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WAR IS CLOSE, BUSINESS IS TOLD!

Finks And Nobles In 'Red Hunt'

U. S. Gov't To Employ Detectives

La Follette Bared Criminal Records Of Boss Spies
BY SAMUEL ROMER
WASHINGTON — Uncle Sam's latest partner is the fittest industry in America—the organized scab-herding and professional strike-breaking racket!
Hitting a new low for government decency and morality, the federal department of justice announced that it would conduct its campaign against "espionage, sabotage and subversive activities" with the aid of the industrial private detective agencies—the same outfits which the La Follette senate investigating committee had denounced as having employed criminals, provocateurs and professional hoodlums.
In New York, David L. Clendenen, national secretary of the Workers' Defense League, announced that he was in communication with socialist and labor leaders throughout the nation to force rescission of this order. "When the voice of organized labor is heard," he declared, "its protests against the department of justice action will add the bonus army episode under Hoover seem like a tempest in a teapot."
Low Types
Features in the pay of these strike-breaking agencies aren't called men—they speak of themselves as "finks" and "nobles." They are so low that their own mothers are ashamed to admit that they bore them. Yet the department of justice has evidently satisfied itself that these are the types of operatives that are needed to see this country from "foreign sabotage."
Maybe the department of justice is right at that. Because if the present campaign against "sabotage" will be conducted as every previous one has been—and it will, like the same thing—"sabotage" is just a cover for a straight labor-baiting, union-baiting offensive on the part of the manufacturer with the approval and active aid of the government.
Scum of Gutters
No decent American, no self-respecting worker would take part in this dirty business; it should be no surprise, then, that the department of justice must hire the scum of the gutters to do this job.
Fascist Germany with its brown-shirted brutes won't have much on this country when our own storm-troopers, American-style, go into action under the command of Pearl Bergoff, king of the strike-breakers.
In any number of states, progressive legislatures have passed laws allowing to allow this racket to prey on labor—but from now on they will be unofficial agents of the federal government. The next time you catch a rat in the sport, you will probably find that he sports a U. S. B. I. badge, as well.
Start Red Hunt
Coincident with the announcement that the department of justice would choose its aids from the underworld came other indications that the United States was in for another nationwide "red hunt."
Bridging this time the government isn't going to wait until war is declared before it goes into action against America's radicals and saboteurs; learning its technique from the German maniac, it just doesn't bother about formal declarations of war.
Special schools where agents are trained in "sabotage-detecting"—one of the lessons is probably memorizing phrases like "solidarity" and "imperialism" and other words which will be termed "subversive"—have been in operation for more than six months; proud graduates are already taking their seats as stool-pigeons in America's labor unions.
Sabotage was always one of the most respected industries of capitalism; now it has become an integral part of capitalism's government.

G-Man War-Time Style



Meet the Elfin of the Finks and Nobles, Chowderhead Cohen, notorious for crime, spying and strikebreaking. The department of justice announced last week that it would enlist the service of private detective agencies to combat espionage. Chowderhead, under the new system, qualifies for an appointment.

Dramatic Message From Socialists in Germany

The Independent Labor party of Great Britain received the following letter from Socialists in Germany, who have so heroically carried on the struggle against Hitler:
In the moment before the cannons speak, before the world faces horror and manslaughter, we send our message to you. The German workers do not want this war. Hitler begins the war with Poland against the will of large masses of the population.
The young men and women do not and cannot imagine what awaits them, but we who have fought from 1914-1918, we who have known death and misery and starvation, know what war means.
In this war there will be no victor. Only destruction will ruin culture, the work of generations. The first victims will be our children and women, the people who are killed by air raids, the population behind the front.
Comrades, we love Germany, the country where we have been educated and born, the blue lakes and the high, high mountains, the sea and the large, beautiful towns.
But though we love our native country we have nothing in common with the present regime. In our illegal pamphlets, spread even among the fortification workers, watched by the Gestapo, we have protested against the occupation of Austria, against the annexation of Czechoslovakia, against Hitler's policy of aggression and war.
Reason may still prevail, civilization makes still a last effort to prevent war even for a short time. But if it is our fate to kill each other, know that we do not hate you.
This war is not our war, this fight is not our fight, and we ask you, in the midst of death and destruction, do not forget the ideas for which we have died under torture, do not forget the ideals for which we have suffered in the concentration camps.
Comrades, you like your country and we like our country; but our common fatherland is humanity.

Profiteers Cut Wages Of Workers

Cost of Living Soars 20% in Several Cities
WASHINGTON, D. C. — American workers and farmers took a wage cut last week.
Prices on the foods that go into most American homes rose sharply—in three cities as much as 20 per cent. But payroll envelopes contained no corresponding increases; the nation's workers were paying for the price rise out of their own slender resources.
Thus, the first effect of the European war on the United States was to cut the purchasing power of the people.
Many predicted that the price rise had taken place with such startling suddenness that the bubble would soon burst, throwing the country's economic machine into a state of disorder.
Other indications, too, pointed to a boom. Steel production rose to over 70 per cent, the highest since 1937. War industries in general prepared for increased business.
Stocks Boom
Stocks of the nation's "war baby" corporations skyrocketed on the New York Stock exchange, rising 10 and 15 dollars a day—to the profit of the speculators.
But, though employment may rise as a result of the war conditions, the increased cost of living is certain to plague many a family budget.
Protests from union groups at the abrupt rise in prices—unnecessary in view of the nation's huge surplus—came immediately from workers' groups and from the unemployed. Near-starvation relief allotments now prevailing will fall even more completely to provide livable diets for millions who have no jobs.

Former S. P. Secretary Faces Jail

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Herman Erickson, until recently state executive secretary of the Socialist party, will be among the over 100 WPA workers who will face railroad-roading when federal court convenes here Sept. 26.
Erickson, employed on a WPA workers' education project prior to the strike against the wage cuts embodied in the Woodrum bill, had been on the picket line in front of the Adult Education center here.
He was in jail less than 24 hours, having been released on personal recognizance after having his bail reduced from the original \$1,500.
Meanwhile many arrests continued, among them many women, and the federal grand jury continued their investigations of alleged violations of the new WPA law.

Hosiery Workers Oppose Change in Neutrality Act

NEW YORK CITY — Delegates attending the national convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, a CIO affiliate comprising 55,000 members, turned down a plea of its national officers that the organization endorse President Roosevelt's program for revision of the neutrality act.
The delegates rejected by a vote of 89 to 84 the pleas of Sidney Hillman and Emil Rieve, CIO leaders, for support of Roosevelt's dangerous foreign policy.

Socialists Rap F. D. R.'s War Stand

Declare That Government Seeks Prosperity as Merchant of Death
CHICAGO, Ill.—President Roosevelt's address to congress was sharply criticized by the Socialist Party of the United States today in a statement which characterized it as "a familiar milestone on the age-old and time-honored road to war."
The statement, signed by Travers Clement, national secretary, pointed out that the doctrine of international law upon which the president would rely to keep us out of war was in effect in 1917.
"It failed then with a president in the White House who also spoke as a savior of peace," the statement continued. "Why should the American people trust it now? International law was reduced to a farce in the last war and is a farce today."
Modern Wars
"Modern wars are not a battle of international lawyers, but of battleships, submarines, tanks, airplanes and poison gas. To promote peace, the president proposes to free American productive forces not for the manufacture of those consumers' goods which the American people—millions of them in dire poverty—so badly need, but for the production of the implements of destruction.
"Facing collapse of the New Deal the president has turned his back upon any attempt to solve unemployment by the expansion of peace-time industries. We are to become a nation seeking prosperity as merchants of death. This is what the president terms being realistic and practical. It was this safe type of realism that cost us billions of dollars and thousands of American lives in the first World War."
The Socialist statement ended with a call to all progressive forces to defeat the president in his effort to repeal the neutrality act and instead to seek extension of the arms embargo to include the raw materials essential to the manufacture of arms.

Commissaries Try Out Hitler's Tactics

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Charges that the Communists had put to get sympathetic audiences because of the Nazi-Russian alliance, are attempting to break up Socialist meetings, were made last week by Nathan Sadovsky of the Young People's Socialist League.
"They feel public sentiment definitely crystallizing against them because of the messianism, and fearing that the Socialist peace and neutrality program has more appeal for people than their dangerous meddling schemes, they have been making every effort to wreck our meetings," Sadovsky said.
Sadovsky charged that Communists also had called police and given them the false report that there were "riots" at street corner meetings held by the young Socialists of this city.

CIO Wins in Briggs Vote

DETROIT, Mich. — The Briggs local of the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO) scored a smashing victory against the dual union of Homer Martin here last week in an election held by the National Labor Relations board.
The score was:
UAW-CIO 13,301
AFL 1,052
Neither 978

United States to Be Pitted Against Russia, Japan, Italy And Germany, Kiplinger Says

Dictatorship Plan Set—Steel Chairman To Become Dictator of American Industry

WASHINGTON, D. C. — American business men have received word through their usual reliable sources that the administration expects to take the country into war very soon, perhaps by January.
One of the channels of this information is the Kiplinger Washington Letter, which numbers among its subscribers practically every important bank and corporation in the country. It is published by the Kiplinger Washington agency, National Press building, Washington.
The head of this agency, W. M. Kiplinger, is also a contributor to "Nation's Business," the monthly magazine of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He is eagerly sought as a speaker before chambers of commerce and manufacturers' associations, and is recognized as an authoritative ear and mouth-piece of the business world.
"In very high official circles (not the slightest doubt of it) there is solemn talk of the 'possibility' of U. S. in war 'by January,'" says a recent issue of the Kiplinger Washington Letter. "Reasons are not fully disclosed, but have to do with diplomatic advices concerning German plans for drawing in Russia, Japan—and Italy later."
Four Powers
After thus showing plainly that the United States would have to fight not only Germany but Russia, Japan, and Italy, Kiplinger continues:
"An impressive fact to which you must get accustomed is this: 'Our government, particularly at the top, is acting on the theory that the U. S. may be at war 'sooner than the general public suspects.' That's not precise, but that's the way it is put—it shows the spirit."
"It is our opinion that the executive branch of our government is putting up a front

Depressions Cost Nation 200 Billion

WASHINGTON — Unemployment in the United States during the last eight years resulted in income losses totaling \$200,000,000, the National Resources board reports in a report to President Roosevelt.
America "faces a basic national problem" as a result of this waste of manpower, materials and skill, the report pointed out, adding that failure to use these resources to provide a much higher standard of living than now exists "is placing our democratic institutions in jeopardy."
"When the national income is \$60,000,000,000 instead of \$80,000,000,000," the report says, "the worker suffers through unemployment or partial employment or through wage rates lower than resources make possible and the farmer receives a lower income because of a reduced home market."
Socialism Only Hope
Translating the \$200,000,000,000 loss into understandable terms, the report showed that if idle men and machines could have been employed in building houses, the extra income "would have been enough to provide a new \$6,000 house for every family in the country. If instead the lost income had been used to build railroads, the entire railroad system of the country could have been scrapped and rebuilt at least five times. Of such is the magnitude of the depression loss in income through failure to use available resources."
Of such, too, is the nature of capitalism, and only a thoroughgoing Socialist economy can turn the wealth lost by such capitalist mismanagement into products for the use of all workers.

Meaning of Alliance

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These, naturally, are things I wanted to know. "Hitler has already had too much of a free hand, anyway," one comrade tells me. "It is not important," another tells me thoughtfully, "what happens to Communism and Communist fellow-travelers now, for that will be lost sight of in the major catastrophe. Communism will be known for what it is, and will be universally condemned, if the pact in its exact text seems as bad as this outline of it." "Is it war?" I asked another comrade. Another paper came in with the text of the pact; we turned to each other simultaneously and said, "Article 4 answers the question. Poland will have to surrender in some measure, or war it certainly is."

What Are You Doing to Help Keep U. S. Out?

The Socialist party urges all its friends and members to:
1. Write to congressman and senators asking them to vote against any legislation that will increase the danger of America's entry into war. As a first step ask them to oppose the Bloom bill or revision of the neutrality act.
2. Order from the National Office at 549 Randolph st., Chicago, Ill., special anti-war leaflets which are being published by the tens of thousands.
3. Communicate with the Keep America Out of War Congress at 22 E. Seventeenth st., New York City, asking them how you can broaden the anti-war front in your community.
4. Support the Socialist Call. Get subs. Branches and locals should immediately pay up their pledges.
5. Contribute generously to the National Office so that it may increase its organizational and agitational activities.
STOP THE WAR-MONGERS NOW!
Keep America Out of War

Heil Taxes Cigarettes, Not Cigars

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin consumers this week began paying 2 cents a package sales tax on cigarettes.
The workingman's smoke was described as a luxury by Gov. Julius (the Bust) Heil in advocating the tax, but an amendment to the bill to tax cigars costing 10 cents or more, offered by the Socialist legislator, Andrew J. Biemiller, was shouted down by the Republican-Democratic coalition.
Heil smokes 50-cent Corona-Coronas.
Earlier in the session Heil has sponsored a bill to tax beverages containing a syrup—children's soda pop, for example—but exempted from taxation were champagne and the sodas that are mixed with Scotch and bourbon. Heil was later persuaded to abandon this bill.

Ina White's Father Dies

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Socialist party locally and nationally expressed their grief last week at the death of Comrade Ina White's father. The party sent its condolences to both Ina and her family.

Crossroads of the Crisis

By Devere Allen
(Continued from last week)
He hasn't the hold on the masses held by his late wife, whom they venerate, but even his bitterest critics seem to feel that personally he would be with the under-dog on most occasions excepting when he himself is under the domination of a cynical ruling class.
He speaks generalities, but simply, fervently, and it is not without effect among his countrymen, if unheeded at Berlin and Warsaw and other capitals. Anyone who thinks, as many news commentators have stated, that the king, took his action at the request of the Munich settlement, is mistaken.
I am not permitted to make public the truth of how the appeal to the small countries came, but I can positively say that it was not, as so often stated, at the behest of the pope.
Nazi-Soviet Pact
Wednesday was a day of shock. The people in the streets were stunned. Flaring headlines told the news that the Soviet-reich pact, long anticipated by realistic observers but a surprise to the masses and, it appears, to the "Popular Frontists" generally, had passed from rumor into actuality.
Great crowds gathered at the corners of the streets in Brussels, which is a cross roads for all that passes from one part of Europe to another—commerce, culture, travelers, finance, rumors, and

By Devere Allen

facts. On that day I hastened to consult expert opinion—particularly expert labor opinion, certain to be best informed on such an issue.
In the office of the Labor and Socialist International, I sat with two comrades known to the labor movement of many countries. Both are experienced, wise observers. "We shall see" what the terms of the pact really are when they are made known," they say, "but it looks bad." In a little while, a new edition of a morning paper is laid before us. Feverishly we read. Everyone with whom I talk, seems to agree "It is no longer just business, it is the very war."
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Dictator Named

Discussing this dictatorship, Kiplinger says: "Stettinius in due course will become 'director of war industry.' He has already been designated. He will graduate from the chairmanship of the present war resources board, which is merely advisory," (Stettinius is Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, which is controlled by J. P. Morgan and company. Stettinius' father, a member of the Morgan firm, was in charge of the purchase of billions of dollars of goods for the Allies in the first World War.)
President's Mood
Concerning Roosevelt's own military intentions, Kiplinger says:
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Mine Leader Succumbs

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va. — Frank Milley, president of District 31, the United Mine Workers of America, died here last week of a heart attack.
Stricken while in a restaurant, Milley was rushed to a hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.
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Green to Probe Florida Jim Crow

NEW YORK — The first step in the conducting of an investigation by the American Federation of Labor into "Jim Crow" practices of its affiliated unions in Tampa, Fla., by means of which 500 Negro seaman union men in the ship-building industry were frozen out of their jobs, has been taken. William Green, president of the AFL, left last week.

JOHN L. LEWIS, President of the C. I. O.

"Labor in America wants no war nor any part of war. Labor wants the right to work and live—not the privilege of dying by gunshot or poison gas to sustain the mental errors of current statesmen."

Your World And Mine

By Norman Thomas

In a world of whose depths and complexities of bad faith the double cross is an inadequate symbol, the most disgraceful role is Stalin's. Hitler has always been Hitler. In "Mein Kampf" he told us about what to expect of his promises. Stalin still claims to be a Socialist. The words of his little puppets, the Communist orators in America, still echo in our ears. They told us that the enormous army he was building up was only for defense, conveniently forgetting that already he had taken Outer Mongolia much as Japan took Manchuria from China.

They told us that Russia was the sure bulwark for the defense both of democracy and peace. They denounced fascism as the worst of all evils and Hitler as the worst of all fascists. Yet today Hitler and Stalin have an alliance of indefinite extent. Russian armed forces have marched into Poland and Russian battleships blockade Estonia. The method followed is precisely the method of Hitler.

The American Communists who defend these actions with calm disregard of the role they were trying to play in bringing America into the war in behalf of the U. S. S. R. and the democracies a little while ago are a completely unworthy of trust. Whatever the good intentions of individual Communists may be, the party itself, by reason of its blind subservience to Stalin, is virtually a member of the GPU and the ally of the Gestapo.



Keep Them Out! It is not with hunting or red baiting, under these circumstances, to insist that it is the duty of the American workers and of decent Americans everywhere to see to it that Communists have no positions of leadership in any sort in any union or in any political office. To keep them out will be difficult because part of their creed includes repudiation of their Communist connections whenever they think they can get away with it, but for the sake of labor's own integrity it cannot allow itself to compromise with a party whose complete lack of good faith makes Machiavelli look like a Sunday school teacher.

Let there be no misunderstanding about this. If Stalin had never professed to be a Marxist or concerned about the interest of the workers; if he had always said that his only function was to play power politics, then we would have to admit that he had done a pretty good job. Not Socialism The best reports indicate that Stalin is in no position to fight any offensive war. There is great discontent among the peasants; last summer's harvest was disappointing; the army is still disorganized by the extent of the purge. What Stalin wants is to enhance Russian power and prestige without a war and he has played his cards well. At least for the time being he has deflected the German drive to the Ukraine. He has scared the Japanese and he has evidently got a free hand to recover directly or indirectly most of the territory old Russia lost in the West. That's a smart bargain but it's not a fulfillment of Socialism.

What Could Have Been One can't help thinking about what might have been. If Stalin had been a true Socialist or even if he had remained at this point true to the principles of Lenin, he might have helped Russia become a country to inspire all the workers of Europe. Hitler himself might not have dared his aggression if the masses of the people could have looked to the example and encouragement of a genuinely Socialist Russia. If Stalin had not made a deal with Hitler and had acted in good faith, there would have been something to be said for his offering protection to the Ukrainians and White Russians in eastern Poland (Freiheit in New York, but not Pravia in Moscow, adds the Jews), at the breakup of the Polish state. But now all that can be said is that in alliance with Hitler he has imitated Hitler's tactics of aggression. The president of the United States should extend the neutrality proclamation to include Soviet Russia. Long ago he should have included the Far Eastern contest.

Seven Year War As I write this column, Hitler talks defiantly about a seven years' war if necessary and the Allies are answering him in kind. The amazing spread of the German victory in Poland and the evidence of the extent of the alliance between Stalin and Hitler is producing something like panic in the hearts of many Americans.

It is true that there was something almost criminally reckless, ignorant and incompetent about the Polish, British and French leadership which having determined upon an alliance to stop Hitler, months ago made such extraordinarily bad preparation to put powder behind their words. Bravery is not enough, and the masses of Polish people have almost as much reason for anger against their own government and their Allies as they

have against the Germans themselves. Nevertheless, while Germany may make further advances in southeastern Europe, she is by no means omnipotent. The food cards already afford poorer rations than New York city is supposed to give to families on home relief, or than a modern jail gives to the prisoners. It is doubtful how much Russia will do to make up the loss, especially now that Russia has her own armies in the field with very inadequate railroads and roads to keep them supplied. Besides, the harvest wasn't very good last summer.

May Betray Hitler When it comes to actual fighting, Stalin is perhaps as likely to fight against Hitler as for him. He wants to take what he can take without fighting any real war. Italy is clearly more and more reluctant to fight, and that doesn't prove that Mussolini is turning into a democrat. He is, on the contrary, the father of Fascism, but national self interest and Italian dislike of Germans will keep him out of the war unless Hitler scares him in. For all these reasons I do not think that Hitler is going to smash the western world. I doubt if there will be a seven years war. The one thing I am sure of is that in any long war, European civilization will be smashed. Whoever is the nominal victor, exhaustion, blood, fear, the collapse of the old order, will mean that Europe will not menace the rest of the world.

New Social Order The European nations will probably be unable to hold their colonies. A new social order must be born. Under war conditions it will be born with unnecessary pain and sorrow and the rulers under whom life will be begun anew will probably be dictators of one sort or another. This will be the consequence of any long war. To a considerable degree it will also be the consequence in America if America joins the war, no matter what reason we profess to enter it. The one chance for orderly democracy to make further progress is in the United States. If the United States will keep out of the war, a United States which is genuinely neutral, and in leadership to other neutrals to in mediation and bring this suffering to an end before it has imposed on mankind a price from which it will take generations to recover, no matter who or what is nominally the victor.

The Neutrality Fight I have sent the Call a speech in which I argue what should be our stand on the neutrality question and shall not repeat the argument in this column. Always remember that the purpose of neutrality is to do what it can to keep us out of that angle. It will be hard to judge from what we get into a big war trade that big war trade will be a complete disaster to our own economic well being. It will give us a temporary prosperity by postponing an economic crisis which will be made thereby a hundred fold worse. It is not enough, however, to argue against war trade. Already we have lost valuable time in preparing a better way of prosperity.

Herald's Comment The London Daily Herald asserts, "There was no doubt that if aggression took place before the treaty was signed, the Soviet union would join resisting it." On Friday, The Tribune, voice of "left" labor and popular frontism in London, without the text of the Russian pact before it when its leaders were written immediately before, came out with a wholesale justification of Russia's policy, and placed all the blame on Chamberlain (surely an over-simplification), asserted that the Russian-German pact would be a great reinforcement for peace, contended that the pact would of course contain guarantees against aggression by either signatory against a third country, and even went so far as to say, "It is a lie to suggest that it leaves



Michael Shadid: A People's Doctor

BY GEORGIA ALBRIGHT "A Doctor for the People," by Michael A. Shadid is, I believe, one of the most important ever written. It is really a story of the life of Michael Shadid, who was born in Syria in 1882 to what was apparently a life of poverty. Those of us who have lived our lives in even the most humble circumstances in the United States, are unable to understand the extreme wretchedness pictured by Dr. Shadid as he describes the everyday life to which the people of his homeland were accustomed and from which they expected no release. The death of nine of his own brothers and sisters from a cause which is now only associated with filth and improper feeding made a lasting impression on this small boy for he early decided to become a doctor, not for the sake of personal gain or to rise above the people around him, but that he might be of assistance in raising the health standards of his people. When he first began the practice of medicine he was associated with an older doctor who was far from sympathetic with the aims of his young assistant. The needless death of three patients in a single night confirmed his belief that patients were to his superior as guinea pigs and their partnership soon terminated. The building up of practices in other towns is related until we come at last to Elk City, Okla. All the while Dr. Shadid seeks a solution for the many who desperately need medical care but if it is procured they find themselves poverty-stricken because they did not choose to die. Needless Deaths The establishment of the Co-operative hospital in Elk City brings one to a full realization of the depths to which an established order will go to protect its pocket-book. If there are any who are not yet convinced of the parasitic nature of the organized medical profession it is advisable that they read these chapters for themselves. Few people have had a more worthy aim in life than Michael Shadid. Few have been more persistently persecuted by the powers that be. And all the while he was not fighting for himself; he was fighting for his fellowmen. He is still fighting and when you have talked with him or read his book you will believe that he will be there resisting to the last the efforts of those who would destroy his work, that of bringing health and a greater measure of happiness to the people of his adopted land.

More Unions Ask Du Quoin Boys' Release

CHICAGO—More support is piling up for the Du Quoin boys as the drive for their release enters its full stretch. Unions that have recently backed the campaign of the Du Quoin Miners' Defense committee for the release of the five youths include the Marine and Shipyard Workers, the St. Louis Joint Council of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the St. Louis Newspaper Guild and the powerful St. Louis Industrial Union Council, it was announced here by Gerry Allard, chairman, and Loren Norman, director of the committee. Action of the St. Louis unions was secured through the work of G. A. Hoehn, veteran labor journalist and secretary of the boycott campaign against Curlee Clothes. Mr. Hoehn was scheduled to appear before the Missouri CIO convention to present the case for the boys, and promises to bring it before the St. Louis central body later in the month. Presentation of the case for the release of the five young men will be made soon to Governor Horner and other state officials by a committee of trade union officials, including leaders of the CIO and the AFL in Illinois. Hope for gardens for the boys before the snow flies was expressed by the committee's officials. The spirit of the convention was the most determined and responsible that we have ever seen among Y. P. S. L. members. It was expressed best in the speech by one of the delegates in the discussion of the resolution on the war crisis. She said, "I flunked two subjects last year because of the time I spent in work for the Youth Committee Against War. I don't give a damn how many I flunk or whether I ever graduate. I'm going to work harder than before." We had thought that this was an unusual sentiment and that the comrades who expressed it was much more responsible than most. But our return to the national office revealed that many comrades in Chicago felt exactly that way and that our mail was filled with statements like this one from Detroit: "I can't begin to tell you how the convention inspired the Detroit delegation! It's the sort of thing that leaves you wordless with a swelling throat. It was seeing our comrades at work. It was seeing the growth of the league, the spirit of demonstrations, etc." One comrade is very reluctantly going away to school in one of the midwestern state capitals. "I got a B average last year. But with the war in Europe and the chance that the United States will get in I want to spend all my time in Y. P. S. L. work." The spirit is so contagious and so thrilling that we are certain that the work of the league will be much better than ever before.

War Board Head Irks AFL Organ

Federationist Frowns on U. S. Steel Chairman WASHINGTON—The naming of Edward R. Steinius of the great United States Steel corporation as chairman of the War Resources Board is criticized by the American Federation of Labor in the current American Federationist. "Without considering the personality or abilities of the chairman designated for this committee, his relationship and his responsibility for a basic industry involved, make it impossible for industrial identification to be subordinate so far as public service is concerned," the Federationist said. Board Is Key Agency The Federationist further said: "A few days ago our newspapers reported the creation of a War Resources Committee and listed the names of distinguished industrialists as members of the committee. The committee . . . will report directly to the president. Obviously such a committee, important under any circumstances, becomes a key agency in times of war. The chairman of such a committee will wield great authority should war befall us—authority that will determine our ability for national defense as well as the well-being of the civilian population. Such authority ought to be in the hands of a person above suspicion of self-interest, with demonstrated ability to make decisions solely in the public interests. "Basic Principle Forgotten" "In the naming of the War Resources Committee, it is obvious that those responsible had forgotten a basic principle found essential in the World War—namely, the resources of a country are first its citizens, and secondly its materials. This principle underlies the structure of each industry and each consists of the human beings who carry on, and secondly of materials and machinery."

British Socialists Wage Heroic Fight Against World War

True to Socialist Ideals In Face of Immense Tragedy LONDON, England — The Independent Labor members of the House of Commons, under circumstances of great difficulty, have maintained the attitude of international Socialism which the I. L. P. maintained in the war of 1918 and which Karl Liebknecht and other international Socialists then maintained in Germany. When on Sept. 2, the National Services (Armed Forces) bill, providing for the conscription of men between the ages of 18 and 41, was introduced, James Maxton indicated the opposition of the I. L. P. group. He said that the principle justified the I.L.P. in opposing military training bill a few months ago and the conscription measure were still as cogent as then. There was no change in principle. Pleads for Boy On the details of the measure Maxton pleaded that the young men under 20 should not be brought within the scope of the bill or sent on active military service. He also asked for a bill to exempt the government will not be doing the right thing by the youth of this country as a whole. He said, "unless some corresponding measure is very speedily introduced which will deal with property on parallel lines to the way in which the measure deals with human life, I cannot blind my eyes to the fact, Maxton contended, that it is not merely military conscription, but is in essence industrial conscription. I enter my protest against the bill that we may achieve things. We are particularly against the view that any man can come to working class in any of the countries in Europe. Nine M. P. Against The I. L. P. divided the house. The following voted against the bill: J. Maxton, Campbell Stephen, McGovern, Independent Labor party; G. Buchanan, A. C. Jones, A. Saiter, A. Sloan, C. H. Wilson, Labor party, and T. H. Harvey, Independent. On Sept. 3 Prime Minister Chamberlain announced the decision of war. McGovern said that day was to him distressing and pressing. They had supported peace, but they could not accompany him in war. Immense Tragedy He sympathized with the millions of workers in every country involved—with the mothers and fathers and sons in Germany, France, Austria, Poland, Britain and British possessions overseas. He said that the magnitude of the tragedy, he said. Today public opinion is strong and united, but in the tragedy he would follow it would not be six months. In conclusion Maxton said: "In that, at the earliest possible moment, the peoples of the world in Germany and other countries will rise and revolt and overthrow the tyrannies which exist and establish the rule of peace and comfort upon earth." The Independent Labor prepared a program which served its members during the crisis. The party reported that it was having difficulty in getting official paper, the New Leader published. Labor a Force Against War, Says Myers NEW YORK CITY — Preservation of democracy and the movement here depend upon being out of war, said Rev. J. H. Myers, industrial secretary of the Federal Church's Council of Churches in Christ in America. Declaring that "organized labor can be counted upon as one of the major influences to America out of war," Myers predicted that "both the AFL and CIO are on record with peace resolutions." Myers warned, however, that they will require vigilance, determination and high intelligence on the part of labor leaders and stand firm hysteria and that our participation in any less democracy in the world as the World War did and ably in some form of democracy in America as well.



GEORGE LANSBURY Member of the British House of Commons who joined the Independent Labor party in opposing the war.

Airbrake Workers Against War Jobs

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Workers in the Westinghouse Airbrake plant at Wilmerding here want jobs that come with peace and not with war, according to a resolution adopted by local 610 of the United and Electrical Workers' union. In the face of the booming heavy industry in this district the workers urged upon congress and their fellow workers such peaceful construction projects as the rebuilding and re-equipment of American railroads, now so badly needed.

Mobsters Plead Guilty To Cranbury Attack

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Nine members of the mob of hoodlums who brutally attacked seven Negro potato pickers, including a woman, Aug. 10, on the farm of Raymond Day, landowner near Cranbury, N. J., pleaded guilty in Middlesex county courthouse to charges of assault and battery. The mobsters, all of whom were men, will be sentenced here by the court. Sept. 22. A tenth member of the mob, a boy, whose home is said to be in Brooklyn, N. Y., is scheduled to appear before the juvenile court here sometime next week. The N. A. A. C. P. learned that police are seeking two unidentified members of the mob who have escaped capture to date. They are said to have fled the state. By pleading guilty and throwing themselves on the mercy of the court the members of the mob forestalled possible indictments at the hands of the Middlesex grand jury and a trial. Their appearance here before the court followed a series of moves on the part of the state police of New Jersey that appeared questionable to officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, until they were explained.

Miners Hold Meeting in Rain

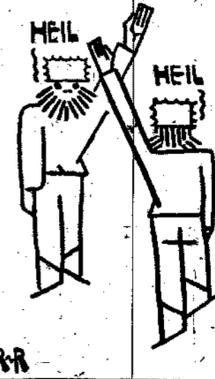
RIDGEWAY, Colo. (F.P.)—In a rain-drenched farm pasture near here, more than 100 loyal members of Silverton Miners union held a regular meeting on Sept. 6 and laid plans for the union's return to vigilante-ridden Silverton, 25 miles south.

CIVILIZATION

DALLAS, Tex. (F.P.)—Dallas relief clients were driven to work in blazing hot cotton fields for scanty pay with an announcement by Dallas County Judge Ben Fly that 987 families would be refused further aid.

Crossroads of the Crisis

Continued From Page One Germany's free hand against Poland or anyone else. In putting the onus for the breakdown of French-British-Russian negotiations completely on Chamberlain, it even put into the mouths of Russians such symbolic words as, "You ask us to fight for Poland yet will not allow us to go into the front line trenches." Labor Against C. P. Yet in France on this very morning, it was announced that one Communist paper had been suppressed, that stern measures were to be taken against the Communist party, all amid the rejoicing of the General Federation of Labor, which had heartily condemned such "secret diplomacy" and the manner and matter of the agreement. At the same time the Socialist Federative of the Seine, the Y. P. S. L., and other groups were distributing through Paris an appeal to the Parisian workers to repudiate the "treason" of the Soviet Union to the working class of the world. It remained for the liberal Brussels newspaper, Etelle Belge, to speak most vigorously against the "betrayal of civilization," and the liberal weekly Time and Tide, in London, to summarize the "tragic Ribbentrop, of the Anti-Comintern Crusade, goes at the bidding, of its once friendly anti-Bolshevik master, to cultivate friendly relations with the potentate, of the Comintern, who have wasted thousands of eloquent words in denouncing the same sea . . . that alliance is Hitler's coming great stroke." I find on our way out of the L. S. I. office on our visit during the crisis, a magazine hitherto unknown to me, "Nouvelles d'Austriche" (News of Austria). Thinking it may be a bearer of underground news about events in the gallant little country which has been mourned by us all since February, 1934, I make inquiries. No, my kindly friends in the international haster to inform me, it is just one of those common things one finds in this maddest of mad worlds—a periodical put out jointly by Communists and Monarchists. To date they have not required a pact. The spirit of the convention was the most determined and responsible that we have ever seen among Y. P. S. L. members. It was expressed best in the speech by one of the delegates in the discussion of the resolution on the war crisis. She said, "I flunked two subjects last year because of the time I spent in work for the Youth Committee Against War. I don't give a damn how many I flunk or whether I ever graduate. I'm going to work harder than before." We had thought that this was an unusual sentiment and that the comrades who expressed it was much more responsible than most. But our return to the national office revealed that many comrades in Chicago felt exactly that way and that our mail was filled with statements like this one from Detroit: "I can't begin to tell you how the convention inspired the Detroit delegation! It's the sort of thing that leaves you wordless with a swelling throat. It was seeing our comrades at work. It was seeing the growth of the league, the spirit of demonstrations, etc." One comrade is very reluctantly going away to school in one of the midwestern state capitals. "I got a B average last year. But with the war in Europe and the chance that the United States will get in I want to spend all my time in Y. P. S. L. work." The spirit is so contagious and so thrilling that we are certain that the work of the league will be much better than ever before.



BY DEVERE ALLEN

The league is now at work on the reregistration of its members. All comrades are paying up their dues to August, 1933, and getting new dues books. This registration is the occasion for increased recruiting efforts and for bringing back old members. It will be even more important this year than ever before because of the extremely serious job that is ahead. Youth's Needs The league has been buzzing for some time with the idea of a campaign, run jointly by youth and labor organizations for the elementary needs of youth. This campaign has as its aim the linking together of youth and labor and the improvement of the status of young people. The convention adopted a draft Charter of Youth Rights and has put Lewis Conn to work to interest the organizations that may be expected to participate. Pledges Being Paid Pledges were made at the convention, totaling \$1,380 and already a large percentage has been paid. Milwaukee has paid \$50 as has Chicago. Other smaller sums have also been received and the large sums still outstanding are on the way. The money is being raised at once by means of loans that will be repaid over a period of time. The national executive committee has directed that half the money paid should be used for the publication of the league newspaper which will appear shortly.

They Lied The Communists said the Soviet pact was a peace pact. The Communists said the Soviet pact split the axis. The Communists denied the Nazi-Soviet pact was a mutual aggression pact. The Communists said the Soviet pact was a peace pact. The Communists said the Soviet pact split the axis. The Communists denied the Nazi-Soviet pact was a mutual aggression pact. The Communists said the Soviet pact was a peace pact. The Communists said the Soviet pact split the axis. The Communists denied the Nazi-Soviet pact was a mutual aggression pact.

WILLIAM GREEN, President of the A. F. L. "The working men and women in the United States demand that our country stay out of European conflicts."

War Brings Iron-Clad Dictatorship To British Isles

By-Elections Canceled; Prime Minister Now Complete Dictator

LONDON, England—War blacks out more than a city night. It sweeps away liberties. The British workers have already learned that the cause they have championed for centuries has been temporarily permanently abolished, for today Britain is ruled by a dictatorship.

The blackout of individual freedom has been imposed in the name of war. And it descended almost as swiftly as did the practice of the London dark at night. The restrictive control of the individual was established Sept. 3—Germany—when parliament passed a mass of measures to control the realm and prosecute the war.

Three Main Classes

The Englishman's loss of his individual freedom is divided into three classifications—citizens granted King George VI decrees having the force of law, the loss of general personal liberties, and regulations set to control food supplies, transportation, communications, and other defensive and offensive agencies.

Press Censorship Absolute

The censorship of the press is absolute—radio always has been controlled by the government. The stage and newsreels are censored. Private mail and that of diplomatic staffs are censored. Any police officer may stop any assembly if he considers it dangerous.

Food Prices Fixed

Prices are to be fixed for meat, sugar, tea, fish, fruits, fat cattle, sheep and pigs. The government has taken over all wholesale stocks of sugar and all imports of frozen meats. All flour mills and cereal products factories are commandeered by the government.

Railroads Taken Over

Control of railroads is taken over by the government. All hospitals are placed at the disposal of the government.

Gestapo Chief



HEINRICH HIMMLER Executive head of the Nazi secret police who are known for their extreme brutality. His men are active in working class sections of Czechoslovakia, waging war on Socialists and trade unionists.

Appeal Decision Over Free Speech

NEW YORK CITY—Charging that "for the first time in the history of New York City, the right of free speech is jeopardized by a court decision and the police are given power arbitrarily to censor public meetings," the Workers' Defense League has filed notice of appeal in the appellate term of the court of special sessions from a decision by Magistrate D. Joseph de Andrea in Coney Island court.

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Thomas Explains How U. S. Can Best Serve Democracy

BY NORMAN THOMAS

If I thought that American participation in Europe's war would end, once and for all the regimentation, brutality and intolerance of Fascism, Black, Brown or Red, I should with a heavy heart raise my voice to put America into the war. If it is a necessary war, let's get all the way in, not half in, and clean up the job once and for all.

But I know that American participation in war will not end Fascism, but extend it under some name and form to the United States. War itself is a nurse to Fascism. Democracy cannot function under war conditions and therefore must surrender to dictatorship. Modern wars' extraordinary cruelty and devastation destroy the basis for a democratic society.

This is not theory. Once we thought that the thousand years of peace could be established by the defeat of the Kaiser. Well, we defeated the Kaiser and in time got Hitler. We can defeat Hitler, and, if this is all, simply get a new and more extensive tyranny.

America and Peace

America's greatest function, a function made possible by our geographic and historic position, is a function of leadership for peace. The madness of war will not be cured by those who share it. In the end it is the peoples of Europe who must make the peace, not after the violent fashion which degenerated into Fascism, but nevertheless after the fashion of those who seek a new order of society not based upon capitalism or a few imperialisms.

War Trade

Neither are we dependent upon war trade for our life. We can have a far better prosperity by organizing to meet the needs of our own people here at home. We can keep out of this war if we will.

Hate of Nazism

That is precisely what the president and a large number of congressmen want to do. One may even have a certain emotional sympathy with them arising out of one's hatred of Nazism, and yet realize that to provide arms and war supplies for one side and not the other is a form of war itself.

Cash and Carry

If our major purpose is to keep America out of war, and to escape the shame of coining other people's blood into our gold, our present neutrality legislation should not be weakened but strengthened. All trade with belligerents of all sorts should be put on a cash and carry basis.

Profit Motive

The Bloom bill would not be considered except for English and French command of the sea. What most advocates of the bill want is to help Britain and France, at rich profit to themselves, without saying so openly. It would be entirely possible to adopt the excellent provisions of the bill against loans to belligerents, and in favor of the general cash and carry principle.

Stalinist



EARL BROWDER Secretary of the Communist party, U. S. A., whose political goose was cooked in America by Russia's betrayal of the democracies.

Men Follow Guns

Neither England nor France will be so well satisfied by winning the right to pay a high price in cash for our goods that they will not also continue their propaganda to put us in war. Indeed, by changing our law to help them we have admitted a large part of the validity of their case.

Japan Buys Arms

There is a second argument against the repeal of the embargo on arms and munitions of war. It has to do with Japan. In our excitement over Europe's war we must not forget Asia's Japan can come and get American supplies and China can't.

Will Deepen Crisis

There is still another argument for tightening, not weakening, our neutrality law. It is that even under the present law, and to a greater degree under the Bloom bill, America will build up an immense war trade. Temporary unemployment will be lessened and our economic crisis will be postponed.

Trouble Makers

You will probably have observed that some congressmen and others are arguing that if the United States doesn't get this war trade at home, American capital will build munitions factories in Canada and the Canadians will reap the ensuing prosperity.

Peace Not War

It is fools' gold; it is wealth that will turn to dust and ashes. The pursuit of it will distract men from the unfulfilled task of harnessing our machinery to life not death, peace not war. Those of you who feel that you must support the repeal of the arms embargo must reconcile yourselves to the fact that while the war lasts you will say

Eugene V. Debs A Pioneer in Industrial Unionism

BY JOSEPH M. COLDWELL

To many persons of the present generation the name of Eugene Victor Debs does not mean much, except that it is linked up with the fact that he had the courage to oppose the entrance of this country into the World War, and that he was sent to prison for violation of "the espionage act."

As a matter of fact the name of Eugene Victor Debs was a household word among the organized workers of the United States in the 1890's.

It is not possible within the limits of this article to give a complete sketch of the life of Gene Debs, as his life was a busy one. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, Nov. 5, 1855, he left school when he was 14 years old. When he was 16 he got a job with a railway company. Eventually he became a locomotive fireman. In 1873, when he was 20 years old, he joined a Terre Haute lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and became its local secretary.

Five years later, in 1878, he became the grand secretary of the grand lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, which position he held until 1892. From 1890 until 1894 he was the managing editor of the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine. During that period he was elected to the state legislature of Indiana from Terre Haute. In spite of his many activities he did not miss a meeting of his local lodge in 10 years.

Debs had come to the conclusion that the existing form of labor unionism was not right. Each branch of labor activity had its own union. Each union made its own separate agreement as to wages and working conditions with the railway companies.

Often one union would go out on strike while their fellow workers would continue to remain on their jobs. This situation, Gene maintained, could be simplified by having all railway workers in one union. He tried to convince the members of the several railway brotherhoods to his viewpoint, but without results.

Resigns Positions It was in 1892 that he resigned his job as grand secretary of the Locomotive Firemen's Brotherhood, and in 1894 as managing editor of the Firemen's Magazine. With the resignations went salaries amounting to \$4,000 a year. THIS WAS THE PRICE GENE DEBS PAID BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IN INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM. HE REFUSED TO TAKE PAY FOR ADVOCATING SOMETHING HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN. WHERE IS THE LABOR LEADER OF TODAY WHO WILL MAKE AN EQUAL SACRIFICE?

We now find Gene Debs in the role of labor leader, rather than as a labor union executive, for he has said goodbye to all attempts at fundamental reforms. (Even today with war trade starting we read that Attorney General Murphy is calling on these trouble makers, the private detective agencies, especially those with experience in industry to help catch spies and saboteurs.)

You will find your prosperity dependent upon Europe's ability to continue destruction and under these conditions your government's mediation for peace will be half-hearted, one-sided and ineffectual. Such are the arguments which those of you must face who would have the United States government declare economic war under guise of changing its neutrality legislation. It is not enough to answer by recounting the crimes of Hitler. Europe's wounds healed by a course of action fraught with such grave danger to the United States. You must show that you are proposing a way to just and lasting peace rather than a probable extension of war and Fascism; and this you cannot do.

Being sent to prison is but an incident in the lives of militant workers. The thing that makes men and women great are the ideals they have, and the courage they show in advocating their ideals. Eugene Victor Debs was great because he had ideals, ideas, and the courage of his convictions. Unlike many of our present day labor leaders, Gene Debs had a backbone, where they have only a wishbone. He was brave and sincere enough to make a sacrifice for his ideals. Others talked of money, he talked of men. Others pussy-footed, Gene walked bravely forward. No one has ever truthfully called Gene Debs a grafter, a faker. Honors could have been his for the asking, material benefits could have been his for the taking, but he preferred to remain a member of the working class.

On the Map With the Socialist Party

We're Sorry

An unfortunate typographical error crept into this column last week. We wrote that the party assessment stamps were now ready. The linotype man's slip slipped and made us say they were NOT ready.

Arizona

Henrik Anderson has been authorized to act as state organizer for the party in Arizona. Those desiring to aid in rebuilding the party in that state should write him at the Salt River Indian agency, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Colorado

N. E. C. Member Ward Rodgers is now located at Denver and will actively assist the work of the Denver comrades in building the party.

Connecticut

The Labor Party of Connecticut (affiliate of the Socialist Party) held a successful state-wide picnic last week in Hamden. Many comrades were present from North Haven, Hartford, Hamden, Waterbury, Bridgeport and Stratford. Al Hamilton, national chairman of the Y. P. S. L., spoke on the "Soviet-Nazi Pact."

Illinois

The Debs Labor School of Chicago starts Monday, Oct. 2, with classes by Jack Sessions, national student director of the Y.P.S.L., on "Behind the European War," and by Ina White on "Principles of Socialism." Classes will be held at 549 Randolph, room 404, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Wisconsin

A state conference has been called for Saturday, Oct. 14, to be held in Debs hall, 330 Main st., Racine. The Milwaukee local issued a statement on war to supplement the one issued by the national office. A peace meeting is being held Sept. 29.

Massachusetts

Boston-Cambridge local has been holding street meetings regularly. They are planning a protest meeting against the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Ohio

Cleveland local plans a big Debs Memorial meeting on Oct. 20 with a nationally known speaker. The Browder meeting Sept. 21 was covered with a special leaflet and CALLS. Many street meetings are being held and two new leaflets, one on neutrality and one on the high cost of living and war-time profiteering, are being issued.

Pennsylvania

Now that the primary is over, Reading Socialists are working hard in the home stretch to insure re-election of the Socialist city administration. Special campaign papers are delivered to every house in the city and excellent meetings have been held.

Virginia

The state committee meets Oct. 8 at 905 Center ave., N. W., Roanoke. Morris Milgrim of the Workers' Defense League will speak in Richmond on the Y. W. C. A. on Sept. 28 and in Roanoke on Sept. 29.

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STALIN: "Three Can Play the Game, No?"

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American Labor Views World Crisis

Reading Labor Advocate

Reading, Pa. If anything were needed to convict the American Communist party of hypocrisy—a hypocrisy which is based upon an absolute subservience to the Stalin regime in Soviet Russia—the about face on the subject of which was promptly made by the followers of Joe Browder when Joe Stalin became a satellite of Hitler—completed the evidence. Indeed, we now know that even the term "Americanism" is a misnomer when applied to the Browderites. Their viewpoint, tactics and objectives are not even their own, but come ready prepared for the Kremlin. Twenty years ago the Socialists of America preached their movement to be split rather than become the vassals of a Russian regime which preached the philosophy of dictatorship. Socialists view democracy as something not to be surrendered. Their program is positive and cannot be altered either by the will of foreign dictators or by the economic interests of the American plunderbund. Socialists are against war because they believe an economic plan which will result in peace as capitalism results in war. War and dictatorship because the Socialist plan has been rejected, and all the less reason why Socialists should stand by the slaughter or bow to the dictators.

The Progressive Miner Gillespie, Ill. The workers of this nation should notify congress and the president in no unmistakable terms that they oppose participation in foreign wars, that the United States should maintain a strict neutrality in the present European conflict, and that America has very serious problems of its own to solve, one of them being to find jobs for 12,000,000 unemployed toilers.

Labor Washington, D. C. Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war, when we get into the "next war," American labor must be placed under control of one man. As we stand now, that one man would be Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., president of United States Steel and chairman of the recently created War Industries Board. This means that Mr. Stettinius would be the boss not only of every industrial establishment in the country, but of every industrial worker. For the duration of the struggle democracy would cease to exist. Of course, we are told democracy would be as soon as the fighting was over. But what would we have? It's comparatively easy to set up a dummy once he has the reins of power it's not so easy to dump him off the driver's seat. Look at Italy, Germany, Russia—just to mention a few examples. War is not the way to save democracy. It is demonstrated by the last great war. The way to save democracy is to solve our economic problems, and the first step in that direction is to idle men to work.

Wyoming Labor Journal The fundamental opposition of the American Federation of Labor to war as a method of settling disputes between nations was strongly emphasized by William Green of the AFL in a letter to W. S. B. general secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, Paris, France, written shortly before the invasion of Poland by the Nazi government. Mr. Green voiced the belief that the workers of Germany, if they could make their views known, would register themselves in opposition to war and express the sincere hope that organized labor in Europe would join with labor in opposition to war.

The Cooperative Consumer The word that J. P. Morgan and company have been appointed financial agents for Great Britain probably will be appointed in a similar capacity by the French government is news, indeed, but not encouraging news. As we recall it, J. P. Morgan and company as fiscal agents for both governments during the World War, and if our memory serves us correctly, considerable to do with getting us into the hole of 1914-18. Is history repeating itself? It would seem so. If it is, we shall be sending our boys to Europe for these days to die for the House of Morgan. And what a glorious privilege and opportunity that will be!

California Labor Review War, generally regarded as "World War II," broken with diabolical fury upon the people of Europe. Regardless of where sympathies lie, the important question in every country including our own is how to keep out of this war. In every major war situation the rights of everywhere are immediately placed in great jeopardy. In such times greed and profiteering run rampant. More than 20,000 new millionaires were made in our country during the last war.

American Guardian Oklahoma City, Okla. We have not fallen for any of the various schemes such as "collective security of democratic nations," "totalitarian states," or "the democratic powers of dictators." We have had too much of a sense of justice to call the plutocrats "democratic" and too much of a sense of humor to call the Stalin dictatorship a "democracy." Our economic interpretation of events would not permit us such follies. We hope the farmers and workers will not let this line put out by the prospective war profiteers should let our plutocrats know that our farmers and workers still have some moral standards, some principles that will not profit at the cost of the millions of Europe's youth—any, perhaps at the cost of our civilization itself. Back, you profit mongering ghouls! Back, you bastards!

Industrial Worker When President Roosevelt used the term "emergency" in his message to the people the other day he was using words well adapted to stir up fever here. True, there is danger of the United States becoming involved in the European conflict, but danger has its roots in the greed of the capitalists whom presidents ordinarily speak in such manner. As for war, here or elsewhere: when the people that there will be no war if everybody refuses to go, we will have that problem settled for good. and for American neutrality. I do not know their sincerity for a moment, but most know how little these generalities mean. It is pretty safe to prophesy that God's immortal statement in 1917: "As a Socialist, I am a fighting man," will be on the lips of more than one labor leader in this country comes to the brink of war. The job of inoculating labor on this is the job of our people in the labor movement. And for this purpose, LABOR ANTI-COMMUNISM must be built in every union which has influence and contacts. They must be partisan cliques or caucuses. They draw in the widest possible support fundamental issue of LABOR opposition to war. These councils must make it their duty to carry on a persistent campaign of education on what war is, what it means and the importance of this work is recognized outside the labor movement and international support can be won for it.

UP Down with Fascism!



Red Fascism on the March

For the second time since the Russian revolution, an army of Russian peasants and workers has crossed the Polish border. The first time it was a revolutionary army, fighting, however mistakenly, for what it considered revolutionary ends. This time it is a red fascist army, joining the Nazis in a simple case of imperialist grab. Red fascism is a political fact, but only the events of the last few weeks have made this obvious. Until Stalin's troops actually crossed the Polish border, it was still possible to believe that his main concern was to keep Russia out of the dog-fight in order to devote his energy to improving the lot of the Russian masses, and to give China what help he could against the Japanese so that they would have their hands too full to attack him. When he signed the "non-aggression" pact with Hitler (which has become an aggression pact), many observers believed that Russia was freeing herself in the West so that she would have a free hand to deal with Japan in the East. If the pact with Hitler had been a simple non-aggression pact, and hadn't been coupled with promise of economic aid to the Nazis, Socialists would have welcomed it.

Japanese militarists for the horrible debacle now in progress. Why the Invasion? Why did Stalin do it? At first glance, it is incomprehensible. The part of Poland into which the Russian troops marched is terribly poor, inhabited by some of the most backward peasants in all of Europe. It is very sparsely populated, and for a country like Russia with millions of square miles of territory and hundreds of millions of inhabitants, it can have little value, if any. If it were a highly industrialized area it would be of real economic value to the Soviets. It may have some military value, though well informed observers like Anne O'Hare McCormick and Ernst Henri deny this. As it is, it looks as if Russia had exchanged her valuable and important friendship for China, and what was left of the good will of the capitalist states for which Stalin abandoned the revolution, in order to get a miserable piece of land inhabited by a primitive peasantry. There are other disadvantages to Stalin's maneuver. He must know that his pact with Hitler is a mere scrap of paper the minute their interests don't coincide. Three weeks ago, they were arch enemies. Three weeks from now they may be at each other's throats again, with this great difference, that where before, they were separated by the whole of Poland, today they see the whites of each other's eyes. Baltic in Danger It is easily possible that Stalin's aggression may not stop at this point. Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and perhaps even Finland, are unhappy morsels, ripe for the picking if and when Stalin's appetite is whetted. Rumania has Bessarabia, which once belonged to Russia, and which Stalin might well decide to "free from the 'White Terror'" "ruthless and barefaced exploitation" and "cultural extinction," from which he is "freeing" the Polish Ukrainians. Whether all of this has already been agreed upon between Stalin and Hitler we do not know. If not, it presents a great field for possible disagreement. At any rate, mutual distrust is

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inevitably present. The one favorable side of the picture is, that with this mistrust present and backed by 4,000,000 Russian soldiers on one side, and 75 German divisions on the other, neither can move without the permission of the other. Foreign Adventures This means that Hitler will have to maintain a considerable force in the East, even after Poland is completely subjugated, and will not be able to throw his full might against England and France. This, of course, is on the assumption that Stalin has no intention of fighting England and France. We cannot see that there would be any gain in his doing so. Indeed, it might mean the collapse of his regime. Which brings us to what seems the most likely explanation for his attack on Poland. Since there is no economic or military object in taking the Polish Ukraine, there must have been a political motive. All the facts point to this answer to the question—that Stalin is going in for foreign adventures because he believes it is the only way in which he can preserve his thoroughly rotten regime in Russia. Economic Strain The day before Stalin's attack, Harold Denny, New York Times Russian correspondent, wrote from Paris that he did not believe that Russia would fight because, "First of all, Mr. Stalin's state is already under an almost unendurable economic strain. Naturally, he fears a disastrous breakdown that would jeopardize if not destroy his regime. In the second place, Mr. Stalin would fear to put arms in the hands of the peasants and the ordinary workers. Their living standards are appallingly low and they are now beginning to suspect it." All of this would hold true for a major war which would strain the overburdened Soviet economy beyond endurance. It does not hold for the conquest of states and areas too weak to put up any kind of a defense. Stalin, as Hitler, is hoping that foreign adventures will unite a dissatisfied people behind him. We hope he has miscalculated, and as he comes to full view in his Red Fascist uniform, the revolutionary Russian masses will arise once more and, destroying Stalinism, march forward again toward the goal of Socialism.

'Blood Brothers'

Recent events have served to unmask the pretensions of the world Communist leaders, but it remained for Vyacheslav M. Molotov, commissar of foreign affairs of Russia, to bare the real hypocrisy of the Russian political rulers.

In an official statement attempting to rationalize the Russian army's attack on Poland while her defenders were besieged by the Nazi armies, Molotov said:

"The Soviet government has until the very last remained neutral. But by reason of the above mentioned circumstances, it could no longer adopt a neutral attitude to the situation that has arisen. Neither can one demand of the Soviet government an indifferent attitude to the fate of its BLOOD BROTHERS..."

All along the despotic rulers of Russia and their henchmen abroad have kidded workers, peasants and colonial peoples with the lie that internationalism and non-racism was a cardinal principle of Bolshevism. It took an international crisis to blow that myth to smithereens.

At least Hitler was open and above board about his race theory. Aryanism was his line of propaganda and his foreign bund organizations were limited to people of German extraction. Under the pretense of giving succor to blood brothers, Hitler raided and conquered Austria, the Sudetenland and Danzig. He extended his conquest to take in Bohemia, Slovakia, and now all of Poland, the latter with the aid of Stalin and his "blood brother" policy. These events, like Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia, prove that racism has nothing to do with the real motives of Europe's tyrants—they are imperialists who use the racial issue to camouflage, excite passions and inflame prejudices.

If the Soviet government could not remain indifferent to the fate of its blood brothers, what's to prevent the British, French and Poles in America from getting similarly concerned about their blood brothers in Europe?

What about the millions of "Germans in America"? Does Molotov, Stalin and other members of the Russian privileged class expect them to be indifferent to the fate of their blood brothers in Germany?

Intelligent American workers will instantly grasp the falsity of the latest Stalinist invention. This is not a war over blood; neither is it for democracy, liberty, or any other ideals. This is a war for markets, colonies, business, profits—a costly war for which the workers of all lands will have to pay with their flesh, tears and labor.

Russian Bolshevism, which was never socialist, not any more than is Hitler's brand of national socialism, has embarked on an imperialist program. The Communists must now accept and nurture imperialism's vices—racism and nationalism.

The Pan-Slavic theory of the Tsars is reborn!

Solidarity!

From Fenner Brockway, editor of the British New Leader, organ of the Independent Labor party, comes an urgent appeal for aid.

The I. L. P. newspaper, known all over the world for its splendid courage and intelligent interpretation of events, is already subject to difficulties caused by the war and funds are needed to keep up publication.

The Socialist Call has no funds so it is compelled to turn to its readers for assistance.

Our British comrades are maintaining staunch loyalty to international Socialist principles in the face of growing hostilities. I. L. P. members of the House of Commons refused to vote for the conscription of men between 18 and 41, and as a counter proposal they asked for the conscription of wealth, which the Commons rejected.

The I. L. P. members cried out against the conscription of 18-year-old boys for the war machine but a hostile government majority drowned them out.

We ask you to contribute generously to aid our British comrades in their hour of need. With unstinted devotion and supreme personal courage, they are keeping alive the spirit of internationalism and Socialism. It is your duty to help!

Funds may be sent to this newspaper and they will be immediately forwarded.

'In Flanders'

BY JAMES N. HALL. Could you have seen them marching, Ten thousand men in line, You would have said that war must be Adventurous and fine. You would have felt your pulses beat Fast to the tread of marching feet. But had you seen them creeping back In the grey, grey dawn, The broken bleeding bodies With all their beauty gone, Oh! never could you cheer again To see ten thousand fighting men. —Houghton Mifflin Co., Publishers.

Dialogue "Have you heard that the Communists have withdrawn from the Popular Front?" "What Popular Front?" "What Communists?" This, of course, is nonsense. Wilson led us

Peace - - But How?

I have just returned to Chicago after several weeks in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. In these eastern cities where public consciousness is probably far more preoccupied with events in Europe than with events in the United States at this time, one finds the same verbal determination to "Keep America Out of War," to maintain a strict "neutrality" that one finds in the middle west.

into war with the same "neutral" slogans and he was far less predisposed to play a messianic role in world affairs than Franklin Roosevelt—or Eleanor Roosevelt.

The latter's daily column, by the way, has now taken a thoroughly propagandistic turn and Eleanor Roosevelt's influence is far greater than that of her husband.

I am told by newspaper people who have interviewed her that she is convinced that the present younger generation must not be robbed of its right and privilege to finish that crusade for democracy which their fathers began in 1917—even on the battlefields of Europe.

With this crusading temperament abroad in Washington a few pessimistic wiseacres are convinced that we will be drawn in within six months.

However the most serious danger probably lies in another direction. That is the direction of "war prosperity"—higher wages and more employment for the workers, bigger profits and expansion for business men. Already the wheels of certain industries are humming with war orders—and if the neutrality act is amended, that hum will mount to a roar. The Merchants of Death may solve our unemployment problem and what part of it they don't solve will be taken care of in our first draft.

The Great Temptation The workers—as a class—are no more given than any other class in society to taking "the long view." Right now, they have a healthy skepticism toward the slogans of the war-mongers. But can they maintain that skepticism and their present opposition to American intervention—economic and military

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—in the face of the false prosperity which war is sure to bring? They will believe, of course, that the war trade carries with it no danger of American involvement (one can forget a lot in 22 years). They will even be told—as I have been told by certain radicals in the past few weeks—that the war trade—on a cash and carry basis—will preserve us from the need of military intervention should the situation of the Allies become desperate.

In short, that we can continue to coin millions out of the blood of Europe without being expected to participate in the actual dirty work abroad. (The Allies were so delighted with our non-participation in 1914-17 that they made no attempt to drag us in!) The next step, after economic intervention, will be military.

Here is where we Socialists have a job to do and it looks as though we may have to do it pretty much on our own—with some support from certain other radical groups. We must carry our anti-war propaganda, our campaign of education on the real meaning of war-prosperity directly into the labor unions—with leaflets, with speeches, with every resource at our command.

Our Special Job The pacifists—at least the organized pacifists—are not going to do this job. They may do valuable work among the middle classes, the churches, the students, but from what I have seen of their activity in the past few weeks, they either underestimate or ignore the importance of inoculating LABOR against the war virus.

Labor leaders like John L. Lewis and William Green, as well as lesser lights, have likewise made eloquent statements against war