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STALIN GIVES HITLER GO-AHEAD SIGNAL!

To Fight Against Imperialist War

International War Crisis Spurs National Campaign of S.W.P. for a People's Vote on War as an Answer to the War-Makers

By HAL DRAPER

SINCE 1914" headlines the New ously competing with us for the York Times. It is referring to possession of that dangerous the immediate prospect of war. Our Party has a modest qual-

There is a THIRD power in WAR! the world-the revolutionary The Anti-War Party presents working class. Its voice is weak an Anti-War Budget of \$10,000. How, but IT WILL BE HEARD That is one-two-hundred-thou--as it was in 1917 and 1918 sandth of the last Roosevelt when it spoke out with the mil- pro-war budget. Your money's lion-tongued voice of the worth for this sum is the buildmasses and changed the course ing of a fighting force such as of world history.

That is why our Party anticipated the present war crisis by launching a National Anti-War of the rulers, the Anti-War Par-Campaign on August 1. That is ty calls for a mass campaign why our recent National Con- around the slogan "LET THE vention took as its key-note the PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR" struggle against war. As the Rally the masses, who want war-makers mobilize their ar- peace, against the behind-themies, so we must mobilize ours. scenes maneuvers of the boss Our Party is the Anti-War

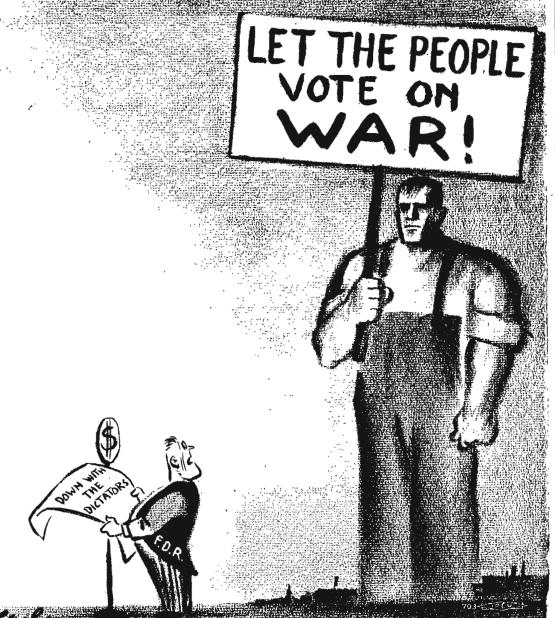
Party. We say that not as a Secretary Campaign Committee boast but as the statement of a "OUTLOOK BLACKEST responsibility. No one is seri-

To the worker who reads the ification to make. The outlook newspaper headlines with growfor the future cannot be reck- ing dismay and fear, we say: oned only in terms of the jock- HERE IS YOUR PLACE IF cying of the two imperialist al- YOU WANT TO ENLIST IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST

> did NOT exist in 1914 -AGAINST WAR.

In answer to the war moves (Continued on Page 2)

Enlist in the SWP Democracy Begins at Home, Mr. Roosevelt! Hitler-Stalin Alliance Which



N. Y. Anti-Fascist Protest Sends Coughlinites Scurrying for Cover

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Rochester		20.00	80.00
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St. Paul	200.00	46.00	46.00
Newark	350.00	68.50	39.14
Flint		3.00	33.33
Cleveland		30.00	30.00
Boston		54.00	27.00
Gardner-Fitchburg	4= 00	2.00	26.66
Kansas	15.00	1.50	20.00
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Indianapolis	40.00	00.00	.00
Lexington	400.00	00.00	.00
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Louisville		00.00	.00
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New Haven		00.00	.00
Omaha		00.00	.00
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Pittsburgh		00.00	.00
Plentywood Portland		00.00	.00
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Ridgefield			.00
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San Francisco			.00
Seattle		00.00	
South Bend		00.00	.00
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Toledo		00.00	.00
Washington		00.00	.00
Woonsocket	5.00	00.00	.00

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Worcester

Youngstown

Yellow Springs

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WPA Measured In Human Lives

The WPA rolls in New York City reached an alltime low today of 105,000.

This is not only the lowest figure since the start of the WPA program in 1935, but the lowest figure since the piddling CWA works program of 1933.

36,000 WPA workers have been laid off in New York City in the last weeks. 39,000 more are to go.

16,000 AFL mechanics who have been out on strike have been dismissed. What do these statistics

mean in terms of human "The postman delivered a WPA pink slip to 44 Brad-

hurst Avenue Saturday morning. "It was for Mrs. Lautie Smith, forty-five, a Negro who took one look at it, realized that she had lost her work-relief job, then took a revolver out of a drawer and

killed herself."

S.W.P. Holds Union Square Meeting Despite **Drenching Downpour—Retreat of Fascists** Seen as Demoralizing Effect on Ranks

By JOSEPH HANSEN

succeeded last week in answer- ocation! which sent the Coughlinite Frank, organizer of Local New Christian Mobilizers, the Nazi York took the speakers' stand Bundists, the Silver Shirts, and Saturday, August 19, at 4:30 scurrying for cover.

rade. And then Father Cough-speakers. We are therefore of Poland. lin himself, by long distance postponing our demonstration."

through the ranks of the labor in nearby basements and park- tlement, appears to be matermovement. This is the way to (Continued on Page 3)

conquer fascism-by militant

The anti-fascists of New York action in answer to every proving the fascist threat to march | Meeting in a drenching down-August 19 on Union Square pour which had begun early in with a mighty roar of protest the morning. Edward R.

other assorted storm troopers P.M. in Union Square and stated that the anti-fascists of New Because of the immense re- York had succeeded in stopping sponse in the New York labor this provocation of the Coughmovement to the call of the So- linites. "We promised to meet mark, Hitler forced the general nounces that it will be forced their hands are red with the cialist Workers Party for a in Union Square in protest counter-demonstration in Union against the fascists. We car-Square, first Father Coughlin ried out our promise. Now beand then the organization he cause of this terrible rain, it is sponsors, the Christian Front, obviously impossible to contin-"repudiated" the fascist pa- ue with our scheduled list of

telephone, was forced to call off It was reported that 7,500 pothe projected march officially. lice had been mobilized be- did not hesitate to call this the cialist Appeal applies equally diplomatic approach to Hitler, were thrown into confusion and threats would lead to violence. sis since 1918. The "September all funds to the Socialist Appeal business. But not on the basis consternation. A feeling of self- Approximately 4,000 were as- crisis", freely predicted for and the New International at confidence and power swept sembled in Union Square and months since the Munich set- once to:

The ranks of the fascists cause of fear the Coughlinite most serious international cri- to the New International. Rush

Shocked World Capitals Was LET THE PEOPLE Predicted by 4th International Montagement Monday night that secret neg tions with Stalin were culminating in a "non-aggression" pact bet Hitler and Stalin came as a thunderbolt to the European chancell

Hitler Germany's announcement Monday night that secret negotiations with Stalin were culminating in a "non-aggression" pact between Hitler and Stalin came as a thunderbolt to the European chancelleries, the "Peoples Fronters", the imperialist lackeys of the Second and Third Internationals—but it was no surprise to the Fourth Intenational.

We predicted this publicly more than ten months ago!

The Tomb

Wires burned.

the seven seas.

Gold's garden.

When the news flashed

over the world that Hitler

and Stalin had signed a pact,

a member of England's gov-

ernment cried out, "My

Radio flashes shot across

Giant presses roared, roll-

ing out shricking headlines.

Newsboys yelled, "Extra!"

But the Daily Worker,

Stalin's official organ in

America, was as silent as a

Harry Gannes and Earl

Browder were reported bus-

ily digging turnips in Mike

The elevator operator in

the Communist Party head-

quarters in New York re-

first-grade yes-men could be

Crisis Reaches New

Intensity as Hitler

Presses Demands

unearthed for comment.

MOBILIZE AS

ported he was "confused." But none of the party's

on every street corner.

"Trotsky predicts Stalin will now seek an understanding with Hitler" was the headline in the Socialist Appeal, October 8, 1938.

Commenting on the Munich pact, Trotsky The Silence of wrote then:

"The collapse of Czechoslovakia is the collapse of Stalin's international policy of the last

ofive years. Moscow's idea of 'an alliance of democracies' for a struggle against fascism is a lifeless fiction. . .

"The terrific blow at the international position of the U.S. S.R. is the pay-off for the continuous bloody purge which beheaded the army, disrupted economy and revealed the weaknesses of the Stalinist regime. We may now expect with certainty Soviet diplomacy to At the very moment that the Hitler at the cost of new reattempt rapprochement with inist oligarchy.

Call--And A Warning

An Urgent

War Referendum Campaign is treats and capitulations which getting more steadily under in their turn can only bring way and the drive for a \$10,000 nearer the collapse of the Stalfund for the Party organization and press is in motion, the solvency of the semi-weekly Socialist Appeal is endangered.

falling off of revenue accruing Socialist Workers Party, said: from bundle payments during world situation, can be the next pay for their bundle orders of the Socialist Appeal.

WAR THREATENS Payments Must Be Made! bundle payments are outstand- maneuver to deceive the capiing and the printers insist on talists. immediate and substantial payments. Party branches and Socialist Appeal in the coming Stalin and his clique.

As the man-power mobilized weeks. by the European nations last Out of necessity the manage-long since passed over to the week reached the 10,000,000 ment of the Socialist Appeal and other side of the barricades, war crisis to a new intensity by to cut off delinquent agents blood of innumerable revolueffecting a military encircle- from receipt of their bundles tionists. In Russia, in Spain, in ment of Poland from three di- of the Socialist Appeal, unless France, in Switzerland, in rections, and augmenting his payments are sent in immedi- China, in the United States-on original demand for Danzig ately by Air Mail. The various a world-wide scale, they have with demands for the Polish agents and Party branches are established themselves irrevoc-"Corridor" and other sections being informed directly of the ably as the hangmen of the revcritical situation. What is stat-olution. The press and the diplomats ed above in respect to the So-

> 116 University Place New York City

Predicted Stalin's Move

Speaking at the Hotel Center. October 9, 1938, James P. Can There has been a natural non, National Secretary of the

the summer. This slack could steps of Stalin? Some naive have been overcome even dur- people predict a new turn to ing this period, but many of revolutionary policy on the the larger organizations of the world arena. Some Stalinist Party in various parts of the of them sitting in this hall to-WORLD POWERS Party in various parts of the of them sitting in this hall to-night, cherish this hope of a ing heavily on other aspects of return to revolutionary activity. the War Referendum Cam- They see what they want to see. paign, and have neglected to Many of them are so sick of waving the American flag, and are so hoarse from singing the Star Spangled Banner, that they want to believe it was all Several hundred dollars in a super-clever revolutionary

> "Now that the policy has failed Appeal agents must immedi- so miserably, so catastrophicalately send in substantial pay- ly, they want to believe that ments on their bundles in or- there will be a return to revoder to insure publication of the lutionary activity on the part of

> > "Illusion! These people have

"Stalin's next move will be a and Hitler, in turn, will talk of abstractions, shibboleths, or 'principles'—Hitler's principles are as false and phoney as Stal-

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MASS MEETING This Friday, August 25th, 8 P. M. HOTEL CENTER HALL 108 West 43rd St. NYC

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The Truth Behind the Stalin-Hitler Pact James

Will There Be War Over Poland?

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In the Labor Unions

NEW YORK CITY-A real indication of how the members of the International Typographical Union stand on the ques tion of labor unity was furnished this week-end by "Big Six" as Local 6 of the I.T.U. the largest unit in the union, is known.

A special resolution was adopted at a membership meeting urging the I.T.U. to defy the AFL executive council on the issue of assessments levied for a war against the CIO.

Only last week William Green, president of the AFL announced the suspension of the I.T.U. for its refusal to contribute an assessment to the AFL "war chest."

Issues Involved

For two years the I.T.U. has persistently refused to collect this tax of one cent per member, which would amount to \$22,000, and turn it over to the AFL executive council.

At the last convention of the AFL the seating of the I.T.U. delegates was a hot issue because of its stand on this question but a compromise was worked out which simply postponed action on the question.

The AFL council precipitated a crisis on this problem last week because the I.T.U. is holding its national convention at Fort Worth, Texas now and the council hopes that the policy of the I.T.U. can be changed.

The purpose of the Big Six resolution is to crystallize national sentiment within the I.T.U. for a "Don't fight the CIO" attitude.

There is another and just as fundamental issue involved in the dispute between the I.T.U. and the AFL executive committee. The right of autonomy.

Elmer Brown, newly-elected president of the Big Six, pointed it out in a prepared speech given before the union voted on the resolution.

The AFL does not have the right to levy an assessment on the printers because the union is an autonomous affiliate of the AFL, according to the view

of the I.T.U. "The AFL has been exercising authority never intended by the membership of the AFL. I could never agree to submit to the policies advocated by the AFL.

'Nor would I ever recommend that my union submit to the dictation of the executive council of the AFL. To do so would destroy the autonomy of the International Typographi-

cal Union." "It is my opinion that this suspension was timed for one purpose only: that the reactionaries within the executive council of the AFL had hoped that by suspending the I.T.U. on the eve of its convention they would intimidate us. They can suspend us, they can fight us, but they can not intimidate us,' Brown declared.

Danger of Split

If the I.T.U. nationally follows its present line and refuses to pay the assessment, many new complications will develop in the AFL internally. Automatic suspension from Central Trades and Labor Assemblies might follow. And the relationship of the I.T.U. to other unions in the Allied Printing Trades Councils becomes a new headache. For which the main responsibility will rest on the AFL executive council because of its intransigent attitude toward the autonorny of the I.T.U.

Naturally, the stand of the AFL executive council tends to throw the I.T.U. into the arms of the CIO, especially if all the complications develop.

Meanwhile, progressives within the AFL have a job on their hands to prevent a split in local bodies because of the suspension of the I.T.U.

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Stop Fascism In America!

Will Father Coughlin Become Dictator of the United States?

By JOSEPH HANSEN

(FIFTH INSTALLMENT) For years certain German industrialists, who pondered very deeply over what had happened in Italy, kept a few promising politicians of the lunatic fringe well-fed and

to their banner.

Principal among these capitalist politicians—he had taken over similar groups-was Adolf Hitler, an obscure moocher of the Vienna cafes and pool halls who considered himself a hot-shot hair-splitter when the boys in the beer joints untangled their tongues and warped views on life. He had served in the World War, claimed to have been a housepainter for a few weeks until the painters' union ran him off as a scab when he refused to take out a union

A Catholic, he admired the organizational methods of the Roman Church very much, even studying them carefully, according to his own admission. (Mein Kampf, Hitler's Autobiography, p. 682.)

Adolf Hitler was well-liked by the more astute of Germany's capitalists. They talked about him in their exclusive clubs, studied his program, listened to him orate, watched him in action.

So far as they could judge, Hitler had all the marks of a German Mussolini.

He swung a powerful salute, combed his hair down over his forehead in a forelock. When he spoke, the veins in his forehead and neck swelled out like knotted cords. He dubbed himself Der Fuehrer.

For years he had been whacking away at constructing a national scapegoat. In private conversations with Big Business men, he washed off the circus paint and spoke very coolly and precisely about what he could do for them and by what organizational and tactical methods.

Let it not be misunderstood for one moment that Adolf Hitler was a representative of Italian Fascism. He was

Hitler admired Italian Fascism. He spoke well of Mus-

solini. But he was not an agent of Mussolini. HE WAS AN AGENT OF BIG BUSINESS.

It is true that Hitler, like Mussolini, advocated a COR-PORATE STATE.

But his was a German movement. He didn't call it fascism.

He called it NAZISM.

Hitler Grinds out Promises

Few demagogues in history gave away brighter promises than Adolf Hitler. He not only promises everybody the fulfillment of his dream, but he painted new dreams to embellish the old.

First he talked the situation over with the big industrialists such as Thyssen, the steel magnate. They settled very easily, quickly, and amicably between themselves the question of just who would own the national industries and just what would be done about preserving PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Then with Big Business pumping money into his treasury, he started automobiles, radio stations, and airplanes going in a propaganda campaign super-collossal enough to make a Hollywood press agent bite his lip.

Der Fuehrer promised that all the war profits would be confiscated.

Der Fuehrer promised that all the trusts would be turned over to the state.

Der Fuehrer promised that everybody would "share in

Der Fuehrer promised that all old-age pensions would be generously increased. Der Fuehrer promised that all the department stores

would be divided up among small merchants. Der Fuehrer promised that the land would serve "communal purposes" and no interest taking would be allowed

if it meant foreclosures. Der Fuehrer promised that education would be made

available to the children of poor parents. Der Fuehrer promised that the state would protect

Der Fuehrer promised that a people's army would replace the regular army.

Der Fuehrer promised that the viewpoint of "positive Christianity" would be taken.

Der Fuehrer promised to end all unemployment.

But all these promises constituted only run of the mill filler in his program. More important were his scathing attacks against the Versailles treaty which had humiliated Germany, forced her to pay reparations, taken away her colonies, crushed her armed might, split her people among different border nations.

All this Der Fuehrer promised to rectify immediately. Then—most important of all for his strategy—he utilized these grievances as a springboard for a poisonous and relentless attack against racial minorities in Germany, who, he said, were the real cause of the economic ills rocking

The Art of Constructing a Scapegoat

the land.

How to divert the rage and desperation of the people away from the real cause, the capitalists, to some scapegoat?

That was the crucial problem facing Der Fuehrer. "A number of essentially different internal enemies must always be regarded as one in such a way that in the opinion of the mass of one's own adherents the war is being waged against one enemy alone. This strengthens the belief in one's own cause and increases one's bitterness against the attacker." (Adolf Hitler in Mein Kampf, p.

The Anti-War Campaign

WAR CRISIS SPURS PARTY **ACTIVITIES**

(Continued from Page 1) government in Washington! While the trenches are being prepared for the cannon-fodder, Rossevelt denies the people the right to decide on the noisy enough to attract a skeleton even of thugs and bigots most vital issue before them.

MINNEAPOLIS Minneapolis carries the War ir waves!

Station KSTP rovided that an opposition do at every meeting. peaker has equal time. Other heard from.

The branch Radio Committee has the following advice to ofgo and do likewise: "It would eem that the way to get radio time is much like the way to get an Appeal sub-ASK FOR

At the same time, \$15 is sent n for the Anti-War Fund, and the organizer reports that 2200 Socialist Appeals were distributed by 16 comrades on Sunday, August 13 to workers' homes. A good anti-war meeting was neld on the campus of the University of Minnesota by the Socialist Club, and the program paign," of open-air meetings is in full swing, with two such meetings not sign the petition because held during the past week. GARDNER-FITCHBURG

branch held an outdoor meeting us to come around later."

both Finnish and English. vital question," it adds. OAKLAND

The branch across San Fran-the workers. cisco Bay comes through with paign activities:

here and we are pioneering.

Sept. 15. branch member, and circula-of mass agitation and action. tion of collection cans at street LYNN, Mass. meetings: house-to-house work

meetings, etc. phlets with the aim of increas- writes: ing the quota before the cam-

paign is over.

our quota on this. "6. We expect to increase

Committee is in full charge of which branches have develthe campaign and each mem-loped. phlets, petitions, etc." OK, Bill. Now some cash-

ON THE LINE. . . ST. LOUIS

Other social affairs are their assigned quota of 450. planned.

cussion of the campaign plans to over 8200.

was had. "We are practically certain to have our \$50 in by September 15," writes the branch secretary, Comrade Burbank. The pamphlet will be sold on the downtown streets. CHICAGO

Chicago lifts itself out of the Chicago lifts itself out of the 00.00 class in the Anti-War Fund drive, and Organizer Al Gates reports on progress: "1. A city campaign com-

mittee of five has been set up tc organize the campaign in Chicago. "2. A campaign bulletin has

been mailed out to all members, including specific quotas and assignments for each branch. Each branch has assigned comrades to take charge Referendum Campaign onto the of the work in the locality. During the period of the campaign, (NBC) has each branch is instructed to put greed to carry the program it as the first item of the agen-

"3. During the campaign, ocal stations are still to be each branch is to hold at least one indoor meeting, and at least one street meeting a week, as well as one moneyfer other sections that wish to raising social affair for the Fund.

"4. Chicago sets itself a recruitment quota of 10 new members by September 15. "5. The South Side branch reports 50 pamphlets sold, an increase of the Appeal bundle order from 17 to 25, and TWO NEW MEMBERS RECRUIT-

READING

'We are carrying our campaign directly to the workers with a house-to-house camwrites the Reading branch. "Quite a number did they felt it would not have any effect on Congress, but they On Sunday, August 13, the bought our pamphlet and told

which speeches were made. We can tell the Reading comrades that it is NOT true that We are also in receipt of the Congress would pay no atten-Co-op Informer", published tion to petitions. Even if it does by the United Cooperative So- not affect their vote, they get ciety in the locality, which has plenty worried by the evidence a strong Finnish cooperative of the mass feeling on this quesmovement. This issue is Vol. I, tion. At the Senate hearings on No. 1 and contains a discussion the war referendum which article on "Cooperatives and were held last May, the most in favor of giving the people the the available testimony on the right to vote on war. "Every popular demand for this meascooperative should discuss this ure. In any case, the petition is a means of bringing the question forcibly to the attention of

"We are getting much expertion and sale of Appeals, pam- in political agitation and action.

chase our full quota of pam-from Lynn. The secretary

"Please send us about 50 more petitions. We are experi "5. Each comrade is respon- menting on a form of chain letsible for securing one Appeal ter with the petitions besides sub. We have about 18 com- the routine house-to-house canrades and so ought to double vassing which, though very

slow, is very fruitful." That is all we are told but we our Appeal bundle order by 15 would like to hear more about within a week (our quota is 10). this experiment and its results "7. The branch Executive as well as any other projects

ber is heading one or more of TOLEDO . . . promises \$10 in the sub-committees - pam-the next mail and asks for more petitions because their sheets are all filled out. . . Suggests another pamphlet on war.

DETROIT . . . has sent in for The St. Louis local held an three successive orders on the outdoor social affair on August pamphlet "Let the People Vote 12 and sends in the proceeds on War", to the tune of a 470 (\$10) for the Anti-War Fund. total. This brings them over

PAMPHLET DRIVE . . . Pio-A local membership meeting neer Publishers reports that of the two branches was held on pamphlet orders already sent August 15 and a thorough dis-out to the branches now amount

Before he began propagandizing, there was very little prejudice in Germany against the Jews, as Hitler himself points out in Mein Kampf. He counts it as one of his supreme achievements to have whipped up one of the greatest and most bloody pogroms in history against these unfortunate people. Hitler remarks that his audiences were astonished at first and refused to believe him when he declaimed that the "Jew" was their enemy.

But the people were suffering so terribly from hunger, the democratic capitalist government gave so little for relief, that they were willing to turn to almost anyone who promised a positive program and was clearly headed in the direction of action.

When Hitler saw the oppressed layers begin to fall for his line, he rejoiced. He knew that it would lead inevitably to the major objective, smashing the labor movement through splitting the oppressed into two camps, those whom he dubbed "Jews" and those whom he dubbed "Gentiles," who would then tear at each other's throats until one fell; and the other, exhausted by the struggle, could not ward off the axe of the capitalist executioner. (Continued in next issue)

SUBS COMING IN

The drive for 400 new subscriptions to the Socialist Appeal moves ahead slowly at the moment. Since the report pubished on August 18, 16 new subscriptions have been sent in which is so urgently needed toand eight renewals. They are day.

as follows:		
New Subscriptions		
Omaha	2	
Flint	1	i
St. Paul	6	
New York City	4	
Newark	1	
Renewals		
Oakland	4	
Cleveland	1	
Syracuse	1	
Oregon	2	
South Bend	1	
This makes a total of 73	new	

subscriptions and 18 renewals since the start of the campaign. The major cities, as can be observed, have yet to bring in the expected results.

Street Sales Comrade El B., Literature Agent of San Francisco, writes in an optimistic mood in regard to increased sales of the Socialist Appeal. She says:

"Though we are starting street sales on a small scale now, already the results open up simply swell prospects. I'm very enthusiastic and encouraged. A YPSL comrade and I tried it, she with Challenges, with Appeals, and in 45 minutes any doubt at all we will have to increase our order shortly.'

Well Received The Literature Agent from Baltimore writes of their difficulties, but nevertheless they are doing their best. They sell where I am unable to sell them Coughlin parade of August 19. crous donations were made by (because of unemployment) First to be congratulated for audiences. they get a good reception, par- a splendid job are the Bronx ticularly with the Negro mili-SWP and YPSL branches,

tants.' Tarmo Hannula of Gardner, and day for the ten days prior a report which is late but wellience doing this work," contin- Massachusetts reports that to the scheduled parade. come. Writes Organizer Bill ues Reading, "and I believe we Gardner will aim for at least Morgan on Oakland's cam- will win members to our four new subscriptions besides ranks."—This hits the two main the renewals and an increase "1. A weekly outdoor meet- organizational objectives of the by five of the regular bundle were held in various sections ing with full branch mobiliza- campaign, aside from its goals order by the end of the cam- of the Bronx, Monday, Aug. 14. paign. Since there are too few The next night ten similar phlets and circulation of peti- These are: the training of the comrades in Gardner to form meetings were held on differtions. This is something new party in mass campaign activ- a regular branch of the Party, ent corners. ere and we are pioneering.

"2. Indoor mass meeting on success along these lines signed and these new subscriptions and increased sales of the means an important step for the success along these lines signed and these new subscriptions and increased sales of the adorned with notices for the adorned with notices for the subscriptions.

gain. Flint, Michigan states that We are anxious to print new the quota set for the Appeal is every Sunday and at union ideas in methods of work which very reasonable, and in fact have been developed by individ- that it will go over the quota. "4. We will immediately pur- ual branches, and here is one Jules Geller declares that, 'Sales already in the past two weeks have been cleaning out our bundle order.'

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the 580 ex-subscribers. In view of the large number of renewal subscriptions which are outstanding, the management suggests that each branch appoint at least one comrade to direct the work for subscription renewals. Large locals should appoint a committee of three for this purpose. Also, all locals should utilize a card index system for current subscriptions, expired subscriptions and also all contacts. Likewise it is imperative that the closest collaboration be developed between the Party and YPSL literature agents and organizations in the sale and distribution of the Socialist Appeal and the New International, particularly in the subscription

we had sold out. The next time we sold out quicker. Without WHAT THE N.Y. PARTY DID TO SPIKE THE COUGHLIN PARADE

Anti-fascists throughout the carried banners against the four Appeals a week on the country may find it profitable Coughlin fascists, distributed newsstands and four New In- to study the work of New thousands of leaflets and ran War" which comes out strongly frequent reference was made to ternationals a month. "Espe- York's SWP branches in the tremendous street meetings all cially among the unemployed, fight against the still-born along the line of march. Gen-

whose members worked night

Roving Street Meetings Among their activities: eight Coughlinites from getting to oving street corner meetings

the Coughlinites at Union Sq. continued holding one successother, and one delegation distion leaflet right at a Coughlin fascist meeting at Fordham Road and Valentine Ave.

Crowds Applaud Parade again in the thousands, and getting to Union Square. finally ran a street meeting

dreds of anti-fascist workers. the streets of the Bronx. The during the week. parade started at Tremont and | Last Friday the Downtown Crotona, marched to Southern branch hired a horse and wag-Boulevard, and then back on on early in the morning, cov-Tremont to Prospect where a ered it with huge signs calling tremendous street corner meet- for the counter-demonstration ing was held. Saturday morn- to the fascist march, and toured ing. August 19, the comrades the entire lower Manhattan secreported at 7 a.m. for final tion until nightfall. leaflet distribution.

Money Donated by anti-fascists attending the information about our organiza-Bronx street meetings. Two tion. Every day several letters friends in the South Bronx, sup- arrived in the city office with posed to be a Coughlin strong- money enclosed for the fight hold, contributed an additional against fascism. These letters \$25 to advance the campaign. came mainly from people who One young Negro insisted on had never heard of our organitaking leaflets for his friends zation before this last week. and paying for them. Scores of others asked for leaflets to give their shop and union mates.

carrying their banners and victory leaflet was ordered in-Bronx for their night's activity tion of the city was covered donated a free ride to aid the tory leaflet. anti-fascist fighters rush their nessage to the Bronx workers.

Same All Over City Saturday night when they held ceptionally favorable. a march from Second Ave. and 7th Street, down Second Ave., over to Avenue B, and then across to Delancey Street. They

Cellar Clubs Visited

The comrades visited the numerous "cellar" clubs, organizations of Jewish workers, etc., to get them all out to stop the

Union Square. The Upper Manhattan branch of SWP and the YPSL units covered the entire district from Columbus Circle to 181st St. with leaflets and street meet-

C.P.ers Impressed counter-demonstration against was carried on. Boro Park re-Wednesday night the comrades meetings at 13th Ave. and 46th ports tremendous street corner Street. Thousands of leaflets ful street meeting after an- distributed. Generous contributions. Organizations visited. tributed the counter-demonstra- C. P. members indicating their support of the SWP's anti-

Coughlin fight. In Brownsville, long a center of the Communist Party, the Thursday night the comrades comrades were greeted with held a parade up Tremont Ave. applause by the workers for the ming, ping-pong. Plumbing. to the applause of the crowds struggle against Coughlinism. \$2.50 per day. \$14 a week. on the street. They shouted C.P. members promised to be slogans, distributed leaflets out to stop the Fascists from

In Jamaica and in Astoria. which was attended by hun-leaflets distributed by the thousands. Signs placed in store Friday the Bronxites topped windows, meetings held, money off their campaign by holding collected, Appeals sold. Both torch-light parade through branches were on their toes a!l

Hundreds of persons gave their names to party branches More than \$50 was donated throughout the city for more

Victory Leaflet On Friday, when the city office of the party heard that the One cab driver, seeing a Coughlinites had backed down number of Yipsel comrades and called off their parade, a leaflets from West to East stantly. By evening, every secasked them to hop in and he with new thousands of this vic-

More than 10,000 special leaflets, addressed to the Negro people of New York, were dis-Following the splendid exam- tributed throughout Harlem ple of the Bronx were the party and certain sections of the branches and Yipsel units all Bronx. The leaflet warned of over the city. The Lower East the facist threat to the Negro Side and Downtown Branches people of this city. The restarted off with a bang last sponse to this leaflet was ex-

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West Indians Will Fight—

At Home, against Own Oppressors If Great Britain finds herself involved in a war as a result of the present European crisis, she can expect little assistance from her colonial subjects in the West Indies.

This opinion was expressed here by E. V. Allen, one of the twelve Negro legislators in the Jamaica legislative council, in an interview with the Pittsburgh Courier of Aug. 19. "If England is drawn into another war in

Europe, it is my opinion that the people of the West Indies will refuse to fight," he said. "The government has shown no interest in the people's problems and the people would

have no interest in theirs. The average Englishman who is sent out from Great Britain has no interest in the islands except to draw his salary.' Lest some New Deal enthusiast interpret

such a stand as even in the slightest indicating preference for the benevolent imperialism closer to their shores, the Jamaica legislator specified:

"In spite of anti-British feeling, however, the average West Indian would not welcome the annexation of the islands by the United States. They would even prefer an independent status to this."

We assume that the "even" in the last sentence was merely giving point to the immediacy with which the people of the islands would like to get rid of British rule. Their official representatives, at present still moderate and not quite revolutionary in their perspectives, regard independence in this day of rapacious imperialist appetites as quite a risk.

While the West Indians are quite firm in their opposition to war for the salvation of the British Empire, they are nevertheless not at all inclined to be pacifists. They carried on militant, fighting strikes in Jamaica last year. Mr. Allen reports that as a result of these struggles, some improvement in eco-

nomic conditions has taken place. "Prior to this (the 1938 'riots')," the interview quotes Allen as saying, "the average laborer earned only about 35 cents a day. Since the 'riots,' the average wage has risen to 50 and 60 cents a day, but this is still too far low for decent existence. . . . What we really want is an improvement of economic conditions in our present status.'

And, if last year's strikes are an indication, the West Indians know that they can achieve that by fighting. The interview may be summed up simply: If the Negro people of the islands are going to fight, it will not be in an imperialist war for Great Britain but in

No wonder the great "democrats" in Downment! They know that the last word will be ing lots, the rest being scatwith the colonial masses at present under tered on the line of march Coughlin saw the direction of the contrary." At first these

Hathaway Is Not the Only Stalinist Convicted as a Slanderer

Recently the Stalinist press kicked up quite a fuss about the trouble Clarence Hathaway, editor of its New York rag was having as a result of a libel action brought against him by that Hathaway was beset with more such libel fight the labor movement "in however, he stated that there no accusation was too bitter to suits and that they were all just one grand Franco's way," and that the was no law to prevent the par-"Trotskyist" plot. But the real truth of the only flag of the "reds" which aders from carrying banners matter is that these boys are crawling with he would respect was the with his picture and placards ites. "Who are these people in an old Stalinist affliction called slander, which "white flag of surrender," until lauding "Social Justice." even the courts of the "democratic" govern- Saturday afternoon, August 19, ments they support cannot fail to recognize event followed event in rapid rence J. Gilpatrick, the 19-year

A case in point is that of Anton Ciliga, former Yugoslav member of the Executive Committee of the Comintern, who recently brought ment of Coughlin's projected "repudiation": "I understand a libel suit against the Stalinist "International Press Correspondence" (Inprekor) in Paris. Ciliga, who broke with Stalinism after a plucky escape from G.P.U. jails in Russia, rade" in "manifestation of Father Coughlin was forced wrote a book about his experiences under the Stalin regime. A reviewer in the "Inprekor" denounced him as a Fascist spy-the usual 'answer" that these people have for any critic whose arguments are based on fact and hard to refute.

In court, the "Inprekor" editors were required to present proof for their charge. And what was their proof? Ciliga was guilty of living in exile on an Italian passport!

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Numerous socialist and liberal emigrants from the Fascist terror testified in his behalf. slanderers and defamers they actually are. prove a failure or end in blood-banners and organizations. Ev-cists. Many of them are wor-As a result of the verdict they have had to shed. publish a retraction in their own press and pay for the cost of publishing the verdict in two other papers. It takes a long time to catch up with Stalinist lies. But even the Hathaways and their ilk should not be surprised by now when they are finally caught red-handed.

In the World of Labor Coughlinites Scurrying for Cover NEGRO QUESTION

Parade Kommandeur Law-

Despite these two "repudia-

Workers Prepare to Fight

(Continued from Page 1)

nounced.

Sequence of Events From the time that Coughlin first broadcast his notorious the parade. This was to keep duled. 'Call to Action' over a nation- his own skirts legally clean wide radio network on July 30, over possible bloodshed comand dramatic succession.

The Socialist Appeal had al- parade permit, stated on Augready warned the labor move- ust 17 in answer to Coughlin's threat, before leaflets began Father Coughlin. There was a flooding New York announcing reason for this statement and I that an "anti-communist pa- approve of it." Christianity" and in behalf of to retreat another step as the 'Social Justice' would march storm grew more threatening. on Union Square August 19. The His Christian Front organizahandbill lauded Father Cough- tion "repudiated" the parade. lin and announced that the parade commander was "Lawrence J. Gilpatrick."

Coughlin Prepares Alibi Coughlin's magazine, "Social Justice," at the same time cardisclaims and disallows any

The August 14 issue of "So- prepared for August 19. cial Justice" carried a vicious

day's projected parade.

intoxicated themselves with ade application and will spend ceeded in allaying this indignademagogic speeches, threats my future in the distribution of against racial minorities, and Social Justice magazine'." wild boasts about their prowess and the "cowardice" of the

Counter-Rally Called

tors' field. They threatened to _later when no reply was relose their fundamental right of the Communist Party asking for a United Front against

council meeting, Ralph Morgan The Workmen's Sick and

tempt of the I.A.T.S.E. reac- although only the fascists had tionary leadership to raid the threatened violence and the Socialist Workers Party was calling on the workers to rely upon

themselves for protection.

On August 17, 250 members of the American Jewish Alliinternal frictions brought the hearsed for weeks without pay, ship of 5,000 in a stage-hands ance, an organization domiunion leaders were fired, wages and technicians union. If the nated completely by the Comrisis to a head.

Broadway stars and actors were poor. These conditions, dispute between the Four A's LaGuardia at City Hall to take action against the Coughlinites and Christian Front-with no result, of course.

Party for a counter-demonstra-

The State convention of the American Federation of Labor meeting in New York City on of the Council to table the reso-August 17 passed a resolution lution met with failure. Alcondemning Coughlinism.

Nazis In Parade

In the August 17 issue of those in back of the parade side Council for a vote.

Previously B. Z. Goldberg, for an independent labor party represented Whitehead during ments and the reactionary ele-editor of the Jewish Day, and on a nation-wide scale, and for In Hollywood, Bieff is under this controversy gave credence ments in this section of the Alexander Hoffman, General independent labor political acinvestigation for an alleged to the rumor that the AFL ex- AFL is by no means over with. Manager of Cleaners and Dy- tion in Flint and throughout payment of \$100,000 by film ecutive council intended to aid The first major skirmish, how-ers Union, Local 239 of the Michigan, was passed recently producers to him in return for the stage hands union invade ever, was won by the progres- Amalgamated Clothing Work- at a meeting of the WPA Auxsive tendencies. That is impor- ers, called for militant resist- iliary of the UAW-CIO here.

for blow the attacks of Fascists|spite "LaGuardia and all his police and any other orders to By J. R. JOHNSON. tered on the line of march the wind and began pulling in speakers called on their ranks which the fascists had an the wind and began pulling in to pay "no attention to misland." Chauvinism Must his ears. On Tuesday he util- to pay "no attention to misleadized the editorial statement in ing reports in the papers. The Be Driven Out "Social Justice" to "repudiate" parade will be held as sche-

After the first shock of defeat among the fascists, in which he announced that his mitted by his followers. In the charges flew in every direction, Christian Front intended to next issue of "Social Justice", cowardice, bribery, sell-outthese rank and file Coughlinthey demanded. "We're going to march even if Coughlin is against it." There was arguold youth who applied for the ment as to where to obtain arms.

On Sunday Father Coughlin nation-wide broadcast and attempted to counteract the devastating effect this set-back caused to his prestige. He attacked the Christian Mobilizers called for the organization of town and village in the country tions" by the parade backers, in preparation for "another Gilpatrick expected, he said, day. 30,000 to march on Union Communists Discuss Question

Square on Saturday. The In the Communist Party, the Coughlinites launched a series rank and file likewise are bit-The wrath of the workers at a United Front between the two tions posing as being under the Socialist Workers Party sent police and LaGuardia is felt by direction of Social Justice mag- out special editions of its hand- the rank and file as the same This announcement bill into Harlem, calling on the blind cowardly dependence merely provided an "out" for Negro people to demonstrate which in Italy and Germany re-Coughlin should the parade against fascism with their own sulted in the victory of the fas erywhere in the city, workers ried that the successful tactics of the Socialist Workers Party Coughlin felt the cold hand of in fighting the fascists are not attack against the RELIGIOUS defeat closing down on the fight adopted by the Communist Par-JEWS—a further development he had scheduled against "Jew ty and especially that the leadof Coughlin's line which served York." Over long distance tel- ers of the Communist Party troopers against racial minori- 17, he ordered Gilpatrick to call call for a United Front. Not evties in preparation for Satur- it off. Gilpatrick did as his en special spokesmen from the fuehrer commanded and issued N. Y. County Committee, sent In South Bronx, the followers of Coughlin staged a series riots in preparation for their in behalf of request of Father United Front call of the Socialmarch on Union Square. They Coughlin, 'I withdraw my par- ist Workers Party, have suc-

Father Coughlin will now attempt to consolidate his ranks The effect of this retreat was for a new provocation, to talk highly demoralizing to the them out of their disappointranks of the Christian Mobiliz- ment and prime them for a ers, Christian Front, Bundists, fresh move. One defeat will not counter-demonstration to the umbus Circle stated bitterly the organization of Defense

split from the AFL rather than ceived, a telegram—was sent to lose their fundamental right of **Labor Party Discussion**

Independent Political Labor Action

dependent Labor Political Ac- Stalinists hesitate to flatly op- out, will do the same today. tion as opposed to past policies pose the idea of a labor party,

Flint, voted to send a resolu- Lewis does. crats or Republicans, to every local union and shop for discussion.

Efforts by Stalinist members though the Council did not itself take a vote at its meeting on the labor party question, it recognized the necessity for initi-"Deutscher Weckruf," official ating a discussion on the probwhich will be able to alleviate Bund, a notice appeared in condemns both old boss par-Whitehead, Tucker and oth- their terrible conditions, thanks German ordering all storm ties, will therefore be sent for sion out for the Saturday pa- of the locals. After all shops

A militant resolution calling

This discussion is dragging membership to "return blow into the open where union men

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | can see who they are. With anti-The Council, representing all ing that "now is not the time," the locals of the UAW-CIO in and "let's wait and see what

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FRIENDS of The Russian Bulletin is to hold a boat-ride and picnic on Sunday, August 27. The boat will sail from the Battery at 10:15 a.m. going up Long Island Sound to Rye Beach. There will be dancing aboard to the music of a firstrate orchestra. At Playland, in a section reserved for the Friends of The Russian Bulletin, we will picnic all afternoon, a full program of sports, games, music, swimming, and fun galore being arranged. The return trip will be made on an evening boat, with a Broadway show to be offered, followed by dancing. Tickets are available at the National Office at the nominal price of only one dollar. Make your reservations imnumber of tickets are exhausted.

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Negroes are held in subjection chiefly by three powerful imperialist nations - France, Great Britain, and the United States of America. It follows inevitably that racial chauvinism is a social characteristic in all these countries. Each imperialist power, however, has its own special type of chauvinism, based on its national peculiarities. What is important for us is that each specific type is faithfully reflected in the revolutionary movement of each country.

Talk intimately to an American Negro who is disillusioned with the Communist Party. Mingled with his disgust at the political degeneration of the C.P., will be a melancholy tale of personal insults, social discrimination, and similar conficts springing directly out of the race relationships prevailing in capitalist America. Yet he has to admit that, when one looks back over the last 25 years, it is in the militant working class movement took an apologetic tone in his and particularly in its revolutionary wing that the greatest progress has been made towards real political solidarity and social equality, in association between members of the races.

Chauvinism in personal relations is not, to the politicallyminded Negro, the main grievance. What he objects to more is a political attitude which, as always in our movement, can best as using the wrong tactics. He be understood from an international approach.

In Great Britain and in France there are a few Negroes in the "Christian Front" in every the revolutionary movement. Social antagonisms such as those which take place in America are conspicuously absent. Not only the French revolutionaries but French bourgeois society on the whole displays a remarkable absence of racial prejudice. Even in England where race prejudice is very strong, personal relationships between white and colored revolutionaries are exceptionally good. Little trouble ever arises about Negro or other terly discussing the silence of colored comrades staying in the homes of white revolutionaries, their leaders over the call of slighting of Negroes and their friends at socials, etc. There the the Socialist Workers Party for radical movement in England differentiates itself sharply from English bourgeois and petty-bourgeois society which was the the threat of violence and parties against Coughlin. The most race-conscious in Western Europe before the Nazis came

British Chauvinism and the African Revolution

Yet the English revolutionary movement is eaten to the marrow with a most dangerous anti-Negro chauvinism. An English revolutionary, in thinking of the colonial revolution, thinks always of India but very rarely of Africa. India has produced world-famous leaders, like Gandhi and Nehru. India has a great history, a great cultural heritage. The Indian masses have many achievements to their credit in recent years, and these are widely known. An English radical has no difficulty in conceiving of a great revolution in India. This does not make him like Indians more. Quite often, English men and women admit that they find of Coughlin's line which served the control of August failed to so much as answer the it easier to get on with African and West Indian Negroes than with many Indians.

But this same Englishman, who when he wants to go to the pictures or to a dance or to go camping, calls up his Negro friend instead of an Indian, finds it hard to think of an African revolt. He speaks always of the English revolutionaries winning power in England and then "granting" freedom to Africans. He has accepted almost completely the evaluation of Negroes propagated by British imperialism. He sees Africans as incapable of independent action on a large scale, unable to organize a revolutionary struggle, to seize the power and hold it. In other words, he sees them essentially as the bourgeois sees them. The African for him is the revolutionary white man's burden.

In the French revolutionary movement, the situation is different. The French used hundreds of thousands of Negroes in On August 11, the Socialist etc. On Friday night, August stop him. The anti-fascists must the last, and are preparing to use millions in the coming war. Workers Party called for a 18, Coughlinite speakers in Col- now follow up this victory with Many Negro divisions come to France for training. The French To put the matter bluntly, ity moves which exposed com-fascist parade, and began dis-and quite openly that "some-Guards in every union local However ignorant a French revolutionary may be about Africa, nands is a deeply-rooted and since 1937 these Chicago boys pletely the hatched-up plot, became and above all, press for a profound crisis in this section since 1937 these Chicago boys pletely the hatched-up plot, tributing 200,000 handbills, or where someone sold us out to and, above all, press for a he cannot see armed and highly trained African troops, officered where someone sold us out to and, above all, press for a profound crisis in this section since the seeking a way to Hollywood and Broadway stars of the AFL, which has finally have been seeking a way to help and the seeking a way to help and th the open. A review relopments will ex
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went to bat before the executive council on the question. In the metropolitan area. Night and street near Columbus Circle on the metropolitan area. Night and street near Columbus Circle on the metropolitan area. Night and street near Columbus Circle on the metropolitan area. Night and street near Columbus Circle on the metropolitan area. Night and street near Columbus Circle on the metropolitan area. Night area. the matter of jurisdiction, they day, the struggle on August 19 the same night, Coughlinite organize effectively to stop French Army, high officials in the civil service. It is therefore easily proved by previous deciwas prepared. All workers' orspeakers threatened to march
Father Coughlin's next attempt
far easier for a French revolutionary to take the African revolution seriously. And the French Communist Party did some good work among the African troops in the old days when the Communist Parties were revolutionary.

Not dissimilar in their social approach to individual Negroes, the revolutionary movements of Britain and France are wide apart in their conceptions of the African revolution.

American Marxists and Bourgeois Ideas

The American Marxist is much closer in this to the English than to the French revolutionary. It should not be so. The Negroes have a great revolutionary history in America. Here is one revealing incident.

During the Civil War, an independently organized detachment of free Negroes in the South fought for the Confederacy. When the Confederacy was defeated in their state, they joined the North. They were ready to fight with the Devil against God or FLINT, Mich.—A lively discussion on the question of In-

The Garvey movement is one of the most remarkable politiof endorsing Democrats or and they are forced to couch cal eruptions that has taken place in America during the last "good men" unaffiliated with their opposition in the most quarter of the century. Most American revolutionaries treat it labor, was put on the agenda of ambiguous of terms. Their with an extreme lightmindedness. Merely backward Negroes the Flint labor movement by method recently has been to misled by a demagogue. For proof? No serious study of the action of the CIO Council here, say they were for the labor Garvey movement exists. "The Negro 'accepts'. The white proat its meeting Sunday, Aug. 13. party in principle, but conclud- letariat will have to emancipate him." The Negro is seen always at the tail of the revolutionary movement. In other words, like the British and French revolutionaries, the American revolutionaries function mentally pretty much within the limits laid down by the American bourgeoisie. It was the Communist International which held the American C.P. by the scruff of the neck and made it take the Negro question seriously.

Yet even in the revolutionary days, the C.P. still saw the Negroes as a tail to their own movement. The C.P. conception was that the white revolutionaries had a "duty" to the Negroes. You might as well say that a man has a "duty" to save himself from drowning. The class-conscious white workers have to realise the vast importance, the absolute necessity of having the millions of Negroes with them, of realising that the place of the Negroes is in the front of the struggle. We of the Fourth International have now raised this question to its full status theoretically. What we have to do now is to make this conception a part of our mental equipment. But to do this we must break absolutely with bourgeois ideas about the Negro. The bourgeois lies about the Negro's past. He lies about the Negro's present. He lies about his future. He manufactures fake science to prove the Negro inferior. He manufactures a fake Negro to justify his oppression of the real Negro. The bourgeois not only lies himself but is the cause of lies in others. He has managed to instill quite a substantial portion of his own lies about Negroes into the minds of Negroes themselves. We as Marxists have to repudiate and denounce on every occasion all that the American bourgeoisie so pertinaciously circulates about Negroes.

And having broken with bourgeois ideas we must vigorously create our own, for if we do not, bourgeois corruption will come mediately before the limited pouring in on us again. So conscious and complete a break with American bourgeois ideas about Negroes has never been made in America before. In the old revolutionary days the C.P. went a certain distance but stopped short, and its rapid degeneration prevented its complete theoretical emancipation. Only a Marxist party can even attempt it. Determinedly carried through, such an ideological approach is the real beginning of the gigantic upheaval which will lift not one or two but the fifteen millions of Mexicos to their riginius place in american siciety.

A Review of the Developments Leading to the Actors' Dispute

By B. J. WIDICK National Labor Sec'y SWP matic highlights of the present tors union fields, that is, the struggle. dispute of the actors and stage- Four A's jurisdiction. of the developments will ex- crative actors union field. plain the significance and WHITEHEAD RULE scope of the crisis and answer STIRS RESENTMENT

The AFL has two main or the Four A's, gave the Chicago ganizations in the theatrical boys their chance, they thought. and entertainment world. The Ralph Whitehead, executive technical workers are affiliated secretary of the AFA, has long to the International Alliance of been under rank and file criti-Theatrical Stage Employes, cism. The AFA grew quickly in usually referred to as the stage the early NRA days and ob-

and Artists of America, known damaging to the interests of the as the Four A's. Hollywood rank and file were made. stars, for example, are mem-| Resentment reached a new bers of the Screen Actors high this spring when an agree-Guild, while the night club per- ment was arranged between formers, vandeville actors, etc. Whitehead and Billy Rose, of FIRST SKIRMISH were in the American Federa- the New York World's Fair The C.I.O. is already in the tion of Actors, the union whose Aquacade. Chorus girls re-picture, claiming a member-

crisis to a head. are in the famous Actors Equi- combined with reports that and the I.A.T.S.E. culminates ty Association, affiliated to the Whitehead was using union in a strike, the C.I.O. naturally Four A's. Radio stars are in funds for personal use, brought would assist the Four A's, and the Federation of Radio artists, ugly rumors and Whitehead perhaps break the hold of the also of the Four A's.

RACKETEERS SEEK A WAY TO MUSCLE IN

unions has many black chap- AFA was yanked, and a new club performers have a fightters in it. George E. Browne, provisional charter was given ing chance of building the international president of the in this field to the American American Guild of Variety Ar-I.A.T.S.E. has as one of his Guild of Variety Artists, head-tists into a militant union organ of the German American lem, and the resolution, which chief aides, William Bieff, a ed by Eddie Cantor. Chicago associate of Al Capone. Another big shot is John P. ers then made a private deal to the solidarity of the Holly- troopers of the New York Dividiscussion to the rank and file (Big) Nick, a vice-president, with Browne, president of the wood and Broadway stars. who is under indictment on an I.A.T.S.E. who gave them a The Chicago boys have met rade, thus clearly showing that and locals have seen the resoextortion charge. He is charged charter without either consult- with another rebuff in their per- Fritz Kuhn, personal represen- lution and discussed it, it will with having chiseled \$20,000 ing the stagehands or even his sistent efforts to chisel in the tative of Hitler, was one of be brought back to the CIO from St. Louis employers in re- own executive board. turn for a guarantee that the The fact that Joseph Padway, stage hands union would not general counsel of the AFL, between the progressive eleask for wage increases.

guarantees similar to those the actors field.

New York City, an affiliate of

operators, etc., are part of this Whitehead was a ruthless dic-The actors are members of file participation in obtaining Actors Guild and other promi- On August 15, the Civil Libone of the various unions char-contracts was excluded, and nent Four A's union leaders erties Union called on the potered by the Associated Actors temporary agreements very blasted away at the crude at lice to "forestall any violence"

self-defense. He was found guilty, after a so far? The stage hands unions have couple of hectic union meetings | The AFL executive council a long history of organization. in which he and Sophie Tucker, was unable to take away the About 60,000 skilled workers the president, sought vainly to autonomy of the Four A's. This are members of the various or- win back the rank and file. is clearly a victory for propoganizations within the I.A.T. When Whitehead and Tucker nents of democracy within the S.E. Total strength of the Four refused to abide by the deci- AFL. A's unions is around 30,000. sions of the Four A's, the par- The under-paid, badly ex-The history of the I.A.T.S.E. ent body, the charter of the ploited chorus girls and night

Nick was supposed to have It was this situation which tant because it gives real hope ance to the Coughlinites, Mr. aroused the Hollywood and for the final outcome of the Hoffman asking the union every Stalinist out of his hole Within the I.A.T.S.E., Bieff, Broadway stars, who know too struggle.

Nick and similar elements have | much about the role of the Chi- anti-fascists. been urging the union to take cago boys to submit to the in-Behind the fanfare and dra- over the jurisdiction in the ac- vasion without a desperate

In a series of brilliant publicthe question so many unionists The fight within the Ameri-A's and not the stage hands unhave asked: What's it all can Federation of Actors in ion had jurisdiction in the acceptance of enemy, and a registered letter

autonomy. For five hours at the AFL Coughlin on Saturday. president of the Screen Actors Death Benefit Fund, one of the Guild, Lawrence Tibbet, Frank oldest working class organizahands union. Motion picture tained some contracts. But Gilmore, president of the Four tions in the country, announced A's, Kenneth Thompson, exec- its support of the anti-fascist tator of the union, rank and utive secretary of the Screen rally.

PROGRESSIVES WIN

actor's field.

asked for an investigation in I.A.T.S.E. in its own field. What has been accomplished

rich actors' unions.

Of course, the main struggle by side with Coughlin.

sions of the AFL that the Four ganizations were called upon to on Union Square Saturday de- at violence.

Many Fascists Demoralized

Stalinists Fail to Table Resolution for

Newspapers began printing tion calling for independent lastories about the projected hor action on the political march of the fascists and the field, and condemning the past call of the Socialist Workers policies of endorsing Demo-

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Stalin will offer, concessions.

concrete and tangible.

eign exploitation?

preservation at any cost." (So-

Turn Was Imminent

silence of Stalin on Hitler's

Socialist Appeal of December

3, 1938 dismissed the lame ex-

planation offered by V. J. Jer-

ome in the Stalinist Daily

tell the real truth. For, while

the Stalinist parties abroad still

go on the old line of urging the

democracies to make war on

the fascist powers, Stalin is al-

ready preparing the new line:

rapprochement with Hitler, if

Stalin's silence on the question

of opening the doors of the So-

viet Union to the refugees. Hit-

ler does not approve of anyone

opening the doors to the Jews,

more plausible explanation

talinists Attacked Grynsonan

"That is the explanation for

Hitler will only agree.

and Stalin woos Hitler.

the Daily Worker:

Worker, and said:

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- 30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on
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- 10. An independent Labor Party.
- 11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilante and Fascist attacks.

12. Full Social, Political **And Economic Equality** For the Negro People

Today the Socialist Workers Party takes a further step in the elaboration of the program for which we fight TODAY. We add to the eleven demands we carry under our editorial box, a twelfth: full social, economic and political equality for the Negro people.

Its previous omission has not been accidental. Our fundamental program, the principles of socialism, demand a resolute and uncompromising revolutionary struggle for the rights of all the oppressed, and none in America are more oppressed than the Negro people. But our party, lacking the resources to engage in this task, hesitated to proclaim as one of our immediate obiectives and tasks the struggle for Negro rights.

That period is now over. The Negro question has become and will continue to be one of our main fields of activity. Our press reflects the activities already undertaken by our party. The demand therefore is today no mere pious wish or gesture, but a slogan for immediate and continuous action.

Second to none in importance is this demand for the destruction of the centuries-old oppression of the Negro people. It is not a task for specialized sections of the party, but for the whole party. The struggle for the rights of the fifteen million Negroes in this country is indissolubly bound up with the fight for the emancipation of all the oppressed.

Seventy Indicted

About seventy WPA strikers and labor leaders of Minneapolis were indicted August 18 by a Federal grand jury.

Their names will not be known until they are all rounded up and arrested.

They were indicted under section 28 of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law-an obscurelyworded provision which makes it a crime to "interfere" with WPA projects in any way.

Their "interference" was, of course, the WPA strike for the prevailing wage.

"You can't strike against the government," said Roosevelt, and Attorney General Murphy convened this grand jury to put teeth into Roosevelt's edict.

The trials will take place at the opening term of United States district court in Minneapolis, which begins September 26.

Two years imprisonment or \$2,000 fine or both are the penalties provided by the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law.

If the Roosevelt administration can successfully carry through its prosecutions and get convictions in Minneapolis, it will undoubtedly then seek to secure convictions against the building trades union leaders in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, who are still conducting WPA

The fight to defend the Minneapolis unionists against this frameup is, therefore, the fight of the entire American labor movement. In Minneapolis, the Central Labor Union, central body of the AFL unions, will lead the fight. It should receive, not merely the moral support, but the most direct collaboration of unions everywhere, in the fight to prevent the Roosevelt administration from railroading seventy union men to jail.

This fight is not only a problem. It is also an opportunity. An opportunity for the American labor movement to establish, once for all, the undamental right of American workers to

strike, whether in private industry or on public works projects.

This fight also gives American labor the opportunity to tear away the veil of secrecy from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, whose under-cover men gathered the "evidence" for the indictments. The F.B.I. is today, as it was during the post-war years, a strike-breaking agency.

These government spies are known by the term "agents-provocateur," the malodorous French word which has become part of all languages, to describe the government agent who disguises himself as a striker and himself does or incites others to do things which serve to justify governmental repressions.

Under Attorneys General Palmer and Dougherty, the F.B.I. agents were notorious for their role as agents-provocateurs. The authoritative Encyclopedia for the Social Sciences says that "by themselves committing actual crimes of violence attributed to radicals . . . the agents of the bureau kept the country conscious of their ser-

Their role became so scandalous that, under Attorney General Harlan F. Stone, orders were issued to abolish the political-police function of the F.B.I. The general impression was that this had been done-until the Minneapolis WPA strike revealed that Attorney General Murphy had re-created the political-police function of

In one of those rare slips which reveal the cesspools underneath us, the Minneapolis Daily Tribune of July 24 published a story headed, "F.B.I. agents who posed as WPA riot pickets shooting and tear gas bombing started, the agents scattered with the rest of the crowd."

Able attorneys of the trade unions can, in the course of this trial, determine what these agents, posing as pickets, did to provide the police with a pretext for firing on the strikers.

"The former president of the University of California, Maj. Gen. David Prescott Barrows (retired), brought fifteen hundred members of the American Legion to their feet cheering when he declared at a Legion luncheon:

"To all Communists I deliver this message from the American Legion—if you start any rough stuff such as you did in Europe we shall

dential news service for business men.

give the "low-down" on the new War Dictatorhip Board which was announced on August 9. Here's what it says:

or something to sell, or who want to know what their jobs would be in case of a U. S. war, will establish working relations through this Board . . . in due course. There's no need to rush

Other members will be added later to make it representative of all essential industries, like

top man of new Board, is in line to be the 'civilian dictator of industry' . . . if war comes."

${\it Fall}\,\,{\it Frolic}_{-}$

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to testify in inquiry." The story itself revealed that, "Wearing overalls and other articles of workmen's clothing, the agents, posing as pickets and onlookers, mingled with the crowd surging around the project building. . . . When the

Cultural Note

kill you first!" "-San Francisco News, Aug. 15.

Confidentially

The Kiplinger Washington Letter is a confi-

Under date of August 12, it undertakes to

"Business men who have something to make, into correspondence now. We shall advise later.

"Note personnel of new Board—non-political industrial leaders, Stettinius, Gifford, Pratt, Gen. Wood, plus Compton of Mass. Tech., plus Moulton of Brookings Institution, plus Col. Rutherford of the Army. It's honest-to-goodness, not a piece of New Deal political scenery. Highly confidential dealings with it will be entirely 'safe.'

War Industries Board in last war.

"Stettinius, 39-year-old head of U. S. Steel,

These Gentlemen Are Against the War Referendum

pointed out:

President Roosevelt, Dem-

Alf M. Landon, Republican andidate for President 1936. Ex-President Herbert Hoover, Republican.

Secretary of State Hull, Democrat. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State under Hoover,

Republican. Col. Frank Knox, Landon's running mate in 1936, Rep. Secretary of War Woodring, Democrat.

The New York Times (Ind. Dem.) New York Herald-Tribune

The American Legion.

(Rep.) Chicago Tribune (Rep.) General Hugh S. Johnson ormer NRA administrator. Walter Lippman, column st Herald-Tribune, Rep.

The Communist Party.

n's. Hitler will demand, and itic campaign, and that the real hardly touched this question evresponsibility for the crime en in its news reports. rested on the shoulders of the German Stalinists Wanted Pact

try and prepare its collapse? A young Jewish martyr." Silent on Duranty Dispatch slice of the Ukraine, as a beginning of the dismemberment of the Soviet Union? To show good cember 31, 1938, Felix Morrow of Hitler. This was pointed out faith on the part of Stalin, a

Stalin, Hitler Become

Allies by New Treaty

new trial, perhaps, new killings? Litvinov's head, as the of making peace with the sur- International, May, 1939, which scapegoat for the discredited rounding capitalist world, the quoted the following revealing policy of alliances with the cap- Stalinist clique degenerated un- paragraphs from an article in italist democracies? Or, pro- til their political methods have Die Internationale, organ of the ceeding to a drastic solution of become indistinguishable from German Communist Party: the real conflict between the those of Hitler. Nor, is it clear, move to a direct attempt to rement between Hitler and Stal- all, Duranty pointed out, 'Stal- Soviet Union." in. Fantastic, you say? No, the in has shot more Jews in two tionale, No. 1-2, 1939, p. 77). leading straight to this end. . Stalin and his clique, long ago, turned their backs on every the labor press on this extraor-then said: dinarily cynical remark, the hope and prospect of world rev-

statement!" cialist Appeal, October 15, 1938) ist Appeal carried a story head- whether German fascism relined. Commenting on the strange scant coverage to Nazi po- have no other meaning than groms", which analysed the that of a promise to support the November 10, 1938 pogroms chief Soviet papers during the foreign policy of German imagainst the Jews and the refusweek following the November perialism if it comes to al of the Soviet Union to open its doors to the refugees, the

| fruit of their vicious anti-Sem-| showed that the Soviet press

"A breach in the foreign trade Fascist bureaucracy, the Stal- In line with Stalin's search monopoly, which will immedi inist press leaped in to throw for a pact with Hitler, the illeately undermine Russian indus- the mud of suspicion on the gal Communist Party of Germany proceeded, in February, 1939, to propose such a pact in In the Socialist Appeal of De- nationalistic terms aping those by the Socialist Workers Par-"Step by step, in their course ty's theoretical organ, the New

"The idea of an alliance with Soviet Union and all the imper. will Stalin hesitate at employ- the Soviet power which the ialist countries, will Stalin ing anti-Semitism. Walter Dur- C.P.G. proposes in sharpest anty, Stalin's official spokes-contrast to the Hitlerite foreign store private property and open man, has indicated that in his policy, and which is independup the Russian market to for now-famous dispatch of Octo-ent of whether Germany is sober 11, 1938, to the North Amer- cialistically or capitalistically "These are the questions ican Newspaper Alliance, pre-organized, is being shared more which can constitute the only dicting a rapprochement be-and more by all Germans who possible basis for rapproche-tween Stalin and Hitler; after want to live in peace with the whole course of Stalin has been years of the purge than ever | Commenting on this national-

were killed in Germany.' De- istic declaration of the Comspite widespread comment in munist Party of Germany, we

"The demand for an alliance olution. The bureaucratic caste Communist parties nowhere with the Soviet Union, posed is concerned only with self-have repudiated Duranty's 'independently' of the internal regime of Germany, that is, in-The same issue of the Social- dependent of the question of "Soviet Press Gives mains in power or not, can 10th pogroms in Germany, and agreement with Stalin,'

Fowers Mobilize; War "The Jerome alibi is a gross fraud. He dares not and cannot fell the real truth. For while

German Demands Raise International Tension to Highest Pitch Since 1918— People Fear Outbreak of War

(Continued from Page 1) hot spots, is enough to touch ializing with increasing rapid- off the outbreak of world war. ity. In spite of rising domestic In the United States, the

Then ask your leaders for a the European outlook. Army in Slovakia than that of V. J. Jerome and inally independent state of Humanite, organ of the der of Poland and the northern pose official. On November 9 and 10, trial areas, and at the same the "vulnerability" of Washing-1938, Humanite linked Gryn-time has put a heavy squeeze ton and New York to the attack szpan with "agents of the Ges- on Hungary to keep firmly in of a foreign army which has tapo", saying: "The police line with Berlin.

know as surely as we do that Soviet-German Pact young Grynszpan was in constant relation with the Trotsky-day after the military occupa-largest amount of war muniist circles, which swarm with tion of Slovakia, the Soviet Un- tions orders during peace time. agents of the Gestapo" (Nov. ion officially announced a new 10) and raised the question trade and credit agreement what shady role might have with Germany. By this pact, the timeliness of the current which Grynszpan frequented." the Soviet Union.

tack on Grynszpan, the Social- "non-aggression" pact. With dum on war must be pushed. ist Appeal, December 17, 1938, Hitler surrounding Poland on to seize Danzig and the Corri-their own hands. dor-and Poland, cut off from This demand is the first step all supplies, is Hitler's to dis- in the fight to mobilize the

member at will. But can England permit Hitler to do so?

People Fear War In the present tension, a small spark, in any of a dozen have the right to decide!

business, and high profit re- growing fears of the people are "Members of the Communist ports for the first six months brought out by the latest Gallup Party! You cannot believe our of this year, the Stock Market poll. This showed that 76% beexplanation, cannot accept it? slumped badly in reaction to lieve that the U.S. would be involved if a European war breaks out. Two years ago, the Hitler's latest move has been figure was only 38%. The Galto order the German army to lup release stressed that this 'Why does Stalin not open take "military possession" of poll was designed to measure wide the doors of the U.S.S.R. Slovakia, which the Munich the people's fears, not wishes. to the refugees from fascism?" deal had established as a nom- As if to underline these fears, A revelatory indication of the German "protection". Slovakia largest peacetime army ever direction in which the Stalinists extends as a thin wedge for 200 formed in the U.S. for miliwere traveling was the attack miles between the southern bor- tary maneuvers, for the purof conducting Communist Party, border of Hungary; by this sames" in New York State and Herschel Grynszpan, step, Germany directly threat-Virginia. The press reports the Jewish boy who shot a Nazi ens Poland's southern indus-raised the usual scare about

theoretically landed on the coast. Washington also an-At this critical juncture, the nounced the handing out of the Anti-War Drive Timely The growing crisis underline

been played by an agent of the Hitler in exchange for German anti-war campaign of the So-Gestapo introduced into the credits will be enabled to buy cialist Workers Party, and the Trotskyist circles of Paris much needed raw materials in fears of the masses expressed in the Gallup poll drives home The next day came the an- the speed with which the de-Commenting on this foul at- nouncement of the Hitler-Stalin mand for a people's referen-While the press reports are three borders, and his new ally, filled with the maneuvers of the "At a time when even con- in accordance with "non-ag- rulers and diplomats on the servative writers put all em-gression," refusing to supply world scene, we must emphaphasis on pointing out that the Poland with food and oil dur-size that the masses of people Hitlerites were only reaping the ing hostilities, Hitler has only must take their destiny into

masses against American involvement in the European crisis:

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR! Only the people

WORKERS' FORUM

YES, SOME PEOPLE ARE A FUNNY LOT

"People," my father used to ay, on practically any occa-"are a funny lot. sion.

This arresting thought was brought to my mind again by the experience of one of our comrades who was soliciting a signature for our anti-war peti-The following conversa

tion took place: "I have a petition here supporting a referendum on war.

"I don't wanna sign it!" "Aren't you opposed to war?" "Sure I'm opposed to war, thousand per cent opposed

to it. In fact, I'm so opposed

to war that I don't wanna have anything to do with it or anything connected with it. That's why I won't sign your petition." Father was no dummy.

Comradely yours,

Akron, Ohio August 14, 1939

What's happened this week in your union, shop, street, city, that you would want other workers to know about? For every direct story we get about the life of the workers, there are a thousand that Appeal readers fail to send us. Why don't you tell other Appeal readers what you know? Send YOUR letter TO-DAY to the Workers Forum.

By James Burnham Government

No front is neglected in the ever-hastening preparations for the war. While, last week, the nations were turning out new armaments at the rate of two billions of dollars worth a month, and additional millions of men were being mobilized in Europe, Columbia University, second richest of this country's educational institutions, was doing its bit in the moral make-ready.

Under the direction of Dean Russell of Columbia's Teachers College (the most influential school of education in the United States), a three days' "Congress on Education for Democracy" was held and immensely publicized in the press. Some 400 'delegates' of various organizations were present, and several thousand others attended the sessions.

The meaning of the Congress was well symbolized by its leading guest and by the chairman of its key session, the huge banquet held at the Waldorf-

Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, elder statesman of Britain's Conservative party, was the guest. Winthrop W. Aldrich, head of the country's largest bank, the Chase National, was the chairman.

Such Congresses, however, are never complete without their "left decoration". To their shame and disgrace, this was prominently provided by Ernest Bevin, one of the chiefs of the British Trades Unions and the British Labor Party; Charles Beard, America's leading liberal historian; Norman Thomas, whose picture the Times wisely featured; and William Green, who sent an effusive message from Atlantic City.

Democracy of Baldwin and Aldrich

The dozens of speeches at the sessions were studded with some of the biggest generalities on record. Simple facts and concrete details were beneath the scorn of these master-minds. Here were to be found only "eternal truths": freedom and liberty and conscience and God. "If civilization is to avoid overwhelming damage," bleated President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, "and perhaps ruin for centuries, there is something to be done which must be done now".

No one, of course, was so indiscreet as to mention just what it is that "must be done now". But they did not need to put it into words. What must be done, the whole Congress implied and prepared for, is to go to war against the Axis powers.

The most farcical performance of the whole three days was the speech of the Ambassador from Poland. Poland, giving its lessons to the peopleon democracy! Poland, land of eternal military dictatorship, pogroms, suppression of minority rights, everlasting violence against the labor movement, telling just how and why we must "fight for democracy"!

But it should not be imagined that this Congress was a trivial affair or a joke, or that the time, en-. ergy and money spent on it was wasted. Congresses such as these, and the permanent organization which issued out of it, are an indispensable part of imperialism's preparation for war.

It is particularly significant that Teachers College sponsored this Congress. Imperialism prostitutes everything in society to its ends, and firm control over the educational system, with the educators' vast influence over the moral and intellectual climate of the public, is essential to its plans. It must be confessed, alas, that the big shots of the teaching world do not need much urging to ful-

fill their prostitutes' role. The people would never accept the war if they knew one-half of the hideous, vicious truth about it. Therefore the "leaders of intellectual and cultural life" have got to manufacture lies attractive enough to make the masses willing to die for the Sixty Families and their counterparts in the other

Democracy that the Congress Forgot

The gathering was entitled a Congress on Education for Democracy. Now I will be the first to grant that the world is very much in need of education for democracy. A Congress in this country might well devote its serious attention to the subject.

Spokesmen from the United States could easily compose most eloquent speeches explaining how U. S. imperialism murders democracy through its military dictatorship in Puerto Rico, and could raise the democratic demand for the independence of Puerto Rico. They could tell how the ten million Negroes of the South are deprived of all democratic rights, and herded in squalid, disease-ridden ghettoes; and demand full political, economic and social rights for the Negroes. They could analyze the M-Day plans of the U.S. government, already in their first stages of setting up a totalitarian military dictatorship.

The Polish speaker could discuss the endless crimes of the Polish landlords, industrialists, politicians and generals against democracy.

The British delegates would not have to search far for material. They could tell the story of Ireland. They could show by what devices an imperialist handful keeps 350,000,000 Indians ground into the earth-and might even make clear that democracy, genuine democracy, means immediate freedom and independence for India. They could give the simple facts about Palestine, Ceylon, South

And they might, all of them, show why, if a war involving all of mankind threatens, the peoples themselves are not given the right to decide whether that war is worth fighting.

But such a Congress on education for democracy would not be called by Dean Russell, nor would its delegates comprise the glittering figures of the Earl of Bewdley, Winthrop Aldrich, Ernest Bevin, or Charles Beard. It would be a congress which would have to name these liars and hypocrites. these pimps of the spirit, as among the most vicious of the enemies of real democracy. The struggle of the masses for democracy must recognize in them and their Congresses a corrupt and degraded instrument of the enemy.

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