

DETROIT - The attempt to unifying your ranks against the impendng

all lands make this May Day a step towards blood baths, for war and destruction.

In foreign lands the oppressed working

defeated by the militant action of the proletariat is invincible. these utility workers. Faced with the prospect of having their gains taken away from then by the power magnates the power house workers of Consumers took constrike. They went one step ahead of the sit down tactic by coninuing to operate the

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cut the wages and destroy the imperialist war, and for the class war Union of 6,000 Consumers Power against capitalism. Under the Banner of Workers in Michigan has been the class struggle the organized might of

May Day 1938 finds capitalism from one end of the globe to the other floundering on the rocks. The so-called recession in th U.S. is the sharpest crisis in American trol of the property of the com- history, more evere even than the 1929 pany and declared they were on crisis. To the millions already unmeployed and half-starving, have been added plants millions more, doomed forever under the profit system to a slow starvation. Ominously overshadowing the whole is the mad

drive of American Imperialism towards war.

BOSS METHODS

The cynical and hypocritical answer of capitalism to all this misery and oppression, consists of adding billions to the war budget plowing under more wheat and foodstuffs, cutting the relief and WPA budgets for the class as a whole.

While the millions starve, their "Friend" in the White House draws up plans to "plow under" and produce less. While millions are looking for the things of life, for food and shelter, the "Smiling Pres-

class, the peasantry and colonial peoples are faring even worse. Disarmed and drugged by their reformist leaderships the ment should pay the oil companies working class of the world a is unable to only the original investment minus effectively fight the advancing tide of fascism that sweeps through the world. Hitler's butchers are mopping up in Cardenas uses this as a bid to Austria. Thousands more are condemned to death and brutality in his concentration camps. The fascist Franco is sweeping before him all vestige of the democratic rights won by the proletariat through the class struggle, is mowing down thousands of workers who, trapped by the lies and hypocricy of the Spanish Roosevelts, Lewis, Browders and Thomases, are heroically fighting against overwhelming odds.

From one end of Europe to the other the social barrel is filled with dynamite. Italian fascism, on the brink of bankruptcy, faces new mass struggles in the near linist supporters are attempting future. British workers are being regimented for the desperate re-armament of British Imperialism. The French Proletariat, faces a revolutionary situation in the near future, as the Blums and Cachins be- Spanish Workers tray at every step their servitude to French

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U. S. forces supporting h The Roosevelt viewpoint expressed by those close to the president is that the Mexican goverdepreciation. On this basis the American and British oil companies are placed on different levels. scale down values. Standard oil has invested very little in Mexican property in the last decade; the improvement on its original investment is therefore s m a l l. British companies, however, have (Continued on page 3)

its fight against Cardenas and the

FUNDS FOR SPAIN

News from Spain reveal that the Fascist push toward Catalonia has placed the revolutionists in a most precarious position. The bourgeois loyalists and their Stato place the proletarian revolutionists in a trap. Funds are urgently needed for Comrade Negrette and others whom he is working with. Send contributions to help the

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Fighting Worker

«Organized **Capitalism**»

consolidation of many bureaus ident, shows how deep is the fermet in the capitalist ranks.

Those who opposed the bill, like ganizational report. Father Coughlin, Hearst, Knox, to more burocracy in principle. Hearst is one of the supporters of perialism. Hitler centralization, and Coughlin is a semifascist in the U.S.

The oppositon was over WHO shall do the re-organizing, who dominate the patronage shall system. It is significant that there no opposition to Secretary Hull's war policy, his denunciation of the pacifists who are preparing a "naval frontier", and his clearcut policy of sending the navy out to all parts of the world to protect American capital.

TOWARDS "ORGANIZED CAPITALISM"

The rumored 4 billion in pump priming planned by Roosevelt. direct loans to the states and municipalities without any interest, and loans through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to industry, despite opposition will in one form or another probably pas

The defeat of Roosevelt's reorganization plans are only temporary. The general trend of American capitalism is toward greater centralization and "organized" capitalism. The economic condition of the U.S. makes steps in that direction imminent.

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For Class Struggle May Day Demonstration

The battle cry of May Day on this Anniversary of the Haymarket martvrs, has been twisted into a pink tea fiesta by the Stalinists and Socialists.

The 1938 demonstrations throughout the country are drumbeating processions for American imperialism in the next war. The battle cry of the reformists, "Collective Security." etc. is the battle cry of the Roosevelt capitalists AGAINST the working class.

DON'T SUPPORT SOCIAL PATRIOTS

It is impossible for revolution- arch foe, the British empire. arv workers to support the May Day demonstrations of the reformists this year. They are outright patriotic. speial such as last year's, were class collaboration throughout. This is bosses' war plans. would be to give a left cover to ing class behind Wall Street's war | places. drive.

League Holds 4th Plenum

Gets Setback completed a full agenda, covering members who could not attend Role of American Imperialism, Philadelphia, Columbus' and The defeat of Roosevelt's reor- Internal Aspects of American imganization bill, which provided for perialism, Trade Union and Unemployment Report, the Draft and increased power to the Pres- Program of the RWL, Spain, Or- with the aim of completing the Press, ganizational Principles, League Perspectives, and the or-

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The plenum determined to the Republicans and Democratic launch an intensive three months anti-New Dealers, are not opposed anti-war campaign against the war plans of American Im-

BROAD RESPONSE

The 4th Plenum (meeting offrom Detroit, Cleveland, New represent real progress. The the Central Committee) of the York, Washington. Central Com-RWL, held in Chicago April 1-2-3, mittee and Control Commission a keynote for the coming period. Springfield.

Arrangments to speed up work on the draft program were pressed naries in the early summer. document before the next plenum struggle with the Stamm group meeting

PROGRESS ON PRESS March and April issues of Fighting Worker, the preparations Central Committee members series of popular pamphlets, RWL program and its 4th plenum and leading comrades came in printed leaflets and posters, decisions.

hearty response of the plenum was

Further steps to advance the the War Situation, International sent messages of solidarity from League were the consideration and decisions in regard to field work and colonizers, and to hold a twoweek training course for functio-

> The plenum also terminated the whose revisionist positions on fundamental questions and refusal The appearance of the 4 page to abide by democratic centralism the have led them outside the Marxist

The plenum took the first steps for the May Day issue and for the toward establishing a new collecregular publication of the Fight- tive leadership upon the basis of ing Worker as a 4 pager, plus a full political agreement with the

Manifesto Day May

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imperialism, raise prices, inflate, put over the capitalist rearmament plans - all in the name of Marx and Lenin.

In Asia, a weak Japan, plows steadily into China, slaughters its people, and replaces American and British imperialism as the foremost enslaver of the Chinese proletariat and peasantry.

The working class will answer these attacks.

Weakened by economic "recessions" faced with a rapidly receding market, fearful of the rising wrath of the proletariaz, world imperialism snatches to the last straw, IMPERIALIST WAR, in order to save itself from the inevitable REVOLU-TION of the working class. The skirmishes in Ethiopia and Austria, in Bolivia and China; the hypocritical diplomatic manouvers of the "democratic" U.S. or the "fascist" Germany, have as their aim only one end - a new world war forthe redivision of the earth.

U. S. WAR PREPERATIONS

The most powerful nations are able to mask their war moves more subtly than the weak fascist powers. American imperialism, still possessing enormous power and resources, prepares for war under the cloak of "peace". But here in this country lies the biggest war monster of all, the most thirsty imperialist in the world. For American imperialism to exist must re-or-

stalinists and socialists, as one man jumped the bandwaggon of capitalism when the strikes and "recession" threatend its very existence. The sit-down strike and "quickie" were entirely given up, strikes forbidden, and pledges of "faith" and aid given to the "democratic" Roosevelt.

Within the ranks of Labor these agents support the war moves of American Imperialism. The stalinists, the biggest "working class" Party in the U. S. re-echo Roosevelt's war program, like Moscow parrots, hail his war moves in the Phillipines and South America, pledge to support the "good" imperialism, America in its wars. The Labor Party, Socialist Party, AFL, CIO, WAA, stand fundamentally on the same program.

The centrist Trotskyites and Lovestoneites, carening around like drunken acrobats, in one degree or the other support these agents of American Capitalism.

CLASS ACTION NEEDED

The illusion of peace under capitalism is fraud and deception. The Profit system can breed only misery, unemployment, starvation and imperialists war. Peace, Freedom and Bread can be gained only by a determined working class struggle against capitalism.

Under the domination of the stalinists the first Workers State, the Soviet Union, is threatend with destruction. The Stalin burocracy has betrayed the Dictatorship of the Proletariat to the imperialists, is ganize the world, must conquer it from its liquidating the remants of the October governments to end the farce of Revolution reintroducing private property, non-intervention!" Even the past and fights against any extension of that revolution anywhere else. Workers of the world rescue the Soviet Union from this band of traitors. Build a new Communist Party in the Soviet Unon. Extend the October Revolution.

TRADE UNION NOTES

MAY 1, 1938

SUBSIDY ASKED BY R. R. UNION CZAR

The unanimity of George Harrison, Railroad Workers czar. and the rail owners in asking for subsidies from the government, not for the workers, if you please, but for the Companies, is touching indeed. Railroad workers face large pay cuts and lay offs and the answer of their "leader" is to get government money for their expleiters. Where labor fakers of the Harrison, Martin, Lewis, Frey types can bamboozle their member hips into servile submission they throw off their fancy pro-labor phrases and show their real faces, the humble tools of capitalism.

STALINIST SUPPORT "KELLY-NASH"

The Chicago stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance is carrying through a "Moscow purge" in its Those who oppose the ranks. capitulatory scheme of the leadership to gain relief by humbly begging for a capitalist Special Legislature to take up the question, are being cut out of the organization without ceremony. Class struggle politics is forbidden in this unemployed organization, but the support of Kelly-Nash political machine is tolerated and in some cases considered a virtue.

In Local 24 of the Office Workers Union in Chicago the stalinists are giving the flimsy excuse for trying to get rid of a progressive organizer, that there's not enough money around. But in Local 26 of the Workers Alliance they put the Local in the red for a big meeting of stalinist speakers, few of whom even spoke on the problems of the unemployed.

An archists Endorse **Reformist Actions**

BLACK INTERNATIONAL

In spitte of all the tailending and capitulation of the CNT in Spain, it is still receiving the support of the "Black" or "First" International (anarchist) movement. This support was expressed at their special Paris conference last December which endorsed the entry of the CNT into the government, its support of the People's Front, the liquidation of the "Anti-Fascist Militias", the betrayal in the May Days, etc. The conference even "resolved to ex-ert pressure on the "democratic"

Wherever possible the RWL will organize independent united forces on a minimum class struggle basis, or will hold 'outdoor meetings by itself, as well as

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The Main Enemy Is At Home

EXPLOITERS AGENTS

For the most part dormant, rising Previous ones, only on a few occasions, the working class of the world has been tied in the last year the first one, however, which more firmly to the bourgeois wagon. Its comes out four square for the towering strength has been kept muzzled To support it by the 2nd and 3rd Internatonals, with the the attempts to line up the work- aid of the centrists of all shades in all

In the United States our big task is to organize the organized into industrial front demonstrations with other unions with a class struggle policy.

The rising tide of strikes in the U.S., the strikes in Little Steel, on the docks in as indoor meetings in the evening. the west coast, and dozens of others ended either in complete defeat or only minor concessions. Brutal American "democracy' showed how "democratic" the capitalist ist Paty to help guide the whole people dictatorship is. Eleven workers were massacred in the city of Chicago during the Steel Strike. More were murdered, arrested, framed, and beaten in other places and other sections.

> But the main job of intimidating the working class of keeping them in check. Workers League and its youth Section, the fell to the capitalist agents WITHIN the Young Workers League. Down with

UNITE AND FIGHT

Workers and Oppressed of America, white and black, colonial and native, raise your hand this May Day in giant protest against the whole rotten capitalist system. Let your shouts and slogans spread terror in the hearts of capitalism, remind it that the proletariat intends to seize power, to wrest a life of peace and contentment from the oppression of capitalism.

Now as never before erect your Martowards the Workers Society. The 2nd and 3rd Internationals and the centrists have and are betraying you. Your salvation lies only in the building of a New, 4th Communist Internatonal.

Join, Build, support the Revolutionary ranks of labor. The Lewis' and Greens, the | capitalism. Long Live the Workers State.

two months of terrible defeats seem to have taught the anarchists nothing.

In action anarchism becomes reformism. It can not serve the workers' interest.

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Utility Workers New Tactic Gains Victory

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without the control of the capitalists. The workers themselves took steps toward the workers control of production.

The seizure of the plants aroused the fury of the capitalist class. Vigilantes were organized. Governce Murphy, New Deal supporter denounced the "strike" as a threat to private property. He called a conference of Union representamethod of conducting a strike STRUGGLE. resulted in a renewal of the 4 month agreement and the warding off of wage cuts.

STRIKE - BREAKERS AT WORK

In the next sixty days the workunion, and the AFL outfit, will have free competition in their attempt to destroy the Union.

Committee, a CIO affiliate. During the strike the AFL sided with Murphy and the employers. F. M. Harris of the AFL Union threatened to shut down 9 power plants in

WORKERS CONTROL

tactic developed strates the aim of the working In this period of the decay class. of the capitalist system it becomes must be the workers own control of production. The Capitalist etc., must be swept away and United Front in this struggle. use and not for profit.

In the Immediate future the Consumers workers must co-Workers Defense Corps. The their strike breaking leaders.

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Smash Exploiters' War Plans

DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST WAR PLANS

Hitler push in the Balkans reveals the riat can successfully defend and save the feverish preparations of the imperialists Soviet Union. for the coming war and redivision of the earth. In this mad race of armaments the United States leads while it talks of peace. of reformist traps. Pacifism, which in The United States is heading rapidly words is against ALL wars (especially the toward war.

preparations and the imperialist war to go rejected. Likewise all talk for : "collective conference of Union representa-tives and employers, but was un-able to smash the strike. The new against the imperialist wars by the CLASS "isolation", etc., are the best smokecreens

CAPITALISM AND WAR

perialists wars are inevitable. They are as pitalism-for class peace. The workers are inevitable as depressions, misery and for class struggle. When war breaks out poverty under capitalism. When the Amer- we fight to stop it. We fight for peace, by National Labor Relations Board ican capitalists declare war the working working for the overthrow of capitalism. election in which a company class must struggle to turn the imperialist But peace can only be achieved in a classwar into a civil war by working for the less communist society. defeat of its "own" imperialist army, by The workers are organized in revolutionary class action, even if this the Utility Workers Organizing momentarily means the "victory" of the the democratic exploiters against the fas-"enemy" army.

CLASS ACTION.

The workers through their organiza-Western Michigan if an agree-met was reached with the UWOC. tions, must form united fronts for joint action againt war preparations on concrete This strike - and the new issues. This does not mean the establishclearly illu- ment of a permanent "united front" to "fight against War". Such an instrument would become a negation of the united increasingly clear that first in the front and would be an instrument for demands of the working class reformists. Only the revolutionary Marxian party can lead the stuggle against im-Government-Roosevelt, Murphy; perialist war. It utilizes the Leninist

that will organize production for THE PEOPLES FRONT, FASCISM, AND WAR.

The Stalinist Peoples Front policy has ordinate their efforts with the or- proven bankrupt in stopping the onmarch ganized workers in the towns to of Fascism and war. In fact it has helped unemployed and farmers in the pave the way for Fascist gains in Spain surrounding territory. Against the and the Balkans. That is because the a r m e d vigilantes and Black Peoples Front is an instrument by which Legionaires they must create a the reformists subordinate the proletariat Ludlow ammendment is false and in no breathing spell will only prepare a to the "democratic" bourgeois in its fight better opportunity for Murphy to against the open reactionary bourgeoisie. use the National Guard. They Fascism can be destroyed only by overconnections with the AFL workers throwing capitalism. Because Fascism is in other power plants in spite of only an acute stage of capitalism when of Japan it plays into the hands of the economic decay and the danger of the protetariat revolution forces the exploiters to save their system by these methods.

labor agents in our union ranks, the reformists policies, and sell-outs. Stalinism cannot successfully defend the Soviet Union. The war in Spain and China and the Only a new Marxian party and the proleta-

REFORMIST SOLUTIONS

The workers must not become victims class war) but in reality helps prepare the The workers must not permit the war ground for the imperialist war must be terests from the field. to cover up war preparations.

The workers want "peace". But the As long as capitalism exists im- workers are not for "peace" under ca-

FASCISM AND DEMOCRACY

The reformists talk about supporting denas' policy. It was dedicated not demogratic exploiters against the fascist exploiters is another way of preparing the danger of either Communism for imperialist war and is social-patriotism. We are opposed to the support of any and all capitalists nations no matter what they claim the war is for. It must be kept and to support the capitalist state in mind that every STATE is a dicatorship (against the oppressed classes) and serves out democary to its own class. Today we Latin America, in their INDEhave the capitalist dictatorship against the workers. We must replace this with our dictatorship against the exploiters. A Workers State that will insure genuine workers democracy in the broadest sense.

AGAINST PACIFIST BILLS

The illusion that war can be prevented, checked, or exposed through a referendum is pacifist and anti-working class. The exploiters and war mongers cannot be effectively exposed by asking for a referendum on war. Imperialist wars can only be exposed and fought against on the basis of a class line. To transfer the war struggle to the parliamentary sphere as does the way serves the working class ends.

To attempt to establish a permanent boycott against the "bad" capitalists is of no value to check the agressors. In the case American imperialists. The main struggle against capitalism and war is not on the Imperialist realignments and the field of commodity consumption - but on the field of production. To use boycott as an auxilary weapon, as a limited concrete warped Workers State, a dictatorship of action within the framework of a class "boycott".

Mexico **Expropriates Oil** Companies

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completed their holdings with all modern improvements

Britain is in no position to take action alone against Mexico.' America does not move on parallel lines Britain will lose heavily. With the new silver restrictions America will get what she wants and most likely drive British in-

Unlike the Trotskyites and others, we do not support the Mexican government in its expropriation. Cardenas is a puppet of a group of American imperialists against the Calles group.of American imperialists and the British imperialists. He gains his support from the rising national bourgeoisie and the workers and peasant bloc he controls through his "reforms".

TRY TO STOP REVOLUTION

America's former purchase of silver at a rate higher than the market value was a flat present of millions a year in support of Carof a SOCIAL REVOLUTION and or an unfriendly military dictatorship if the present set-up falls.

To welcome expropriation of "our" imperialists in any country of that country are two different things. We support the workers and peasants of Mexico a n d PENDENT CLASS ACTION. Parallel action and united front action with the forces "fighting" against imperialism can only be effected on the basis of a line for independent working class action and no support to the State. To support Cardenas and his government is to support capitalism. To fight imperialism means to fight its puppets like Cardenas, as well.

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REFORMIST AND CENTRISTS

The Stalinists as well as the right wing will lead toward socialism and to extend socialists present an open social-patriot position on imperialist war, against the position of Lenin. The "left" wing socialists

The best way to accomplish this is first present a centrist position in some cases on of all work for the overthrow of our own war, useing radical phrases and conserveto defend the tive, reformist actions.

Likewise the Trotskyite socialists have Soviet Union against its imperialists enemies and its agents within the Soviet a centrist position on war. For example, Union. This calls for the conditional de- Trotsky speaks of a war between Germany fense of the Soviet Union in war. In the im- and France stating he would apply deperialist country the workers fight to de- featism in Germany and political criticism feat their own exploiters. In the Soviet in France. In Spain the Trotskyites sup-Union they fight to defend the warped port the Peoples Front State by demanding workers republic against the imperialists material aid to the Peoples Front. In China and their agents within. This calls for a they trail along with the Koumingtang four or more. fight on two fronts, similar to the struggle with "left" criticism.

Against the capitalists and their in a strike when, in order to win the workers must fight against the bosses and their agents the workers must present a clear class struggle position

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For A COMMUNIST SOCIETY

The victorious working class must establish their own Workers State based on workers councils. It will be a dictatorship against the former exploiters. It will insure genuine workers democracy for the former exploited majority. The working class will replace the profit system with production for use. It will reor ganize production and take rapid steps toward socialism With the development of socialism; with the disa ppearance of classes the state will wither awayand there will exist classless Communist Society.

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