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FDR FOR WAR?

EVERY SACRIFICE FOR ARMS

BE PREPARE FOR WAR

President Roosevelt has proclaimed the fact that his government intends to win the armaments race. In his address to Congress he further proclaimed the slogans under the inspiration of which the American nation is to arm, and eventually fight. "For religion, for democracy, for liberty." Here was none of the tradition of pacifism which led Wilson to proclaim that America was "Too proud to fight." This was the frank statement of a traditional big-navy advocate, that he intends us not only to fight, but to fight under the very slogans which whipped America into the last war "to save democracy."

IMPERIALISM AT LIMA

The real reason for the armaments program, however, is not to be gleaned by a perusal of Roosevelt's speech. The real reason was being demonstrated several thousand miles away, at Lima Peru. There, with much outcry for democracy and against Fascism, the American delegation was attempting to wheel the South American dictatorships and semi-democracies into line behind a United State's plan to keep all non-american "influence" out of South America.

Denuded of its fine phrases and attendant ballyhoo what does this mean to South America? Sim-

He'll grow into it....



ply that Uncle Sam intends to take over a monopoly of exploitation. — Place the word "dollar" wherever the dispatches say "democracy," and the words "mark," "lire," "yen" or even "pound" where they say "fascism", and you have a truer picture than Hull and his friend Landon would like you to have.

Our navy is developing comprehensive plans for the "coordination" of the military activities of South America and the United States. Our military missions are busy in Brazil, Argentine, Peru, Haiti, Guatemala, and Columbia.

And why all this military activity? To protect the U.S. against a German invasion via Buenos Aires or Rio de Janeiro? In that case we should also look to the defence of the West Coast of Africa for it is just as close to Key West as Rio is, and about a thousand miles closer to New York. No, obviously this is not the purpose. The real purpose is to do to South America what Germany did to what was left of Czechoslovakia, bring it into complete economic and military subserviency.

WPA CUT FOR ARMS

But this isn't the whole picture. The examples of Nicaragua, Haiti, etc. show us what the common people of South America can expect as a result of this policy. What the American people can expect is even more strikingly clear. To make the vast military budget possible, economy is necessary at home. But who will suffer this curtailment? Obviously not Morgan, the directors of Standard Oil, or United Fruit. No! The funds are to be taken out of the hides of the most defenseless portion of the American people--the unemployed. Thus instead of the \$1,425,000,000 spent on W.P.A. in the last six months, it is planned to appropriate only \$725,000,000 for the next six months.

The question for the American people is thus made clear. Homes or battleships, jobs or war!

"UNITY" FOR WAR

And throughout the length and breadth of the land a chorus of praise and encouragement is

being raised--presumably to drown out the pleading protests of the men, women, and children who are being stripped of their only means of support.

The traditional supporters of a big navy are not the only ones who are slapping each other on the back with glee. To the fanfares of the Hearsts, McFaddens, and the other professional "war-scare" manufacturers are added the somewhat thin notes of the tin horns of the Communist Party, the American Student Union, and other ex-radical, ex-liberal, and ex-progressive groups in America.

The Communist Party comes out in favor of the Armaments appropriation, the A.S.U. hails the training of 20,000 students as pilots for the Air force. It drops its opposition to the ROTC; in fact it is with difficulty that one can distinguish between the A.S.U.'s pronouncements and those of the American Legion.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Thus the heat lightning of the next war flashes across the sky. Woe to our generation if we fail to heed the warning!

But we cannot remain ravens croaking despair from the ruins of the hopes for peace and a decent life for the American people. In the midst of this wholesale desertion of the cause for peace and the American working-class we proudly raise the banner of uncompromising struggle against the war-mongering, W.P.A.-slashing union-busting government and its servile hangers-on. There are millions of men and women, in the factories and mills, in the fields and colleges of this country who cannot and will not be deceived by this new crusade for the "Dollar". To you and to them we say: "Come, join us in the real fight--the fight of human decency against privilege---the fight of the oppressed against the oppressor---the fight for a Socialist America and a Socialist world of Peace and Plenty."

A MINIMUM PROGRAM
FOR UNITY

ON THE CAMPUS

1. The enfranchisement of all the registered students at the university.
2. The establishment of co-operative houses as the answer to the housing problem.
3. The establishment of union conditions and union wages for all students.
4. Greater NYA appropriations and the right of every student to an education at government expense.
5. A militant April ANTI-WAR STRIKE.
6. OPTIONAL ROTC.

AND IN THE LAND

7. A Peoples' referendum of war.
8. Against the governments vast rearmament program and the conversion of college students into cannon fodder in the form of ROTC and pilot schools.
9. Against the "Good Neighbor Policy" which is the mask of American imperialism in Latin America which supports such fascist dictators as Vargas, Bautista, Trujillo, etc.
10. For the support of labor in its embargoes and boycotts against fascist countries.
11. For the abolishment of immigration restrictions so that Jewish refugees may readily find admittance to this country.
12. For the withdrawal of all troops from abroad and in particular from China and Latin America.

ASYLUM IN AMERICA!

As another new year dawns, Germany's refugees anxiously look for a glimpse of hope. Europe's worst winter in years settles over the continent. At concentration camps workers sleep on bare ground with wet clothes and awake with frozen limbs. Three or so weeks ago we read in the newspapers that toilet facilities at Buchenholz were not available to prisoners for two entire days. The remains of those who perish are cremated and then sent by

mail to the families of the deceased. Dachau and Buchenholz vomit forth bodies of workers frozen by the cold. The outcasts are driven over Germany's borders only to be forced back by hostile border patrols. HAVE THEY NO HOPE?

Last semester the campus was treated to an energetic drive for funds to bring over six student refugees. But thousands yet suffer at Dachau. Although the
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CONTAGIOUS TROTSKYISM!

A Trotskyite, as all good people know, is an individual with whom no Communist, Democrat or Republican "shall have personal or political relationship" Article VI Section 14 Constitution of the Communist Party of the United States. This is because all Trotskyites are afflicted with a psychosis known as "international working class solidarity" which, in the past, has been found to be catching. The Communist Party of the United States, inheritor of all American traditions, including the tradition of the Salem witch-burners, knows that there is only one way to stop the spread of such diseases. In the words of a well known American, this consists of "quarantining the aggressor". It follows that a Trotskyite is one who by definition must be quarantined by all thinking and progressive people, i.e. Communists, Democrats, Republicans, otherwise known as the People's Front.

Trotskyism is therefore best defined as a pernicious form of insanity consisting of the following delusions:

1. That the great democracies are really capitalist states in disguise each intent upon promoting its own imperialistic ends in the international struggle for power.
2. That today as yesterday the principal enemy of the American people is at home.
3. That this enemy consists of bankers, industrialists and other pillars of society, and includes

their political retainers, who while weeping crocodile tears about the horrors of fascism abroad, are daily paving the way for fascism at home.

4. That the only way to fight fascism is through the independent action of labor organizations and that the international working class is virile enough to do the job.

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conference on refugees at Evian ended a failure, new commissions are formed. And Hitler abruptly solves the Jewish problem in his own brutal fashion. WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

A West African waste is suggested as a new home for the Jews. The land is uninhabitable. Added to this they have to pay to get there though their money is gone. Palestine cannot absorb them. The Soviet Union is hostile. What is to be done? The people of the United States feel deeply for the outcasts. Though President Roosevelt exploits true anti-Nazi sentiment in order to create a united movement for his anti-German war policy, the mass of American people is sincere in its horror and indignation at the outrages. Hitler's iniquities are condemned as a second Spanish inquisition. YET WHAT IS DONE?

We must act at once to help these political and racial pariahs. There is one sure method which we can all as students support. We must act immediately lest the Jewish problem in Germany be liquidated by Hitler. Circulate petitions! Write to Congressmen! Let Roosevelt know that we must have action, not pious tears!

OPEN THE DOORS OF AMERICA TO
THE REFUGEES!

SIGN THE PETITION TO PUT
UNIVERSAL ENFRANCHISEMENT
ON THE BALLOT!