in France and England are already faced with the grim reality of trenches and cannon. For us it is yet a period of agitational warfare. The more intense our efforts, the more certain our success when the show-down comes. Into the anti-war trenches! Over the top with the CHALLENGE OF YOUTH!

The YPSL Anti-War Pledge

We, the assembled young workers and students, declare that the war for world domination between Nazi Germany and the British Empire is not our war.

We pledge to oppose every attempt to add the blood of America's workers and farmers to that of the toilers of Europe and the colonial slaves of world imperialism.

We declare our solidarity with the exploited and bleeding masses of all warring countries and declare our undying enmity to the capitalist rulers of the world who are sending them to the slaughter pits.

We, herewith, inform the ruling class of America that we stand pledged never to support any war the government of the United States may conduct.

We say with Eugene Debs, martyred leader of the American

Socialist movement during the last war: "While I have not a drop of blood to shed for the oppressors

of the working class and the robbers of the poor, the thieves and looters, the brigands and murderers, whose debauched misrule is the crime of the ages, I have a heart-full to shed for their victims when it shall be needed in the war for their liberation.

"I refuse to obey any command to fight from the ruling class, but I will not wait to be commanded to fight for the working class. "In that war I am prepared to fight in any way the ruling class may make it necessary, even to the barricades."

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Sugared Words Hide Boss Greed in War

By JOHN SIMONS

The press of the whole nationthe paid, prostituted, yellow pressis howling in a great chorus the same lies that were used in 1914. Democracy! Liberty!! Freedom!!! Civilization!!!! "The same old stuff." They have called on the youth of Europe. Tomorrow they will call on us, to kill someone we never saw before, to be killed our selves-for what?

They want us to believe that we are fighting a holy war, that we shall bear arms for a sacred cause. But that is a lie: a base and sor did lie.

This war is a war of plunder and exploitation and greed. Like the first, the Second World War is being fought for the protection and extension of markets, of sources of raw materials, of fields for capital investment.

Who the Rulers Are

All of the great capitalist states are ruled by a small group of banker capitalists who control the economies and direct the politics of their respective nations. In France it is the 200 families; in America it is the 60 families. These people are the masters. In America, 6.9% of those gainfully occupied own 67.7% of all income-yielding wealth. The whole vast network of great corporations is at their disposal. J. P. Morgan & Co. alone, in 1929. were directors in corporations with twenty billion dollars' worth of as sets. Their power is far greater than that of any old-time king. Is it any wonder that when they speak, the Chamberlains and Daladiers and Roosevelts listen?

These bankers who rule the country are interested in only one thing: profits. In order to gain greater profits they take the billions they have squeezed out of the American workers and invest it abroad, in Brazil, Peru, Argentina, China, etc. American foreign investments have risen from about two and a half billion in 1914 to approximately 15-17 billion now. During the same period, U. S. gov ernment expenditures for armaments have increased over 200%. Coincidence? No; the American government has always been ready to protect the bankers' profits. And what profits! A recent study showed that the profits which the bankers made on foreign investments abroad were over twice as great as the income on all other types of foreign trade.

Why They Fight

Woodrow Wilson said, in 1919, "This war has been a commercial war." And the Second World War, too, will be a commercial war. To better their chances for profitable investment in foreign countries; to protect and extend their sources of raw materials, their colonies; to keep the old and get new markets for their goods; these are the reasons the bosses go to war. The English capitalists sit astride the backs of 400,000,000 people. They cannot permit the German bosses to challenge this privileged position. That is why they are fighting.

Each day they scream about "na-

IT WON'T TAKE HIM LONG SECOND WORLD WAR 703 SIPEU

RANKS FIRM, COMRADES!

COMRADES!

RANKS FIRM.

The war mongers have won-for the moment. They have hurtled Europe into war for bosses profits. France and Britain, Germany and Poland are already sacrificing the blood of the working-class youth for a war that is not theirs. In a few weeks all Europe will be involved, and then the world. They want to shed our blood

The War mongers in America have begun. They want to drag us into their filthy war. They want the American youth to die for the greed of our bosses.

Our party and our youth organization have fought hard against war. Now we must redouble our efforts; intensify our struggle; mobilize the youth against this war of imperial plunder. It is not our war. Close Ranks, Comrades.

Theer is a line in our League Marching song which says: "We are INVINCIBLE, FIRM and

ance (and the whole) of Latin

It is for this that Roosevelt will

ask us to fight! Not for democracy,

but for profits; not for ideals, but

for plunder and greed! This is

their war! But it is not our war!

the Monroe Doctrine.

UNITED." That is true. Our fists are clenched in the workers' salute. It is a mighty threat to the imperialist masters of the world. It is a salute which summons the workers of the world to fight against the war. We cry out to the youth, to the workers of the world Comrades, Brothers, Workers of England, France, Germany, Poland; Unite with us in a common struggle, not agginst one another on the battlefields of capitalist profits and greed-but united against the war, against the war mongers, against capitalist politicians and their system of hate and misery and war!

DOWN WITH THE WAR!

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF ALL LABOR!

CLOSE RANKS COMRADES. OUR RANKS ARE FIRM!

> NATHAN GOULD, National Secretary, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE (4th International)

tional interests." Whose interests? Yours and mine? Nonsense! They How To Stop Hitler --are sending us out to die.

Roosevelt and the American (Continued from page 1) bosses will ask us to fight for the ment is to uphold the property and American empire. And there is profits of the Polish bosses and last time. one! The Rockefellers and Morgans bankers, to enable them to continue rule a colonial empire with an area their twenty-year old exploitation of of 910,000 square miles with a popu- Polish workers and peasants and "poor little Belgium" the workers lation of 25,000,000; they own finan- the national minorities - Ukraines, cial and disguised political protec- Germans and Jews. What "Democracies" Want torates (semi-colonial) in Mexico. Columbia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecua-

The interests of the British and dor, and Peru with "political and French governments is to protect war: Mussolini, Hitler, insecurity, financial overlordship in the bal- the world-wide plunder of their ca- unemployment, tyranny and now pitalists, to protect their rights, to America through economic power grind down their workers at home, and imperialist rule expressed in and to exact millions in tribute from their colonial slaves. They shoot down Jew and Arab, bomb the villages of India and sweat gold from the negroes in the mines of South Africa.

These interests are diametrically opposed to the interest of the workers and peasants of Poland, and to the interests of workers and peasant's everywhere. The only quarrel Hitler has with the Polish, French and British imperialists is the quarrel over privileges of exploitation and the division of the

The object of the workers and peasants must be to wipe out the whole system of exploitation, whether it is carried on under the banner of Hitler, Ridz-Smigly, Mussolini, Chamberlain, Daledier or Roosevelt.

This object cannot be obtained by supporting one gang of bandits against the other.

They tell us-"Poor little Poland" Poland." . . .

We heard that one before. Only it was "poor little Belgium'

But it was the same lie and the same betrayal. For the sake of of all countries were induced to do the dirty work for British, French and American imperialism.

We see the results of the last

But democracy is at stake.

"Democracy" Becomes Dictatorship

What a monstrous lie. The beginning of the war marked the death of what little democracy there was in France and England. The iron dictatorships of Chamberlain and Daladier now oppress the British and French workers. No freedom of the press, no right to strike, to speak, even to think as one believes. All this in the name of defence of Democracy. Not democracy, but the right of exploitation is the battle between Hitler and the "democratic" nations.

To the workers and peasants of all countries we give this answer: Fight Hitler? Yes, yes! With all your power and strength.

But there is only one way to fight Hitler and Hitlerism: by breaking away from your own oppressors and their state, by uniting firmly and strongly in your own class ranks, by launching your own independent . "Stand by Poland" . . . "Save struggle under your own banners toward your own aims.

Steel is the basic War material. The net profits of the U.S. Steel Corporation shows who profited by the War.

Percentage on Investment Year Amount 1913 107,320,000 97,967,000 5.2 1915 294,026,000 1916 15.6 478,204,000 1917 24.9

France, England Fight for Boss Profit, Not Freedom

Simultaneous with their declara- body of the people, to enter and tions of war against Germany, search premises, to make any ar-France and England have set their rests it "deems expedient", and to propaganda mills to work. The try the cases "if it deems expe-American youth which has little or dient" in secret. These powers no recollection of this side of have force not only in the British capitalist warfare now have the Isles but throughout the entire Emchance to see the machinery in op- pire. Powers even more sweeping eration. The American capitalist also rest in the hands of the Dalapress is careful to point out (in dier government in France. Hitler very small print) that all the news himself has no more power than bulletins from abroad are passed this. by the military censor (whose passion for the truth is well known) but even this grudging warning is fense that these are only "emerunnecessary. The parallel with the gency powers necessary for carrynews bulletins issued during the ing on war hold no water at all. last war is just a little too obvious. Capitalist democracy has been held The changes are of only a minor character.

Instead of "poor little Belgium" we now have "poor little Poland" that the Polish ruling class just recently participated as hungrily as Hitler in the partition of Czechoslovakia).

The Athenia has replaced the Lusitania.

Kaiserism has been replaced by Hitlerism.

For this is a war, you know, of Democracy against Fascism.

"Democracies" Ape Hitler the cloak of "democracy" so necessary to these capitalist fakers, the Chamberlains and the Daladiers, as prepared to shed the blood of milit is today. Without their "democracy" they would be revealed for plunge the world into the chaos of the shameful imperialist bandits that they are. And now that they have gone to war what does their "democracy" consist of but . . . dictatorship. For in the recent days the Chamberlain and Daladie: governments have acquired powers which make their "democracies" in distinguishable from the fascist dictatorship of Hitler.

The Emergency Powers Bill passed by the English Parliament bandits wins the war. Only the deon August 24th gives the Chamberlain government the power to issue ary uprising of the masses can save decrees which shall have the force of laws, to set aside or amend acts of Parliament which supposedly Europe can end the plague is the "democratically" elected before it ends civilization.

What They Fight For

The arguments advanced in deup to us as the ideal system, the one system that works, etc. But what kind of an ideal system is it which is of no use during "emer-(they have forgotten, it seems, gencies"? What kind of a system is it which must be transformed into its exact opposite in times of 'emergency"?

Let us not be fooled. What was true of French and English capitalism in the last war remains true today. They are a set of imperialist robbers. It is not for any humanitarian purpose that they go to war. It is only to defend the loot they won in the last war. To keep At no other time in history was these spoils for themselves, to prevent their falling into the hands of the other robber, Hitler, they are lions of the youth and workers, to destruction, disease, and misery which is capitalist war.

They have taken advantage of the righteous indignation and horror inspired among the masses by the acts of Hitler to drive their peoples into war. By that very act they reveal how little removed from Hitler they actually are

Workers can gain nothing no matter which group of capitalist feat of both sides by a revolutioncivilization.

Only a Socialist United States of Europe can end the plague of war

NEW RECORD IN BULL BY N. Y. A.

In a statement to the press last week, Miss Helen Harris, National said that NYA youth workers have displayed a "very favorable and enthusiastic" reaction to the recently announced increase in their working hours from 44 to 60 hours, without an increase in pay.

Miss Harris said that the extra work which the NYA youth were taking to like ducks to water would prepare them for full-time jobs in the business world in the near fu-

What a phoney and weak-kneed way to pustify the rise in hours. more clearly, on which side he will The NYA boys and girls wet 16 fight. He held up the German liner, hours extra work without another Bremen, so that it would be easier penny in wages . . . and they're for the English to capture it. The 'enthusiastic." Who are you trying to kid, Miss Harris?

And where do you get your bland jobs in the near future? You will cists. pardon us, Miss Harris, if we tell you that though we are hardly experts on the latest feminine styles, you are thinking of getting us "jobs" in the Army!

F. D. R. For War Entry

(Continued from page 1) machine. The Export-Import Bank Youth Administrator of New York, (a U.S. Government agency) will give Britain and France the credit they need to buy war materials here. Thus the big manufacturers and J. P. Morgan, who has already announced that he will be the purchasing agent for England, will stand to lose a lot of money if the Allies lose. And Roosevelt, like Wilson, will fight, or rather, make us fight, to save the bosses' profits. That's his job.

No, Roosevelt doesn't hate war. He doesn't want to keep America out. He is traveling the road to war much more rapidly even than Wilson did. And he sees, much Export - Import Bank announced that it will grant credits only to the Allies. And for years he has been making war-mongering statement that these youth will get speeches against the (foreign) fas-

The German capitalists are an important challenge to the American bosses, particularly in South America. They are preparing to dewe still think you are talking cide the issue on the battlefield. The through your hat. Unless, of course, youth, the unemployed, the workers will suffer and die in that war of the bosses.

Rosa Luxemburg ---

"Militarism in both its forms-as war and as armed peaceis a legitimate child, a logical result of capitalism, which can only be overcome with the destruction of capitalism, and hence whoever honestly desires world peace and liberation from the tremendous burden of armaments must also desire socialism. Only in this way can real Social-Democratic enlightenment and recruiting be carried on in connection with the armaments debate.

"This work, however, will be rendered somewhat difficult and the attitude of the Social-Democrats will become obscure and vacillating, if, by some strange exchange of roles, our party tries on the contrary, to convince the bourgeois state that it can quite well limit armaments and bring about peace and that it can do this from its own standpoint, from that of a capitalist state."

Leipziger Volkszeitung, May 6-8, 1911.

IN HUMAN LIVES:

At the Front: Of the 65,000,000 enrolled in the military forces, in the last war there were:

> Missing 4,000,000 Seriously wounded 6,500,000 Otherwise wounded14,000,000

Karl Liebknecht ---

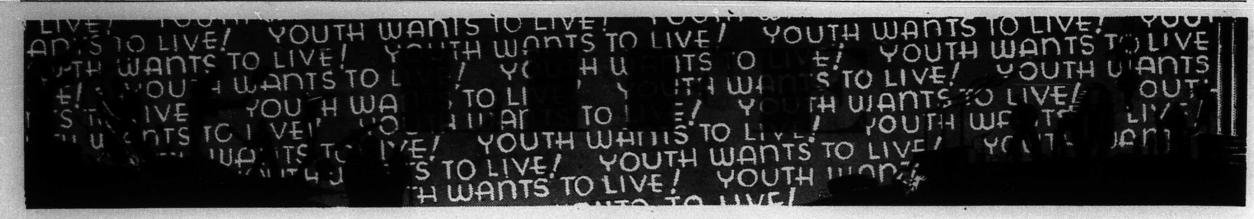
"The enemies of the working class rely upon the forgetfulness of the masses; take heed, their reliance may be groundless!

"They speculate on the forbearance of the masses-but we raise the stormy cry: "How much longer are the imperialist gamblers going to abuse the patience of the people? Enough of butchery! Down with the

war mongers on both sides of the border! "The slaughter of the people must end!

"Proletarians of all countries! Follow the heroic examples of your Italian brothers! Unite for the international class war against the conspiracy of secret diplomacy, against imperialism, against war, for a socialist peace!

"The main enemy is in your own country!" (From leaflets issued when Italy entered the war in 1915, despite opposition of majority of the Socialist Party.)



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Poland. They will tell you that when Hitler partitioned Czecho-Slovakia, the Poles were as greedy as the Germans and Hungarians in marching in to seize a slice (the Teschen district). Or can the British Empire, that prison house of oppressed peoples, speak of self-determination of small nations? Can the defeat of Hitler solve anything? It will only re-draw the frontiers the way the Versailles Treaty did in 1919 and prepare the way for another war.

WAR AGAINST FASCISM?

Is it a war against fascism? Winston Churchill already stated that England is not interested in an "ideological war" and is not a war against Nazism. Is the representative of the Polish antisemitic pogromists, Col. Beck, to ride forth as the foe of fascism? The Polish prisons are full of tortured Communists and Socialists who refused to bow their heads to the military rule of the semi-fascist government of Poland.

The Communist Party does not appear to be quite certain who it wants to "blame for the war," Hitler or Chamberlain. When they speak English, they lay greater stress on Chamberlain. When they speak Jewish, they lay greater stress on Hitler. But if one can make anything out of the vague and obscure ravings of the "Daily Worker" and "Freiheit," it is that the C.P. does not place the sole blame on Hitler but insists that both the "Municheers" and Hitler are to blame." These people have sunk so low that it is inconceivable for them to place the blame where it belongs—on the whole system of capitalism.

We can only conclude that the war on the side on the Allies, is not in the defense of the Soviet Union, not in defense of small nations, not in defense of democracy, not against fascism, not against Hitler "because he caused the war."

What, then, would the logical conclusion be that a Marxist would draw? That this war is no different from the last war; that it is an imperialist struggle for world domination between German imperialism and the British Empire; that the workers have nothing to gain from the victory of either side and must work for the defeat of ALL imperialist governments through the instrument of the proletarian revolution.

Many members of the Young Communist League believe that this is the position of the Communist International on the war. They defend the Hitler-Stalin Pact and Soviet neutrality by calling it an imperialist war.

SOME QUESTIONS ASKED

If this is true, why do the English and French Communist Parties vote for war credits and call upon the workers to enlist in the armies?

If this is true, why does the American Communist Party favor the lifting of the embargo and material support to the Allies?

Is it not a preposterous contradiction when Browder, the secretary of the American Communist Party, demands that the United States give material Support to England and France, while Stalin, the secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, gives material support to Germany?

Every new turn in the "Party line" came as a stunning blow to the membership. But there was always the "explanation" and the rationalization that led to the acceptance of the new line.

But it is not easy to rationalize the Stalin-Hitler Pact and its aftermath. Hundreds of your comrades have already broken with the YCL. Thousands more will break when Stalin comes to a complete agreement on military co-operation with Hitler and an understanding with Japan.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Many of these are American patriots who never seriously believed in Socialism, except to think that the New Deal was a socialistic experiment. They are leaving the pro-Roosevelt Stalinist movement to be real Democrats, unfettered by an embarrassing name like "Communist."

But, if you are an average YCLer, you joined the YCL, not because you were satisfied that nothing could be done about unemployment, poverty, and war beyond the measures of the Roosevelt government. You joined the YCL because you thought this was the movement that would free the workingclass and humanity from the curses of capitalism.

There is no need to give up hope because the Communist International lies in ruins. The courageous youth of the dishonored Second International answered Lenin's call in 1914 and founded the movement that gave birth to the Communist International. Comrades of the YCL, the youth of the Fourth International stretch out their hand in fraternal welcome to those of you who seek the revolutionary path.

TWO GREAT LIBERALS





The Fight Against Boss War Is A Fight for Right to Live

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farmers to die to make sure the bills are paid.

But above all, the American imperialists want to emerge from the war as the rulers of the earth. Until now they shared this position with Great Britain. It is the aim of the Sixty Families who rule America to win the war for Great Britain and make of the British Empire a vassal of Wall Street, just as France became a vassal of Great Britain after the last war.

The man who is to put over the job for them is the smiling, honey-voiced faker in the White House—President Roosevelt.

Don't let his voice and smile divert your eyes from his hands. Watch those slippery fingers! Never mind what he says. Keep your eye on what he does.

"May God help us to stay neutral", says the magician. But he is already pulling the strings to lift the embargo and sell munitions to England and France.

"I hate war", says the magician. But he places the country in a "state of emergency" that is designed to whip up a war hysteria.

"We can and will stay out", says the magician. But up his sleeve he has a card that is marked, "militarization of the United States in preparation for entering the war."

Youth of America! If we want to save our lives, if we want to learn to handle tools instead of guns, if we want jobs at useful occupations instead of mass murder of our brothers of other countries, WE MUST FIGHT THE PLANS OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TO DRAG US INTO WAR.

We cannot bring freedom to the German youth at the point of the bayonet if we have not yet been able to free our own country-from the rule of Wall Street and make it a decent place in which to live.

THE MAIN ENEMY IS THE CAPI-TALIST CLASS OF OUR OWN COUN-TRY!

DOWN WITH THE ROOSEVELT-WALL STREET SCHEME TO DRAG US INTO WAR!

TRIES JOIN HANDS AGAINST INTER-NATIONAL CAPITALISMI

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTER-NATIONAL OF YOUTH!

(Fourth International)

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

National Council,
Young Peoples Socialist League



SOCIALISM AND WAR, by G. Zinoviev and V. I. Lenin. Published by International Publishers. (Out of print.)

It is a thrilling experience to read once again this magnificent political masterpiece of Lenin and Zinoviev. Today, when the 2nd World War has broken out, all young workers and students should read this pamphlet to understand why wars exist under capitalism and how to fight them. Like a rich wine, this pamphlet has become finer with age and every lesson which it taught about the First World War applies doubly to the Second.

No wonder that the Stalinists who published this pamphlet no longer sell it. For it is a tremendous refutation of their present pro-war position. Every "argument" that Stalinism advances about "supporting democracy in the war" is smashed to bits by Lenin.

LENIN STOOD FIRM

"Socialism and War" was written at a period when, like the present, the revolutionary movement was on the defensive, when it seemed that the triumph of the bosses and their agents in the labor movement was complete. But Lenin, and the small group of revolutionary Socialists around him, continued to tell the workers that this was not their war, that this was a war for the bosses' profits.

With devastating logic, this pamphlet takes up the cries of the "social patriots"—those former Socialists who supported "their" governments in the imperialist war—and puts forward the revolutionary position. Lenin shows how it is not a war of defense on the part of the Allies, but a war between two gangs of imperialist robbers, and therefore neither side is deserving of the workers' support.

AGAINST SOCIAL-PATRIOTS

And for that reason, Lenin directs his attacks against those "Socialists" who, both in Germany and France, supported "their" governments. The German Socialists said they supported the war to fight for freedom; and the French Socialists said the same thing. But Lenin answered that the only way to fight for freedom was to oppose the whole war, and every participant in it, and to fight for Socialism. That was his answer to the Social-Democrats yesterday; and that is our answer to their Stalinist brothers today.

This is a pamphlet to be read and studied. It was one of the initiators of the revolutionary movements that swept Europe after the last war. And it will again serve that purpose in the hands of the Fourth International, which will, like Lenin, continue to repeat: Down With the Bosses' War!

Lou Cooper Says--

I was around one of these small Mass. towns the night after the war started. Framingham is one of those places where you definitely can't get a beer if you're under 18, and big, broadshouldered country youth who to the city slicker's eyes look like men of 23-24, but whom the bartender's know since birth, can't get any further than a vanilla soda.

But tonite was different. Tony, the bartender, was letting all the boys in. This seemingly faraway war was having its moral repercussion here.

There's no better place for discussion of the war than at the bar and Tony had enough good democratic sense to know that the boys who would be called to the colors first had a right to be in on the discussion.

Tony has shown you the way, Mr. Roosevelt. Don't you think that the boys whom you're planning to send over to get bumped off for Wall Street should have some say about it? How about letting US vote on the question?