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FIGHT U. S. WAR PLANS! CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANIFESTO

The second imperialist war has now reached an unparalleled stage of carnage, death and destruction. As the armies of the German imperialists hurl themselves against those of the Anglo-French, the prostitute propagandists of the boss class seek to smear the old lies about "defense of liberty", "democracy", etc. In reality the war is a bloody struggle of the decayed capitalist powers for the redivision of the world, for new markets, spheres of influence, colonies. In reality it is the workers and oppressed toilers of the world who are now paying with their blood for the crimes, oppression and exploitation of the profit-mucking, war-mongering imperialists.

It is at this time that the American Imperialists led by President Roosevelt, are unleashing a torrent of propaganda designed to drag the U. S. into the war as fast as possible. For years the war danger grew as an inevitable result of the bankruptcy of capitalism; many heavy defeats of the working class were necessary before imperialism could take a chance.

Now, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TOO, IS MOVING WITH MIGHT AND MAIN FOR ENTRY INTO THE IMPERIALIST BLOODBATH! It is preparing to enter the war, to engage in "parallel action" with the Anglo-French, not for any love of these powers, with whom it is in conflict for domination of the globe, but rather to attempt to achieve the U. S. bosses' goal — to prevent a European Bloc under German or British hegemony, to gain political and economic control with puppet governments in South America and on this basis the drive for control of Asia — in brief DECISIVE DOMINANCE AND CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

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Jim Crowism Upheld In Virginia Case

Petersburg, Va., May 16. — As pointed out in the May 15 issue of *The Fighting Worker*, Judge Richard T. Wilson of the local Hastings Court set May 10 as the date for his decision in the Murray-McBean cases. On that day the two girls were convicted of "disorderly conduct". The "disorderly conduct" consisted in one of the girls, who was sick, becoming hysterical. The crime of the other was that she was with the first. The real "crime", of course, was that these two Negro girls insisted upon their rights, rights even within the rotten landlord-capitalist law, as even the judge was forced to admit.

Upon being sentenced the girls were taken to the local jail. The girls state that the cell occupied by them was overrun with vermin; but it is worthy of note that the jailers were so impressed by the militancy of the girls and the real nature of the case that they immediately proceeded to clean out the cell, probably for the first time in its history.

LESSONS OF THE CASE

Several lessons can be learned from this case. The reliance by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People solely upon lawyers' arguments, and the ignoring of mass action, in the opinion of the defendants themselves, permitted the judge to carry out his shrewd plan to jail them and, at the same time, to avoid a head-on collision on the segregation statute. The purely legalistic tactics of the national leadership of the NAACP has caused dissatisfaction in the local branch.

It is even more worthy of note that the same judge who jailed these two girls issued the notorious injunction against the luggage workers in the recent strike. This should be convincing proof to any who need it that the bosses and their judicial office boys realize the tie-up between the fight for better working condi-

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Hitler's Gains In Spread of War Reveal Britain's Weakness, Bring U. S. Closer To War

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS SLAUGHTERED AS IMPERIALISTS HURTLE TOWARD GREATER WAR

May 16 — The conquest of Norway opened a new stage of the imperialist war and has brought in its wake the successful onward march of German imperialism through the low countries. The Germans are already smashing through a part of the French defense and are within 75 miles of Paris at this writing. Panic reigns in the Allied camp; war hysteria is being whipped up by the U. S. exploiters.

The use of men and material has now reached huge proportions and every hour more are being consumed on both sides. The German imperialist victories cannot be belittled, but we must take into consideration the fact that England has not yet fought her own battle. While Britain has fought to the last man of Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium and now even France is used to

help exhaust German imperialism, while the latter has fought every inch of the way, British and U. S. economic pressure helped as much as Germany's deep decay to bring on the war.

But Britain had everything to lose and nothing to gain out of a war with Germany. That condition governed the wishy-washy Chamberlain policy. But even England's desires cannot escape the economic reality and if the British do not prosecute the war more vigorously, German imperialism will be one step closer to "organizing" Europe as a step toward Asia and other spheres.

It is said that Hitler is using the same strategy as in 1914 in his drive through the low countries. This is false. In form it seems the same, but in reality the offensive is entirely different. Even if we omit the fundamental background of Europe, the military aspects are also different. Today Fascism also drives through Norway, Denmark and Holland. The air raid mechanized units also bring to the fore an entirely new method of warfare.

BRITISH BOSSES CALL IN LABOR AGENTS TO GAIN "NATIONAL UNITY"

The depth to which social-democracy has again sunk in the present war was again indicated in the debate in the House of Commons in England over the Chamberlain policy in Norway.

Representatives of a party supposedly representing the working class — the British Labor Party — attacked a BOURGEOIS regime NOT because it was conducting a merciless bloodbath and exterminating with an incredible callousness the flower of British and colonial youth, but precisely because the British Imperialists were not conducting the bloodbath sharply enough, vigorously enough! A so-called working class party and its Atlees and Greenwoods is dissatisfied because the capitalists are not killing off the proletariat FAST enough!

This reveals the treacherous role of betrayal, but the importance of the inclusion of "labor" in the new government at this early stage of the war is the bankruptcy of the ruling class and the unrest among the working class. In order to line up labor, to bring about "National Unity", the ex-

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ITALY'S ROLE

Another important factor which is now coming to a head is the role of Italy. At the beginning we stated that due to the objective conditions, Italy could not keep out of the war no matter what she desired. Now her entry is only a matter of a short time. American imperialist pressure, although important, will not be sufficient to line Italy up for American ends. Only one road is still open for Italy to stay "out". And that is for France and England to buy her out with what Italy wants; but this would be a big price—too big for stubborn empire-minded England to give.

THE "FIFTH COLUMN"

An additional factor in the war is the so-called "fifth-column". Such forces have always been used but not in so perfected a form. In reality, Nazism has not produced the "fifth column". Economic decay of capitalism and with it the decline of bourgeois demo-

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New York Subway BANKERS WAX FAT ON N. Y. SUBWAY UNION MUST CONSOLIDATE TO DEFEND WORKERS' POSITION

May 14, 1940. — The Board of Transportation is completing New York's Subway Unification plan and reports it will take over operation of the subways in June. This will end the era of private ownership of the subways — an era of speculation, corruption, and graft, in which the City dumped millions of dollars into the systems. Even when there was "no money" for relief, the bankers got their subsidies regularly. And now they have been further "rewarded" by a BILLION AND A HALF dollars from the City!

Unification was first proposed 20 years ago. Even at the time the transit companies were operating at a deficit, largely due to the watered stock and the high interest rates on mortgages held by the bankers.

The city had contracts with the bankers guaranteeing them a

"minimum" profit. At the same time the five-cent fare was used as a sop and a vote-catching device to cover up this swindle.

MORGAN GETS MILLIONS

Efforts of the City to buy up the stock met with exorbitant prices by Morgan and other controlling interests. One of the last to sell was the Prudential Insurance Co. which held over 3 million B. M. T. collateral bonds. This outfit demanded and received an extra 5% "bonus" above the price paid to other bondholders at Plan prices. This "gift" cost the City an extra \$60,000.

Prices of "holdout" bonds on the Stock Exchange rose to new heights. A swindle perpetrated with stock belonging to the City reached such proportions as to cause investigation by both the officials of the Stock Exchange and the Attorney General.

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BUILDERS of the FUTURE WAR PREPARATIONS IN AMERICA

Utilizing the hysteria and news paper sensationalism caused by the extension of the war in Europe, the propagandists of American Imperialism have let loose a war-mongering barrage aimed at preparing the American people psychologically and on the military plan for participation in World War II.

The wave of propaganda has now reached new heights with Roosevelt's war-mongering speech to Congress; his speech and the torrent of propaganda sum up one fact — American Imperialism's entry into the imperialist slaughter is not far off!

WAR-MONGERING BY THE POLITICIANS

Roosevelt's speech to Congress behind a thinly veiled line about "defense" is the clearest expression of the drive of American Imperialism toward war entry. His proposals for planes and armed forces all boil down to the fact that the American bosses are preparing to launch a huge OFFENSIVE for domination of the world. In this speech Roosevelt only re-emphasizes his previous statements that the invasion of Belgium is a "definite challenge" to the "security" of the Western Hemisphere, and he called upon the other "republics" of America to stand ready to "defend themselves against the modern conquerors who seek to enlarge their wild dreams to encompass the earth's surface." What he really means is that American Imperialism wants the "privilege" of "encompassing the earth's surface" and the bosses will fight to the last worker to gain this...

Congressman May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, proposes that the United States throw open her "treasure chest" to finance the Allies in the European war. He contends that "we ought to do everything we can to help the Allies".

PREPARATION IN THE MILITARY SPHERE

The Senate Naval Committee unanimously endorsed the House-approved measure authorizing an 11% increase in the Navy fighting strength, requiring an additional outlay of 6½ millions. But such measures are small indeed compared to Roosevelt's proposal for over ONE BILLION DOLLARS, in addition to the previous TWO-AND-A-HALF BILLION dollars for 50,000 planes, an increased army, and the biggest navy in the world...

Whooping it up against Japan as well as Germany, the Army is stressing the military danger to the United States (read: Imperialist profits) of having a hostile power take over Dutch and Danish colonial possessions...

Thus capitalist imperialism, the most deadly enemy of youth, goes on unabated and that great "peace-lover" Roosevelt is its leading spokesman. His "pious" words about "defense" are in reality the urgings of a butcher who wishes to send millions of youth to their slaughter for the profits of Wall Street.

And to pour salt into the wound, the U. S. Recruiting Service intensifies its campaign with the slogan: "Enlist in the U. S. Army Now. An Excellent Career for Excellent Young Men". Under decaying capitalism, killing and dying is a CAREER!

But American youth want to LIVE, want economic and social security, not death. To realize their aims and to thwart the war plans of Roosevelt and the bosses, they must keep in mind the immortal slogan of Karl Liebknecht: "THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME — OUR OWN BOSS CLASS!"

1940 -- FORWARD TO SOCIALISM, NOT BACKWARD TO BARBARISM!

BY

C. B. COWAN

WORKERS VOTE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

The 1940 presidential campaign is well under way. Democratic and Republican aspirants to the senate and the president's chair are loudly spouting their usual campaign hokum. Behind the scenes the big bankers and industrialists, the REAL BOSSES of AMERICA, are busy preparing the planks of their respective party platforms and grooming their political machine for the big election drive. In short, a political "blitzkrieg" is being prepared and directed by the capitalists of the U.S.A. against the toiling, exploited and oppressed masses of the nation.

The election campaign of 1940 occurs under extremely significant conditions. The contradictions of the capitalist system of private ownership, private appropriation and profit, have deepened the crisis of capitalism until, on every hand, we see the foul and poisonous fruit in its full ripeness and decay. Some of this fruit is the imperialist war in Europe, the death and destruction created by the drive of the imperialist plunderbund.

ON GUARD AGAINST REACTION

The election campaign this year gets under way in the midst of deep and increasing social reaction. The bought-and-paid-for journalistic prostitutes of press and radio are puking forth their putrid slime against the foreign born and the Negroes; against the militant leaders and organizers of the working class, upon an almost helpless people.

Fascist and semi-fascist organizations are growing rapidly in all parts of the country. Under cover of "trust-busting", "purification" (?) of the labor movement, enforcement of the Sherman Anti-trust laws, etc., the Federal Government through its reactionary Dies Committee and its Gestapo-like F.B.I., is leading an extensive union-busting drive.

As a result of the defeats and betrayals of the working class in their past struggles against the bosses; struggles betrayed and defeated by the criminal role of the labor fakers like William Green, Matthew Woll, John L. Lewis & Co. and the boss agents in the ranks of labor such as Norman Thomas and the top leaders of the Socialist Party, Earl Browder, Wm. Foster and others in the Stalinist (NON) Communist Party—because of these conditions, the workers as yet, see no way out and have fallen into a temporary condition of pessimism, demoralization and defeat.

Because their past record of misleadership and betrayal has exposed them too far, the Socialist Party, the Stalinist (non)-Communist Party, and the centrist Trotskyites, etc., each in its own way, is forced to adopt new methods of defeating and betraying the masses of oppressed and exploited people. Their role in the present election campaign, though apparently different on the surface and played under different labels and different phrases, leads directly into the formation of a new, third BOSS CLASS party — the guiding light of which is to be John L. Lewis and his gang (although the latter, under pressure of war developments, may make a rotten deal with Roosevelt and the Democrats.)

It has long been evident, both theoretically and by actual developments, to the R.W.L. and to increasing numbers of the exploited and oppressed masses, that the Third (Stalinist) International has played the role of agent of the imperialists, yesterday supporting the "democratic" bosses, today the fascists, but always cutting the throat of the workers struggles. History is black with their crimes (e. g. support of the imperialist agent and butcher Chiang-Kai-Shek, support of the Peoples Front and capitalism in Spain and elsewhere, now support of Hitler).

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WORKERS VOTE MEETING

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WORKERS VOTE CANDIDATES

Friday, May 31, 1940, 8:30 P. M.

64 E. Jackson, Room 723

Chicago

DEFEND WORKERS DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS, NEGRO, YOUTH DEMANDS

BY

ALLEN WILLIS

WORKERS VOTE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

In the midst of all the hot-air and windjamming of the boss class candidates in the campaign, the REAL ISSUES are buried. In 1932 the Democrats charged that the Republicans were responsible for the depression, and that Roosevelt would bring back prosperity. Eight years of the New Deal sees continued millions of idle men, thousands of idle factories, hunger, destitution and want — while the government drives toward war.

Now the Republicans say that the Democrats are responsible and that they can bring back prosperity. But their program is a mixture of demagoguery and wishful-thinking that will only mean continued and increased misery for the millions of exploited and oppressed.

In our Workers Vote campaign we shall pose the REAL ISSUES:

The continued existence of mass unemployment, starvation and misery, while the profits of the bosses continue to pile up. The drive of the federal and state governments to smash the living standards of the workers and destroy their unions and unemployed organizations. **The drive toward war**, the spending of billions for guns, while relief and WPA is cut — a program on which both capitalist parties are united.

Particularly shall we deal with the problems of the millions of youth who cannot find jobs, and of the doubly oppressed and persecuted Negro people.

STRUGGLE FOR THE YOUTH

As a youth I have experienced the sad plight of our locked-out generation. Five million of us walk the streets without jobs, another half million join us with diplomas in hand every June. If we are lucky enough to work, we must do so for \$12—\$14 a week AVERAGE with no prospect that the job will last, let alone that we shall ever get a living wage. The one prospect that faces us is to be drafted to fight for the profits of the bosses who cannot even get us jobs!

Our Workers Vote campaign will expose to the hilt the rotten and hypocritical treatment by the bosses of the locked-out youth of America, will raise the struggle for jobs, equal pay for equal work and the other demands of our program; and above all, will expose and fight the WAR PLANS of the government which aim to destroy the best blood of the nation for the profits of the owning class.

BATTLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

As a Negro I have deeply felt the discrimination, abuse, double oppression which is the unhappy lot of my brethren. We have no separate aims for ourselves other than to be recognized as equal in the truly progressive struggle for the social emancipation of the vast majority of Americans — the toiling workers. But that is precisely why the bosses subject us to the worst treatment: in order to prevent our uniting with our white brothers in the struggle for our own common aims.

That is why we are hounded and persecuted, why the Scotsboro boys are framed, why condemned buildings such as the dance hall in Natchez are considered "good enough" for us, so that hundreds of Negroes perished in the fire which the boss press is now trying to hush up; that is why we are the last to get jobs, and then at lower wages, and the first to be fired; that is why we are Jim Crowed and then prosecuted as are the two girls in Petersburg, Virginia.

These and similar conditions must be ended! Our Workers Vote campaign aims to make the plight of the Negro workers heard, increase the struggle for the release of the remaining Scotsboro boys, the fight against the Jim Crow case of Miss Murray and Miss McBean, and the struggle for FULL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL EQUALITY for the Negro people.

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CAPITALIST SYSTEM ITSELF!

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANIFESTO

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THE LIE OF "DEFENSE"

Roosevelt in his brazen war-mongering speech to congress, calls for the hugest military budget in the history of the U.S.—and has the hypocrisy to term it "for defense". TALK OF "DEFENSE" is designed to fool and deceive the workers who tomorrow will be called upon to die for the profits of American Imperialism. Both from the point of view of the economic-political position and aims of American Imperialism — the attempt to achieve control of the entire world — and from the MILITARY point of view of what Roosevelt wants — 50,000 planes and the biggest navy in the world are not for "defense" but for military OFFENSE throughout the globe. Roosevelt is actually preparing for a GIGANTIC MILITARY OFFENSIVE.

The drive to smash the Minneapolis unions, the Gestapo-like tactics of the FBI, the collection of large files of militants, trade unions, revolutionists for whose arrest warrants will be served tomorrow, the smashing of workers democratic rights — all these are PRELUDES of what will come.

The "M-Day" plans lie ready in the War Department; they will be shoved through Congress at the appropriate time with terrifying speed. They will establish a MILITARY DICTATORSHIP that will regulate every function of existence, that will outlaw strikes, cause wage cuts, lengthen hours, destroy all workers democratic rights, make opposition to the war punishable by death. The myth of American "democracy" will be exploded by OPEN AND NAKED ARMED FORCE. The struggle against "Hitlerism" and for "democracy" stands exposed as a struggle for PROFIT DOMINATION OF THE WORLD, for the CRUSHING OF ALL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

The crushing of fascist barbarism—the worst scourge of a rotting and decadent capitalism is indeed on the order of the day. But it CANNOT be accomplished by the bloodthirsty imperial bosses of Britain and the United States for it is they who yesterday FINANCED Hitler, it is they who supplied him with credits and munitions to rebuild the German military machine, it is they who will, as the workers move toward revolt, utilize his tactics to suppress the toiling masses.

THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME! This means that the German workers under the leadership of the affiliates of the INTERNATIONAL CONTACT COMMISSION, must square accounts with the Nazi butchers, must destroy Fascism by destroying copitalism.

THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME! This means that the workers of France and England must work for the defeat of "THEIR OWN" boss class, must destroy the rotten capitalist forces that dictatorially repress millions of colonial people in Asia and Africa as well as themselves.

THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME! This means that the American workers and toiling masses must fight AGAINST "THEIR OWN" BOSSES and the profit system with its mass unemployment, misery, hunger that now hurtles toward bloody carnage and destruction.

CLASS AGAINST CLASS! At the time when Roosevelt mobilizes the forces of capitalist butchery, the R. W. L. calls upon all workers and oppressed to resist with all their might the war plans of American Imperialism.

FIGHT AGAINST THE ROOSEVELT WAR PLANS!
TURN THE BOSSES WAR INTO A WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES!

THE WORK FOR THE MILITARY DEFEAT OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IS THE WORK FOR THE VICTORY OF THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED MASSES.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE R.W.L., U.S.

CORRUPTION: IN THE BOSS-STATE AND IN THE UNIONS Stalinist Maneuvers Weaken Soviet Union

Now that the Detroit city government has changed hands, graft and corruption are suddenly "discovered" in which former mayor Reading and many other politicians, policemen and other functionaries were involved.

The usual conditions of organized vice, prostitution and corruption are involved. We say USUAL because the same situation in one degree or another exists in every American city. The new administration is making the same old promises about "cleaning up". "Muckrakers" like Lincoln Steffens exposed the same conditions in American cities 40 years ago, and the same promises were made. They only mean a change in the spoils-collectors.

DEMOCRACY AND GRAFT

When politicians talk about the "glories of American democracy", they mean their "right" to the graft from prostitution and pandering, from gambling and city construction work; they mean the "glorious right" of the capitalists to take millions in interest on bonds while the unemployed starve. Their "democracy" is a fig-leaf to hide the basic exploitation of the workers and the use of the state force to smash the workers struggles.

All the talk of the ministers and liberals about the "reform" has changed none of these conditions, and it is safe to say they won't be changed until the workers revolution smashes the exploiters state machinery and also sweeps away all the dirt, corruption and filth on which it thrives.

While the bosses' agents in their government thrive on graft and theft, their agents in the workers ranks also get their share of the spoils. Now the boss press is raising a big rumpus about Scalise and his racketeer pals.

In addition to the European variety of trade union faker, American capitalism has produced the racketeer who has wormed his way into the union movement, working hand in glove with the bureaucrats. These racketeers have thrived on terrorizing the workers, blackmailing the bosses, discrediting the union movement

THROW RACKETEERS OUT

But just as there is no solution of the city graft by one gang of politicians "exposing" another, there is no solution of racketeer control of the unions by this SAME boss state arresting the racketeers: How can cops who are collecting funds from prostitutes clean up racketeers in the unions???. Such action only strengthens the boss against the unions, and drives workers away from the unions.

The workers themselves must clean out their unions. They must not be opposed to the union, as they are to the bosses' state; corruption in the unions must be ended by smashing the racketeers and bureaucrats, by BUILDING the union on a class struggle policy with real workers democratic control.

U. S. Closer To War

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cracy have produced fascist developments in the "democratic" countries. Furthermore, like every major power, German imperialism has close economic and financial ties with sections of the bourgeoisie of the smaller countries. To lump together and confuse the Fascist "fifth column" with the workers who are struggling for a proletarian revolution is the worst kind of ignorance or treacherous propaganda. Fascism, as a product of capitalist decay, fights bourgeois democracy precisely because the former understands that capitalist "democracy" cannot stem the tide of the proletarian revolution.

It is not Fascism that is the cause of the imperialist war. American imperialism is just as guilty as German Imperialism. The "only" difference is the economic position of the two in world capitalist decline. The decay of capitalism, caused by the basic contradictions reaching their final stage, is the REAL CAUSE of the

imperialist slaughter. Twenty-three years after the end of the first world war, capitalism again throws to the surface another world imperialist war — to say nothing of the 50 wars and revolutions in these 23 years.

If capitalism is not smashed by the workers it will produce another world imperialist bloodbath after this one.

ONLY REVOLUTION CAN END THE WAR

But that is not the perspective of revolutionary Marxists. Just as capitalism produces wars, so it gives rise to the revolutionary struggle against the imperialist war. And the present world war is a symptom of capitalism in its worst death agonies. It will bring to the fore the revolutionary movement that will put an end to the whole murderous system of hunger and war.

May 15 — The Stalinist maneuvers with Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have given rise to speculations about the bureaucracy again turning to the Allies. Last week, when Moscow condemned the German invasion of the low countries, these speculations received new strength.

Many bourgeois democrats and liberal philistines hope that Stalin will again become a supporter of "democracy against Fascism", and thus "solve" their mental contradiction of serving the "democratic" imperialists and remaining friendly to Stalinism.

For the workers, it is not decisive whether Stalinism continues materially and politically to support German imperialism, or whether it switches over to the Anglo-French imperialist plunder-bund. **STALINISM WILL STILL REMAIN AN AGENT OF IMPERIALISM.** Its maneuvers can only further WARP the proletarian state in which it has usurped control.

These maneuvers between the two camps may be partially explained by the fact that Stalinism, having lined up with German imperialism, becomes a weaker "partner" with every success of Hitler. Each German victory enables the Fascists to increase their pressure towards undermining the Soviet Union and preparing the conditions for a complete restoration of capitalism — which will include the liquidation of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

FASCIST NOOSE TIGHTENS

That Stalinism understands how the Fascist noose is tightening, is indicated by the Balkan maneuver

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FOURTH CONVENTION

On the basis of the decision of the Eighth Plenum, the Political Committee is proceeding with plans for the Fourth National Convention of the League. The Convention will be held the first of August in one of the Great Lakes cities.

The tentative agenda for the Convention is: I. INTERNATIONAL with sub-reports on The Imperialist War, the Colonial Question, the Soviet Union, the International Contact Commission; II. TOWARDS MASS WORK with sub-reports on Election Campaign, Trade Union Work, Unemployed Work; III. ORGANIZATION.

A series of Internal Bulletins will be issued for the pre-convention discussion, which is now being organized in all units. In addition the FIGHTING WORKER will carry brief pre-convention articles.

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THE TRANSIT WORKERS

During the entire period preceding unification, the organized transit workers in the Transport Workers Union tried to get a statement from Mayor LaGuardia on his basic policy toward the union and existing contracts held with I.R.T. and B.M.T.

New York workers know of the fake fight conducted by the reactionary officials of T.W.U. in spite of a huge strike vote of the subway workers, who were ready to strike either before or after unification to protect their hard-won gains.

Workers of the Independent Subway system were also ready to join with the workers of the I.R.T. and B.M.T. in a real strike.

The Stalinist Party, partially responsible for the sell out by Quill whom they support, now come out for a fake fight "to save the five-cent fare" — the same old Tammany Hall bunk. But the FIRST issue is the struggle of the transport workers against the bankers and politicians to see that their hours, wages, and conditions of work are not destroyed. In this fight the five-cent fare can be one of the clauses in the contract which the Union proposes and fights for, by strike action if necessary.

Exploiters must call in the labor a-

ers and the bids toward Britain, and particularly the U. S.

One thing is certain, namely, that Stalin's attempt to remain "neutral", his hope to play off one side against the other and be the "balance of power" in the war, will be shattered. It is certain that as the war develops, the pressure on Stalinism will be increased by ALL the imperialists. Stalinism will frantically attempt to barter away still greater concessions, thus further undermining the warped Workers State. Any attempt to swing back toward the camp of the Anglo-French imperialists can only be at the expense of deep-going inroads.

The idea that Stalinism, whose position is continually weakening, can play a "balance of power" role is completely false. Underneath and in spite of Stalinism are the property relations established by the October Revolution. These give rise to a revolutionary pressure against BOTH warring camps — and against Stalinism.

To the extent that Stalinism involves the Soviet Union in the war, the class relations in the Soviet Union will sharpen till the explosion point is reached. Such an explosion will pit the proletarian revolution on an international scale against the forces of imperialist reaction and its agents such as Stalinism for a decisive struggle for power.

LEAGUE GAINS SEVEN MEMBERS

Since the Eighth Plenum in April, the League has recruited seven members in various cities. As a result of comrade Campbell's tour to the middle-West, following the activity of the comrades in the various towns, two workers joined the Kansas City unit, and two more entered in St. Louis.

Trade union activity of the Richmond Unit has resulted in the recruitment of three workers there.

At a time when other organizations are experiencing splits and demoralization with political shifts to the right, the organizational gains of the League as it continues to act on its revolutionary Marxist line, are heartening.

"DEFENSE"

WHAT THE BRITISH PRESS SAYS

Here are the headlines of the leading London papers on Roosevelt's Congressional war-mongering to Congress: "UNITED STATES PREPARES FOR WAR" ... In that struggle we may be sure that America will not stand idly by to see us defeated and destroyed" ... Roosevelt... "calls his people to arms. They cannot be blind to the truth and the need".

If the American workers will see as clearly as the British imperialists the true that "ROOSEVELT PREPARES FOR WAR" we shall be able to struggle all the harder against our main enemy.

War Profits Rise

BOSSSES GET MILLIONS BUT UNEMPLOYED STILL STARVE

Profits of the first 250 corporations to report for the initial quarters of 1940 were 50% greater than the same period of last year, according to the Associated Press. Net income of the group totals \$272,291,000 for the 1940 quarter period as compared to \$181,375,000 for the 1939 period. All major industrial groups showed a startling increase over last year. Petroleum and steel took the lead. Rail equipment also showed unusual high increases.

Nine rail equipment companies more than quadrupled their "earnings", showing a net income of \$4,365,000 as compared to \$906,000 for 1939. A 400% increase! Eight petroleum companies reported profits of \$13,269,000 as compared to \$3,256,000 of last year. There are no figures for increased wages and payrolls, probably because there aren't any.

26 steel companies who had a "bad year" in the 1939 period — they "only" made \$6,865,000 — did considerably better for themselves in the 1940 period with \$25,134,000.

And here is an ominous note for steel workers. The sensational increase in profits has taken place in spite of the fact that steel "operations" have been steadily declining since October, 1939!

But if the profits of the bosses have been skyrocketing gloriously high, what about the workers share? Is there anything in the report that will give us an idea? Yes. Buried in the middle of the report is the significant fact: FOURTEEN LEADING FOOD COMPANIES MADE THE "INSIGNIFICANT" GAIN FROM \$17,191,000 in 1939 to \$17,865,000 on 1940.

The workers not sharing in the golden stream of profits ("what helps business helps you") did not consume more pork chops for the very simple reason they didn't have the wherewithal.

The A. P., ever faithful to its masters, tries to cover this up with the fact that prices of wheat, corn, etc. rose faster than the prices of these things to the consumer. Bosh! Other indications that the workers were left out of the picture may be found in the figures of the finance companies who also took only small gains. In "good" times these leeches do a grand office business in "salary loans" at interest rates ranging from 30% to 240%. The workers did not use more gas and electric as indicated by the fact that utility corporations did not share in this 1940 wave of prosperity for big shots.

Increased organization and struggle is necessary if the workers are ever to keep up with the rising prices of the "war" prosperity. Now is the time for strikes and other struggle to gain themselves a small portion of the gravy.

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gents to help carry through their war tasks.

And just to finish off the picture, just to assure the victory of British Imperialism, precisely in order to press the mass murder more energetically, Messrs. Atlee and Greenwood are now His Majesty's ministers, part of the inner war cabinet.

AGAINST SOCIAL PATRIOTISM

Let each worker stop and ponder when he is approached by the American Socialist Party or the Lovestoneites to vote for Norman Thomas, both of whom are linked organizationally or politically to the social imperialists in England. Can any worker place even an iota of faith in people who still maintain their ties with Atlee and Greenwood; who look upon the slaughter of the working class so lightly that they are willing to remain in contact and united with those who INSIST on the INTENSIFICATION of the slaughter?

Or can any person place his faith in the Trotskyites (both sections) who support the American Labor Party — the counter-part of the British Labor Party — and who speak with "left" words but in action move ever more to support of the bourgeois and their war?

The social whirlpool of the war will soon brush the Atlees, Blums and other into the dustheap. But the main danger inside the working class ranks will then come from those who today — like the London Bureau and the Trotskyites — are still united, in one form or another, with the Atlees, Blums, Roses, Waldmans, and their like.

Forward to Socialism!

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WORKERS VOTE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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And the Second International continues its old and rotten policy of support of its own boss class, in Europe openly supporting the war plans of the French and English government, here concealing its betrayal with pious words of pacifism.

The R.W.L. therefore recognizes the essential need of building the New Communist (4th) International on the principles of Marx, Engels and Lenin.

A step on the road to building the New Communist (4th) International will be support of the Workers Vote candidates in the present election campaign. Our work in the election campaign will be an AUXILIARY part of our basic aim and purpose of building such a revolutionary Marxian Party and International in order to give leadership in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Workers Council Government. A vote for the Workers Vote candidates is a vote AGAINST CAPITALISM; it is a vote against the open and hidden agents of the capitalists; it is a vote for the revolutionary leadership and the revolutionary struggle of the working class.

Help the campaign of the R.W.L.! Support the Workers Vote candidates! Such work is against capitalism and all its evils — it is work AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR AND HUNGER! Support the Workers Vote election campaign and thus support the only road to victory for the workers — THE ROAD OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

FIGHT THE ROOSEVELT WAR PLANS!

TURN THE BOSSES WAR INTO A WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES!

DEFEND THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE WORKING CLASS!

NEGOTIATIONS BLOCKED ON RUSSIAN QUESTION

At the 4th session of the negotiations with the Revolt group, held May 10, the Revolt Central Committee finally presented its position in writing on the Russian question. The Revolt statement was a reply to our 8 point motion on Russia, introduced April 7, at the 2nd session.

But the Revolt C.C. position — for the defeat of the Red Army when it fights against small capitalist nations as in the Polish and Finnish wars, and for placing the right of self determination of small capitalist nations above the defense of the October Revolution — is simply a restatement of the position it previously dropped in its last letter accepting negotiations on the basis of the 14 Points.

Previous to the opening of the negotiations the League had repeatedly stated that the defense of the October revolution is a principled question, and the Revolt position is in contradiction to the 14 Points. Revolt Central Committee, having introduced its position, now officially proposes that in view of the failure to reach an agreement, we drop the Russian question and go on with the agenda! It justifies this proposal on the grounds the issue is "important" but secondary.

LETTER TO REVOLT

In a letter to the Revolt Central Committee, May 15, the League states in part: "We reject as basically false the Revolt CC attempt to minimize this whole question to the level of an 'important' secondary issue. That is the meaning of our statement to the 4th session that 'We will not go past the Russian question until we have principled agreement...'"

"The proposal of the Revolt CC to drop the Russian question and go on with the agenda may be acceptable procedure for secondary and tactical questions; it

is unacceptable for principled questions...

"If the Revolt procedure were to be accepted the agenda might as well be thrown out now, and the 14 Points vitiated in advance.

"To achieve unity at the expense of political program would be a betrayal of Marxism. A Marxian position cannot include both the position for the defeat and for the defense of the Red Army against small capitalist countries. Our position was to march separately and strike together with the Stalinists; your position was to march separately and strike together with the Finnish capitalists against the Red Army.

"The League is not presenting 'ultimatums'. It insists, however, that the negotiations proceed on the basis of the 14 Points, not on a vitiation of them. To this end we propose that the discussion on the Russian question be continued on the basis of the Revolt CC statement and our reply, in an attempt to arrive at a common position..."

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tions and the fight against Negro discrimination. Both the Negro and white workers should take a leaf out of the bosses' books in this respect and weld such a firm unity that Wilson or any of his ilk will hesitate a long time before they again dare to repeat either of the above.

A meeting is being called in the nearby city of Richmond to protest against the jailing of the two girls. They will speak, and there will also be other speakers, Negro and white, including a representative of the RWL. More details will be carried in the next issue of the Fighting Worker.