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LYNCH GOVERNOR

The Chief Executive of the State of California, Gov. James Rolph

Rolph, Lynch Governor of California, is playing with the most dangerous explosive in the United States—Organized Lynching. So obvious are his yammerings about "California's example to the rest of the country," that his owners, the members of the California Chamber of Commerce, have rushed into print to rebuke him for issuing blank pardons in advance to lynchers.

Organized lynching is directed and controlled by the press, the police, the school, the radio, and the other agencies influenced and controlled by the bosses. The terrible crime of kidnaping is only used as an excuse to turn lynch law against the workers. Lynch law can be used and is used to swing the masses away from protest and opposition against their real enemies; it can be and has been turned against workers and their organizations.

Now, at the end of the fourth year of the world collapse, with millions starving and more than sixty million Americans living at or below the actual subsistence level, some sections of the ruling class are worried over the lynch program of Governor Rolph. The conservative press admits that the wide endorsement of Rolph's blessing is due to two facts:

1. Nationwide tension caused by hard times.
2. Disgust with long, expensive trials in which the guilty gangsters and kidnapers are often acquitted.

Who caused the hard times? Who invented the legal tricks whereby criminals WITH MONEY can keep out of jail or the electric chair? Not the sixty millions who exist from hand to mouth when they eat at all.

Today the danger for the bosses is that united working class action will turn against them. Militant workers and farmers, Negroes, trade unionists, workers fighting for their right to live have been lynched, with or without the pretense of a legal trial. Sacco and Vanzetti were lynched by law, Tom Mooney has been imprisoned for seventeen years, the Scottsboro boys for almost three years. Negro workers are lynched almost weekly, but Harry Sinclair, the oil man, got a soft job in jail for six months. Today millions of people in the United States are faced with low wages or no wages at all, rising prices, cutting off of relief, and the thousand and one barriers that the law puts between workers and bread. For these—the workers, farmers, Negro and white—long prison sentences, the electric chair, gas bombs, and Fascist terror.

Workers and Farmers, your enemy is Governor Rolph and his lynchers!

Your enemy, workers and farmers, is the profit system, the shell game of getting something for nothing. Between nations, this game takes the form of Imperialist War. Inside nations, it is putting on the mask of patriotic Fascism.

Lynching and legal lynching is one of the methods utilized by the bosses against the workers and farmers in their struggle for a decent living. It is the bosses' way of preparing for a Fascist government.

Fascism breeds war, lowers wages, lengthens your work day, destroys your trade unions and all workers' organizations, does away with the workers' right of free speech. Fascism breeds narrow nationalism, exploits differences between groups, sets white against Negro, Gentile against Jew, so the bosses can weaken your ranks and accomplish their aims.

Workers and Farmers, organize for struggle! The struggle must be a mass movement. The American League Against War and Fascism warns all workers and farmers against lynch law and against participation in any form of terrorism. Beware of the man who advocates acts of terrorism. Don't be led off into blind alleys by your bosses and their henchmen, who tell you that your enemy is the Negro, the foreigner, the farmer, or the factory worker. They lie.

The struggle must be a mass movement. Fight Against War and Fascism. Fight against lynch law. Organize! Demonstrate! Agitate! Educate! Strike! Being a movement of men, women and children, fighting War and Fascism, hungry for security and peace, our ranks must be disciplined, organized and ready for action. We are against any acts of terrorism, against orgies of sadistic torture. Our movement says simply this:

We want the earth for the Workers and Farmers—

We want a peaceful earth—

Fascism and lynching are doomed to defeat before the disciplined ranks of those who know what they want and know how to get it.

Organize Against War and Fascism!

Organize Against Lynching!

Demand the Impeachment of Governor Rolph!



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STOP WAR PREPARATIONS

The government is spending \$238,000,000 for building the Navy. Not satisfied with this huge sum, the Navy asks for another forty million from funds allotted for "Public Works." Not to be outdone, the Army, in the person of General Douglas MacArthur, immediately follows with a request for \$170,000,000.

The American League Against War and Fascism says that these huge sums can well be used by the workers, the farmers, the unemployed, the children, the teachers. Unemployment insurance, decent housing, more schools and payment of wages to teachers—we could think of many more real public works that would benefit the mass of people in the United States and that are sorely needed at present.

The American League will send a large delegation of workers, farmers, professionals, pacifists, anti-war fighters, to tell this to Congress when it goes into session in January. Our delegation will be backed by huge mass meetings all over the country which will tell President Roosevelt, Congress, and the generals what we mean by Public Works.

Unemployment insurance and relief — not battleships!

Lunches for school children and salaries for teachers—not bombing planes!

Land and their homes for the farmers—not submarines!

PUBLIC WORKS—NOT WAR WORKS!

WAR NEWS

French and Little Entente delegates to the International Press Conference at Madrid killed a resolution condemning the subsidizing of newspapers by munition makers, which was introduced by the Russian delegate, M. Rosenberg. One French delegate said his nation would reject the conference proposals if the resolution were included.

The International Goodwill Congress at Philadelphia Nov. 10 asked the next Congress to investigate American munitions manufacturers, described as foes of disarmament and world peace.

Colombia spent \$2,132,000 last year on national defenses, military highways, transports,

gun boats, cruisers and military maneuvers. Colombian bonds are selling at a big discount.

With the Japanese budget the second largest in the nation's history, the Army has announced a demand for an additional appropriation of 20,000,000 yen for air defenses in Tokyo and other cities.

The navy building race of the Big Three has been pushed up another notch. "To meet Japanese and American building," the British government plans construction of two 9,000-ton cruisers and one of 5,200 tons. These ships are destined for service in the China seas. Four 10,000-ton cruisers have been announced by the U. S. Navy Department. Japan proposes to build six 8,500-ton cruisers.

Switzerland, until now a neutral country protected by history, tradition and the Alps, has increased its military budget \$39,000,000. The money is to be used to strengthen the air service, for rifles, machine guns and artillery. The entire defense force is being overhauled following reports that the German General Staff has prepared a plan of invasion of France through Switzerland. The mountain nation, once thought not worth the trouble to capture, is now held valuable not only strategically, but because of its water power. Modern planes would make military control by Germany, Italy or France an easy matter.



A Balkan pact is to be signed by Greece, Rumania, Turkey and Yugoslavia. Albania and Bulgaria will be invited to join—or else.



Hungarian Nazis, to be headed by Count George Festetics, propose to go the German Nazis one better. Their forty-six point program, which includes most of the German Nazi promises and demands, stipulates that married couples must have five children or be fined for each child less. Point 16 provides that every girl upon reaching the age of twelve shall wear a "chastity belt" such as were used during the Crusades. Her father "or other competent authority" is to keep the key to the belt until after the signing of her marriage contract, when it is to be delivered to her husband.



Tension between Czecho-Slovakia and her German and Hungarian neighbors was heightened by Foreign Minister Benes' statement: "While treaties are being made Czecho-Slovakia will make treaties. If machine guns are fired it will be ready to fire machine guns, and if cannons it will be ready to fire cannons also."



The Indiana World War Memorial, erected at a cost of \$12,000,000, and covering five city blocks in the heart of Indianapolis, was dedicated on Armistice Day.



Compulsory military training for students in State universities was upheld by the United States Supreme Court, November 20. The tribunal refused to review an appeal filed in behalf of Ennis H. Coale, a conscientious and religious objector to military training.



The Nobel Prize Committee, having distinguished itself in past years by awarding the profits of the Nobel munitions plants to such peacemakers as Theodore Roosevelt, (Continued on page thirteen)

ANTI-NAZI WORK IN GERMANY

By X

(The writer of this article, an exiled German journalist, has recently arrived in the United States.)

The tens of thousands imprisoned in German concentration camps can bear witness to the fact that the work of spreading anti-Fascist literature in Germany is not without its dangers. Hitler's "Third Reich" is now the country with the most widely ramified espionage system in the world. It is swarming with regularly hired spies, with informers paid by the job, and with volunteer detectives. Despite the dissatisfaction that is growing by the hour among the masses, despite the sobering that is to be seen even among convinced Nazis since the "glorious" revolution, the danger attached to the very mildest sort of anti-Fascist work is still enormously great. And it grows ever greater as the discontentment of the masses rises and threatens to sweep away the corrupt system of the National Socialists.

Old Methods Dead

Every prohibited movement is by its very nature obliged to operate through the production of illegal literature. Anyone acquainted with the police and espionage system of the Third Reich will appreciate what dangers such work entails. The old and tried methods of distributing leaflets must therefore be improved as a result of the new experiences or in some cases be completely changed.

Thus many a clever technical discovery has been made, the patenting of which in normal times would have brought its inventor a good bit of money. But these inventors are not thinking of money; they want only to give voice to their convictions by every means in their power and despite all the terror. They are using their inventions, their technical ideas, exclusively to this end. It is still too early to report on most of these methods. We dare not endanger these devoted men by exposing the way they work.

Underground Propaganda

We may, however, mention a few examples of the methods used. Someone thought of the idea of fastening small packages of leaflets to little balloons, which also carry lit fuses. Several minutes after these balloons have been released, the fuse reaches the rubber, which then melts and sinks into the street scattering its cargo of leaflets. And the perpetrator of this "crime" is nowhere to be found. Such balloon distributions have been successfully carried out with great frequency in several German cities.

Another recent invention is the roof-catapult. A wooden frame resembling a catapult is set up on the edge of a house roof and loaded with leaflets. A spring is eventually released by the wind, and the leaflets are shot down into the street when the courageous Anti-Fascist who set up the machine has gotten safely away.

Leaflets and illegal newspapers are being distributed in Germany in amazing quantities. The authorities and their spies are every minute raising greater difficulties, but the success of the work is visibly growing, and illegal literature is finding ever wider distribution. A country that has been condemned by its rulers to political illiteracy is beginning to read again; and since, aside from Nazi literature, there is nothing else to read, the illegal anti-Fascist papers are seized upon with joy and hope. For this literature is the only source of truthful political news. The many rumors that circulate through the land in whispers are found in this illegal press clearly stated, based on genuine news reports, and simply explained.

Nazi Terror

Whoever is caught distributing anti-Fascist writings is thrown into the terrible concentration camps, along with anyone else who is caught reading them, to say nothing of their authors and printers. Heavy prison sentences await all these "criminals," as well as concentration camps and private acts of punishment from Storm Troopers. Thousands have completely disappeared in Germany, with not even their corpses showing up, simply for having distributed anti-Fascist literature.

All these dangers, which are greater than in any other country in the world and than in any other period of history, have not been able to intimidate the German Anti-Fascists. The

fact, so enormously important politically, that at the so-called People's Referendum on November 12, three million persons actually voted against the government, is almost wholly the result of this anti-Fascist work, which has been holding aloft the conscience of Germany's oppressed population, pointing out their true interests to the masses, and keeping Germans in touch with the world outside.

The work began almost simultaneously with the setting up of the Hitler Terror. On March 5, Hitler announced the Nazi revolution as "completed," but by the middle of March the police press was obliged to report that the distribution of illegal literature had taken on vast proportions. For example, it reported at that time that in the Wuerttemberg district alone more than five tons of literature had been seized and that approximately that much again had already been distributed.

The United Front

As might be expected, thousands upon thousands of workers—Communists, Social-Democrats or members of no party, and also members of the middle class, have joined in this anti-Fascist work. The readers of this underground anti-Fascist literature, too, are not the workers alone. It find its way wherever there is a person seeking political enlightenment.



Illegal Literature is distributed in Germany by the ton. Here is shown "Anti-War Action," the German anti-war bulletin printed on very thin India paper. The Brown Book, which exposed the Reichstag frame-up, is shown here in a vest pocket edition printed in very small type on India paper with the cover of a Goethe novel (top).

AFTER THE WAR

By MALCOLM COWLEY

Literary Editor, "New Republic"

Recently I received a letter from a man I met shortly after the war. He was one of the bravest American aviators, and yet his name was never mentioned in dispatches, and he received for his services not so much as a Croix de Guerre, not so much as an Order of the Purple Heart.

On the day he reached the front, his squadron was ordered into the air by a swivel-chair major who had never been off the ground. The major wanted to get his name in the papers and maybe get promoted. And so he ordered twenty slow observing planes to fly over the German lines without even having them tested to see whether the machine guns worked. They didn't work. Of the twenty planes that went up, only one came back, and that was my friend's plane.

And When He Came Back

Not only did he get back alive, but he shot down two German planes that day in spite of having a machine gun that would only shoot one shot at a time. All this you can find in the official American war records. But I doubt whether the war records contain the sequel to the story.

When my friend got back to the landing field, thinking of all his dead comrades in the nineteen planes that had been shot down, he saw the fat major come waddling across the field to meet him, and he turned the machine gun on the major and opened fire, and as luck would have it the machine gun jammed again. Then my friend burst into tears and stumbled into the barracks.

He was never punished for shooting at the major. Maybe the major himself was ashamed to bring charges against him. But neither was he ever promoted. He shot down two more German planes, he was in charge of a squadron, but he remained a second lieutenant until the end of the war. As for the major, he was sent back to the rear and punished by being made a colonel.

The Aviator Writes A Letter

That happened sixteen years ago. Last month my friend sent me a letter. He was writing to tell me that he disagreed with something I said about the war.

"The one thing you don't seem to consider," he wrote, "is the fact that a lot of people were like myself and enjoyed the war. I don't think there was anything monstrous about me for liking it. The things I loved about it were all things that capitalism denies us in peacetime and that are apparently essential to any happiness: e. g., close association with large numbers of one's own fellow men in a common purpose, the chance to put forth intensive and disinterested effort in a cause greater than one's own personal concern, economic equality, freedom from economic worries, adventure...."

"The fact that I didn't believe we were fighting to make the World Safe for Democracy, or anything else of the sort, didn't keep me from enjoying these features of it. One reason I have been converted to the struggle for World Socialism

is that I believe it would give us these things, together with a greater scope for individual effort and expression than either war or peace has given us under capitalism."

There is a great deal of truth in what my friend said. I myself didn't have a bad time in the last war. As a matter of fact I had a good time.

I was only eighteen and I wasn't leaving a job or a wife behind. I wasn't wounded except in an automobile accident. I wasn't gassed except by Y. M. C. A. secretaries. The biggest war horror I saw was a fat American general. I didn't come home to find that somebody else had my job, or to find that my wife had left me for somebody else who had sense enough to stay at home. I was only twenty when the war ended. I was lucky.

But even as regards the last war, my friend's letter mentioned only one side of the case. It is true as he says that there was cooperation, friendly feeling, that there were some real socialist qualities in the lower ranks of the army—but only in the lower ranks. At the top everything was capitalism.

Bankers vs. Ex-Servicemen

The men at the top, a few thousand millionaires, got something like 38 billion dollars in war profits. That was their bonus. The men at the bottom got the dirty end of the stick. When they asked for payment of their own bonus, amounting to less than one billion dollars, they got tear gas and bayonets.

But the men at the top weren't satisfied with their 38 billions and wanted still more profits. They built new factories, they manufactured automobiles and radios, golf stockings and pink toilet paper. But after a time they came up against considerable difficulty. They had kept all the money for themselves, and so people weren't able to buy their automobiles and radios and golf stockings and pink toilet paper—or even their meat and bread.

That is a layman's explanation of the depression, but it happens to be accepted by a good many economists. Capitalism made the war, and made the profits from it, and war profits helped to make the depression—along with war debts and war indemnities and struggles for trade among the post-war nations. We have suffered four years of it. And now capitalists are talking about laying plans for another war, as a means of ending the depression, and making more profits.

The Coming War

Not all of them are talking about war. But even those capitalists who regard themselves as friends of peace are defending the old system and thereby helping to make another war as inevitable as tomorrow. And this war won't be like the last one. This time nobody is going

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Soviet Peace Policies

By **CORLISS LAMONT**

On November 8, 1917, the day after it came into power, the Soviet Government invited "all belligerent nations and their governments to begin immediate negotiations for a just and democratic peace." This proposal, made again two weeks later, was disregarded by the Allies, though taken up by the Central Powers. A few months later, however, the German and Austrian armies were invading Russia to force upon the Soviet Government the humiliating and annexationist Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. And in the spring and summer of 1918 the Allies and the United States began their long and destructive intervention which, providing just the material and psychological aid that the White counter-revolutionaries needed, ultimately cost the Soviet Union millions in lives and billions in property. Then in the spring of 1920 the Poles started a war of their own against Russia and held for a brief period a large section of the Ukraine. Such were the answers given to the sincere and repeated peace proposals of the Soviet Government.

No Annexation, No Intrigues

Not only did the Soviet Government strive to establish peace from its earliest days, but it definitely and publicly renounced all of the old imperialist aims and intrigues of the Tsarist regime. On December 7, 1917, a proclamation was issued under the signatures of Lenin and Stalin reading in part: "Constantinople must remain in the hands of the Mohammedans. We announce that the agreement on the partition of Persia is torn up and annulled. We announce that the agreement on partition of Turkey and the seizure of Armenia is torn up and annulled." The Communists also published the secret imperialist treaties between the Tsarist Government and the Allies, much to the chargin and anger of the latter. Later the U.S.S.R. renounced the territorial controls of Tsarism in China, the extra-territorial priv-

ileges of Russian citizens in that country, and Russia's share of the Boxer indemnity.

For Complete Disarmament

Throughout the sixteen years of its existence the Soviet Union has followed out consistently and faithfully the peace policy proclaimed by Lenin and his colleagues at the very start. It has done this in the face of continual and bitter provocations abroad, such as the assassination of ambassadors and diplomatic agents, raids on embassies and consulates, the publication and use for hostile purposes of forged documents, and open threats and insults from bellicose governments like those in power today in Japan and Germany. The U.S.S.R. has again and again embarrassed the various militaristic and imperialistic nations at Geneva by suggesting measures that would lead to real disarmament.

At the 1928 conference it offered a proposal for complete disarmament and in 1932 supported the American plan for a one-third cut in military budgets. The Soviet Government signed the Kellogg Peace Pact at the earliest opportunity and was the first government to ratify it. It has in addition initiated and concluded non-aggression pacts with fifteen states, the first one being with Turkey in 1925.

During the course of the dimly unsuccessful World Economic Conference in London in the summer of 1933, Soviet representatives signed such pacts with eleven nations, setting a new example in clearness and strictness of definition on what constitutes aggression. The U.S.S.R. now has non-aggression agreements with all bordering countries, except Japan, which has refused to enter into such a compact. In 1931, when accusations of Soviet dumping were at their height, Moscow again called the bluff of the capitalist powers by proposing at Geneva an international economic non-aggression pact including restrictions against dumping, tariffs, and other forms of

commercial warfare. Needless to say, this suggestion was not received with enthusiasm. Throughout this long and notable campaign of the Soviet Union for international peace there has been outstanding the influence of Maxim Litvinov, Commissar for Foreign Affairs, whose recent trip to the United States finally brought about American recognition of Russia.

Peace—Soviet Objective

Of course it may be said that it is to the immediate self-interest of the U.S.S.R., engaged in strenuous Five-Year Plans for the building of Socialism, to have peace. And it is true that nothing would so upset the internal workings of the Soviet state as a war. But above and beyond this is the sincere and stated ideal of the Communists to achieve peace as a boon to the working class of the world and as a prerequisite to the new international order of Socialism. Though there is a Red Army—and an excellent army it is—its soldiers, as Henri Burbusse has stated, "take an oath to look upon all humanity as brothers." And national and racial prejudice and chauvinism is within Soviet Russia practically a thing of the past.

Of equal importance is the fact that in the Soviet Union the fierce and predatory economic interests that in other countries make for war have been driven out of existence. In the U.S.S.R. there are no longer private manufacturers of munitions, potential war profiteers, and all the other influences which find monetary gain in international conflicts. Furthermore, because of a planned economy that covers all imports and exports there are no interests in the Soviet which make necessary and profitable cut-throat competition in the international market, colonies abroad, and imperialist spheres of influence. For these various reasons I believe that in the future as in the past the Soviet Union will be a strong and effective power for peace in the world.

THE CHURCHES AND WAR

By HARRY F. WARD

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Since the World War there has been a striking gain in Anti-War sentiment among the churches. Before the war the peace ideal of the Protestants was expressed by the body that represents most of them, the Federal Council of Churches, as a desire for a warless world. This idealism of course did not prevent this body, along with its constituent denominations, from officially supporting the war. The same course was taken by most of that minority of preachers who had previously called themselves pacifists. There were a few outstanding exceptions. A number of less prominent men who stood by their convictions lost their churches. Some minor sects, regarded as religious illiterates, bravely suffered persecution. The terrible record of the ministers of the "Prince of Peace" is set forth in Abrams' book, *Preachers Present Arms*.

Since the war the attitude of the churches has not only become more universal but also more realistic. The churches now are opposing war not merely because it is contrary to the ethics of the gospel, but because of its social and moral consequences. In the utterances of the Federal Council and of denominational gatherings war is now denounced as the greatest crime against humanity and the suicide of civilization. Some of the denominations have followed through the implications of this judgment by petitioning for the abolition of all military training in educational institu-

tions and by urging their members in other countries where compulsory military service is required to plead for its abolition.

Churches Part of System

The fact that these bodies are petitioning and pleading where they should be demanding indicates their subservience to the government and the fact that no organized resistance to its demands in time of war can be expected from them. It is certain, however, that the number of individual preachers who will refuse to support another war is constantly increasing. Some local denominational bodies are now going on record to the effect that loyalty to conscience and God comes before loyalty to the state.

The tactic of the left wing religious group has been to point out that if the churches officially support another war after denouncing it as the greatest crime against humanity, they place themselves among the greatest criminals. Both the logic and the ethic of their position demands that they add deeds to words and sentiments. Therefore the American League Against War and Fascism will do well to insistently make the same demand of religious organizations that it makes of organized workers, namely, that they definitely decide and announce that they will sabotage any war to the full extent of their power. The Roman

Catholic Church, because of its nature and its policy regarding the state, cannot be expected to take this position. Some Protestant and Jewish bodies might be brought to it. Their young people's societies should be campaigned for this end.

First Line of Support

During the last war it was evident, as one British general frankly said, that the churches were the first line of support for the war behind the armies. On them the war makers relied to keep up the fighting morale. Consequently, if religious organizations can be brought to announce their refusal to lend themselves in any way to the support of a war it will give some check to the militarists. That it would not hold against the pressure of war psychology and the pull of the vested interests of ecclesiastical institutions in the whole system that breeds war goes without saying. But, nevertheless, such declarations will increase the number of individual preachers who will not support war and add to those who will openly campaign against it. Meantime the utterances of religious bodies and pulpits have definite propaganda value.

It will therefore be well for the League Against War and Fascism to organize units among all the religious groups actively to work for the passage of resolutions refusing support to any future war.

CHILDREN UNDER HITLER

By JOSEPHINE HERBST

Author of "Pity is not Enough," "Money for Love" and "Nothing is Sacred"

People who have lately come from Germany have to be questioned before they remember to tell anything about the children. This is in strong contrast to travelers from other countries who nearly always, of their own accord, begin telling of the life of their children. People do not like to talk about children unless they have good news. It is not good news to say that children go to schools in uniform, girls and boys; that practically all sports have been converted into military practice and that little children in court yards, playing in imitation of their elders, have a game called "Shoot the Communists." It is not good to know that school begins and ends with a "Heil, Hitler"; that church begins and ends the same for those who attend and that in some places little Jewish children, when they have not been driven from school altogether, sit on the "Jew Bench," a seat especially for them, and are known as Jew Rachel or Jew Abraham, whatever their names may be plus the word "Jew."

In subways a Jewish mother with her little child will be openly laughed at by zealous



Teaching Children the use of Gas Masks. Nazi Government official shown wearing a special rubber suit, taking two children (one in each arm) into gas protection cellar.

Nazi women. Children dye their hair and girls add wads of bought flaxen hair to their formerly shorn heads. The old German "Gretchen" is the rage and children who are not naturally blonde use dye. Little girls spend their time feverishly embroidering swastikas on pillows and tablecovers. The older girls who, under the modern Germany, had turned their thoughts toward the professions are thrust back into cooking and child raising. As they are still some hundred thousand men short in Germany, no one knows where the husbands for these domestically raised girls will be found.

Unbalanced Children

On parade days with thousands of banners the youth of Germany makes a thrilling sight if one is to look no further. But what effect is this upset having on the children, particularly the smaller ones. Many of them, children of Jews, Social-Democrats, pacifists and Communists, have witnessed the beating and arrest of parents. They have overheard the whispered rumors of terrors, sometimes they have actually seen it happen before their eyes. A few have been taken to jail as hostages for parents, but even for the many whose parents have not been arrested, the effect is unbalancing. For years liberal teachers taught cer-



The Reichstag Trial where four Communist leaders are being framed by the Hitler Government. In second row from front (second from left) Ernst Torgler. Last row, between soldiers (left to right) Vassil Taneff, Blagoi Popoff and George Dimitroff.

tain things in Germany and now those teachers have been dismissed or have had to reverse their opinions. Now everything great and good in the world traces its antecedents to German blood. The child does not know that across the Alps the little Italian is also learning that the great creative minds were Italian. Where is the unreality of such a superiority complex, rooted of course in a deep sense of inferiority, going to lead?

It will take time to show, but already neurotic disorders have multiplied rapidly among children. Many bright children who were leaders are now scared to silence. Perhaps the group least disastrously affected are the children of Communists, who have been most persecuted. The reason is that these children are not only conscious of what is happening, but had been steeled to expect struggle. And as news comes from Germany many stories come showing that the children of militant anti-Fascists rally more quickly than the children of other groups.

Many militant anti-Fascist children act as leaflet scatterers in the night and it is often they who stick the slogans on the walls. But even these children are not made of stone. One such child, caught and beaten, in order to extort names of comrades, kept his mouth shut. They finally beat him until he had to go to a hospital, but he never told—but since then has not spoken. Even little Nazi girls begin to wonder when Papa is going to get Mr. Wertheim's big store, the way he was promised before Hitler came to power. Food that was to come down has gone up. What really is better? Parades of course, but is that enough?

Before the Nazis the German youth had gone a long way in freedom. They had many clubs and nature groups. Boys and girls were less bound in their relations than perhaps in any western country. Now, when the Nazis show a movie intended as an educational film for youth, these young people who have tramped and swum and lived in the open together, burst into laughter at the stiff figure of the Type Heroic Nazi Male gingerly pecking on the cheek of the chaste Type Model Female, the perfect Type Grade A romantic salute. This laughter of ridicule, coming spontaneously out of a dark movie palace in the midst of Hitlerdom, is a healthy sign. Even if it comes from the dyed heads of Nazi children.

Students Against War

By JOSEPH P. LASH

Last year the English landed gentry, the squires, retired colonels and baronets, were shaken to their boots when some 800 Oxford students pledged under no circumstances to "fight for King and Country." Maybe these students will forget their pledge when the Royal Guards and the Deathhead Battalion start marching to the front, but they initiated a significant Anti-War movement in the American colleges.

The Conference At Columbia

At Columbia the whole college, fraternity men, athletes, the undergraduate newspaper and student council, took part in an Anti-War conference lasting two days which not only pledged "non-cooperation with the War Office" but set up a permanent organization to work towards preventing Columbia University's resources and plant from ever being used in a future war. Students were set to work digging out Columbia's ignominious record during the World War, such as the ousting of Charles A. Beard and other professors for opposing our entry and the writing of distorted text books.

Most important of all was the creating of departmental organizations to enlist the support of faculty members in the Anti-War fight and to forestall converting these departments into allies of any particular branch of the war machine. The scientific faculties are frequently called into conference by the military authorities when some new gas is needed or some new mechanical gadget to facilitate the motorization of the Army or the Navy. During the last war, the journalism and writing faculties, all the authors of textbooks were enlisted in the turning out of high-powered propaganda. The object of the departmental committees is to prevent a repetition of such betrayals and falsifications.

Faculty Members Join N. Y. U. Conference

At the same time, the undergraduates at Columbia, sensing the importance of spreading the movement they had launched to other colleges, instructed the permanent committee to

broadcast the results of the Columbia Conference and to urge similar action at other schools.

Since that time New York University has held its Conference with 600 delegates in attendance, which provoked the attention of many faculty members—some of whom actually led factions on the floor—as well as the majority of the students, and which passed a set of resolutions similar in spirit to those accepted at Columbia. Should this movement spread, the government will at least find difficulty in using our colleges in any future war it may undertake.

Students Demonstrate Against War

Meanwhile other colleges have been engaging in more spectacular Anti-War activities. At Harvard University the National Student League and the League for Industrial Democracy cooperated in an Anti-War demonstration on Armistice Day which outraged all the respectable people of Cambridge, especially since on that day West Point was present in full force for the Army-Harvard football game. President Conant forbade holding the meeting within the sacred precincts of Harvard Yard, so it was held outside. And a new tradition was started when the cheers of the cadets from the Stadium mingled with student defiance of the forces which are making for war.

At Wellesley some seventy-five Wellesley College girls, waving peace banners and singing Anti-War songs, swung onto the tail of an American Legion parade. In Northampton, four colleges joined together for a peace parade, and had their slogans ripped up by the police, who claimed the carrying of banners violated the terms of the parade permit!

We cite these things to show not only that students are setting up organizations to fight war, but are militant and vigorous in their day-to-day undertakings. Yes, there was similar activity in the colleges before the World War, similar resolutions were passed, yet anyone who observes present undergraduate Anti-War activities senses a new determination and clarity of purpose in them.

THE FAR EAST:



Chinese Soviet Districts

Just prior to his death on November 5, Sen Katayama, pioneer Japanese labor organizer and writer, dispatched this letter, parts of which we are publishing here, to his friends Romain Rolland and Henri Barbusse. Katayama founded, in the late '90's the Japanese Socialist Association, and the Association of Railroad Mechanics. He was the author of many books and pamphlets, including a history of the Labor Movement in Japan, and was editor of *Le Kodo Sejai*. Katayama studied at Yale University.

Dear Comrades:

If the fascist dictatorship of Hitler in Germany has revealed its own weakness by the accentuation of violence and the murder of workers throughout the whole country, the judicial comedy at Leipzig will show still more clearly the falsity and utter weakness of the fascist dictatorship. . . .

I ask you, my dear comrades, to give your attention to another . . . enterprise, against which a world-wide campaign must be organized. I refer to the sixth campaign against the Chinese Soviets, which has been thoroughly planned this time by Chang Kai-Shek, and substantially supported by American and English imperialism. And Japanese imperialism, thirsting for blood, has left the field free for this odious job of Chang Kai-Shek by the conclusion of the armistice with the government of Nanking. This armistice permits Chang Kai-Shek to hurl his troops against the Chinese Soviets . . . which have been increasing constantly in power and influence. The Red Army of China repulsed the first five punitive expeditions of Chang Kai-Shek, and the Soviet power spread over new territories. But the present military expedition must not

be under-estimated, for this bloody counter-revolutionary has made better preparations this time, and is amply supported by the foreign imperialists in China!

The Chinese revolution is threatened by a grave danger. Our International Committee against War and Fascism ought to organize a world-wide campaign against Chang Kai-Shek. It would be at the same time a campaign against War and Fascism. It is my wish to point out to you here some of the facts and the reasons which oblige us to organize this international campaign against the government of Nanking and Chang Kai-Shek . . .

1. The imperialist robbers of Japan . . . have concluded a deceptive armistice with Chang Kai-Shek. I regard this armistice as deceptive, because Japan has reserved the right to increase her army of occupation and to strengthen her military position. And the armistice has left the field open for Chang Kai-Shek to undertake the sixth campaign of extermination against the "Reds," a campaign better prepared than ever before with the assistance of American and English impe-

rialism. . . .

Japanese imperialism clashes daily with English and American imperialism in China, and their conflicts are becoming more and more bitter. But all sides are animated by the same hostility, the same hatred for the Soviet Union, the same desire to dismember China. It is for this reason that the blood-stained Mikado makes treaties with the counter-revolutionary Chang Kai-Shek, betrayer of the Chinese people; and for this reason he is reinforcing his military position in Manchuria, Mongolia, and Northern China.

2. The United States has ranged itself against Japan, supporting the government of Nanking by means of its traditional dollar diplomacy. It has granted that government a loan of \$50,000,000, called a wheat loan, and \$4,000,000 for the purchase of American airplanes. Most of Chang Kai-Shek's pilots are Americans. Very recently, for the particular purpose of the sixth campaign of extermination against the Reds, the United States has delivered 150 bombing planes to the Nanking government; it has just sent a number of poison gas bombs to Nanking also. These facts alone

SCOTTSBORO

Nine Negro boys, rounded up after a fight with several white boys, accused of the rape of two white girls, tried, convicted, sentenced to death. They are no heroes, these nine, no Angelo Herndons taking mortal risks as leaders of the oppressed. They are ordinary boys, nine examples of the oppressed; and their fate is a dramatic example of the oppression of the thirteen millions of their race.

That is why their case transcends others in its emotional appeal, why it has become a symbol before the world.

Determined Ruling Class

Now the third trial of the Scottsboro boys is being held. The first was set aside by the U. S. Supreme Court, the second was declared a mistrial by the presiding judge. It was assumed that no further effort would be made to convict the boys. But the state authorities decided to try again and this time with "better preparations." The call was summoned for a special session to avoid bringing it before Judge Horton, who reversed the second conviction. The judge chosen, W. W. Callahan, is notorious for his Ku Klux Klan activities; the trial seat is again Decatur, in a country where lynch sentiment is universal among the whites and where no white men unprejudiced enough to serve honestly as jurors can be found. The defense has gathered evidence in the form of affidavits recording some five hundred conversations with citizens of the county, which point conclusively to a strong lynch sentiment. Yet the authorities refuse to provide adequate protection, smugly facing the charge of complicity in a lynching should it

occur. So the grim determination of the Southern ruling class in Alabama, to make sure, this time, of its victims, is demonstrated with appalling clearness.

Facing Aroused World Opinion

The finances of the State of Alabama are virtually in a bankrupt condition. The expenses of the third trial are expected to be heavier than the previous proceedings, and schools were closed and teachers went unpaid because of the costs of the first two trials.

Why then does this bankrupt state load itself with the financial burdens of a new trial? Why does it again challenge an aroused world opinion?

The conclusion is inescapable. The ruling class feels itself threatened. Should the Scottsboro boys be freed, their release would set a revolutionary precedent. Symbolically, it would represent a great step forward in the liberation of the Negro masses. With their grip on the Negro shaken, their grip on the poor white would inevitably weaken too. And with the Negro freer, and possessed of legal rights, the poor white would accord him greater respect and be readier to join with him in working class struggles.

This has been repeated over and over again. Indeed, it has been said so often that with the capricious tendency of liberals to begin to doubt what is proved over and over again, there is a tendency among them to weaken in their own insistence upon it. But the white ruling class in Alabama does not doubt it. They know it only too well. They are fighting to kill the Scottsboro boys with all the despera-

A LETTER FROM SEN KATAYAMA TO ROMAIN ROLLAND and HENRI BARBUSSE

show how far the United States has interested itself in strengthening the military power of Chang Kai-Shek for his expedition against the Chinese revolution. The United States plans to resist Japanese imperialism, and in this way it counts on a large share in the dismembering of China.

3. England has not remained passive in regard to the partition of China. Coveting the regions contiguous to India and Northern Thibet, as well as Sinkiang, English imperialism has granted to Liou-Siun, militarist of Szechuan, a loan of £20,000,000 sterling for the war against the Reds. In this province the Chinese revolution has gained some strong positions. English imperialism wishes to root out the revolution in order to extend its rule in China. English imperialists have already, through their agents, occupied a part of Thibet and Sinkiang, with the purpose of organizing an "independent" state of Si-Pei-Kuo in the northwest; and they are attempting to obtain an alliance of the seven provinces of the southwest.

4. French imperialism, which has already taken a number of the islands in the Coral

Sea, is preparing to occupy a part of Kwangsi and Yunnan.

5. German imperialists have sent a number of military advisers to Chang Kai-Shek. More than 70 German military experts are helping him today to organize the sixth punitive expedition.

6. The League of Nations, under the pretext of the so-called plan for technical collaboration, is really giving aid to the government of Nanking in the struggle against the Chinese Soviets.

. . . Drawing your attention to these facts, I ask you at the same time to undertake an international campaign against Chang Kai-Shek, which will also be a campaign directed against American, English, and Japanese imperialism in China. . . . To fight against Chang Kai-Shek is also to fight against the Fascism which now rages in Germany, for Hitler has given his full support to Chang Kai-Shek. The reinforcement of Fascism in China

is the desire of all imperialists. Fascism is assuming an international character today, and we must support and consolidate the Chinese Soviets in order to reinforce our movement for the struggle against War and Fascism. Sun-Tse-Ling, the widow of Sun-Yat-Sen, is fighting against the power of Chang Kai-Shek, and we must support her in that heroic and perilous struggle. . . .

Finally, comrades, I call your attention to the reorganization of the Japanese cabinet, to the resignation of Utsida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is succeeded by Hirota, the friend of Araki and of Osurni, Ministers of War and the Navy! This is a government of war-lords! These changes make armed intervention imminent, and impose on us the duty to organize immediate support for the Soviets and the revolutionary forces of China. We will thus strengthen the movement for the defense of the Soviet Union.

If you approve of our work, as I do not doubt that you do, I ask you to participate in the organization of this campaign . . . and rally to the defense of our common cause, the fight against Chang Kai-Shek, creature of imperialists. . . .

SEN KATAYAMA.

By ISIDOR SCHNEIDER

Author of "Dr. Transit" and "The Temptation of Anthony and other Poems"

tion of those who fight to preserve class privileges.

Nazi Roots

The dictatorship of the Democratic party in the South is similar in many respects to that of the Nazis. Its support on political grounds has been derived from hatred and economic fear of its neighbors as Nazi support is derived from hatred and fear of its former enemy nations in Europe. Its support on social grounds is based on the myth of racial superiority. Aryanism in Germany is paralleled by white supremacy in the American South as a program to unite a people by petty race vanity and cruel race persecution.

Fascism is consolidating on many fronts in American life. It is significant that N.R.A. codes which affect Negro workers and farmers foster discrimination against Negroes. The fight against Fascism must be fought all along the line; but nowhere is the fighting more necessary than on this field. The social and political and economic organization of the South is our own, indigenous Fascism. Polite methods of attack are, in practice, collaboration with the white ruling class. Working class organizations by their militancy have forced the fight into the open. They have shown the way to strike at American Fascism. Our fight calls for our fullest support.

The Decatur trial is now our battleground. The ruling classes are there. They are in the courts as long as the courts obey them. Should the courts be forced to frustrate their will they are ready to act outside the courts.

We too must be ready by huge mass agitation to carry on the battle outside the courts.



**THE
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Fight for Your Life!!

By **DONALD HENDERSON**

*Executive Secretary, American League
Against War and Fascism*

Mobilize your forces against the growing war preparations of the government! Prepare to stop them now!

The American League Against War and Fascism calls on all delegates to the United States Congress Against War and on all organizations and groups supporting the fight against war to initiate immediately a nationwide campaign during the month of December against the continued appropriations of our government for war purposes. The American League urges all opponents of war to mobilize a nationwide action to culminate January 3rd with a mass delegation to Washington on the opening of Congress.

Action Is Imperative!

Mr. President, the unemployed cannot eat bullets or live in battleships; they need relief and funds for clothes, for houses, for food.

Day by day the malnutrition of our youth slowly sows the seeds of disease and moral degeneration.

Mr. President, our youth throughout the country need work with self respect, food and clothes, not military training camps, hard boiled army bosses and uniforms.

Day by day the farmers of this country show by their actions their discontent with your policies of destroying food and abandoning land; they show by their actions their need for debt cancellations for cash relief.

Mr. President, the farmers of this country

need plows and combines and gasoline for tractors, not guns or tanks or chemicals for war purposes.

Day by day throughout the country, schools continue to close through lack of funds, teachers go unpaid, school houses rot.

Mr. President, the children of this country need new schools and well-paid teachers, not battleships and military propaganda.

Day by day, while millions are spent by this war government to protect property in Cuba, in South America, in China, widespread terror and lynching by organized mobs with active and open support by local authorities and governments make a mockery of the human rights of the Negroes.

Day by day the policies of this war government are turning more factories into war shops—munitions take the place of machinery; uniforms take the place of clothes; battleships take the place of schools and houses; civil conservation encampments take the place of homes for the youth; war chemicals take the place of fertilizers; tanks take the place of tractors.

War Department Chiseling

Mr. President, the unemployed, the workers, the farmers, the youth in schools and factories, the Negroes, the millions of victims of this depression throughout the country demand a stop to this chiseling of public works funds for war works; they need and demand houses and clothes, not battleships and uniforms; they need and demand schools, not guns; they need and demand relief and unemployment insurance, not big navies "second to none," and army mechanization and modernization.

Organize—Protest

The American League Against War and Fascism calls for a nationwide protest in every city, in every locality, in the shops and factories, in the schools, in the churches.

Every state and city committee of the League should immediately call a meeting of all local organizations and groups to prepare actions of mass protest; mobilize mass demonstrations and delegations to every Congressman throughout the country; demand of your local Congressman the immediate stopping of these appropriations; demand the cancellation of existing war contracts.

Let Congress convene with the determined action of the masses of people in the United States for no more war preparations fresh in the mind of every Congressman, with the voice of the masses of opponents to these war policies ringing in his ears!

Let the unemployed force the relief agencies and organizations to add their demand for cash relief and unemployment insurance instead of battleships and forced labor jobs in militarized camps.

Strike! Strike!

Organize temporary stoppages of work in

the factories, on the docks, on all war jobs. Demand the immediate conversion of war contracts into relief contracts. Demand appropriations for relief and insurance, for stum clearance and new houses, for schools and unpaid salaries.

Let all supporters of peace throughout the churches approach their ministers, priests and rabbis to demand that they speak out against these policies of war works instead of public works. Let the preachers of the gospel demand from their pulpits immediate cancellation of all war contracts; let them range themselves openly and sharply with the forces fighting for peace and against the war makers in our government. Let the last two Sundays of this year be "Peace Sundays."

To you of all faiths, we appeal; to you of all political parties, we appeal; to all the victims of these war policies, we appeal!

Join with us to stop the war preparations of our government!

Support the delegation to Washington on January 3rd by mass demonstration everywhere throughout the country.

Public works and no more war works!

Cash relief and unemployment insurance for the unemployed; no more contracts for the war-makers!

Build schools; no more battleships!

Let Congress face an aroused nation on January 3rd; stop these policies now!



By Hugo Gellert





President
Grau San
Martin
of Cuba
(center)
on the roof
of his palace
which is
heavily
guarded,
day and
night

R. O. T. C.

By JULES MORROW

The schools and colleges today have an important place in the war preparations of the U. S. A. The war machine, realizing the effect that it can have on young minds, in the process of formation, maintains a strong apparatus in the American educational institutions, whose main purpose is to inculcate the war psychology in the minds of the students. Each year the government appropriates millions of dollars for the maintenance of R. O. T. C. (Reserve Officers Training Corps) units, cadet clubs, rifle clubs, and other types of military organizations. In 1932 and 1933, exactly 147, 999 students in 399 educational institutions were receiving instruction through the War Department.

Trapping High School Boys

Of these militarist organizations, the R. O. T. C. is the largest. In 1925, the last year from which complete figures are available, \$10,689,504 were spent for R. O. T. C. alone. Its purpose is avowedly the dissemination of the propaganda of the War Department for preparedness and nationalism among the students. This was clearly brought out by one of the army leaders. Major William W. Edwards, in the *Infantry Journal* for October, 1924, stated:

"The Defense Act has two distinct functions. The first is so obvious as to need no comment, that of training officers and men for the reserve forces; its second function, while not less important, is less apparent and therefore sometimes overlooked entirely, that of training the public mind in the needs of national defense. The Junior R. O. T. C. fulfills the first mission indirectly and for the second, I believe there is no better agency at our command. The High School boy in his sophomore year is in his most plastic and enthusiastic stage. He is at the age of hero worship and idealism."

Venom and Lies

And again in the *Bulletin of the "Scabbard and Blade,"* honorary fraternity of the R. O. T. C., they advise young officers to fight all anti-war agitation. "Fight it with facts and

The American League Against War and Fascism has sent its National Chairman, J. B. Matthews, and Alfred Runge, Spanish-American War Veteran, to Cuba on an investigating tour. The January FIGHT will carry a full report of their findings.

figures, with venom and fury, yes, but conceal the venom and fury—but, add, or let it be inferred, that these misguided Americans suffer from lack of complete information, or from errors of judgment or from contact with radicals, communists, enemies of the social order who are deceiving them, duping them, using them as catspaws . . ."

Demand Abolition of R.O.T.C.

While students are being packed into overcrowded classrooms, suffering from lack of sufficient text books, and are made to go hungry for lack of relief, while thousands of young teachers, trained and able, are prevented from being of service as educators and are instead made to stand on breadlines, the government spends millions for war propaganda. It is this military machine which is the main force with which the students must contend. The Student Sub-Section of the American League Against War and Fascism, therefore, as the opening gun in its fight against war, has initiated a campaign for the abolition of the R. O. T. C. A petition to the President and the Congress of the U. S. is being circulated in the schools and colleges all over the country, demanding the abolition of R. O. T. C. and the appropriation of these funds for education.

This petition will be presented to the President of the U. S. by a delegation of students on December 28th. Hundreds of students will be in Washington on that day to support the delegation and they will want to know what the President has to say.

The Student Sub-Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism urges all students who are against war to sign this petition and to come or send delegates to Washington on December 28th. Petitions and information may be obtained from the Student Sub-Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism.

GUNS AND CASTOR OIL

I forecast Fascism today for the United States. This New Era, which we are now entering, is being brought about by a conflict over the redistribution of wealth . . . statistics clearly indicate that we are now in an economic revolution of which the Blue Eagle will become the symbol of the New Era under Fascism—Roger Babson in an Address before the Annual National Business Conference.



"We know how the greed for money dominates everyone. One man strives to get more wages, another strives for higher dividends. . . This 'beast' within individual men should not be allowed to be nurtured by artificial organizations (labor unions); it must be the task of a higher State leadership to set bounds to this human weakness, to restrain it, if necessary to put brutal limits and barriers in its way. . . For this reason Corporate organization will as its first work restore absolute leadership to the natural leader of a factory, that is, the employer."—From *"Fundamental Ideas on the Corporate Organization and the German Labor Front,"* by Dr. Ley, Nazi labor chief.



"In culture the Jew defies art, literature, and the theater, destroys natural sentiments, undermines all ideas of beauty and dignity, of nobility and goodness, and drags humanity down under the spell of his own base mode of life."—Hitler, in *"My Struggle."*



"In Jewish circles generally, and particularly in orthodox circles, there is more sympathy and understanding for the national revival in Germany than the leaders of this movement realize. The religious Jews know how particularly grateful they must be to Hitler for his energetic and thoroughgoing fight against Communism."—Dr. Weinberg, orthodox Rabbi, in the *"Jewish Press"* of Vienna.



"War is constructive. It builds up while it destroys. War is therefore a perpetual regenerator and it is wrong to see destructive tendencies in it."—Prof. Ewald Banse in *"The Science of Arms,"* official Nazi schoolbook.



You will find some of the Regular Army officers strict disciplinarians. That's the way they work—the way they have been trained to handle men. You'll have to learn "To take it." — Editorial in *"Happy Days,"* official newspaper for the Civilian Conservation Corps.



"The Hebrew, being an Asiatic, an Oriental, a yellow man, has not yet arrived at the stage of spiritual evolution karmically where he has learned inherently to be the human administrator."—From *"Liberation,"* weekly organ of the Silver Shirts of America.



"The Protective Corps (S.S.) men must go to the offices of the paper concerned, and give each member of the editorial staff a quart of castor oil."—Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Enlightenment, at a Nazi meeting.

Chemical Science and the Coming War

By GEORGE KLEINSINGER

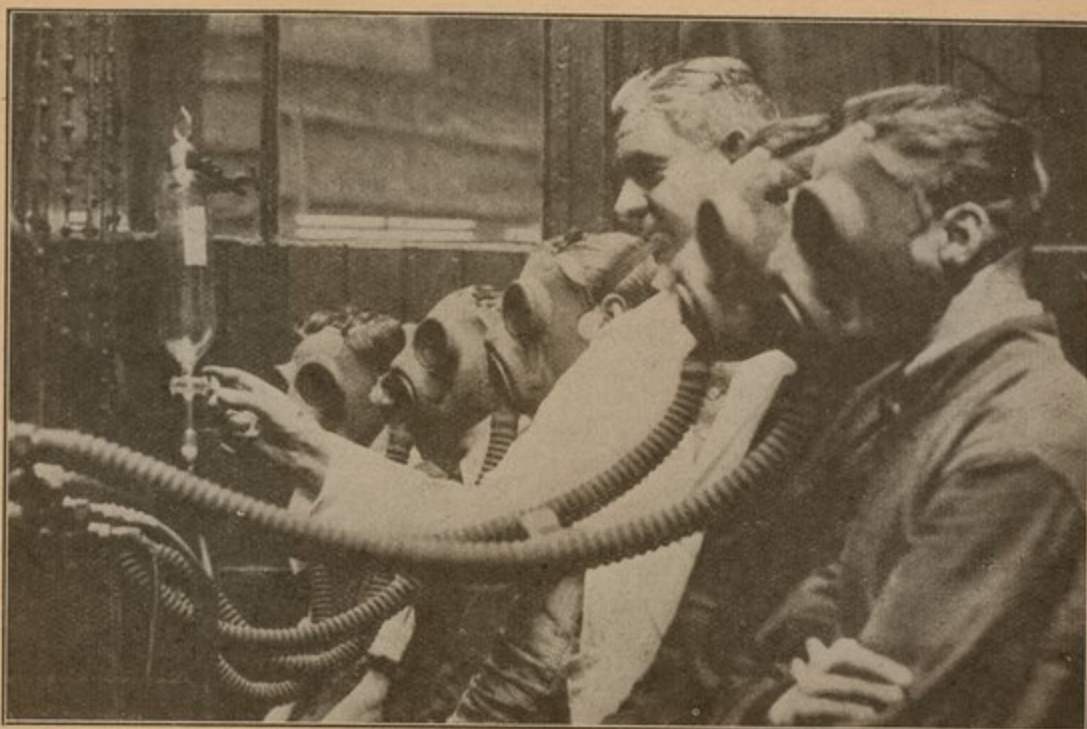
It is well known today that the great chemical industries of all nations are under the close supervision of their governments. A corps of army officers, expertly trained, direct research aimed at discovering new and more poisonous gases, explosives of more devastating power. The formulae of the gases they discover are jealously guarded as military secrets, but the effects of these gases and explosives are known facts.

Billions of dollars are spent yearly by governments in this kind of research. In 1922, the year in which the Washington "disarmament" conference laid special emphasis on the prohibition of poisonous gas in war, the United States government spent \$8,700,000 on this kind of experimentation. The British chemical station at Porton, England, has killed thousands of animals in experiments with poison gas.

Over One Thousand Gases

The expenditure of these billions by governments which starve their unemployed has of course brought results. During the World War, only thirty poisonous gases were known, and bacteriological warfare was almost in its infancy despite the horror tales circulated in the United States by government propaganda agencies, of German spies planting typhus germs in city water supplies. Today, over a thousand different gases are known, some of them a thousand times more deadly than those used in the late war, and bacteriological warfare has progressed exceedingly.

The progress made by science in this field will completely change the character of the coming war. Gases and disease germs are cheaper and more devastating in their effect than soldiers and guns. Whole cities of the enemy may be wiped out at one stroke. Lord Halsbury, head of the Explosives Department of the military apparatus of Great Britain, said in a speech before the House of Lords, "Forty tons of this gas (disphenylcyanine) will destroy the entire population of London." A French professor of physics, Langevin, tells us that a hundred airplanes, each carrying a ton of gas, could cover Paris with a gas cloud twenty metres thick. Brig. Gen. Fries, chief of the Chemical Warfare service in the United States, describes the use of gas in the World War as "a child's game" in comparison to what it will be in the future war. Lieut. Gen. Atrock in the *Militärwochenblatt*, official magazine of the German Army, states, "The population over a large area may expect destruction at any moment. The next war will take the form



Death stands nearby—and a white coated physician—as these workers breathe poisonous gases at an Experimental Station for testing Gas Masks

of mass murder of the non-combatant civilians rather than a conflict between armies."

Drown In Your Own Blood

Many thousands of veterans of the World War remember the deadly character of "mustard gas," then newly invented. Benevolent science has now, however, invented a gas a thousand times more deadly. It is called "Lewisite" (dichloroarsine vinyl chloride). Three drops of this horrible gas on any part of the human skin are sufficient to cause death in agony. Lewisite may be diluted in air in the proportion of one part gas to ten million parts air. No gas mask will stop its advance. A German-invented gas, trichloromethylchloroformate, causes the human body to drown in its own blood by forcing the blood in the lungs through its capillaries into the air sacs. Cacodyl isocyanide kills a man who has taken one breath in its deadly fumes.

Cities may be burned to the ground by the dropping of electric incendiary bombs, containing thermite and alloy of magnesium. These explode, creating a heat of 3,000 degrees, setting fire to every substance nearby. Water cannot extinguish this fire but accelerates its progress. Other explosives include cordite, which in comparison gives nitroglycerine, the famous "soup" of safe-blowers, the apparent effect of a boy's popgun.

Mass Murder

Special army units are also doing research in bacteriological warfare. Their problem is to create epidemics which will spread and destroy entire populations. The Black Plague is a mere trifle in comparison to some of their inventions. They have methods of polluting the water of reservoirs in cities with cholera and typhus germs, of liberating germ-infected rats on civilian populations, of dropping glass bombs filled with disease germs on enemy cities.

It is apparent to every observer that the war danger is increasing daily. Within the

next few years we may expect to find the masses of entire cities such as New York or Chicago wiped out in a few hours of deadly conflict. A fleet of airplanes over Chicago can at the touch of a lever massacre every man, woman and child in the city. Only if man, woman and child in every strata of the population unite in a strong, militant organization against war can we hope to confound the war-makers who aim to destroy us in their insane greed and frenzy.

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to write home and say that he's enjoying himself. There are going to be no non-combatants this time. It's doubtful whether the surviving soldiers will have any home to write to.

And yet these people who are making ready for war call themselves conservatives. They call us radicals. I think they have got the words twisted about.

We aren't the radicals. All we ask is peace and jobs and a government of workers and farmers.

War and Revolution

They are the radicals. They are supporting a system which every day is leading to greater violence. They own factories which are busy turning out machine guns, tanks, heavy artillery, bombing planes, poison gas and disease germs. They pay engineers and inventors to study the applied science of destruction. And it isn't only armies that they plan to destroy, but all the tools of civilization—colleges, libraries, museums, theaters, and not these alone, but the people who attend colleges, theaters, libraries and museums.

WE are the conservatives. We want to save human lives. We want to preserve everything in our civilization except the injustice of it. We are willing to fight to preserve it. And if THEY carry their radicalism to the point of war, why then WE will carry our conservatism to the point of revolution.

GANGSTERS RULE BALKANS

By LOUIS ADAMIC

Author of "Dynamite," and "Laughing in the Jungle"

For two thousand years the regions of the Balkan peninsula and the rest of Eastern Europe, with their immense natural resources, were oppressed, exploited and terrorized by the hounds of Roman, Byzantine, Turkish, Venetian, Russian, German and Austro-Hungarian military-financial imperialism. The old empires have vanished one by one. The Balkan and East-European peoples, especially the Yugoslavs, Czechs, Slovaks, and Poles, have played a major role in the breaking up of several of these powers.

In 1918, in consequence of the breaking up of Austria-Hungary and Old Turkey, and the defeat of imperial Germany, three new countries came into existence: Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. At the time this appeared a great advance for the peoples of these lands. Liberty at last! From the viewpoint of political freedom, the situation improved, simultaneously, also in Bulgaria, where the corrupt Tsar Ferdinand was kicked out; in Rumania, where the court clique had been denegerating for decades; in Greece, where the monarchical system was abolished; in Hungary, where the land-owning and military classes were weakened by the collapse of the monarchy; and even in Albania, where the people suddenly worked up much political activity.

The Masses Move to the Left

In nearly all these small countries, the masses, in sharp reaction to war and the entire system which inevitably operated to produce more wars, developed strong leftward tendencies. Great peasant movements began to surge toward the seats of power. Peasants forced vast agrarian reforms, or seemed about to force them. At the same time, in urban centers, as well as in the country, the Communist sentiment increased by leaps and bounds. In the Slavic, and even in the non-Slavic countries, the direction of the masses was instinctively toward Soviet Russia and collectivism. At one time or another between 1919 and 1928 most of the Balkan and East-European countries were on the verge of going Red.

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Elihu Root, Woodrow Wilson and Charles G. Dawes, threw up the sponge this year, making no award because no peace promoter could be found. Litvinoff, who has concluded non-aggression pacts for Russia with most European countries and negotiated American recognition, apparently didn't suit the specifications.

German Fascism, while applying the "cold pogrom" to Jews, devotes more attention and cruelty to political groups, according to Edgar Ansel Mowrer, who was driven out of Germany for his book, "Germany Puts the Clock

That they didn't go was because in most of the countries the rulers, men like Pilsudski of Poland, Alexander of Yugoslavia, Horthy of Hungary, the old generals of Bulgaria; military and political racketeers and gangsters disguised as patriots; kings and generals with the aid of the great powers which was readily forthcoming—for the interests of the Pilsudskis, the Alexanders, the Horthys and those whom they represented, were identical with the interests of the ruling classes in the great capitalist countries of Western Europe—organized war against the workers and peasants.

Ruling Class Spread Terror

With the financial, diplomatic and military support of western powers, Pilsudski first beat



Inspecting pistol parts at a partiotic, Hartford, Conn., plant.

Back." "The Communists, the pacifists and many other groups furnish eight times as many victims for the Brown Shirts as do the Jews," he said in a New York lecture. He declared conditions are at least ten times as bad as reported.

Fifty thousand common stockholders of the DuPont de Nemours & Co., the leading American munitions manufacturers, will receive an extra dividend of 75 cents a share for Christmas, making a total dividend for the year of \$2.75 a share. Part of the increase was announced as due to a dividend of 25

down the Bolshevik movement in Poland, then the peasant movement, and became dictator; Horthy suppressed the Bela Kun action in Hungary and made himself dictator; the Bulgarian generals murdered Stambuliski, stamped out the great radical peasant party and beat underground the Communist party; in Yugoslavia, Alexander outlawed all the people's parties and leapt on his horse as the Big I-Am. King Carol was returned to power in Rumania because of his recognized ability as a strong-arm man, and has beaten underground the Communists and the more radical peasant movements. Only in Czechoslovakia "democracy" continues. The bourgeois politicians there are extremely adroit in playing the various elements of the population against each other, thus holding the country in line for eventual military adventures against Germany or Soviet Russia—most likely against the latter—as an ally of France and England.

All the dictators and "democratic" heads of the governments in these various countries simultaneously perform two functions. They continue the capitalist system and protect the small upper classes in their respective lands from the wrath of the pauperized masses, and they hold the man power of their countries in readiness to fight whenever the big powers order "War!" In this they employ terror not only in the countries which are frankly dictatorships but in Czechoslovakia as well. In Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Poland, all the sadism in these nations is cunningly organized to maintain the gangster governments in power.

Aid the Workers and Peasants

In nearly all these countries vast masses of people are waiting for an opportunity to break through the terror. As one who has lately returned from the Balkans, I appeal to the people in America and in other countries of the West to pay attention to the Balkans and Eastern Europe and render all possible aid to the revolutionary groups there—to the workers and peasants, the only force which can prevent another war.

cents a share on ten million shares of General Motors held by DuPont. Schneider and Co., the big French armament firm, reported a profit for the year of 25,390,000 francs, permitting a dividend of 100 francs a share.

Pierre S. DuPont of the anti-union DuPont family, which owns the State of Delaware, has been appointed to the National Labor Board to succeed the late Edward N. Hurley of Chicago.





BUILDING the LEAGUE



The delegates to the U. S. Congress Against War pledged themselves "to organize their invincible forces . . . for the decisive struggle to defeat imperialist war." This pledge is taking shape in action, and it is the purpose of this page to reflect the organization of these forces.

Delegates and city committees are urged to send in news of their plans and activities.

Additions to Staff

Francis A. Henson has been appointed by the Bureau of the League as co-secretary with Donald Henderson. The two secretaries will alternate in going into the field for organization work and working in the National Office.

Francis Henson has been executive secretary of the National Religion and Labor Foundation and has done work in the West Virginia coal fields. He is co-author of *The New Russia, Between the First and Second Five-Year Plans* and has been active in the organization of the Brotherhood of Edison Employees of America.

Henson is a member of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Connecticut and was convenor of the Connecticut Congress of Workers and Farmers (Continental Congress).

Grace Matthews has also been added to our staff as circulation manager of FIGHT. She contributes her services as an expression of her enthusiasm for our magazine and for the work of the League. She is the wife of our National Chairman, J. B. Matthews, and is a member of the Socialist Party.

The older members of the staff welcome these new co-workers and expect the League to benefit greatly from these additions to our forces.

Delegation to Cuba

J. B. Matthews, Chairman of the League, and Alfred Runge, Spanish-American War Veteran, are now in Cuba investigating the war situation there. Upon their return they will tour the country, reporting on their findings. An itinerary is being worked out now by the National Office and all cities covered by the tour will be notified shortly.

Concentration Points

The following cities have been selected by the Executive Committee of the League for special concentration and attention during the next two months:

Boston, Mass.	New Haven, Conn.
Baltimore, Md.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Chicago, Ill.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cleveland, Ohio	Portland, Ore.
Detroit, Mich.	Seattle, Wash.
Los Angeles, Cal.	San Francisco, Cal.
New York, N. Y.	Washington, D. C.

In each of these cities, the National Office will give immediate direct attention to the development of broad permanent committees. These cities will be visited by representatives of the National Office in the course of the next two months and receive aid and guidance in their work.

An executive committee of twenty-two has been set up in Kansas City, Mo., with Martha Adamson, 947 W. 42nd St., as Secretary. She has arranged with a news distributing firm to place 2,000 copies of FIGHT on the newsstands in that city. A fine example of what should be done everywhere.

Francis Henson, co-Secretary of the League, will be the principal speaker at a conference of organizations to set up a Union County Committee, at Elizabeth, N. J. A number of prominent local individuals have accepted invitations to address the conference.

The Philadelphia Committee, with headquarters at 138 South 8th St., Secretary Catherine Nonamaker, has established the broadest local united front committee so far, with Pacifist, Communist, Labor and other representation. Organization work is going ahead. More detailed reports will be made in future issues.

Local Hartford of the Socialist Party passed a resolution to enter the League and has petitioned the National Executive Committee of the S. P. for permission.

Chicago will hold a united front conference to set up a permanent committee on January 7th. Tom McKenna, Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, 160 N. LaSalle St., is in charge of preparatory work.

A New York City Committee is being set up by the National Office. Borough meetings of delegates, to set up borough committees, are to be held as follows:

Manhattan: Wednesday, December 6th,

Labor Temple, 14th St. and 2nd Ave.

Bronx: Thursday, December 7th, Bronx Union Branch Y. M. C. A., 470 East 161st St.

Brooklyn: Monday, December 11th, First Unitarian Church, Monroe Place and Pierrepont St.

Queens: December 12th, place not yet decided.

Richmond: December 13th, place not yet decided.

—Ida Dailes, Assistant Secretary.

YOUTH SPARKS

NEW YORK.

1,000 young militant supporters of the fight against War and Fascism marched on Nov. 11, Armistice Day, making it an anti-war day. The march was led by the New York Provisional Youth Committee. The ex-servicemen who marched with the young-uns had a different look than they did in 1917. Hard and determined like. There's a new day a commin'.

November 24th, 600 student delegates of New York University pledged in the name of hundreds of N.Y.U. students "under no circumstances to support or co-operate with the government of the United States in any war it may conduct, to work for the abolition of the R.O.T.C. and to expose the utilization of science classes, laboratories and other college resources for the development of war materials." They're joining up with us. Now if the employees and workers in the transport, electric and oil industry took that pledge we wouldn't be worryin', that war wouldn't have much chance a' startin' soon anyhow.

Eleven national student organizations, including the League for Industrial Democracy, the National Students League, Student Christian Association, are having a united students' conference in Washington, D. C., right in the shadow of Uncle Sam's War Department, December 29-31. There's where we come in. Our Students' Sub-Committee is out to abolish part of the War Department, namely the R.O.T.C., and we have already printed petitions to that effect and circulatin' 'em. We plan to present these petitions to Roosevelt, the commander of the American Army and Navy, during the students' conference in Washington. What about some team work, students and everybody? This is a national drive. Write to us for petitions.

The War Resisters took three salutes on November 10th, Armistice eve. One for the boys expelled from City College for fighting the R.O.T.C., one for the boys at the N.Y.U. who pledged to take part in no more wars, and one to the young men of Czecho-Slovakia and other European countries who were imprisoned for refusing to submit to military service, during peace.

CHICAGO.

Dramatic denunciation of War and Fascism by a young Girl Scout in uniform in a public meeting! Lonnie Williams, member of the National Youth Committee, a young Negro dele-

gate to the Paris International Conference Against War and Fascism spoke. He received great ovation for the Paris program.

Chicago's Provisional Youth Committee Against War and Fascism has 40 organizations in the committee with a 9,000 mass backing. It took two executive board meetings of the Chicago "Y" to evict them from the premises. There's plenty of "Y" young men and women that don't like it, but the board's in power. There's every shade of opinion in that united front but "blues." Those ex-C.C.C. Boys Clubs are excellent, so's the Substitute Teachers Union.

BALTIMORE.

Baltimore steps fast. Had a Youth Conference Against War and Fascism on the 22nd of November. Sincerely hope that you'll have another one, Balty., this was so sudden like and there wasn't time to work it up. It ought to be just a preliminary to a bigger one.

WELLESLEY, MASS.

About seventy-five college girls under the leadership of the L.I.D. student organization staged an effective demonstration before being "shouldered" out of the November 11th Armistice Day parade. The girls carried a big sign "WE WANT PEACE."

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Broad Conference of Youth Against War and Fascism, and a mass meeting held on the same day, Sunday, November 26th. Among the supporters is the local Y.P.S.L. Good work and speedy preparations, Wash., but you're still in first gear. That lobby idea is good, providing it would serve as a means of getting into the war budget hearings, and maybe we could express our opinion there.

—Charles White.

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM:

1. To work towards the stopping of the manufacture and transportation of munitions and all other materials essential to the conduct of war, through mass demonstrations, picketing and strikes.
2. To expose everywhere the extensive preparations for war being carried on under the guise of aiding National Recovery.
3. To demand the transfer of all war funds to relief of the unemployed and the replacement of all such devices as the Civilian Conservation Camps, by a federal system of social insurance paid for by the government and employers.
4. To oppose the policies of American Imperialism in the Far East, in Latin America, especially now in Cuba, and throughout the world; to support the struggles of all colonial peoples against the imperialist policies of exploitation and armed suppression.
5. To support the peace policies of the Soviet Union, for total and universal disarmament which today with the support of masses in all countries constitute the clearest and most effective opposition to war throughout the world; to oppose all attempts to weaken the Soviet Union, whether these take the form of misrepresentation and false propaganda, diplomatic maneuvering or intervention by imperialist governments.
6. To oppose all developments leading to Fascism in this country and abroad, and especially in Germany; to oppose the increasingly widespread use of the armed forces against the workers, farmers, and the special terrorizing and suppression of Negroes in their attempts to maintain a decent standard of living; to oppose the growing encroachment upon the civil liberties of these groups as a growing fascistization of our so-called "democratic" government.
7. To win the armed forces to the support of this program.
8. To enlist for our program the women in industry and in the home; and to enlist the youth, especially those who, by the crisis, have been deprived of training in the industries and are therefore more susceptible to fascist and war propaganda.
9. To give effective international support to all workers and anti-war fighters against their own imperialist governments.
10. To form committees of action against war and fascism in every important center and industry, particularly in the basic war industries; to secure the support for this program of all organizations seeking to prevent war, paying special attention to labor, veteran, unemployed and farmer organizations.

War Resistance

By Dr. JESSIE WALLACE HUGHAN

Secretary, War Resisters League and Author of "A Study of International Government," "The Socialism of To-day," etc., etc.

Roger Baldwin was a conscientious objector in the World War, and will be one in the next. In reply to a recent question he advises others to take the same stand. In last month's FIGHT, however, he opposes the movement now known as War Resistance, "the propaganda for personal conscientious objection as a means of combatting war."

"It is wholly ineffective," he says, "because it appeals to individual consciences on varied grounds," and because it includes members of the middle-class who "shy off attacking war



Francis A. Henson, the new co-secretary of the American League Against War and Fascism

through class forces." "Only those who fight capitalism and imperialism are capable of fighting war."

Pre-War Reasoning

According to this reasoning the United Front is equally ineffective, as including middle-class organizations and anti-war arguments as varied as those of Communists and the Methodist Church. The insistence upon fighting war only by fighting its causes, moreover, recalls the pre-war reasoning of Socialism. It was preoccupation with the causes of war rather than with a clear policy against it that brought the debacle of the Second International.

Baldwin and the War Resisters agree in urging workers to refuse to make or transport munitions, to effect a general strike if possible, and to do what they can to bring the armies home. What he opposes is, first, propaganda to refuse enlistment in the army and entrance into war industries, and, second, he opposes appeals to individual workers rather than to organizations. Orthodox as this policy may be from the viewpoint which denies all significance to men except as workers, and all significance to workers except as organized in the right kind of unions, it is practically ineffective for the following reasons:

1. It fails to take advantage of middle-class idealism; unless their objection to shooting

workers is based on the proper economics, they are not to be invited to refrain.

2. It forgets that a large enough conscript army can make and transport its own munitions without aid of civilians, and that war supplies are sure to be accumulated in peace time at strategic points, sufficient for the initial operations of the war, including the shooting of strikers.

3. Men are enlisted as individuals, not as union members. For workers to refuse to make or transport guns, but to consent to enter the army and shoot one another with them, would be a manifest absurdity.

4. It would be disastrous for men to accept conscription, and learn the physical and spiritual goose-step, then to desert when martial law is most severe. We shall never know how many anti-militarists of this type were shot down in the War, but it is worth considering that these tragic failures were confined to the Continent, where the propaganda of the Left prevailed, while the C. O.'s of England and America lived to secure publicity for their Cause.

5. It is unrealistic to expect persons who, through self-interest, have engaged in making munitions during peace time to suddenly strike when wages are highest and discipline most severe.

6. If anti-war activity is confined to unions rather than individuals, we have merely transferred responsibility from political executives to union executives, often quite as susceptible to capitalist pressure. What is the worker to do when his union falls in line behind the government?

Baldwin's policy is to restrict the fight against war to the workers, the organized workers, the radically organized workers, and the workers in the essential trades. All others are to stand on the side-lines and applaud.

Ready For Action

At present, however, the organized workers are but a fraction of those employed in essential trades, and the radically organized a still smaller fraction of these. With all the tumult and the shouting, I ask Mr. Baldwin how many American unions of transport and munition workers have as yet passed war-strike resolutions, and what proportion their membership bears to the entire industry!

The War Resisters are a small group—with middle-class members, yes—but with the great majority of our signatures those of workers, farmers, and students. We are ready for action today, or tomorrow, to refuse "to support any kind of war."

Roger Baldwin's plan is to WAIT—wait until the workers are organized, radically organized, and organized against war.

Which policy would the War Department prefer?

Note: Mr. Baldwin's article aroused considerable discussion. We shall carry in the January number of the magazine additional material on the subject.

WHAT THEY SAY OF US:

From a Quaker

Bravo! Rousing title of our new paper. Congratulations on the crashing first number. I have secured 2 subscriptions and distributed 10 copies. Am sending for more.—*Anna Johnson Kingham, Ottsville, Bucks County, Pa.*

The Author of "Three Soldiers" Says:

Your magazine is excellent. Let me suggest that you hammer the idea of the possibility of taking profits out of munitions. It's a slant that might very well take hold with the average American right now.—*John Dos Passos.*

From a Shipyard Worker

I am so sure of being able to sell these ten copies of FIGHT that I do not hesitate in sending you the cash for same. I will sell them in front of the shipbuilding yard in Quincy.—*East Weymouth, Mass.*

John Chamberlain on FIGHT vs. Inflation

Consideration of prospects for inflation leads one to wonder about the use of a magazine which has been mailed to us, called, "FIGHT Against War and Fascism." The editors of the magazine seem to think that a call to battle is sufficient. But war and fascism can never be fought head-on, for both are by-products of the pursuit of sometimes seemingly innocent objectives. The way to beat fascism is to beat a runaway inflation. If we can't beat that we will get fascism anyway.—*New York Times.*

The Editor of "Arbitrator" Says:

Admirable first number.—*William Floyd.*

They Like It in Oberlin

I have heard many favorable comments on the magazine from all kinds of people here in Oberlin.—*Charles Olds, Oberlin, Ohio.*

From a Letter to Mrs. J. B. Matthews

Many thanks for three copies of FIGHT Against War and Fascism. Here's a dollar for seventeen additional copies, as it occurred to me perhaps there are some who would like a copy and can't afford it. I am a member in the ARMED FORCES.—*New York, N. Y.*

FIGHT feels grateful to the workers, farmers, professional people, soldiers, housewives, who have written to tell us how much they like the magazine. We wish we could quote all of them. The response to FIGHT has been remarkable . . . and we had three printings of the November number. The masses throughout the country are ready to organize and fight War and Fascism. How can we reach them with our message? We therefore appeal to *you* to circulate FIGHT. You are the pioneers, the advance guard of this great movement. Your magazine has not the finances to carry on a subscription drive. Will you help us get subscribers? Will you subscribe? The rates are only 50 cents a year. If you wish to carry on the struggle against War and Fascism will you accept this *simple and easy task*? Secure during the next week three subscriptions to FIGHT and mail them to us immediately. If you do, then you have done *your bit* in this great and growing movement.

From Mrs. Lincoln Steffens

I enclose a dollar for copies of FIGHT to be sent to me here, as we're having an anti-war meeting Dec. 3rd. FIGHT is an excellent paper.—*Ella Winter (Mrs. Lincoln Steffens), Carmel, Calif.*

The "American Guardian" Likes Us

Congratulations on both make-up and contents, from the *Guardian* staff. The copy of FIGHT sent to us here was liked by all of us.—*Siegfried Ameringer, Oklahoma City, Okla.*

"Best Proletarian Magazine"

The magazine is splendid. It is the best attempt at a popular proletarian American magazine intended for wide distribution that has appeared. The best mass writing is in the articles contributed by Langston Hughes and Paul Sifton.—*Barney Canal, New York.*

The "Daily Worker" on FIGHT

The united front aspect of the organization, containing in its ranks diverse viewpoints, is also reflected in its publication . . . how to stop imperialist war? Practically every writer expresses his wish for the cessation of war but . . . directives are lacking . . . the publication is extremely worth reading . . . a remarkable first issue . . . its forthcoming issues should be watched with great interest . . . it fills a most urgent need, that of waking up the American people to the danger of another world murder-bath.—*Daily Worker.*

From a Mexican Editor

Your new magazine is very fine and very important. I have translated into Spanish some of the best articles in FIGHT and will publish them in our next issue of *Veracruz Nuevo*.—*Antonio de P. Ataujo, Editor.*

From an Indian Reservation

I like the magazine and I believe we can combat war effectively if we all stick together . . . I am 100 miles from a railroad in the heart of Nevada on an Indian reservation.—*Owabee, Nev.*

From the Secretary of a City Committee

I received a bundle of 100 copies. It is an excellent paper.—*Dave Tucker, Buffalo, N. Y.*

From National Secretary Ex-Servicemen's League

FIGHT has fired its first broadside at the imperialist war makers. The American League Against War and Fascism is to be congratulated upon the effectiveness of the weapon it has forged . . . A copy of FIGHT in every hand should be the objective of all those who really mean business in the struggle against War and Fascism.—*Harold Hickerson.*

From an Iowa Farmer

A real good paper. I was in the last war, but never again . . . next time there is plenty of fighting to be done right here in Iowa . . . My wife and I read every word in FIGHT and passed the paper on to our neighbor.—*J. C. Worth, Ames, Iowa.*

Says the Editor of "Living Age"

The purpose, price and format seems to me just right. Your first issue is a good beginning. I do feel, though, that there is too much exhortation and not enough information. By all means have articles like those of Barbusse and Baldwin in every issue, but do not forget that there is a big job of muckraking to be done and that you can bring out new facts or interpret facts that everyone knows in such a way as to make your exhortation more effective. The newspapers, radio, and the pulpit are supplying you with ammunition every day and I don't think anybody has yet made systematic use of it . . . —*Quincy Howe.*

Increasing the Order

I will say that I had little difficulty in selling the magazine. Please send twenty copies of the next issue instead of ten.—*Jerry L. Kangas, Penacook, N. H.*

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