

# CHALLENGE

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## U.S. War Plans Boom 17 Years 'After'

### Students in the War Against War And War Makers

#### NO ARMORY NEEDED

New Brunswick, N. J.—Two groups of college students here have protested against the erection of a campus armory. Peace meetings at Rutgers University and the New Jersey College for Women have aroused the students to a high pitch, and the resolutions adopted are couched in no uncertain terms. President Clothier's request that Rutgers be the recipient of one of the twenty-five armories proposed for land-grant colleges by Congress was denounced; the students also expressed their disapproval of the Vinon Naval Appropriation Bill which has just been signed by "big-navy" Roosevelt. Large mass meetings of students on both campuses have sent expressions of their sentiments to Clothier and to New Jersey representatives in Congress.

#### Strike Against War

New York—Student Anti-War Week, from April 6th, the date of America's entry into the World War to April 13th, has been declared by the Student League for Industrial Democracy and allied sympathetic groups. During this period students will organize mass meetings, picket public buildings with peace slogans, and on Friday, April 13, from eleven to twelve refrain from going to classes in a one hour student anti-war strike. In that hour, undergraduates and faculty will gather on the campus in picket lines under the rallying cries, of "Abolish the R. O. T. C.," "Schools, not Battleships," "Fight against Imperialist Wars," "Refuse to Cooperate in any War the United States Government may Undertake." The protest against war to be effective must be definite, militant and sure, and encompass a large section of college youth.

#### NO PEACE WITHOUT SOCIALISM

Providence, R. I. — One thousand delegates to the Brown University Christian Union Youth Conference for World Peace found that "War could only be abolished by the building of a new society based upon International Socialism." Represented were many religious youth groups, YMCA and YWCA Hy-Y clubs, League for Industrial Democracy, Young Circle League and the Young People's Socialist League.

Immediately following, the Rhode Island Youth Committee Against War was formed, led by Louis Rottenberg and Noah C. A. Walter, national organizer of the Y. P. S. L., with representation from all groups in the conference. "We shall fight no capitalist war! International Socialism must be built, to abolish war!" was the slogan adopted. Louis Rottenberg, secretary of the Young Circle League and Y.P.S.L. organizer, was elected permanent chairman, and plans were immediately arranged for an Anti-War Mass Meeting in Providence on April 6th.

Amherst, Mass.—The Connecticut Valley Student Convention Against War in a recent meeting at Smith College declared that "We will support the government of the United States in no war that it undertakes." This resolution is one of a group on student and world affairs; others include opposition to the R. O. T. C., against fascism, American imperialism and such measures as the Vinson Bill. Twelve Colleges and Universities were represented.

### CAPITALISM LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE



In a German legend, a Fool stands by the side of the road and watches the approach of a body of armed troops.

"Where do these men come from?" he asks.  
 "From Peace."  
 "Where are they going?"  
 "To War."  
 "What do they do in the War?"

"They kill the enemy and burn their cities."  
 "Why do they do that?"  
 "To make peace."  
 "I cannot understand," says the Fool. "To come from Peace and go into War, in order to make Peace! Why don't they stay at Peace in the first place?"

—From World Events.

## Youth Can End War

### A Message to the Bravest of American Youth

The young people of America are not Fools. They know that armies and navies are not maintained to keep peace but to make war. They are aware that wars are not made because of a desire to make the world safe for democracy but result from the imperialism of the great capitalist nations; that the stakes fought for are not political liberty and democracy for the mass of the people but the profits and investments of the capitalist class in each country. Liberty is the first casualty in each country.

The young people of America know that while the few who profiteer and speculate make millions in new fortunes out of the \$25,000 needed under modern conditions of warfare to kill each soldier, the mass of the people reap only hunger, misery, wounds and death.

Nevertheless on April 6th, 1934, seventeen years after America's entrance into the most destructive and useless war in human history, the masters of America are getting ready for another holocaust—another World War. Three hundred thousand young men are mobilized in military fashion in the Civilian Conservation Corps, "an achievement," says Assistant Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring, which "was the first real test of the army's plans for war mobilization." A billion dollars is being spent by the United States government to increase the size of the U. S. Navy and the army and navy budgets are the largest peace time ones in history. From the money appropriated for relief of unemployment, the government is building battle-ships as "public works."

Seventeen years ago the Socialist Party of America met in St. Louis, Missouri in Emergency National Convention on April 7th, the day after the United States declared war. Already in 1915 the Socialist Party by referendum had provided that anyone elected to public office as a Socialist who voted for any kind of military appropriations should be expelled from the Party.

After full debate the St. Louis convention with full realization of the consequences to its organization and leadership of its decision, reaffirmed its loyalty "to the principles of internationalism and working class solidarity the world over" and proclaimed "its unalterable opposition to the war just declared by the government of the United States." Out of 192 delegates only

5 dissented and left the Party. The Convention was upheld overwhelmingly by a membership referendum.

Throughout the war the Socialist Party with the Young Peoples Socialist League was the only large organization that resisted and continued to point out the true nature of the war and its results, prophecies which today have been verified, beyond all doubt. Eugene Debs, leader of the Socialist Party was sentenced to jail for ten years for speaking the truth. The entire National Executive Committee of the Party was sentenced to twenty years. The National Secretary of the YPSL was sentenced to the federal prison.

The workers of the world have indicated that thousands of them at least will not let another war come without a struggle, a struggle to overthrow capitalism with its imperialism which is above everything else a War system. In the wake of War has therefore come—FASCISM—a new barbarism, rallying all reactionary elements in every society to perpetuate capitalism and war by main force. Against this new barbarism only SOCIALISM with its program of replacement of capitalism can prevail. The Workers with Socialism can end War!

**YOUTH OF AMERICA** you who hate war and every form of tyranny over the mind of man, you who will suffer most in War and under Fascism. Throw in your lot with organized working class. You student, working and unemployed youth.

**JOIN THE YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIALIST LEAGUE AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN THE PRESENT STRUGGLE TO DESTROY THE WAR MAKERS AND THEIR WAR SYSTEM FOREVER. DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAR WITH THE SOCIALISTS ON APRIL 6TH.**

**FOR DEVOTION OF WAR FUNDS TO SCHOOLS AND UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF!**

**AGAINST MILITARY TRAINING OR TEACHING OF YOUTH!**

**FOR THE GENERAL STRIKE OF LABOR AGAINST WAR!**

**FOR SOCIALISM IN OUR TIME!**

(Signed) National Executive Committee  
 Young Peoples Socialist League of America

### College Armories And Forest Camp New Youth Traps

#### JAPAN'S TRADE RIVALRY BACKGROUND OF NEW IMPERIALIST WAR

Washington, D. C.—The New Deal administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt plans to build 25 armories at as many state universities to make it easy and comfortable for students to train themselves in mass murder, at home or abroad. This comes at a time when student disapproval of military training is steadily rising as seen dramatically in the series of expulsions of university students at Ohio State University, University of California, and University of Maryland for refusal to take military training.

#### Forest Camps In Army Formation

The CCC camps continue under the rule of the War Department in spite of vague promises of the smiling Roosevelt to extend civilian direction of the 300,000 young men between 18 and 25 (prime military age) enrolled in these camps. Furthermore a gradual weeding process is going on in the recruiting of new CCC men by which the ones in any way suspected of thinking for themselves (known to all military men as agitators) are not being returned to the camps.

In the great centers where the Federal Transient bureaus are gathering the wandering boys of the road, in Y's and settlement houses, a systematic attempt is being made to place the youngsters under the eye and influence of older men, usually American legionnaires of a pronouncedly militaristic turn of mind. State units of the National Guard are being given orders which correspond to preliminary mobilization orders.

#### Birds of Prey Gather

The real sign of expected imperialist war adventure by the present capitalist government of the United States however is seen in the descent on Washington of the vultures of the private industry which coin their profits from war goods. Everywhere you turn in the national capital today there is talk of graft, of profiteering, of the get-rich-quick operators hovering around public office to scrape the cream of the contracts for their clients.

The House of Representatives passed the Vinson bill which provides for a billion dollars for new navy construction by 1935, without a record vote. Only a three hour perfunctory hearing was held at which only the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and three or four naval officers were permitted to testify. No one else was invited or permitted to be heard. With minor amendments this bill has now been passed by the Senate and signed by the President, an enthusiastic "big navy" fan.

#### The Golden Harvest

With the passage of this bill the United States starts the construction of the largest and costliest navy on (Continued on page 4)

#### LISTEN IN

Friday, April 6th 4:30 to 5:00 P. M. N.B.C. Red Network (Station WEAJ New York) Norman Thomas on Socialism Anti-War Program.

Saturday April 21 National Broadcasting Company 5:30 to 6:00 P. M. Charles Solomon and James C. Bonbright on the "New Deal and Power."

Saturday May 5 National Broadcasting Company 5:30 to 6:00 P. M. Raymond Moley and Norman Thomas on "The New Deal and International Relations."



# LABOR REVOLT GROWS DESPITE AUTO RETREAT

## Auto Settlement Defeat for Labor: Hits Younger Man

### STEEL, TEXTILE, CWA WORKERS CONTINUE FIGHT

As the Challenge goes to press, strike revolt was spreading among thousands of workers in every industry, as workers, tired of promises that never come true, are taking action in their own hands to win a New Deal by their own efforts. Textile workers were in rebellion in Cleveland and a dozen New England cities. In Camden New Jersey, work on U. S. navy cruisers and Standard oil tankers was at full halt as a result of strike of over 3,000 ship yard workers against open shop, present wages and company union. Four thousand airplane workers were on strike in Buffalo, N. Y. The brave strike of Nash auto workers in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha continued after six weeks and 6,000 Haverhill, Mass. shoe workers enter the fourth week of their strike for increased wages.

### CWA PROTEST STRIKES COME IN QUICK SUCCESSION

#### By Labor Scout

Washington, D. C. — Government agencies are breathing a little easier since they bluffed the auto workers out of a national strike this year, and are carefully watching the outcome of the Steel Trust's attempt to buy off their workers with a cheap 10% wage increase at the same time that they fasten the chains of company unions on them with a new series of shot-gun elections.

#### Auto Employers Hard Boiled

The New Dealers, frantically trying to prevent the tearing away of their political mantle of a seeming impartiality by an owning class government in disputes between workers and owners, had a narrow squeak in the auto industry case. The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, an employers group second only in power to the steel owners organized in the American Iron and Steel Institute, vetoed recognition of the American Federation of Labor and President Roosevelt had to bow to that veto.

#### Strike Wave Gathering

The American Federation of Labor was not prepared for a strike and did not want a strike but if a strike had once started it would have been followed by such a wave of strikes of workers in steel, textiles, rubber and every allied industry such as might put in doubt the right and might of the owners of American industry to continue their present dictatorship over the jobs of American workers. Winter is the poor man's double Hell, experienced once in anticipation and once in reality but the approach of this spring 1934 has seen a remarkable rise in the militancy of the American working class.

The spokesmen of a million railroad workers were incensed by the arrogance of the railroad owners in demanding a further cut in wages at the same time that their profits were growing and millions of U. S. government dollars were rolling into railroad bondholders' coffers. The workers therefore demanded not only an end to the present 10% cut but an additional 10% raise.

#### Steel Workers Bent to Limit

John M. Long representing the Wierton steel workers union termed the Roosevelt move to finally ask for an injunction against the six months of violations of labor rights, "baloney."

The National Labor Board broke the back of a nation-wide steel strike last fall by a series of promises which they never kept or had the power to keep. A series of scattered textile workers revolts are on.

Under such conditions the auto industry settlement of Roosevelt was a real victory for his policy of kind words to labor and real gifts to the owners of industry. The dummy "company unions" were recognized and blessed and Works Councils provided in which A. F. of L., independent and company unions" may all have representation according to strength, and thus the auto industry owners avoid recognizing the A. F. of L. or any real union even when

## WAR PROPAGANDA FOR MASSES



Here is effective propaganda for Jap boys who may soon be asked to die fighting the U. S. A. or the U. S. S. R. It is a monument to three soldiers who carried a bomb to the lines of the Chinese defending Shanghai, blew up the defense—and themselves — and let their comrades through. Swell stuff, say the generals, who die in bed.

## VIGOROUS NEW CURRENTS STIR GROWING SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

### By the TOWER WATCHMAN

CHICAGO—Surveying the national scene from here by the Northwest gates of the U. S. A. it is impossible not to be thrilled by the sense of the new and vigorous currents of thought and action moving the Socialist movement and daily gathering its new strength from the youth of the land.

With the turn of March the American Socialist Quarterly appears for the first time as the official theoretical organ of the Socialist Party. Socialism and money monkeying schemes are discussed by the brilliant English economist G. D. H. Cole.

#### Here and Abroad

In "Circuses and a Little Bread" David Berenberg sums up a year of the Roosevelt New Deal. Young Andrew Biemiller, Educational Director of Milwaukee Socialist Party discusses "Socialism and Democracy" in frank and realistic fashion while an article by Theodor Dan sums up the German catastrophe and ends with a call for working-class revolution on the first war moves of the great capitalist governments.

An arrangement has just been con-

cluded with the Quarterly under which the Challenge and the Quarterly can both be secured for the regular annual subscription price of the Quarterly which is one dollar.

#### America Can Choose

Probably one of the most significant publications of the year from a working-class and Socialist viewpoint is the stimulating picture of "America at The Crossroads" by David Berenberg (35c of the Rand School or National Office). With bold smashing blows Berenberg silences the frightened cry of conservative and tired radical that "Socialism is impossible in America." With marvelous use of scientific and logical Marxian method, Berenberg shows the course of development of the American labor movement and plots the future of such current confusions as the NRA and the New Deal itself.

#### Pamphleteer to America

The Socialist Party and movement continues to hold its newly won title of "America's greatest pamphleteer" with the appearance of No. 4 of the Issues of the Day series dealing with "Inflation, Who Wins and Who loses." All previous issues have gone over 20,000 copies.

A new baby is No. 1 American Socialist Quarterly Reprint. It reproduces the clear and courageous statement of the failure and reasons for the failure of the social reformism of the once dominant German Social-Democracy and a call for reshaping of tactics and policy to meet the present situation, by H. Kantorovich.

#### Art and Sport Groups Advance

The activities of the various cultural groups harnessing their art to social revolution under the name of Rebel Arts groups, are to have a national organ entitled "Rebelart" edited by Bruno Fischer. Of real interest to young Socialists is the appeal in "PROLETARIAN SPORTS," new all English organ of the Workers Gymnastic and Sports Alliance, for a United Workers' Sport Organization in the U. S. A.

The appeal is addressed to all worker sportsmen of Slovakian, Italian and French tongue on American Soil all of whom have succeeded in maintaining workers' sports groups affiliated with the International Socialist Sports Association. Karl Hengstler, secretary of the Workers Gymnastic and Sports Alliance of America which has replaced its partly German "Arbeitersport" with the all English Proletarian Sports signs the appeal answers to which are asked by May of this year. Hengstler's address is 624 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

## HISTORY IN THE WRITING

### By YE EDITOR

Just a year ago the Editor with mingled feelings of pleasure and disappointment, unwrapped his April 1933 issue of the CHALLENGE, edited a thousand miles from the place of publication.

#### Conventions "and Cabbages and Kings"

It was the 1932 convention of the Young Peoples Socialist League of America that decided that we must have a paper. It was a beautiful summer day and with that fine disregard of details like finance that prevails at most conventions, that was where the committee and the convention stopped. It was for the National Executive Committee, just handed a newly reborn movement with all the problems of infant care, to worry about this also.

It was not until the St. Louis meeting of the National Executive in December 1932 that in desperation, a sub-committee was sent out to bring back a report the same day on ways and means, editor, business manager and wherewithal, or meet the stern punishment meted out to counter-revolutionists. The remedy worked. Everything was decided except a name, which being too controversial, was left to a contest of YPSL members.

#### We Scoop the Nation

April was set for publication and April it was (no foolin'). We started off with a real scoop on the entire labor and Socialist press with the publication of the details of the "Black Plan" under which the armed forces of the U. S. Army had been shifted in expectation of desperate revolt on the part of the hungry unemployed.

With May, the second issue emerged from the press featuring the Continental Congress, the thrilling children's strike under the Amalgamated Clothing workers in the shirt shops of Penna and New Jersey, Young Socialists to the fore. June records the beginning of the great strike wave which marked the revival of organized labor.

#### Making History

July saw epic labor struggles still more to the fore and the Young Socialists demanding that NRA at least abolish child labor in all its shameful aspects. The August-September Convention issue pictures the peak of labor militancy and threats of a Chicago school strike. Cool November brought chill disillusionment of workers over the New Deal but a splendid movement of revolt on the farmers part.

December stresses the appearance of the ugly, and loathsome face of Hitler propaganda in the U. S. and we learned to cash in on cartoons. January saw us again "beat" the labor press on the big story of Ass't. Secretary of War Woodring's revelations as to the dream of would-be military dictators and their use for the CCC.

#### The Road Ahead

February and March saw a big change in the appearance of the Challenge, all for the better, with Syd Devin making a real new deal come true in the business department. With this issue we start a new year of widening influence and solid growth, we confidently believe. That however depends, on those CHALLENGERS who really believes in SOCIALISM IN OUR TIME and are going to make this year count as no other year ever has.

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ETHEL DANCIS**

Greetings from  
**Jewish Socialist Verband  
New Haven, Conn.**

Greetings from  
**Jewish Socialist Branch  
Detroit, Mich.**

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Circle 13 Sr. Manhattan  
New York City

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the Challenge  
**CIRCLE I SENIORS**  
Detroit, Michigan

Anniversary Greetings  
**George R.  
Kirkpatrick Circle**  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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**SOCIALIST PARTY**  
of  
**CONNECTICUT**

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Shirt and Clothing  
Workers Union,  
Amalgamated Clothing  
Workers' Union of America  
New Haven, Connecticut**

**Philadelphia Greet**  
**The Challenge**  
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Clothing Workers Union  
Mr. Fishman, International  
Ladies' Garment Workers  
Mrs. Roberts, Labor Institute  
Socialist Party of Philadelphia

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To The Challenge  
from  
**Local 151, International  
Ladies' Garment Workers'  
Union**  
New Haven, Connecticut

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to young Socialists  
**The Greater New  
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of the YPSL  
meets that Challenge  
and  
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## End of CWA—End of New Deal?

The attempt to end the CWA and allied unemployment relief measures has been punctuated by riots and protest strikes. The CWA was the only effective frontal attack on depression and its dread unemployment made by the Roosevelt administration. Its abandonment and replacement by the old work-relief and hand out system has rightfully aroused the wrath of workers.

The problem of our civilization is admitted by even the Roosevelt administration to be the better distribution of the wealth we produce in order to prevent the accumulation of wealth which they can't use in the hands of a few. The NRA is a nice scheme for social reform of private industry by elimination of child labor, sweat shops etc., but as it does not even attempt the task of controlling prices, not even a bad economist will expect it to increase purchasing power of the masses by merely rising wages.

Two approaches to the problem are obvious. The first is that of the intelligent capitalist anxious to preserve his system of scarcity for the many, plenty for the few, constant unemployment and menace of war. His program calls for drastic taxation of large incomes and fortunes by steep income and inheritance taxes and redistribution thru unemployment insurance etc. to keep society going.

The second is socialization of natural resources and principal industries and production for use under planned economy, or in plain words, Socialism.

The Roosevelt administration has undertaken neither one nor the other. By borrowing the money for public works and CWA from the rich instead of taxing them, in fact, it worsens the situation con-

siderably and prepares the way for a terrible day of judgement, when the debt comes due. This is the reason CWA smashed.

## Fascism and NRA

The NRA is not Fascism anymore than the New Deal as a whole is but the NRA is laying a marvelous basis for an absolute dictatorship of big business which is the economic program of Fascism everywhere. Gerard Swope of General Electric told the recent conference of code authorities "that there never has been such a meeting anywhere except in (Fascist) Italy."

The Agricultural program calling for the taking of nearly fifty million acres of land (and its farmers) out of production cannot be carried out within the present constitutional and political system which permits large numbers of oppressed to organize and protest as the farmer may be counted upon to do.

The present cotton crop restriction, bearing as bitterly as it does on the poverty stricken share-cropper, could scarcely be carried out anywhere but in the southern cotton growing states where the KKK, racial discrimination, lynching and other institutions have created a political situation approaching that in Germany under Hitler.

## The Brain Trust and Revolution

There is much ado these days, especially in the more grossly reactionary newspapers, about the charges of a small time former banker and present Steel Trust-city school superintendent Mr. Wirt, that a group of President Roosevelt's advisers are plotting revolution. He relates with gusto that one of these men declared Roosevelt was a Kerensky whom in their own good time the plotting college professors would replace by a Stalin.

This merely is a sign of the fact that the reactionary owning and employing class in America has recovered from the fright that the spectacle of the ruin brought by their criminal anarchy had thrown into them a year ago, when their entire finance and exchange structure was paralyzed. As Will Rogers observed at the time, the bankers had only the sense of humor of the American people to thank that their lives were safe.

The government of the United States under Roosevelt, rebuilt and restored confidence in the banking system and handed it back to the bankers. The NRA organized American employers and enabled them to pull out of the mire that the jungle practices of business big and little had plunged them into. At the same time it cushioned the capitalists of America against the anger of their oppressed workers by promising the workers the right to organize themselves like the government itself organized the employers. In practice, the government, as was inevitable, refused to do anything effective to prevent employers from blocking their workers efforts by usual war methods of spying, discriminating, discharging and threatening.

There are a few progressive minded among Roosevelt's advisors but no revolutionists. It is against these few and the equally few progressive policies that reaction is organizing this year in a probably successful attempt to scare Roosevelt into abandoning them.

# "THE PLAY IS THE THING" CHALLENGE PRIZE CONTEST!

By HENRY MARGULIES

The lack of plays suitable for presentation by Socialist dramatic groups has for a long time been a thorn in our sides. Now relief is in sight. Comrade Hannah Biemiller of Milwaukee has offered three prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 for one-act plays suitable for presentation by amateur groups. The plays, of course, must deal with a social question. They are to be limited in length so that the playing time shall not exceed twenty-five minutes. Type your manuscripts or write legibly on one side of the paper. They are to be sent to the National Office, or to H. Margulies, 7 E. 15 St., N. Y. C. They will not be returned. The Y.P.S.L. Cultural Committee reserves the right to publish any play submitted whether it wins a prize or not. The best plays will eventually be printed in booklet form.

We have secured as the judges for the contest Anita Block, playreader for the Theatre Guild of New York and lecturer at the New School for Social Research, and Albert Maltz, co-author of "Merry-Go-Round", a recent Broadway success, and "Peace On Earth," the remarkable anti-war play which won the peace prize of the Women's Peace Society.

The contest closes June 30, 1934.

## THEATRE UNION WINS PRIZE

On March 18 the Theatre Union was signally honored by receiving the Annie E. Gray Peace Award presented by the Women's Peace Society for the play or novel which contributed most to the cause of peace in 1933. The prize, a tremendous bronze plaque, was presented to the Theatre Union for its production of "Peace on Earth" by George Sklar and Albert Maltz. The play has been seen by more than 125,000 people at the Civic Repertory Theatre in New York.

The prize was awarded by a committee headed by Romain Rolland and included John Haynes Holmes, Harry Elmer Barnes, Sidney Howard, Francis Lederer, Erskine Caldwell, and others. "Peace On Earth" was reviewed in the February issue of the Challenge.

## STEVEDORE

After the marvelous reception accorded to "Peace On Earth", the producers, the Theatre Union, are enthusiastically carrying forward their work of developing a workers' drama. They have announced as their next production an anti-lynching play called "Stevedore" by Paul Peters and George Sklar. The play opens at the Civic Repertory Theatre in New York on April 18.

The Theatre Union expects the record attendance at "Peace On Earth" to be far surpassed.

# WE GREET THE CHALLENGE ON ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

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## New Primer Of Socialism

By BEN HOROWITZ  
(Continued from last month)

### Part III. Class Struggles Under Capitalism

The class struggle in our society is going on all the time between the capitalist class and the working class due to their opposing economic interests as owners of industry and workers dependent upon their income from labor power sold to these owners.

### "One Big Happy Family" Says Morgan

The rulers of America deny the existence of classes because they are keenly aware that where large sections of the workers become class conscious and able to recognize where their own interests lie, it will become increasingly difficult and dangerous to fool them and rob them. A growing sense on the part of the vast numbers of those who work for living, of their own importance and necessity and the parasitic nature of the capitalist class, coupled with the failure of capitalism to prevent frequent and disastrous collapses of its financial and exchange structure and costly world conflict, lead important parts of the working class to become not only class conscious but revolutionary in that they think in terms of abolishing the capitalist class as an economic and political force, by socializing ownership of production.

### America Is Different?

Certain sections of the middle class such as the sheltered college professors from whose ranks the "Brain Trusters" of the Roosevelt New Deal-ers are recruited, are not aware of any class interest of their own and therefore tend to deny the existence or importance of any such thing as the class struggle. Some of them are so vulgar as to declare that the class struggle exists in Europe but due to some unexplained miracle is not in force in America where material con-

ditions exactly like those of European capitalism are beginning to shape our American life.

In the youth of capitalism (which in America is within the memory of living men) the idea of the non-existence of permanent classes was greatly aided by the fact that capitalism was socially much more flexible and loose than feudal society, and it was so frequently possible for an individual to rise from the ranks of the working class into the middle or even the ruling capitalist class. This was of course true of every society in some degree, particularly in its early stages.

### Tories Off To Bad Start

In America there was an untouched continent to exploit and the beginnings of an hereditary gentry had been pretty well ruined by the fact that a large section of them supported the monarchy of George III in the Colonial Revolution of 1776 and were penalized for their mistake by confiscation and other measures. However, with the close of the 19th century the frontier had reached the Pacific and disappeared along with the free land which had been the condition on which the free and almost classless society of the frontier had existed.

Wealth and the ownership of industry became concentrated and entrenched in the form of vested interests and corporate organization which made great accumulations of wealth and privilege independent of fate of individual personalities. Movement upward into privileged class ranks became increasingly difficult and much less frequent. In the course of capitalist crisis and decay, middle class life became much less secure and therefore its privileged character declines today.

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# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NOTES

## ENGLAND

The (English) Labor Party League of Youth is fast becoming one of the largest sections of the Socialist Youth International. At Annual Conference at Birmingham this year the secretary reported that the League now has 440 branches of which more than 140 were added in the course of the last five months.

The National Committee chosen at the Birmingham Conference has chosen Cyril Lacey of Edmonton as Chairman. Last month's issue of the New Nation, organ of the League was completely sold out. Many young Socialists of the League of Youth contested seats at the recent county council elections which swept the Labor Party into power in London.

Immediate activity is being concentrated on aid to the Austrian Workers Fund and preparation for youth participation in International May Day demonstrations. A summer camp for Young Socialists will be held at Hoddeston during August.

## FRANCE

"La Commune de Vienne aura sa Revanche" (The Vienna Commune Will have its revenge) passionately declares the "Cry of the Young" organ of the Young Socialists of France. The Franch Young Socialists were the first unit mobilized by the labor movement last February when a one-day general strike was successfully carried out as a warning to Fascist forces to cease their riotous attacks on the Republic. "The Republic Will Not Commit Suicide like Stavitsky" dared one of the banners carried in the great workers parades.



# De Luxe Buses Exploit Natty Young Stewards

NEW YORK—(FP)—Fifty young men who wear smart uniforms, but who work as much as 85 hours a week and earn only a \$1 a day, are now employed as stewards by the eastern division of the Greyhound bus line in an experiment which may lead to the employment of thousands of others at the same salary and under the same working conditions.

**"Well Groomed" On One Dollar**  
Hired because they were "well-groomed," these men started to man Greyhound buses hitting Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and Boston on Feb. 1 after a week of schooling in servile "courtesy habits." If the experiment is a success, it was declared at the New York office of the Eastern Greyhound, the steward system will be extended to the other 1,500 buses in the east. The same program is then likely to be adopted by 14 subsidiary Greyhound companies throughout the U. S.

**No Sleeping For Them**  
Working on runs as long as 24 hours and forbidden to sleep while en route, the stewards are herded into dormitories above bus garages when they reach their destination. For instance, the boys who travel between Pittsburgh and Chicago, a trip of 17 hours, are given from six to eight hours to rest themselves in the above-garage sleeping quarters to refresh themselves before they start the grueling 17-hour return journey. In Pittsburgh, they are allowed 24 hours off and then the round-trip begins over again. At home they must rent their own rooms.

The well-groomed boys with the natty uniforms work 102 hours during an 8-day stretch and must depend on a slim quota of tips to stretch out their \$1-a-day wage. The boys claim that the tips on a 17-hour trip do not average more than \$1 or \$1.50.

**Negro Stewards Worst Exploited**  
Negro stewards on another line, the Great Eastern, fare even worse. Thrown a bone of \$1 a month, "just to avoid the state compensation law," they must depend entirely on their tips to earn a living. The Great Eastern began the steward system two years ago, was the first system to use it and has found it successful, according to L. K. Rosin, regional superintendent for the east.

The Negro stewards cost the company only the salary necessary to avoid the New York compensation law, declares Rosin, and Negroes were hired instead of whites "because they'll take more abuse." Ex-Pullman porters, who were hired when the company tried out the scheme two years ago, have been weeded out because these men showed their discontent to passengers when they received meager tips.

The company, therefore, has a definite policy of taking stewards who will be satisfied with the below-subsistence wage forced on them by the Great Eastern line.

Coupled with the small wage is the fact that the men must work from 48 to 60 hours a week and on runs as long as 24 hours apiece. While at the end of a run away from home, the stewards are given a few cheap rooms to bunk in," says Rosin.

## AMERICA—"LAND OF OPPORTUNITY"—1934

SEATTLE, Wash.—Five years ago Thomas Edison, named a committee to select the "brightest boy in America" to be educated at Edison's expense in the hope that he might follow in the great inventor's footsteps. The boy selected, Wilbur B. Huston, 16, Seattle, Wash., received a scholarship in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and specialized in chemistry, his favorite study, graduating with high honors last June. Returning home, he was unable to find employment in his chosen line so took the first job he found open, ordinary hand labor. "And I'm lucky to have that kind of a job," young Huston says philosophically.

## CHILDREN

There are 150,000 children on the relief rolls in Chicago according to a recent unemployment census.

# SHAKE TIN CUP FOR JOBLESS



Wilhelm Hohenzollern, son of the Ex-Kaiser and active Nazi collects the tot's penny for the Winter Relief Fund for the aid of the unemployed, set up by Hitler as a confession that unemployment suffering is growing not decreasing in Fascist Germany today. One of the means used by Hitler to get young men to be his bullies

was to promise that his dictatorship (and that of the big German capitalists who financed him) would destroy unemployment. Payless labor camps are what most of the youth have got from Adolph and taxes on pay envelopes and this kind of panhandling from the poor support the rest. Remember Hoover's apple sellers.

## ORGANIZATION BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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**Study Class Season**  
Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago Leagues are in the lead in establishing special training classes for members during the past six weeks. The following subjects are offered: Economics, Rival Radical Philosophies, Marxism, Socialist Fundamentals, History of Labor, Economic History, Social Psychology, and Tactics.

Pittsburgh is running classes on Public Speaking (don't forget that the street corner season will soon arrive), Organization Problems and Socialist Economics, while the Chicago organization in cooperation with the Young Circle League and Young Poale Zion are starting a study of "How America Lives", and Propaganda Methods, including publicity work, poster making and leaflet writing.

The Bridgeport comrades have a class of Marxism, and several of the Bronx circles are conducting special study sections also. The Pittsburgh "Yipsel Labor College" offers ten scholarships to non-members and Yipsels are urged to make recommendations. This plan seems a swell way of carrying on an intensive membership drive.

**New County Organization Soon**  
Alletonwn, Pa. promises to apply for a County Charter soon. With a Senior and Junior circle already existing in Allentown, another circle is being organized in Bethlehem, and Pennsylvania will soon have its fourth County organization.  
**Organization Trips for NEC Meeting**  
Advantage is being taken by members of the National Executive of their trips to Bridgeport for the quarterly meeting on April 7 and 8, to make stop offs en route in order to help local circles along. National Chairman McDowell will spend time at local organization problems con-

ferences and speaking at public meetings in Pittsburgh, Harrisburgh, Reading and Allentown, Penn. and Massillon, Ohio.

Paul Rasmussen will pep up the comrades in Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, and Syracuse, while Wisconsin's contribution to the NEC, Johnny Strobel, will invade Erie, Pa. and Olean, N. Y.

**New York City League**  
The annual elections have placed Ben Fischer in office as Executive Secretary and Mike Arcone will continue his career as Financial Secretary. Anti-war demonstrations will be held between April 6 and 14, and support is being given to the local New York Conference Against War. Action is also being pushed in support of ratification of the proposed Child Labor Amendment, by a conference of youth groups.

**Spring Organizers**  
With the coming of Spring, more organizers get on the road. The early birds this year are Hoot Rasmussen and Abe Dobkin. Hoot will devote his time and energies to Illinois during the first three weeks of April, and then after a brief interlude in Chicago (to stand trial with several other members on charge of distributing leaflets) will spend the rest of the month and all of May in Missouri. Comrade Dobkin, who hails from New York and more recently from Commonwealth College, will spend a month in Michigan. Holland, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Vermontville, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor, and Detroit will all secure his cooperation in organization building efforts.

**NEC in Bridgeport April 7-8**  
The National Executive Committee opens their quarterly meeting in Bridgeport with an Anti-War rally Friday night at Moose Hall 800 Main Street. The Committee will be in session over both Saturday and Sunday on routine matters with special attention to student and industrial Departments, Educational and Cultural Committee and Falcon organization.

Matters of special importance will be the International situation YPSL summer Jamborees, organization campaign, and special youth work against Fascism.

# Announce Jamboree And Camp Plans For The Summer of 1934

CHICAGO, ILL.—Last year four Socialist organizers' training schools were held in the east and middle west. The excellent results from these schools has encouraged the establishment of a greater number for this coming summer.

The program of study includes socialist theory, socialist organizational problems, public speaking, and allied subjects. Students attending the schools last summer write most enthusiastic reports of the help the schools gave them in their Party and Young Socialist work when they went home, or out organizing in the field.

## FROM 18 TO 40

Young Socialists between the ages of 18 and 40 are most cordially invited to enroll in the schools for the coming summer. The sessions will be ten days to two weeks; terms range from \$5.00 to \$8.00 for all board and lodging; teaching staff include the best teachers in the Socialist party. Opportunity for practical experience in Socialist work will be given wherever possible.

Although definite arrangements are not yet concluded, there will be schools in the following states: Connecticut, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Colorado, Tennessee, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin. There also will be one or two on the west coast. If you are interested in obtaining further information, write the National Office, and urge all your friends who might consider attending to do likewise.

## TWO JAMBOREES

The Young Peoples Socialist League of America will hold two big summer Jamborees in the East and in the mid-west respectively where young Socialists will gather in large numbers for a two to three day conference and festival. In the far west, if present plans hold, special events will be arranged by the California YPSL in connection with the expected visit of the Young Socialist National Executive Committee.

# New War Brewing

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earth. Even previous to this time under other administrations the United States has continually spent more money on the navy every year than any other nation in history during peace time. Small wonder that these appropriations call forth the wildest enthusiasm on the part of the "dough boys" who want to get their arms deep into that tremendous pile of gold in behalf of the airplane, ship-building, armor plate, motor and other manufacturers anxious to "serve their country" nicely browned and stuffed with plums.

Pratt Whitney recently made a tidy little profit of 50% on a \$10,000,000 order for navy plane motors. Small wonder that the industries which are the darling babies of war, have boomed their stocks. While the paper speculation of the rest of the private industry gougers climbed a mere 8% in January the munitions sections ran from U. S. Steel 15% and Bethlehem (Armor plate a specialty) 26% to a 82 and 95% rise respectively for Curtiss-Wright and Douglas Aircraft.

## Germany No. 2

These big naval constructions aren't built at random and Admiral Yates Stirling of the U. S. Navy explains that "we" have been concentrating on cruiser and airplane carrier construction, not to defend our shores but to destroy the commerce of "an oriental foe."

Japan has so successfully developed capitalism that she seriously threatens the older imperialisms of Great Britain and the United States, who equipped her. Her capitalist class exploits their working class so successfully that she is rapidly invading the foreign markets of her competitors as Germany did before the War. Some trivial incident will be used as an excuse and the great powers will call the workers from mine, factory and park bench to the bombing planes and trenches. Again the world's young manhood will kill and be killed by the millions.

That is as long as the competitive struggle for profit and power continues and until the working masses, the world over, rise and snuff out competitive profit economy and begin the building of a socialized, planned, world economy.

# On with the Challengers

by SYD DEVIN

Rejoice ye Challengers that our paper is now one year old! Rejoice ye Challengers that you have in that short time, built a circulation of 7000. And rejoice oh ye Challengers, that you sent in within a score of 300 subs during March—eclipsing our previous record by 60!

And thanks, you comrades and friends who sent in your greetings on this, our anniversary month. Now Challengers, as the past year has been one of entrenchment let the coming year be one of expansion. To build our League and our Press—That is the Challenge of the times!

Here Challengers, is the account of your work by states, the figures in parentheses being subs secured during the month.

**NEW YORK (112) Buffalo:** Hazel Bowers, her first club of 5 subs. **New Rochelle:** Martin Uffner send in a club of 4 **Woodhaven:** 4 from this Long Island town by Herb Sparber. The outstate towns are clicking now and the Empire State is back to first place.

**New York City:** The City Office sends in 59 subs from new members. **Henry Margulies** gets in a dozen more subs and wins a copy of Sam DeWitt's "Rhapsodies in Red" which goes to every Challenger sending in 12 or more subs during 1934. **Abe Kaufman** and **Ruth Alter** join the Challengers with clubs of 4 each.

**PENNSYLVANIA (45) Allentown:** Ann Moyer keep up her fine work with 8 more subs. **Hermine:** Anton Zornik, his first club of 4. **Perkasie:** Another new Challenger, **Mary Engelman**, also 4.

**Pittsburgh:** Subs, not smoke "get in their eyes." **Clay Lehman** makes a fine start with 8 subs. **A. Dietrich** sends in 4. **Reading:** Three new Challengers get to work in this town. **Mark Brown** and **Frank Njenbold** get in 4 each. **John Cassidy** sends in 8 subs and boosts Reading's bundle order to 300 for this issue.

**WEST VIRGINIA (23) Huntington:** Milt Weisberg, YPSL fraternal delegate to the Socialist Party State Convention here, sends in 24 subs and reports that youth organization will play a prominent part in the future program of the W. Va. S. P.

**OHIO (14) Cleveland:** Bob Parker returns here from N. Y. to become No. 1 Challenger for the month with 30 subs, 10 from this city. A copy of DeWitt's book is on its way, **Bob Joseph Manlet** gets in his renewal and three new subs.

**MASSACHUSETTS (13) Quincy:** Noah Walter sends in 13 subs from this state, and 6 from Rhode Island towns where he wound up his New England organization tour. Several new circles have resulted, and nuclei formed in many new towns. In just six weeks he has sent in 38 subs!

**ILLINOIS (13) Chicago:** It took nine people to roll up this state's March total, **Art McDowell** being the only one getting in a club of 4. Where are our wandering Rasmussen boys this month?

**MISSOURI (12) St. Louis:** Edward Friton sends in his first club of 4. **Gloria Waldron** and **Jakob Plax** again send in clubs of 4.

**CONNECTICUT (10) New Haven:** Nathan Rosen repeats with 6 this time. **Milford:** Rose Diamond, her first club of 4.

**MICHIGAN (9) Detroit:** Melvin Bishop, industrial director here, gets in 4 subs. **Jackson:** Dwight V. Swain sends in 5 subs and is organizing a circle here.

**TEXAS (5) San Antonio:** Bill Plampin again, 4.

**NEW MEXICO (4) Clovis:** Cora Cade becomes our first Challenger in this state with 4.

**INDIANA (4) Indianapolis:** Carol Goldstein repeats with 4 more.

25,000 copies is our goal for the special MAY issue. It will be out in time for use at the nation-wide May day parades and demonstrations in observance of International Labor Day. Circles. Get in your orders at once. Write in for rates on greetings for our May Day issue. Let's hit that 25,000 mark—and keep the subs arollin' in.