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## AUSTRIA AND FASCISM



Workers Demonstrating Against Fascism

Who will live longer, Dollfuss and his butcher system, or the Austrian workers who died fighting, slaughtered by the panicked ferocity of a dictatorship, directed and financed by Mussolini and the Austrian ruling class?

The dead workers will live; Dollfuss will die and his name will be forgotten. Dollfuss knows this. The dead workers were buried as secretly as possible, lest their graves become places of honor, and inspiration to courage among their comrades who still live and bide their time. But secrecy is useless. The fighting acts of the dead workers of Austria against Fascist butchery and slavery are already written into the hearts and minds of the workers of the world. The muscles in the throats and arms and legs of hundreds of millions of their comrades of all colors and races have tightened. Tightened not in "sympathy" that is quickly forgotten, but with lasting comradeship and determination. The fight they made, braver because hopeless for the time being, is now an inspiration and a lesson. Workers don't forget. They may seem to forget, but in the marrow of their bones these things live on, stored away like plans of battle and ammunition, until the time comes for struggle and for decisive action.

All over the world workers are marching in protest, in struggle, in battle against Fascism. The pace quickens as the masses come closer to Revolution; the fight gets hotter.

Driven underground in Austria, the work goes on.

The same in Germany, where workers hourly risk their lives to fight Fascism, already weakened by strikes, sabotage, loss of trade, the quarrel between Goebbels and Goering for the Hitler spotlight and the contradictions inherent in capitalism.

French workers in Marseilles, Lyons, Lille, Nancy and fifty other industrial towns get ready to break the Fascist attempt to take over the French government from the trembling hands of Doumergue's cabinet of old men and renegades.

In England 20,000 reserve police are called out against 2,000 hunger marchers descending on London.

Mussolini sends fighting workers by scores and hundreds to penal islands, but revolts (never recorded in the press) continue; Italy is garrisoned and Fascist train guards pull guns when passengers leave the train for a drink of water.

One-fourth of China is out of capitalist control. Japan is afraid to fight and afraid to keep peace, lest Revolution follow.

And in America, Roosevelt, acting to save capitalism's sacred Juggernaut of 200 billion dollars in IOU's, writes more IOU's to get money wherewith to hold off farmers and workers from month to month through the AAA, the CWA, etc. The NRA legalizes and assists in the Fascist organization of industrial monopolies, promotes company unions, breaks strikes and outlaws militant workers' unions. Public Works money is stolen to build up the Army and Navy. Every attempt is being made to regiment the country, to put it on a war basis at the earliest possible date.

But the workers and farmers have not been sold on the idea of War and Fascism. For a few months millions of them were sold on the New Deal, but they're finding that their hands are full of the same old deuces and treys and that the employers are holding the same aces and a brand new joker labeled National Emergency. It's a National Emergency, all right!

It's more; it's an International Emergency. The capitalist world is faced with the alternatives of Workers' Revolution or Fascism and War. It's time to educate, recruit, organize workers and farmers into solid, disciplined masses who know what they want and how to get it. The American League Against War and Fascism organizes the masses into that solid United Front. It's time to march, comrades! Now! The lesson of Austria is this: There must be struggle, fight, strength, readiness and—a United Front!





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# Women and War

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This is for the middle-class woman—the woman in the home.

DO YOU REMEMBER the years 1914-1918; August, 1914, when we rather light-heartedly heard that War was on between England and Germany; the following months when we read, detachedly, of British losses on land and sea; how we almost made a public holiday of it when a German submarine reached our shore; how Woodrow Wilson kept reminding us that we owed it to our good citizens of German origin to be neutral; how he stumped the country and was re-elected in 1916, because, forsooth, he "kept us out of War"?

IF THESE MEMORIES have grown dim, then leave your moving picture or your shopping tour or gas range or what not for a day and brush up your memory because the world situation is much what it was in 1914, but worse! The struggle between the Imperialist Nations, then, was for territory and markets in Africa, and for the Balance of Power on the Balkan Peninsula. A mad race in armaments had piled up the bonfire that was set ablaze by the shot of an assassin, and all Europe went insane. But, we said, in our smug aloofness, America will not be in it; all we have to do is to sit tight and sell them munitions and food and lend them money to fight with and cut coupons!

### Mobilizing for Imperialist War

DO YOU REMEMBER, NOW, how all at once, in church, school, meeting, theater, press, everywhere, in season and out, the Germans became Huns! Beasts!—so that on April 6, 1917, the man who "kept us out of War" asked and received from Congress the power to declare War? The "impossible" had happened, and conscription was a fact; the long mailed arm of the Federal Government reached into your home and dragged your (almost) baby away for cannon fodder. You, yourself, were conscripted for Red Cross, Liberty Bonds, and "hatred corps," as I once heard a group of

women described. If you did not play the game, likely as not your woman neighbor blacklisted you, or bought a twelve-inch butcher knife to stick into you, as mine did, because I was a traitor, not to my conscience, but to the national god, Mars!

### Your Children Dead and Wounded

SOON THEREAFTER, anxious mothers began scanning the lists of dead. One hundred thousand American sons, husbands, sweet-hearts were sacrificed on the altar of American investments in Europe! Uncountable numbers of wounded, widows, orphans, epidemic victims, and billions in wasted wealth were added; and the end is not yet! At that, America got off lightly! England, the "right, tight little isle," that had managed for 200 years to have its wars on foreign soil, now bears the scars of bombing planes. In London, where buildings were bombed and many persons killed, they lived for years in nightly terror of raids by German planes. People went insane from dread. That was in the experimental stage of the bombing plane.

NOW, MY MOTHERS, there are thousands and thousands of highly perfected, long-distance bombing planes, and exhaustive tests in England, France, and America have proved to the satisfaction of the military experts that some of them will "get through" the best defense lines. In other words, there is no defense. Untold quantities of explosives, bacteria, and poison gas are being prepared ready to pour down upon the key cities of the world, and you who will be rolling bandages, knitting, selling War Bonds (bonds, indeed!), or working in munition plants, will be the first front line victims. You will not be left alive to wear a Gold Star or take a "jaunt" to the battlefield where lie the mangled remains of the fruit of your womb!

### Unite—With Workers

Again the scramble for markets and territory is on, this time in the Orient; the same

mad race in armaments; the same "preparedness" bonfires being piled up; the same lying propaganda campaign—this time with Yellow instead of Teutonic HUNS. Let no one fool you that War for America is "impossible." Every imperialist government in the world is getting ready, and America will be dragged in again by the investment venders and the profits patriots—UNLESS YOU MOTHERS in the homes, for whom there will be no escape next time, say IT SHALL NOT BE! Your one hope of saving yourselves and YOUR homes, lies in leaving NOW some of the unimportant daily tasks, some of your trivial amusements, and giving the time to organizing with your sister women in shop and factory, regardless of race, color, creed, or political affiliations, in the struggle against your common enemy—WAR! No government could carry on a War against the solid opposition of a UNITED FRONT of women. The decision can be made by YOU. The hand that rocks the cradle is the power behind the throne!

I urge you and you and you, before it is too late, to use every ounce of your influence to bring your fraternal groups into affiliation with the American League Against War and Fascism. E Pluribus Unum! Let us use this motto as it should be used, by and for the people, to save us all from utter destruction in the next War!

Imperialist Japan is faced with the alternative of a foreign war for land and markets or an internal revolution for peace and decent working and living conditions. The militarist reign of terror is in a state of panic. Last January the *New York Times* reported that 7,000 political prisoners had been arrested in Japan, adding with cynical humor that the Communist party had been "dissolved" three times in as many years.



As we go to press, a few individuals announce their resignation from the American League Against War and Fascism because of what happened at the Madison Square Garden meeting in New York City, despite the fact that the League was in no way involved.

The events in France and Austria, the intensification of the War danger and the rise of Fascism make it even more necessary for the League and its official publication FIGHT to weld all forces—workers, farmers, professionals into common struggle. The April number of FIGHT will carry a detailed account of the issues involved in the resignations.

—Editor.



# THE STEEL WORKERS

By JOE DALLET

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As the clouds of War loom lower and darker the world over, the steel industry, always decisive, rises more than ever in importance. Without steel no modern war can be fought. Without steel workers no steel can be made. The steel workers occupy a key position.

The Steel Trust (used here to signify the industry as a whole) not only makes war materials but also heavily subsidizes war propaganda. The *Navy League*, most powerful propagandist for a "navy second to none," had as two of its founders, J. P. Morgan, head of *U. S. Steel*, and his chief "competitor," Charles M. Schwab, head of *Bethlehem Steel*. Bethlehem was a heavy contributor to the pool which sent the lobbyist Shearer to the Geneva "Disarmament Conference" in 1927 with the avowed intention of wrecking that conference. For two years afterwards the Trust maintained Shearer in Washington as a Big Navy lobbyist. Rep. Tamm in 1915 exposed on the floor of Congress the fact that some United States naval officers drew pay simultaneously from the government and the Steel Trust.

## The Profits in Death

Do these activities pay? Congress answered that question the first week of February 1934 by appropriating funds for 102 new battle-ships. There is no doubt that the biggest portion of these contracts will go, directly or indirectly, to the Steel Trust and its subsidiaries.

Selling defective armor-plate to the government is only one angle of war-time profiteering. Each U. S. Steel Corp. employee produced over \$1,400 net profit for the Trust in 1917 alone. Bethlehem admitted profits of as high as 100 per cent on sales to the government during the War. Its common stock soared from \$40 just before the War to \$500 at the end of October 1915. In the course of the War some "independent" companies made as much as 319 per cent profit on their "nominal investment."

Recent reports from *Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp.* workers in Pittsburgh state that the Soho works of J. & L. is turning out armor-plate, some of which is being shipped to China. A special high-carbon steel, used in armaments, produced at J. & L. *Republic*, largest manufacturer of alloys, is supplying material for airplane construction (the New Deal government has recently voted for the first 1,200 of a fleet of 5,000 new war planes).

No small portion of the recent pickup in the steel industry can be laid to War preparations, not only in material to be used at once, but also in speculative buying by companies counting on War orders.

But this is only part of the picture. The tremendous mechanization of the mills, already so much commented on that recapitulation here is unnecessary, is another part. Job after job in the mills which formerly required heavy work by skilled workers can today be

done by pushing buttons. This mechanization not only releases thousands for the bread-lines (and the trenches)—it also makes replacement of the button-pushers by women possible, to release more men for the trenches.

## Mills Into War Factories

Highly significant is the militarization of the mills. It is already well known that the War Department has complete records of the quantity and quality output of each plant producing War supplies. From time to time coded wires go out from Washington which, when deciphered in the Steel Trust offices, result in emergency mobilization and 100 per cent production on "trial orders." To further insure preparedness, crews of Army engineers make periodic tours of inspection of the mills.

Less generally known, but equally important, is the wholesale rate at which mill bosses, from superintendents down to lowly "pushers," are taken into the Army Officers' Reserve Corps and attempts made to recruit the young steel workers into the National Guard (often done openly inside the mill by company bosses, mill doctors, etc.).

## Speeding Up

The significance of this is clear. Today in every mill, bosses stand over the men cursing and calling, "Step on it. Hurry up or out you go." Armed company gunmen guard the gates and patrol the interiors of the mill. But what if the "pushers," instead of being armed only with foul tongues and threats of discharge, are armed with guns and bayonets? What if instead of a mere blacklist the militant worker faces also a court-martial? But this is what there will be, when War breaks. **MURDEROUS SPEED-UP AT THE POINT OF GLEAMING BAYONETS!**

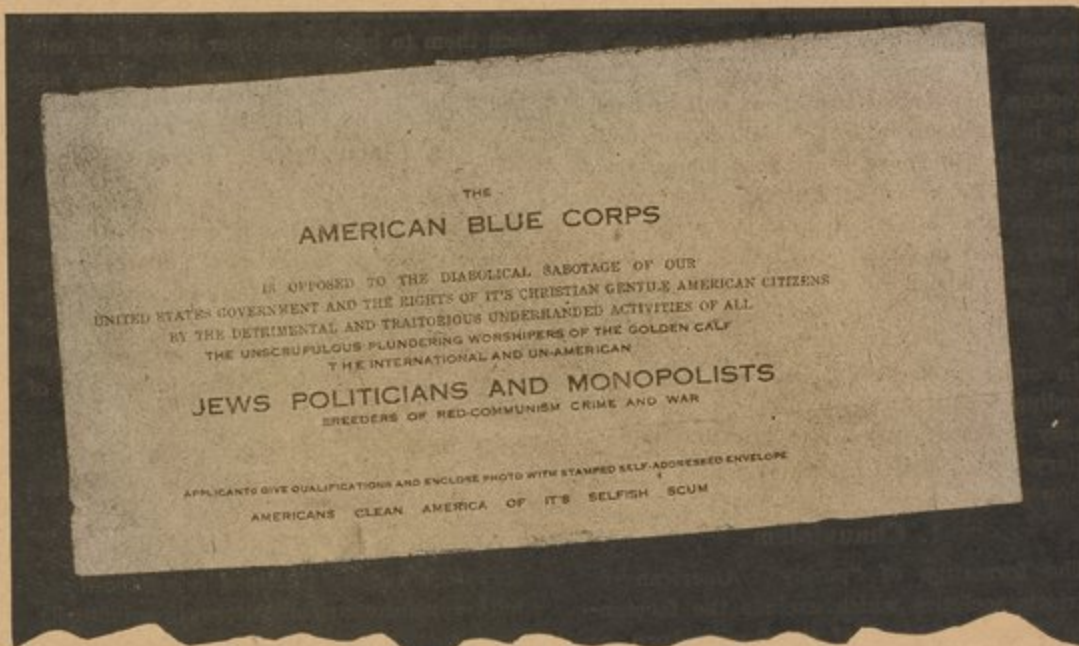
Add to this picture high fences around the major mills (many of them charged with high-voltage currents), large supplies of arms

and ammunition in almost every mill, and the proposals only recently made to equip the Mahoning Valley steel district with anti-aircraft searchlights and guns. (Of course, these examples of militarization are especially preparations for War against the "foe at home"—the workers in the mills.)

Openly aimed at "preventing labor disputes," the N.R.A. has more and more openly emerged as not only an anti-strike measure, but as an actual strike-breaking machine. The experiences of Weirton, Ambridge, Budd, Ford, etc., show this. But what is less commonly realized is that the N.R.A. as a giant-scale regimentation of labor is not entirely new. The labor provisions of the N.R.A. (today a great step toward Fascism) are substantially the same as those of President Wilson's War Labor Board. Through the N.R.A. the war-mongers aim to prevent and, if they can't prevent, to crush gently through "arbitration" and, if this is impossible, to smash openly with Fascist terror, any real movement of the steel workers for better conditions, especially any real struggles against War.

## Steel Workers Must Be Mobilized

What do the steel workers think about War? As a whole, today, they are opposed to War. They remember relatively higher money wages during the World War, but they also remember still higher prices of the necessities of life. They remember promises of good jobs when they got back—and months of fruitless tramping the streets. They especially remember what happened to their back pay—the so-called "bonus." There always are some who say, "What we need is a good War," but increasingly there are many who answer such statements sharply. But the most dangerous conclusion to reach is that this "general opposition" to War is sufficient. All the art and  
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Fascist literature distributed to steel workers at Youngstown, Ohio.



# TO CRUSH FASCISM

By PIERRE LOVING

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To many persons who still think to minimize the threat of Fascism in this country with the shrugging assertion, "America will never go Fascist, there isn't any real basis," the following excerpt from a syndicated article by Mrs. Roosevelt is offered as a sign of the trend of the times. "The time has come," says Mrs. Roosevelt, who has a reputation for being a liberal, "for the good of all our people, no matter where their origin may lie, we must be Americans in thought and deeds." The newspapers, the clergy, the leaders of big industry, have anticipated the President's wife by emphasizing the need of a "national economy."

The numerous Fascist organizations that have sprung up all over the country have taken a leaf from Mussolini's tongue-in-cheek notebook, from Hitler, Pilsudski and others in Europe. We can obtain a fair idea of the direction this Fascist movement will probably take in the near future, as well as the philosophy it will forge as it goes along, from what has happened in Europe. However, it is important to bear in mind that Fascisms already exist in America, but that the masses of people, misled by the confusion of aims and policies, do not as yet realize what they are.

In order to fight Fascism and its war-breeding tendencies, therefore, it will be necessary to exert every effort to crush its subsidiary manifestations. Among these are the following:

## 1. Chauvinism

The formation of "purely" American or patriotic societies which exclude the foreign-born, Negro, children of the foreign-born, or non-Aryans. (A good plan for combating this

ludicrous, but ultimately dangerous movement is to investigate the family records of a good many who claim to be descendants of Puritans or Cavaliers and whose forefathers allegedly fought in the American Revolution. An exposé will no doubt show that many of these are descended from Tories and war profiteers, and that, running true to form, they have become Tories and hope to become war profiteers again. Their chief method in achieving these aims is to divide the masses into groups and teach them to hate each other instead of uniting to fight their real enemies, War and Fascism.)

## 2. Flattering the Farmer

Although farming doesn't pay, and crops are plowed under, the farmer is being glorified on the theory that he is the conservative element in the community. In the estimation of Mussolini and Hitler, the following are the chief characteristics of the peasant or farmer (no difference between rich and poor farmers is, of course, recognized):

- a) *Peace and contentment with his lot. (Meaning that he can subsist on very little and not complain.)*
- b) *Love of the soil. (Hence he is conservative and not inclined to sympathize with revolutionary or international ideas.)*
- c) *He is religious. (And, in consequence, far more amenable to the dictates of a*

*church that has already been recruited to support the Fascist state.)*

## 3. The Creation of Government Labor Boards

This has served as a cloak to weaken the power of labor unions, as was done in Italy and Great Britain, and especially of revolutionary labor unions. Starting as boards of arbitration, these grow into despotic bodies with power to prevent strikes by governmental or military interference.

## 4. The Company Union

If company unions are permitted on a wide scale, the government may choose to recognize a number of these as genuinely representing all workers within a given industry; and the employers will then have their own way. In Italy today ten company unions, if they have priority, can come forward as representative of all the workers in a given industry and treat with the Government Labor Board. The government, of course, can choose to recognize only the particular ten it wishes to recognize and so nicely juggle the question of priority.

## 5. The Relegation of Women to Domestic Life and Motherhood

The aim of this policy is twofold: first, to produce as many soldiers as possible; and secondly, to remove women from public and economic life so that they may be left in ignorance of society's problems, and thus become incapable of joining with their men in a common struggle against brutality and exploitation. But there is another canny purpose: If women are exiled to the position of inferiors and admirers of their men, the men may become proud of their physical and military prowess, and also their warlike achievements in the field. (In Germany sports have already been segregated: *Wehrsport* [military sport] for the men; and what may be called "fecundity sport" for the women, that is, games which will develop bodies so that they may be fit to bear numerous offspring.) It is absolutely essential that this tendency be fought to the limit and that men be not deluded by the specious plea that there are not enough jobs to go around. A reduction of working hours will enable men and women equally to be employed.

## 6. The Militarization of the C.C.C. and C.W.A.

The danger here is that *Storm Troopers*, as effective agencies to put down strikes and enforce regimentation, may be created in this fashion. The plea that the American army is a more efficient administrator of these agencies is by no means proved by the facts.

## 7. The Adoption of Economic Plans Prepared by Industrial Leaders (such as the Swope Plan)

This is an impudent suggestion to put the business leaders, who anticipate labor trouble, in the saddle; in other words, Fascism without



even the benefit of a hokum-slinger as political leader.

#### 8. A Bigger Army and Navy

The creation of a bigger fleet and army is not the way to fight a threat of War; a much less expensive way would be to investigate the propaganda of munitions makers, to find out which American banker is financing Japan, what American munitions makers are supplying Japan with war materials, what French, British and German interests are financing Hitler, what American bankers are financing Italy. If this were done and the results militantly publicized, and the manufacture of arms, as well as propaganda, restricted, the chance for War would be somewhat lessened.

#### 9. The Strengthening of Boy Scout Movements, etc.

The effort to militarize youth should be fought. In Italy the Balilla organizations of boys are currently being taught to handle rifles and bayonets.

#### 10. Anti-Soviet Propaganda

It is quite possible that, should War break out between Japan and Russia, the United States, as a result of anti-Soviet propaganda, might shift its weight and, under the influence of Great Britain, secretly support Japan. This policy has more than once been openly expressed by bankers and industrialists. In any case, a Fascist government would be greatly influenced to sign a secret treaty with Japan.

#### 11. The Pauperization of Labor Through the NRA

All Fascist coups and moves and policies are accelerated when labor is pauperized through tricks of inflation and price rises. John Flynn has pointed out that in the original draft of the N.R.A. as drawn up by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, there was not even the pretense of protecting labor at all.

#### 12. Religious and Race Prejudice

The danger is that religion may be used as a vehicle for anti-radical propaganda and hatred. All Fascist movements envisage a scapegoat and seek to build up an emotional enemy. The Hitlerite says: "My hatred rises, not from my reason, but from my blood and bowels. I know I hate. Therefore I must act upon my hate, that is, imprison, maim, kill, and expropriate." When such a prejudice comes up, it cannot be fought by reason. It must be fought before it comes up. But the Fascist strategy anticipates even this. Therefore when you ask the products of this new education to be reasonable, they laugh at you and call you Marxists.

The above is only a partial list of the things the anti-Fascist must watch closely and fight when they begin to appear. They must be combated individually as well as en bloc. I am convinced, what with the new flock of Fascist magazines and newspapers in America, that many more items in its ideology and technique will be revealed. If they are rooted out one by one by the intelligent workers, farmers and brain workers, linked co-operatively, the prediction now being heard of a coming age of universal Fascism will be given the lie. Today the fight against Fascism is both militant and revolutionary.

# WHO WANTS WAR?

By W. S. RICHARDS

At this instant more than 17,000 fat "accepted schedules of production"—virtual contracts for the instant production of the 4,000 most essential war products—lie in as many factory safes all over the U.S.A. "Virtual" contracts, that is, only until War is declared. Then the profit begins.

Throughout the depression, with the spectre of bankruptcy edging nearer and nearer, 17,000 minds revert, in moments of moody despair, to those 17,000 passports to "prosperity."

And those 17,000 tempted minds are the minds of our ruling business men—the dollar-a-year-profiters, the arm-chair colonels who need fear no trench duty.

Who wants war?

#### How About the Workers?

If War comes, the President, through various bodies which are to be set up, will be given power to:

- (1) Close down "unnecessary" industries and assign these unemployed workers to "necessary" jobs.
- (2) Determine wage scales.
- (3) Set aside any or all of the present laws protecting labor.

If dissatisfied, the worker may come before a "Federal Labor Arbitration Commission." Very discreetly, the government's plans do not specify what powers this body will have.

What the Arbitration Commission will do is obvious. War always means lower wages, as has been proven in the columns of FIGHT. As wages go down, the Commission will be given the power to "make the workers like it."

A War Labor Administration will be set up. Its first (and main) job is definitely specified in the War Department's plans—"to consider . . . measures to prevent grievances . . . from interfering with war production."

Real power over labor will be in the hands of the Labor Division of a War Industries Administration. This "labor" body consists of one representative apiece from the War Industries

Administration, the War Department, the Navy Department, such other government departments as the War Industries Administrator may specify—and one representative of the War Labor Administration!

Does any worker want war?

#### Calmly Waiting for Murder

Seven Bills—"Seven Bills" which will be famous in history—have been drafted by the War Department. These bills, when adopted, will set up the Fascist system which has been outlined. They are not yet law.

"Their enactment at a time when War is not immediate is not desirable," states the War Department, "because such action would probably result in enactment into law of measures so detailed in their provisions and accompanied by so many restrictive clauses as to be a hindrance rather than an assistance in War."

Even the degree of sanity represented in the present Congress would be fatal to the Seven Bills. No! These Seven Bills, says the War Department, will "be presented when War is imminent"—when Congress has openly declared for imperialist War. Then they will become the law of the land.

#### Smash the Seven Bills

When the War Department tried to draft men in the Civil War it met with violent rebellion. Twelve hundred workers died in New York City alone after successfully resisting for nearly a week. The government so modified the draft regulations as practically to repeal the law. BUT, laying its plans beforehand, the War Department easily put the draft across in the very first days of the World War.

This is what it hopes to do with its Seven Bills. The time to defeat these Seven Bills is now. Tell your fellow workers what these Seven Bills mean to the workers—(1) job assignments, (2) fixed wages, (3) loss of legal rights. The fight against the Seven Bills is a fight against both War and Fascism!



Preparing for Imperialist War. Real War conditions were reproduced in this Chemical Warfare practice, while Members of the 16th Infantry, with Gas Masks, charged through the smoke screen.



# A FIGHTING NOTE FROM AN OLD WOB

By **TIGHTLINE JOHNSON**

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Fellow Workers: A lot of Oregon dew has spilled itself along the sawteeth of the old Olympics and the west slopes of the Green Cascades since I last busted out into print. And by the same Hokey a lot of wrinkles have gone and come again under the place where my belt notches have been regularly measuring off as to how close old Tightline Johnson has been to his pork chops. Things have been happening in the world for better and worse, that's sure, in the last ten years.

One thing that's been happening is that the plutes have steamed their old system around again to the point where another War to end wars is right in the making. The Wall Street gang hasn't decided yet as to exactly who they are going to ask us working stiffs to take for a ride; but one thing is sure, they are goin' to try to make us fight where the gravy is thick and the pickin's are good—for them.

## Down in Washington

Hell! They're sayin' so every day. Down in Washington, D.C., they're a pawin' up the sod and a snortin'—More battleships! More cruisers! More bombing planes! More heavy guns! More tanks! More machine guns! More—! More—!! Kee-Rist! You'd think old Chisel Face Wilson himself was back again keepin' us safely out of war and in our trundle bunks!

And in 1932 there was just a bit over \$6,000,000,000 for industrial wages while a nice bit over \$10,000,000,000 went as usual for interest and dividends to the plutes, according

to Uncle Sam's own Department of Commerce. The old 50-50 proposition is still workin' all right, only its getting so the divvy is like Old Butch's sausage meat, "Vun hog to vun horse makes a goot 50-50!"

## The World Is On Fire

Whichever way we look we get an eyeful. Revolution and counter-revolution are fighting it out in Cuba under the sign of Uncle Sam's clenched fist. There is revolution and counter-revolution in Spain. General strikes are on in France and Austria. Workers and peasants are battling for power in China. The German workers are under the gun of a terror such as never slapped us in the face. The Japs are scraping off their dum dum bullets and laying in the TNT and poison gas for another grab at the Soviet Union, and the U.S.A. is laying the war utensils out for a lot of us to fry in if we don't put out the fire.

The question is, what are we workin' stiffs proposin' to do about it.

One point I'm convinced of is the necessity for workin' stiffs to go down the line to give battle to the war-makers at the first whisper of War. I am strong for the idea that we have got to fight 'em early and fight 'em first and last in our own country. Today I am strong for plenty of mass street demonstrations as militant as the old Wobbly Spokane Free Speech Fight ever was. Yes! Mam! What we workin' stiffs need is strikes right now and from now right on, in every munitions plant, every Navy yard, and on every dock where munitions are handled for shipment to any capitalist government, but especially to our own.

Yes, here we are today with the same old question up before us all again. The zippers

will soon be ready to pull on a new War. But this time I think it will be different. For one thing we've got a fightin' program now, and one damned important part of it is the United Front Program of the American League Against War and Fascism.

And havin' got that far, I ask myself, "What do we mean by a United Front Program? How do we organize it? What practical steps do we take?"

Well—first of all it naturally seems to me that the first thing for a workin' stiff like me, or an inkslinger, or a brain contortioner either for that matter—the first thing those of us should do who believe that something has to be done to stop War besides crawl in a hole and pull the hole in after you—well, the first thing we should do is to join up with the League Against War and Fascism.

## How to Do the Job

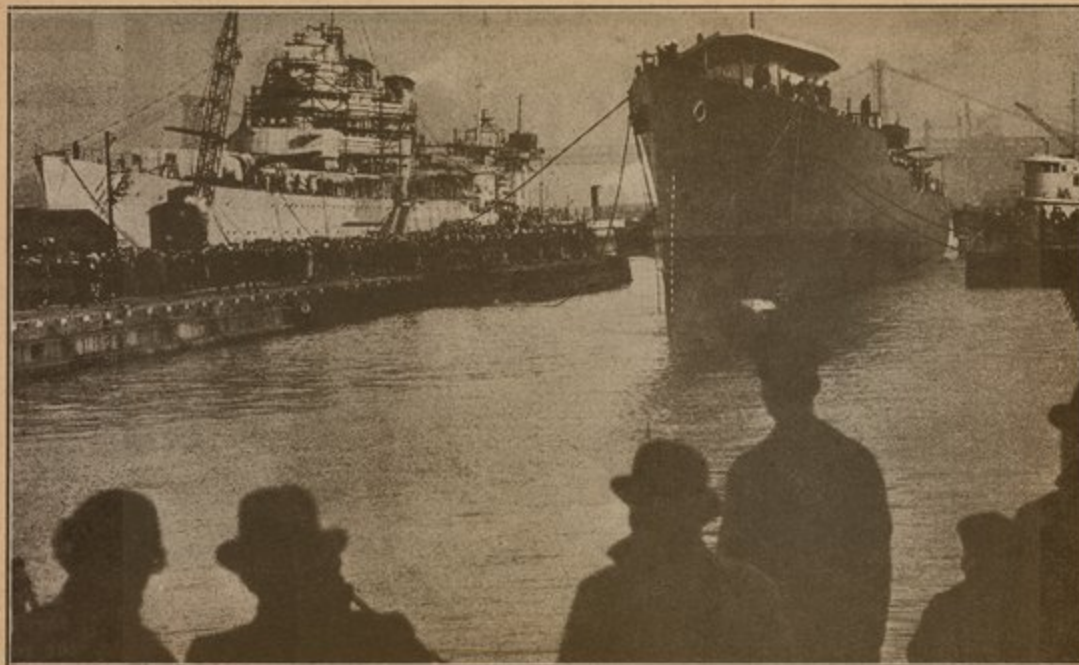
But that is the first thing. It don't make no difference whether it's in Pittsburgh or Puyallup, the first and main thing is to get a little organization all lined up with the American League Against War and Fascism. After that, according to my idea, we can start building on the United Front Program. Now here are some ideas I picked up from practical experience tryin' to build the old Seattle United Front, back in the days before the 1919 General Strike and the Longshoremen's strike against the munitions shipments to Kolchak and his White Siberian wolfhounds. Some of these ideas I have thought up myself after recollectin' what we didn't do back in Seattle days.

What I would do would be to get those of us who are in or those who could get in to any of the A. F. of L. craft unions to start talkin' to their fellow workers about this War and what ought to be done about it. Members in the Socialist Party ought to be doin' the same thing, or in the Young Peoples' Socialist League. Others that are hell against drinkin' ought to be in some temperance society and do some talkin'. Those with an eye out for a swell funeral ought to be in some burial outfit. And then there is the Elks, the Eagles, and Odd Fellows, and what not. If necessary some of the backsliders ought even be lined up to goin' to church, to church dinners and to what all goes on.

## The Only Way

Now, I say as an old Wob that that simple notion was behind a lot of the high scrappin' we plugs pulled off in Seattle. That is how we got goin'. That was what was behind the United Front on the West Coast against the war on the Soviet Union in 1919. That was behind the monster street demonstration in Seattle when Chisel Face Wilson came down the main stem in a shower of paper streamers which demanded that he withdraw troops from Russia. That was the real guts of the tactics which got tens of thousands of those Seattle bozos to put the ice on Wilson in a way that

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Launching newest Destroyer, the U.S.S. Hull, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard as part of the huge War appropriations program for a "Navy Second to None."



# A Project for the Liquidation of Bread Lines

A Story in Pictures

By LYND WARD



## UNITED FRONT IN BRAZIL

By HORACE B. DAVIS

Author of "Labor and Steel"

*The writer of this article is at present teaching at university in Brazil.*

Robert Moreno of Sao Paulo now works without pay building a roadway from Ubatuba to Taubate. In the broiling sun of this latitude such an occupation is not undertaken for fun. Moreno is a political prisoner. His offense is that he was secretary of the Sao Paulo Committee Against War and Fascism.

In spite of the persecution of its leader, the Committee Against War and Fascism is legal, albeit under police surveillance. All other branches of the movement are under police prohibition, including even the Theater of Experience, which until recently gave radical shows, on a newly equipped modern stage.

### United Front Stops Fascists

The Accao Integralista, Brazil's Fascist organization, was formed in Sao Paulo. Last December it made elaborate plans for a public parade in the streets of that city, and the police co-operated by announcing in the public press that all precautions would be taken

against disorder, including the precaution of arresting leaders of Anti-Fascist groups. The workers were not intimidated. Under the auspices of the Committee, they organized a counter-demonstration for the same day, distributing leaflets which exposed the role of the Fascists and announced speeches by representatives of a number of workers' organizations. The Accao Integralista called off its demonstration. Thousands of workers answered the call of the Committee.

### Socialists, Communists Unite

The United Front Committee Against Fascism includes the following organizations: Anti-War Committee of Sao Paulo, Transport Workers' Union, Textile Workers Union, Central Labor Union of Sao Paulo, Socialist Party of Brazil, Communist Party, Socialist Group "Giacomo Matteoti," Students' Committee Against War, Young Communist League, "Student Vanguard," Socialist University Group, Union of Workers and Peasants, "The Freeman" (weekly paper), Brascor, International Labor Defense, Federative League, etc.

The committee is a direct descendant of the Montevideo Anti-War Conference of last year. If it has managed to escape police suppression, this is no doubt because of the militancy of the United Front of workers, in conjunction with many middle class and professional people, actors, artists, journalists, engineers, professors, dentists, lawyers, doctors, and pharmacists who have signed its manifesto. This manifesto cites the names of Romain Rolland, Henri Barbusse, Upton Sinclair, John Dos Passos, Waldo Frank, Michael Gold, and others who have "placed themselves in the vanguard of those who fight against the war of rapine, conquest, and attack on the Soviet Union," and pledge the signers to expose all wars "masquerading under the name of a false patriotism," and to struggle "at the side of the oppressed toiling masses of country and city, the first to suffer the devastating effects of the organized murder." The committee has just carried out its second big public demonstration in Sao Paulo against the Integralistas (Fascists), and continues to serve as the legal rallying-point for militant workers and peasants.



# UNITE AGAINST



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1. Stacking rifles, prior to the attack on the Austrian workers in their co-operative apartments at Vienna.

2. Workers stoning the police as the later charge crowd in the Place de Concorde, Paris.

3. Two peasant soldiers, victims of the Dollfuss Fascist regime, who were killed in Floridsdorf, a suburb of Vienna, while fighting against their own interests.

4. Beaten to the ground during the fighting in Paris, this worker is shouting his defiance of the police.



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## CALIFORNIA

By ELLA

Author of "Red Virtue—Hum

Fascism means violence. Violence of club and pick-ax handles in strikes, clubbings and arrests on the picket line. It means the violence of our tortured capitalist "peace" as well as the bestiality of War. And it means the dishonesty and demagoguery of lying propaganda, in the press and in speeches, and on the radio and in the utterances of government officials, in defense of a dying social system at bay.

In California we are having a Defense Week. It is supported by the Governor, the Mayors, employers and owners, and the Hearst press. The Hearst press blaers loudly every day, with its reproduction of war pictures, that these grim scenes are the result of unpreparedness. California's Defense Week has taken up the lie and is blaring it forth with all the trappings of jingoism. More money for cannons, for tanks, guns, army planes, C.C.C. camps, deepening our harbors,

battleships, cruisers, shells; captions under grotesque caricatures of human forms which shells and bullets and bayonets have slashed and torn and turned into vulture meat:

**THE LESSON OF UNPREPAREDNESS  
ARE WE PREPARED?**

**THESE PERISHED BECAUSE WE  
WERE UNPREPARED**

Under a picture of a Russian corpse appears this lie:

*He Died in Vain—This Big Russian was only one of the countless thousands who paid the price so that a Tsar might rule. But the legions who died could not divert the fate which overtook Russia's autocracy.*

California's lynch Governor goes his sunny way making speeches for jingoist "defense," but helps not by one cent or one word when



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AUSTRIA  
FRANCE



5. A woman worker killed on the barricades in Vienna.

6. LaGuardia police in New York clubbing Socialist and Communist workers during a United Protest Demonstration in front of the offices of the Austrian Consulate.

7. Mussolini's troops marching towards the Austrian Frontier to assist the Dollfuss regime in its fight against the Austrian Workers.

8. Hands Up! This picture shows a Worker being searched for weapons by the police, at the Place de Concorde in Paris.



# A VIOLENCE

## WINTER

an Relationships in New Russia"

cotton or cherry pickers at fifteen cents an hour strike for twenty cents.

### American Hitlers

All last year, in a series of seventy-one strikes, thirty-five in the agricultural fields, violence was used by police and State officials, by ranchers and power and finance company employees. Vigilante groups were formed to terrorize Filipino and Japanese, Mexican, Slav and American workers. In every strike, courageous and spirited strike leaders were beaten, clubbed, gassed, jailed for being spirited and courageous strike leaders. Judge Solkmore of Lodi declared of the grape pickers striking for a cent a tray more for cutting grapes:

"In some places they take men like these out and hang them. Don't be too sure they won't do it yet, right here . . . the jury system is a relic of medieval times, the recourse of guilty men who want to es-

cape justice."

Another judge remarked: "Castor oil would not be so bad for Reds."

In the San Joaquin Valley cotton strike, three workers were murdered, one boy of nineteen lost an arm from a rancher's bullet, many were seriously hurt. The ranchers charged with murder have been acquitted, although they had openly threatened to "take the law into their own hands," and did it.

In the Vacaville pruning strike, six men charged with being workers were taken from jail, beaten, their faces painted red, and left lying on the road. This was gloated over in the press as "giving them a lesson in Americanism." No one was prosecuted.

In Los Angeles a huge "Recognition of Russia" meeting (before Russian recognition) was turned into pandemonium by American Legionnaires, who made the engineer turn





off the lights of the hall at the point of a gun. On another occasion the Red Squad slashed canvases at a John Reed Club exhibition.

### A Dollar a Day Is Enough

Nazis care nothing for art, culture, freedom of speech, liberty, civil rights, or "democratic" forms, either in Germany or in the United States. In California, legal forms and the guarantees of the Constitution have been abandoned. Federal District-Attorney Pierson M. Hall remarked to two attorneys: "The entire system of the administration of equal justice has collapsed." Workers' attorneys are kidnaped, robbed, abused. The Los Angeles Regional Labor Board is forced to report that "growers and landowners are police chiefs, sheriffs and justices of the peace," and that this system "will operate against impartial treatment of the worker." "It is also alleged," the authorities state, "that no workers can hope to get justice in courts in which the police judge and his wife, who hold four legal positions between them, are large growers and landowners and employers, and notoriously of the opinion that 'one dollar a day is enough for the Mexican field worker'."

It is important to remember that this abrogation of civil law, legal rights, democratic forms, is in defense of the property owners against workers, who, in the words of the Los Angeles Regional Labor Board, are "compelled to drink water out of irrigation ditches," whose "latrines tend to produce typhus conditions," and whose miserable wages are frequently not paid by the dishonest contractors who steal them.

### Hearst for War and Slavery

Mr. Hearst lives in California, a few hundred miles from this area. He advocates more money than the \$1,110,500,000 already being spent on America's "woeful unpreparedness." None of his papers have been known to advocate the expenditure of one cent for the Mexican peon in rich California.

The American people must not be taken in by the base, vicious, hysterical advocacy of War for the defense of private property; workers, young people, professional men and women must see that their fight is against Fascism. Fascism is itself a confession of the failure of capitalism.



Headed by President Roosevelt and the Federal Government, War parades and preparedness meetings were held throughout the country during February. (Above) Defense Week celebrated in San Francisco, reminiscent of the other Preparedness Parade a few months before the World War out of which came the frame-up of Tom Mooney.

# Propagandists Who Hate Propaganda

By EDWIN SEAVER

Author of "The Company"

In a recent issue of *Scribner's Magazine* I came across the following comment by Professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale University in praise of Laurence Stallings' book *The First World War*:

"This book is not propaganda for or against anything; if it were I should not praise it, for I hate propaganda."

Before such singular purity of mind one can, of course, only bow down in awe. What! You would indict such a philosophical abstraction as War! You would degrade the sacred name of art in the cause of Peace! Then you certainly are no candidate for the Professor's Faerie Queene Club.

It is gratifying to note, however, that Professor Phelps is not altogether incapable of hatred. If he cannot bring himself to hate War, he can still hate propaganda. Oh, what hypocrites, what fools these purists be! This pedagogue who cannot bring himself to praise a book that is for or against anything can yet characterize the four Gospels as "the most important documents in the history of the human race," documents that were as barefaced agitation for a new religion as any propaganda ever concocted. This hater of propaganda can yet stand up on his hind legs behind a pulpit and preach a milk and water Christianity by the hour.

And when the second World War comes, will Professor Phelps still hate propaganda, will he lock himself up in the company of books consisting entirely of blank pages, since he likes only those books which stand for nothing and against nothing? Oh! but circumstances alter cases. And how!

### War's "Attractive" Side

Commenting further on Stallings' book, Professor Phelps goes on to say:

"The pictures are by no means confined to horrors; in fact, I suspect that some young people born after the War might find them rather attractive."

This is a shrewd observation and, insofar as it may be true, one would think it constitutes a damning indictment of Stallings' book. But the Professor does not think so. He is content to praise a book which, in his opinion, may lead youth to find certain phases of war "rather attractive." Can anyone doubt that the Professor himself would find it rather attractive to be knitting socks again for "the boys" in the company of other hysterical old women?

### Making Mass Murder Attractive

Speaking of attractive phases of War, *The Boston Evening Transcript* is at present running a series of pictures devoted to the "lighter aspects" of the A.E.F. in the last holocaust. This is not done, of course, to counteract the present general attitude of hostility among the masses to War. Not at all. Undoubtedly, the editors of the *Transcript*, like Professor Phelps, also hate propaganda. They merely wish to show the more sociable and civilized aspects of mass murder and destruction.

### Who Is Against War?

Down with this fetishism of art that must not soil its skirts in propaganda! We are not fools to mistake a live volcano for Olympus or a bombing plane for Pegasus. Neither are we idiots enough to remain passive when our lives and the lives of our families and comrades are pawns in the hands of imperialist lunatics and ghouls.

Young men of our colleges, on guard! Beware of the impartiality of the professors. He who is not for us against War is for War against us!



# MOSLEY'S BLACKSHIRTS

By JENNIE LEE

Former Member of British Parliament

My most vivid recollection of Sir Oswald Mosley is the last occasion on which he addressed the British House of Commons, shortly before the collapse of the 1931 Labor government. At that time he had already resigned from the Labor Party, taking with him an intimate knowledge of the timidity and sycophancy of most of his late colleagues. He turned on them with a look of profound contempt, extended his glance to include the Tory benches, then reiterated again and again, what was then, and still remains, his favorite theme: "GREAT BRITAIN CANNOT MUDDLE THROUGH THIS TIME."

With that particular sentiment of Mosley's I am in entire agreement. Consequently, I find more to alarm me in examining the numerically large, avowedly anti-Fascist bloc that exists in Britain at the present time, than in any direct growth of Fascist organizations. For British anti-Fascist sentiment is nothing if not muddled. It includes, however, a small minority, Communists, members of the Independent Labor Party, and some rank and file Labor Party followers who understand that opposition to Fascism means a struggle to win power for the workers, and that this power must be consolidated in the transition period from capitalism to socialism by a working class dictatorship.

## Paving the Way for Fascism

Mr. Arthur Henderson and millions of his supporters in the Labor Party also believe themselves to be anti-Fascist. So do millions of English liberals. One of the most difficult tasks in the world is to explain that, although subjectively horrified by and disapproving of Hitler's activities, regarded objectively, these English Liberal and reformist Labor groups seem to be paving the way to the very hell of Fascism which they quite sincerely wish to avoid.

Sir Oswald Mosley is quite clear-sighted on this issue. Nothing would be more to his liking than a third Labor government composed of a confused jumble of Socialists, Liberal reformers and even Conservatives, in fact if not in name, such as constituted the two previous Labor governments. For Mosley knows that such an administration must dissolve into its inherently contradictory parts and collapse even sooner and more ingloriously than MacDonald's Labor government of 1931. Then, he reckons, his chance would come. Is Mosley right?

So far he has had no real place in English politics. The masses don't trust him and the established ruling class has had no need of him. MacDonald has been a much more useful decoy. His National government, claiming to be "above party," already constitutes a virtual dictatorship of British capitalism.

## Capitalists Back Mosley

But Sir Oswald has a strong appeal to in-

digent young men, mostly unemployed, of the lower middle class. He gives them a uniform, sometimes free meals and sleeping quarters. Above all, he gives them a sense of status and something to shout about. This blackshirt army is heavily financed by wealthy British capitalists. The money is being invested presumably with a view to the services it will be called to render when British capitalism is driven to drop the threadbare mask of democracy, free speech, the workers' right to organize, or to carry through weeping constitutional changes.

Events in Germany and Austria ought to have a profound effect on the mood of the British working class movement. But will they? Not if the official leaders of the British Labor Party have their way, for the collapse of social-democracy in Germany has taught them nothing. They continue to pursue their old course of outlawing militant workers to their left and of fraternizing with liberal interests to the right, who in time of crisis will most certainly choose to defend property rather than democracy.

## Working Class Action

But, happily, United Front activities of workers, who understand that the only answer to Fascism is revolutionary Socialism, are growing apace. Official sabotage is not strong enough to prevent an increasing volume of rank and file workers from understanding the moral of European events. It is now a time

race. Our task is to prevent reformist leaders from trapping the masses into fatal Liberal-Labor alignments, and to ensure that they are headed in an authentically revolutionary direction.



(Top) The girl on the right, heavily swathed in bandages is a Victim of a fight in Piccadilly, when a band of English Fascists distributed Literature endorsing Hitler's policy of Anti-Semitism. (Below) Leaders of the British Fascist Party at the Japanese Embassy in London where they expressed sympathy for Japan's Imperialist War in the Far East.



# Air Mail Is Mobilized

By CARL DRAKE

*But look at it from a standpoint of national defense. If we encourage the air-mail lines, not by a subsidy, but by payments for services rendered, just as we pay the railroads, we have the advantage of their 1000 to 1200 planes in operation. We have the advantage of their 700 odd trained pilots. We have their facilities. All can be commandeered in event of war.*  
—JAMES MEAD, Chairman, Postoffice Committee, House of Representative.

If you read only the many headlines about this air-mail mix-up, you might get the idea that President Roosevelt is cracking the whip over some more bad profiteers who rob the people's government. Upon closer examination, you will discover that the whip is merely making a loud, snapping noise to distract your attention. The air-mail service in this country, born of War on May 15, 1918, is now reverting back to its old basis—preparation for the next War.

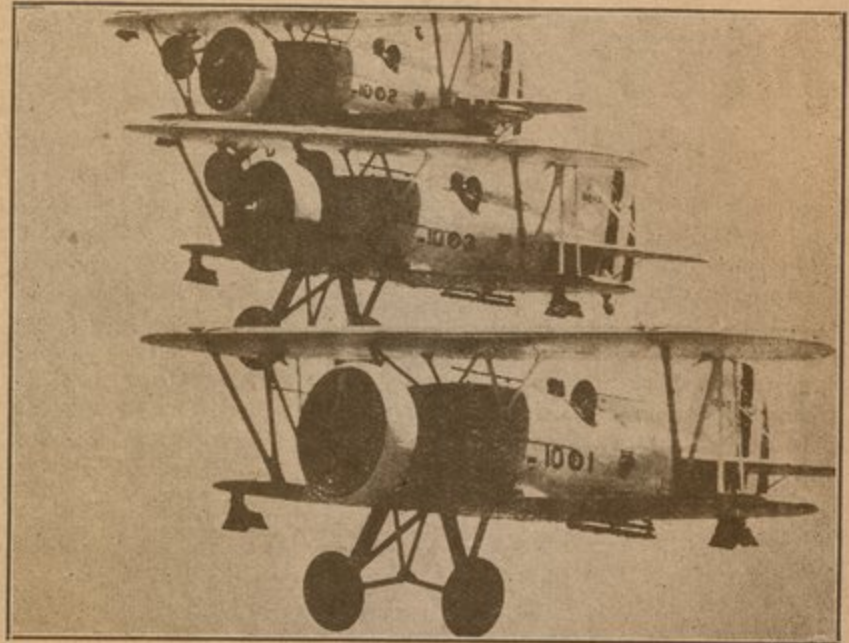
Last year, while Congress was approving the yearly hand-out to the contractors of air mail, Senator Kenneth McKellar objected too vociferously to the appropriation. The Senate was forced to promise Mr. McKellar a future inquiry. During November the Senate Committee on air and mail subsidies, headed by the milder Senator Hugo Black, began one of those long Rooseveltian "investigations," reminiscent of another famous committee which pleasantly passes its time interviewing big bankers.

## "Fraud, Collusion, and Corruption"

Some further fascinating information on "How the Rich Get Richer" leaked through the informal revelations of the Black Committee. The aviation industry, an essential, groping "infant industry," has been deluged with paternal cash from Washington. Since 1925, \$1,143,255,705.30 of the tax-payers' money, from sundry government sources, has dropped into this infant's lap. And this figure does not include the millions for airplanes recently allotted by Congress in preparation for War. During the years 1928 to 1933, \$86,112,016.74 has been paid for carrying air mail alone. Of this amount, 58 millions had been donated in the form of subsidies and gratuities in support of this hungry, growing branch of aviation.

As a result of this flow of gold, the committee is horrified to note, the "infant" acquired sticky fingers. W. E. Boeing, director of United Aircraft, made \$5,512,390 grow out of an investment of \$750 and then ran \$487,000 up to another 51 millions. George J. Mead, an organizer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, started with \$207 and profited to the extent of \$17,428,572. F. B. Rentschler, of the National City

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Bank Rentschlers, invested \$253 which later proved to be worth 35 millions. And so on. Profits of the 27 concerns carrying mail averaged 35% yearly. Chief honors were carried off by the Boeing Airplane Co., which made a profit of 90% in 1932.

Through a process of stock juggling, consolidations, freeze-outs, and lobbying aided by American Legion officials, etc., all the air-mail carriers fell into the hands of four controlling interests. These interests, in turn, are controlled by the same "mysterious" moguls of finance who rule over the National City Bank, the Mellon Empire (aluminum for planes), the General Motors Corporation, etc.

## Dividing the Spoils

In a Wall Street office, one afternoon of June 1930, the then Postmaster General Walter F. Brown, a member of the Ohio gang carried over by Hoover, met the representatives of the air-mail monopolies. They took the map of the United States and divided up the 26 routes among the four interests. They forgot all about advertising for bids, which is required by law. Later the Black Committee uncovered an implicating letter sent to Andrew W. Mellon by Mr. Brown. However, before the new Post Office crowd moved in, Mr. Brown burned the air-mail files. At this point the Committee shouted, "Fraud, collusion, and corruption."

In the meantime the Senatorial investigators had subpoenaed the personal correspondence of W. P. MacCracken, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce, for years Secretary of the American Bar Association, and lobbyist for over a dozen air-mail contractors. Whereupon Mr. MacCracken, with the aid of one of his clients, Col. L. H. Brittin, also destroyed some of the relevant correspondence. But the Senate sleuths would not be stopped. They went down in the basement, fished through a pile of waste paper, and pieced together more evidence against MacCracken. The hilarious by-play between the Committee and Mr. MacCracken succeeded in concealing the real issue on the front pages of newspapers for days.

## Bombing Practice with Mailbags

And who is punished for the crime of stealing millions through "fraud, collusion, and cor-

ruption"? The group of Wall Street financiers who hold the strings to these puppets and their air-mail companies? Not at all. Mr. MacCracken and the now jobless Col. Brittin were sent to a well-appointed jail for ten days for the crime of contempt of Senate. Mr. Roosevelt through Postmaster General Farley dramatically canceled all domestic air-mail contracts, and the Army air force was ordered to carry mail. This widely publicized display of "house-cleaning" is a temporary measure until the air-mail handouts to the same old gang or some other Wall Street gang are resumed again under a new law to be enacted by Congress. In the meantime, while carrying the mail, the Army air force is given an excellent opportunity to train pilots in actual flying under conditions similar to that of wartime fighting. A new method of payment for "services rendered" is being planned in order to retain for war purposes the highly trained personnel and technical equipment of the air-mail companies.

## A War Maneuver

The whole business turns out to be a war mobilization maneuver. It indicates a further drawing together of the State and the controlling interests. Under a smokescreen of a New Deal for the people, through an advertising campaign of "ousting the profiteers," the present government is fast organizing its war industries.

The budding Fascist, Major General Smedley D. Butler, comments on the situation: "Every civilized human being is opposed to War. It is simply a question how best to prolong the period of peace. I am convinced by far the best method is to build a big Navy and a huge air fleet. If necessary, twice as big as owned by any other nation. Once we are in possession of this Navy and gigantic air fleet, we will be in a position to dictate disarmament, and not before."



# Britannia's Babies

By MARTIN MORIARTY

"Britannia's Baby," a ballad writer in a popular Irish republican weekly describes Owen O'Duffy, generalissimo of Ireland's Irish Fascist blue-shirt movement. The title is well deserved. A father of Irish Fascism is Britain's Major-General Sir William Hickey, K.B.C., D.S.O., etc., etc., who in London last summer asked staunch British Tories for 30,000 pounds for blue-shirt activities. Hopeful prophecies of Fascist governments in London, Dublin and Belfast are voiced by Oswald Mosley's black-shirt *Fascist Week*, which acclaims the "growing strength of the blue-shirts in Ireland."

Not without reason then did the London *Daily Express* hail the Fascists as "Ireland's New Empire Party." And who could be loyaller subjects of the British Empire than the wealthy cattle ranchers and brewers who back the movement? "The United Ireland Party (the constitutional wing of the blue-shirts) must not be ashamed to acknowledge its friends," Senator Sir John Keane advised in the hospitable columns of the London *Sunday Times*. "Get bank orders from British Unionist sources," Sir John urged. (The Unionists seek a union between Irish capitalism and British imperialism.—Ed.)

## The Rich Support Fascism

Right royally have the Unionist sources in Ireland responded. The contributors include the patriotic Marquis of Conyngham, and the brewers Bass, Ratcliffe and Gretton. Raided in the British Boycott movement, this English firm had been defended by O'Duffy's guardsmen.

With catchwords and wild promises the Fascists suddenly become concerned over the well-being of the rural poor, the unemployed—the very victims of government economies when the personnel of the Fascist wing held power in the form of the Cosgrave party. "Against communist anarchism," they cry, and promise a "dictatorship of the Irish people" as a substitute for the present "crazy system which is economically and psychologically unsuitable for this country."

## Great Unrest in Ireland

For all their hatred of the blue-shirt movement, few of the Irish poor will dispute the "craziness" of the present social system, as badly wounded in the Free State as anywhere. The Free State trade balance alone fell over 15,000,000 pounds in 1933 and widespread discontent is expressed in the ranks of Fianna Fail, the government party which has a following in the countryside. As a delegate to the party's Ard-Fheis (Congress) complained last fall: "Donegal cattle ranchers with thousands in the bank were reducing the wages of their laborers from 15 shillings to 10 shillings a week without food." The cattle-drive, an old weapon of the agrarian poor against the graziers who supplant humans with the more

profitable pasture, threatens to spread through the country. The tone of the agitation is sounded by a recent drive in the Leitrim area: "Land must be divided among the landless men here," posters proclaimed—and the cattle were recovered by police miles away from the pasture.

Hence the "anarchy" from which Ireland is to be redeemed by these "democratic" saviors. Theirs are ugly solutions: Mussolini's corporative state, praised by O'Duffy at his blue-shirt congress; abolition of the labor exchanges; upholding the 1921 "treaty of peace" that was enforced by firing squads.

Unfortunately the popular sentiment against the blue-shirts is not always directed into the most useful avenues of attack and defense. Although it was swept into power mainly on an anti-coercion, republican platform, the Fianna Fail government is choking the forces of struggle by jailing republicans demonstrating against blue-shirts rather than the blue-shirts themselves. "Such activity," a resolution of the County Kerry Executive of the Fianna Fail party states, "has rendered the president's task extremely difficult at the most critical period of his administration."

## United Front Against Fascism

This resolution was the executive reflection of a great roar of protest against the imprisonment of Kerry republicans, jailed for demonstrating against O'Duffy when he tried to speak in Tralee. Kerry's protest indicates the real potentialities of the broad anti-Fascist movement. Here a conference of Fianna Fail branches, sports groups (the county hurling and football teams have big influence in Ireland), labor bodies and trade unions called



General Owen O'Duffy, leader of the Blue Shirts, the Irish Fascist movement.

for continued demonstrations till the prisoners are freed. Significant were the words of Bro. Connor of the National Union of Railwaymen: "I have always been a supporter of Mr. De Valera, but if the prisoners were not released immediately the slogan 'Up De Valera!' would be changed to 'Down De Valera!'"

This is no longer an "Irish question." It is of vital concern to every opponent of Irish Hitlerism in America. More: Consider Ireland's significant relation to the war schemes of the rival British and American empires. For the treaty which binds Ireland to the British Empire was forced on Ireland for war purposes. The country is split wide into North and South so that a military garrison can be held in the north for war purposes. And now for war purposes—how else can they serve British imperialism and the big Irish ranchers and capitalists?—the Fascist blue-shirts.

## The Final Struggle

We have had "friends" of Ireland in America before, mainly interested in whipping up anti-British sentiment to serve the ends of imperial Washington. Let the fight for national and social freedom of Ireland be Anti-British-imperialist, by all means! But let American opponents of Fascism teach Irishmen here to distinguish between the dubious friendship of the demagogue from the Navy League and the firm, sure friendship of the only allies that will mean anything in the final struggle for liberation: The friendship of the men and women in the workshops of the world, the student, the professional, the teacher and farmer—the friendship of all the forces aroused by the American League Against War and Fascism.

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froze into the very center of his think tank so that it never thawed out.

## Workers Are Fighting Everywhere

Well, here we are and damn little time to spare. We been takin' it too philosophical for too long. Wars are bein' fought right now against workers who are fighting with guns in their hands for the right to live. Is it time for us to give them a hand, or ain't it?

What about the Chinese workers and peasants who have been battling now for years against the bloody drives of the Chinese Kuomintang? Have we done anything to stop the big guns of America's "Chinese River Gunboats" from blasting death and destruction into the ranks of our fellow workers over there?

From our Pacific ports we have been sending airplanes and from Washington, D.C., we have been sending skilled pilots to help bloody Chiang Kai-Shek rain death on the defenseless villages and families of these workers. Yeah—haven't we? We have been shipping wheat and cotton to help finance this War against our



yellow brothers, who today are in the front line trenches fighting our own battles for us. Well—it's time that we got roarin' mad and tore loose a lot of green fired hell about it.

And another thing. I am thinkin' of the Japanese war threats against the Soviet Union. I am thinkin' of the Japanese workers that are fighting under a terror that makes the criminal-syndicalist crack-down us Wobs went through in 1919 and 1920 look like a picnic. Are we lendin' any kind of a hand to them?

I recall to mind the little brown boys on the winches of the Jap ship Marho Maru when fifteen years ago come summer, the Longshoremen's union and the rest of us had our picket line out in Seattle in the fight to stop the shipment of guns and bullets to the White Guards in Siberia. I remember how the doughboys were called in to break that strike and try their hands at helpin' the handful of scabs that could be got for such dirty work. I remember how these little brown seamen looked down the revolver barrels of the Japanese officers and kept right on forgetting how to run a winch. With a revolver in front of 'em and a firin' squad waiting for 'em these were the fellow workers who took the real gaff in that strike, and by God they and the others like them are the ones who are needin' our help right now and will be needin' more of it as they keep up their battle against the insane warlords of Japan.

So, what the Hell! Let's get goin'.

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machinery of Wall Street and its agents will be used to drum up War hysteria. "The Huns! Nationalization of women! Defense of Democracy!" etc., will be developed and improved upon. The most vigorous campaign is needed in every mill town today actively to mobilize the steel workers against War.

While the A. F. of L. officials lobby in Washington demanding only that the shells shall bear the union label, the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union uncompromisingly fights against all imperialist Wars. Therefore, it is only natural that we support the American League Against War and Fascism.

But all anti-War activities to date are entirely insufficient. There must be a thousand-fold increase in the activities of all who oppose War. Especially must the American League plan and carry through a program of concentrated attention upon the key War industries and especially steel. This campaign can be assisted if every man and woman in a steel town will write in and tell the American League every detail of War preparations in their locality. The League must particularly work to win the membership of the A. F. of L. metal trades unions for its program of fight against War and Fascism. War and Fascism menace every steel worker. The steel workers of the entire nation must unite, regardless of union or political affiliation, in a battle to the death against them.

# National Guard

By a Member of the 212th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft

With more than ordinary interest many of us in the National Guard are watching the intensified War preparations. This is evinced by the increased discussions among the men about the events in the Far East and in Europe.



National Guard Machine Gun Unit pointing the deadly end of a Machine Gun during the recent strike in the bituminous area of Pennsylvania.

Battery and company rooms, before and after drill, are turned into forums. Each squad of enlisted men, in the degree of its political development, discusses the coming War interestedly. In the viewpoints expressed I have noticed that many are anxious for War, but the great majority, mainly the unemployed and the factory workers, are fundamentally opposed.

In such a specialized arm of the Army as the 212th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment, preparations for War are noticeable. This regiment, which will form the basis, in time of War, for the training of thousands of gunners among the drafted civilians, is being constantly perfected for aerial combat. Though ostensibly for protecting ammunition dumps, aviation bases, and strategic positions, developing motorization is pointing to the use of this regiment as an arm of attack. Mounted on trucks with a speed averaging seventy-five miles an hour, and at lower speeds doing rapid artillery fire, the regiment attains great mobility and firing accuracy. The anti-aircraft guns have been synchronized with sound apparatus and equipped with searchlights capable of throwing a hundred-mile beam. Actual war maneuvers every year at the camp in Oswego, New York, which every man must attend even

at the risk of losing his job, demonstrate the developing efficiency.

## Fascist Propaganda

Moving pictures are used now to interest the men in scientific warfare. Prizes are awarded for gun efficiency. Pro-war pep talks are dished out at every opportunity by the officers. An officer caste is building a military discipline on lines similar to the German Imperial Army. Court martials are on the increase, with heavy fines for even minor offenses the general rule. Mere boys are being hurriedly enlisted and trained. In the new batch of recruits seventeen is the average age. Radically inclined soldiers are immediately discharged. Fascism is encouraged, many of the officers being leaders in Italian and German Fascist organizations.

The men are not accepting this state of affairs docilely. In camp, strikes against poor food break out with great frequency. With great courage and militancy the enlisted men organize and expose the corrupt grafting practices of the officers who come back from camp every year much richer than they went. Many of the mutinous leaders, for these struggles are called "mutinies," are marked already for the firing squad when War is declared. The pay for drill, originally one dollar, is about fifty cents now. Taxes and assessments reduce this still more. The resentment against the pay cut is mounting and talks of strike are constantly heard in the company rooms.

## Reach the National Guard!

The National Guardsman knows that he is the first to be called in time of War. He is also conscious of the fact now, that he is used in breaking strikes. Many are being enlisted and trained in Fascist gangs. However, anti-War and anti-Fascist propaganda, when it reaches him, falls on particularly fertile ground. Special attention must be paid to reaching the National Guardsmen. In New York there are twenty-six thousand of them. In almost every state there are many regiments of these soldiers. Before Roosevelt was elected President, Congress appropriated 300 million dollars for the Guard. Now this amount has increased tremendously. Exact information is rarely printed in the press. The *New York National Guardsman*, an official organ of the War Department which is distributed without charge among the men, is the prostitute press of the American war mongers.

Anti-War publications and literature must reach the National Guardsmen. In the armories and in the homes of the men and in their shops there must be a ceaseless barrage of political education. The National Guardsman is a potential Anti-War and Anti-Fascist fighter.







# BUILDING the LEAGUE



By **IDA DAILE**

Assistant Secretary

The rapid advance of Fascism in Europe and the increased resistance of the masses, the intensifying danger of War both in Europe and the Far East, have been the signal for greater vitality expressed in organization work for the League in various cities. Letters from individuals and organizations, greatly increased orders for FIGHT, concrete plans of work, and assignment of definite responsibilities to members of city committees pour into the office.

From the Mesaba Iron Range: "We must begin an intensive struggle against War, and what is the best way, but by joining just such an organization as is issuing FIGHT. Therefore, I am even willing to go farther, not only joining this organization, but do my utmost in organizing a branch of the American League Against War and Fascism in this town. Send me all particulars and information on hand."

Suggestions for beginning organizational work have been forwarded, and we expect to hear further from this most important industrial area around Lake Superior.

From Eugene, Oregon: "Will you send to us, as soon as possible, information on organization and national affiliation of the League Against War and Fascism."

From the Acting Secretary of the Detroit Committee: "With the rising tide of Fascist terror in Europe and the immediate danger of War confronting the masses of the world, and with the attention of everyone centered on this question, we hope to develop a program around which we shall be enabled to rally the widest support in our struggle against War and Fascism. We are already laying plans for such an all-embracing program locally, with the idea of extending our activities throughout the state at an early date."

From the New Haven Committee: "A plan of organization and activity has been adopted, with three semi-distinct sections of work: a) Youth Work, b) Trade Union and Shop Work, c) Work in Cultural and Fraternal Groups. The comprehensive program for the local League for the month is the sum of these three plans, there being thus quotas for the League as a whole as to concrete organizational results (new organizations affiliated, visited, FIGHT sold, subscriptions, etc.). There is to be competition between the divisions, with charts in the central office showing progress made. This office is being looked for now, with some prospects of success. . . . It was decided that the League should at once organize a mass meeting specifically around the Austrian situation."

From the Michigan Farmers League: "The Michigan Farmers League is calling a mass convention of farmers to be attended also by fraternal delegates from workers' organizations throughout Michigan to formulate a farmers' and workers' tax program, to be held in Grand Rapids on March 23 at the L. S. and D. Hall, Grand Rapids. The next day the Michigan Farmers League will hold their state convention in the same hall. We are wondering if you could have a speaker on War and Fascism for the evening of March 23rd. We will also work in a lot of folks from the city. This is a very important confer-

ence and it provides an opportunity to carry our message to every part of the state."

## Chicago United Conference

From Thomas McKenna, Chicago Secretary: "The Conference went off as scheduled and voted to constitute itself a branch of the American League Against War and Fascism. There were 172 delegates representing more than 66,000 members of more than fifty organizations. An Executive Board of 21 was set up consisting of two A. F. of L. delegates, four Socialists, one member of the I.W.W., a representative from the Communist Party, one from the Young Communist League, and representatives from the Workers Committee on Unemployment, Unemployed Council, Negro, Veteran, Jewish, peace, Labor Defense, Trade Union Unity League, etc.

"The Executive Board meets Saturday, at which time officers are to be elected and committees appointed. In the meantime, we shall send mimeographed reports to all delegates on resolutions passed at the conference, credentials report, requests for co-operation, etc."

## 147 Organizations Unite in California

Twenty unions (8 affiliated with the A. F. of L.), 4 political organizations, 6 fraternal organizations, 12 churches, 41 cultural and professional organizations, 15 religious clubs, 5 peace societies, anti-War and anti-Fascist leagues, 9 youth organizations, 4 school and college groups, were among the 147 organizations which united in the highly successful Bay Region Congress Against War and Fascism. A member of the International Longshoremen's Association, representing 5,000 longshoremen, presented the American League resolutions against War appropriations, which was unanimously carried.

Rudie Lambert, delegate from the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, was given an ovation when he opened his address with the words: "I come here representing twelve million dead."

The following three-point program was adopted:

1. To educate ourselves as to the causes of Fascism and War, and as to the best ways of fighting these enemies of the human race.
2. To decide after due consideration of these causes and of the ways and means to combat Fascism and War on a realistic program of action.
3. To delegate to our member organizations the various tasks of that program, and see that these directives are carried out.

The first part of this program will be realized through two mass conferences, one in February and one in March; the first in Oakland and the second in San Francisco. The second and third parts of this program will be decided at and after the California State Congress Against War and Fascism, to be held in April.

The Congress was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, with every one of the main floor and balcony seats filled, and with people standing in all aisles and even sitting on the balcony steps. The conservative *News* estimated the crowd at two thousand.

## YOUTH SPARKS

Organization against War and Fascism has begun to strike deep roots among the youth. From various parts of the country we have received reports of the formation of new committees, new conferences, and, what is exceedingly important, new activity.

New York City, one of the weakest spots up to the present time, seems to be waking up. A youth conference called in the Bronx was answered by 46 organizations. Those who sent written credentials included a number of social and athletic clubs, unions, workers' clubs and political groups. Significant is the fact that a Young People's Socialist League circle also elected two delegates. Unfortunately, however, this election was suddenly canceled the day preceding the conference upon the interference of higher officials.

New York, which has been wrestling with the problem of what form of organization would be best in so large a city, seems to have hit on a solution in neighborhood committees, organization in large settlement houses. Several such groups are either functioning already or being formed. The settlement houses were a mainstay of the War machine during the first World War. Here the War Savings Stamps were sold, recruits gotten, and four-minute speakers mobilized.

Other cities should emulate the example of New York. Settlement houses and Y's are very important places to start work.

By the time FIGHT is off the press we will have detailed information as to the results of the Boston Youth Conference. One week before the day of the gathering we learn that 31 organizations have sent in credentials. The secretary of the Boston Committee writes: "Already we have delegates from unions, unemployed groups, religious and social clubs, students, and neighborhood houses. These delegates include Negro and white youths, native and foreign born."

And now we hear that the Windy City out on Lake Michigan is on the way. At the Anti-War and Anti-Fascist conference held in Chicago a few weeks ago a special youth session took place.

Packing house workers from that city report that they are canning thousands of pounds of food for the U. S. Army. This is being investigated by the Youth Committee and action is on the way. Lest anyone get the notion that this is for the "peacetime" army we want to cite several other war-preparation facts. The U. S. Army has contracted for two million quilts and four million pillows. This is already being produced.

They're preparing to make it hot for us!

At last, word from the West Coast. Los Angeles announces that it is on the map. Debates, mass meetings and counter-demonstrations to the jingoistic parades during Defense Week. The Los Angeles Committee distributed special leaflets at the preparedness parade.

— J. L.



# In Austria • France • England

THE LINES ARE BEING DRAWN. The twin monsters, War and Fascism, are on the rampage. Heroic Anti-Fascist fighters are laying down their lives and rotting in prisons and concentration camps.

In the United States, Fascist organizations have sprung up, are publishing newspapers, are spreading their poisonous propaganda.

The American League Against War and Fascism calls on *you* NOW to help build a powerful, united movement against War and Fascism in this country. Never was the need greater. Our efforts must be strengthened by YOUR support.

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