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AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM



## CLOSE RANKS

By ROBERT MORSS LOVETT

**T**HE U. S. CONGRESS AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, to be held in Chicago on September 28, 29, and 30, affords an opportunity for all who hate these enemies of humanity to confer and take measures to end them. There is no certain cure for War within a social order which is itself predatory and warlike. To repel any change in this social order, to prevent any mitigation of the exploitation of the workers who suffer under it, are the objects of Fascism. War and Fascism are thus linked inseparably together. Within the last few weeks several events have served to warn us how imminent is the danger under both heads.

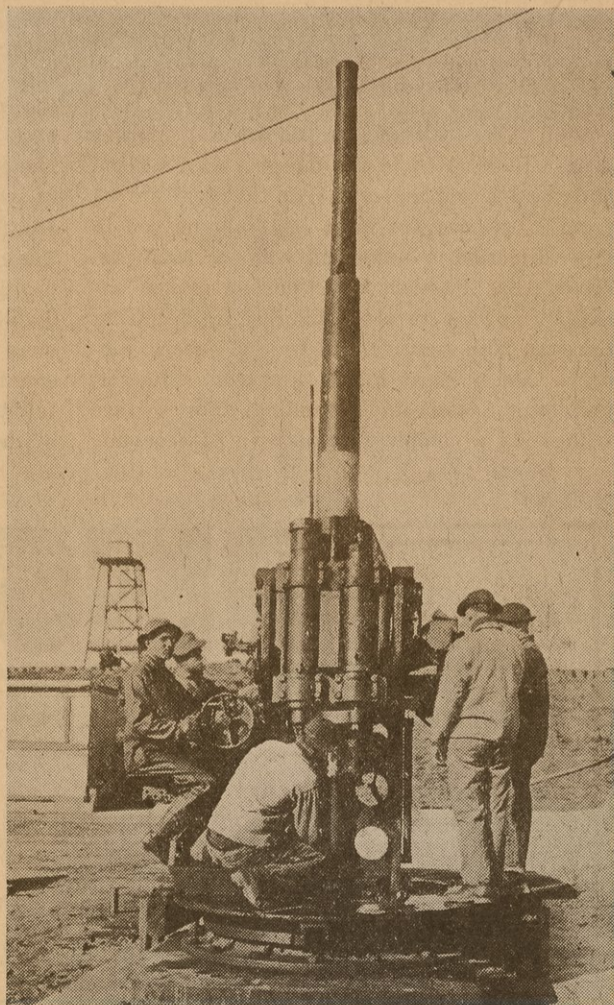
1. The authorization by Congress of the increase of the navy is a provocative gesture on the part of the nation which has least need of such a weapon.

2. The report of the Commission headed by Newton D. Baker, proposing the addition of 2,500 bombing planes to the air force is a gesture of the same sort. It is to be noticed that in his recommendation that these shall be built by private concerns he is following the scandalous course which he pursued in the War, of tying business to War by profit.

3. The granting by the President of 75,000 rifles to the *American Legion*. Even Roosevelt cannot be ignorant of the use which the Legion regularly makes of its arms against the workers.

4. The encouragement openly given by General Johnson, Secretary Perkins, and other officials to break the strike of San Francisco by falsehood and violence shows that the administration, in despair at the failure of its ameliorative measures, half-heartedly pursued, is turning to Fascism as the easiest way. From Fascism to War is but a step, since Fascism seeks to perpetuate the social conditions from which War arises.

Accordingly, to all who are opposed to War and Fascism, especially to young men and women, comes the call to participate in the Congress initiated at Amsterdam two years ago, renewed at New York last year, and to be continued at Chicago on September 28, 29 and 30.



(TOP) Some of the five hundred and fifty San Francisco policemen armed with tear gas guns and gas masks while attacking the workers during the recent strikes. (LOWER) The new anti-air-craft guns. The War Department is now asking for \$33,000,000 to encircle the U. S. with anti-aircraft "defenses"



# FASCISM OVER AMERICA

By WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD

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TO THE vast majority of Americans, Fascism is a European phenomenon which they are brought in contact with only when they go to the movies and see a funny little man with a silly mustache or a big, stern, pop-eyed Italian who is constantly being pictured reviewing troops. They don't take either of them seriously—after all there is a nice wide ocean between us and Fascism. Even when they read in their morning paper of a Congressional investigation of Fascist organizations in the United States, or of thousands of people gathering in New York City, under the auspices of the *Friends of Germany*, to pledge loyalty to Hitler and to greet with a Fascist salute a private army decked out in Teutonic uniforms, they refuse to bother their heads about it. There are more serious matters on our minds—hot races in both baseball leagues, quintuplets born whose fight for life must be followed in the newspapers and, for the more serious minded, the great Al Smith taking it to the people by the air route on behalf of city charter reform.

## Fascism is Capitalist Dictatorship

Well, the American people had better arouse themselves to the dangers of Fascism, and the inevitable world War that will spring from it, for we are most certainly headed in that direction. Mussolini who in 1928 declared that Fascism was "not an export article," has now reversed himself by declaring that the 20th century will be the Fascist century. He is right unless Fascism is fought, and fought with understanding. For we are witnessing a complete breakdown of economic

life. Whenever this has happened in the past there has been a demand for centralized authority. Dictators arise when social orders crumble. And dictators mean the end of liberties; the enslavement of all groups, the churches, business associations, trade unions, educational institutions—indeed all who are banded together for group expression, whether religious, political, educational or economic.

Fascism means capitalist dictatorship. It goes to the people promising much—a higher standard of living, economic self-sufficiency, peace. None of these promises have been fulfilled in those countries that are under Fascist rule, nor is it possible that they will be fulfilled for the very adequate reason that its real object is to preserve the profit system under which there can be none of these things. Economically the Fascist state does two things; limits production in order to create an artificial scarcity, as we are now doing under the economic Fascism of the New Deal, and seeks export markets, the ultimate outcome of which is War.

We have it all in the United States today—the ruthless denial of civil liberties, Negro and Jew-baiting, the stupidities, the brutalities, the shirts. We have the *Silver Shirts*, the *Khaki Shirts*, the *Vigilantes* and all the rest of the outfits who at the moment may be composed of yokels who dish out good money to some "major general" for the honor of wearing a Sam-Brown belt or a night shirt (at five dollars apiece to the major general). They are amusing conglomerations of silly people, but let us not forget that the present dictator of Germany and his band of followers were equally ludicrous to the people of that country just a short time ago. There is no telling when American industrialists, fearful of the complete collapse of their profit system,

will subsidize one or more of these private armies, just as Hitler was subsidized by the panic-stricken industrialists of Germany. Let the economic security of the ruling classes be threatened and you may bet your bottom dollar that you will see Fascism of the European variety in these United States.

## The New Deal

What is possibly more serious is the distinctly Fascist tendencies of the New Deal. Here we have price-fixing, the elimination of competition; the intervention of the state in labor disputes; the artificial limitation of production in order that scarcity, necessary for the maintaining of the profit system which is its chief concern, may be created. The paradox of starvation in the midst of plenty, as some wise-cracker has pointed out, is being solved by the administration by destroying the plenty. The living standards of our people go down; millions subsist only by the reluctant handout of a pitiful dole; prices go up, and with it all, the government drives for foreign markets in which to dump the goods denied our own people—goods which our economists, always witty fellows, playfully call "our surplus." This drive for markets, as every school child should know even if he doesn't, leads straight to the next international War for which we are so energetically preparing. I am told by wise men that we must be careful whom we charge with being Fascists. But if this New Deal business hasn't all the economic earmarks of the menace, then Oggie Mills is subsidized by Moscow and Mark Sullivan is a boon buddy of Rex Tugwell.

## Unite for the Congress

There is but one way to stop Fascism and War—fight it. If we have any sense at all we will do just that, and do it with all the energy we possess. And by we I mean everyone—the churches which will most certainly be enslaved; the workers who will be ground further into slavery, with even the few rights which they still possess denied them; the educators, who will be the tools of the state; the journalists, who will be allowed to write only what is approved by the masters.

A great Congress of the *American League Against War and Fascism* is to be held September 28th to 30th in Chicago. It is the one organization, to my way of thinking, that means business in this fight. This Congress must be wholeheartedly supported—the League must be wholeheartedly supported—by every American wise enough to see on the horizon this menace of War and Fascism.



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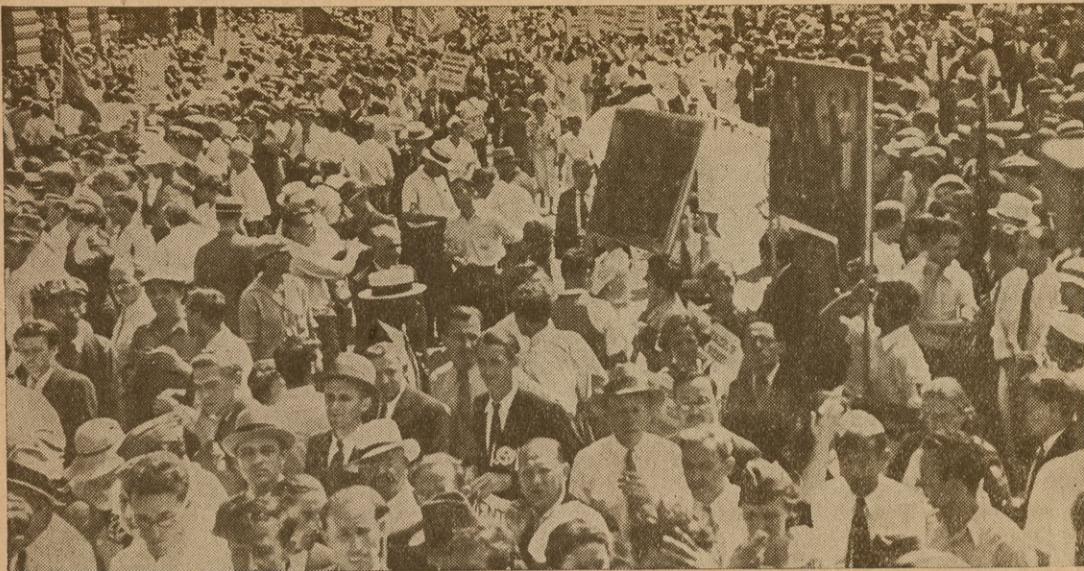
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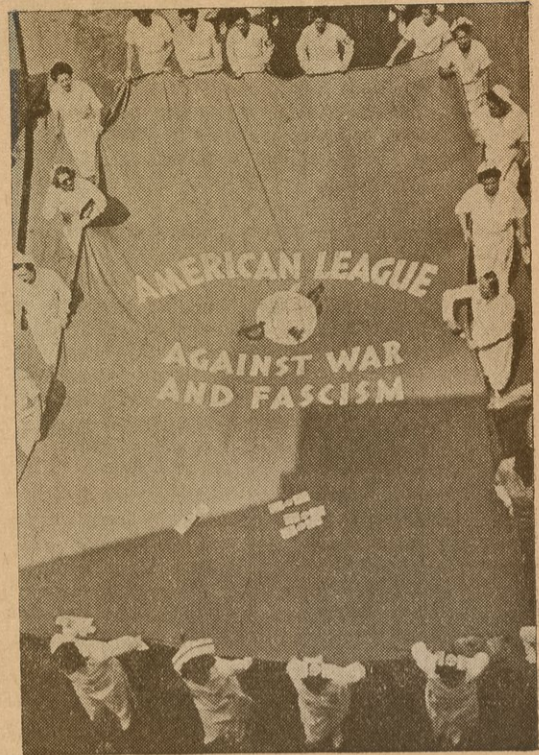
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Demonstrating against imperialist War on 20th Anniversary of the World War. (RIGHT) The Nurses and Hospital Workers League carrying the huge banner of the American League Against War and Fascism under whose auspices the United Front demonstration was organized. (ABOVE) Part of the 50,000 demonstrators in Madison Square, N. Y. C.



—Film and Photo League

## Out of Their Own Mouths

By **GEORGE R. LEIGHTON**

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On June 27, 1930, Congress approved a "joint Resolution to promote peace and to equalize the burdens and to minimize the profits of War" and set up a commission to take testimony and "to study and consider amending the Constitution of the United States to provide that private property may be taken by Congress for public use during War and methods of equalizing the burdens and to remove the profits of War, together with a study of policies to be pursued in event of War."

In March, 1931, the Commission held its hearings. More than fifty witnesses, including many of our best known bankers, industrialists, lawyers, engineers, publicists, generals and admirals appeared before this Commission. Among them was **HOWARD E. COFFIN**.

**F**ROM 1910 until 1930 Coffin was President and consulting engineer of the *Hudson Motor Company*. Until 1930 he was chairman of the board of *National Air Transport Inc.* He is also a director of *North American Aviation Inc.* and a number of banks including the *Guardian Detroit Bank*, an organization which did splendid service in milking the people of Detroit. Getting closer home, Mr. Coffin was a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense from 1916 to 1918, was chairman of the Aircraft Board of the United States from 1917 to 1918—over a billion dollars spent on aircraft, not one fighting plane ever reached the front—and from 1915 to now Mr. Coffin has been a member of the *Naval Consulting Board*.

From the days before the last War until the present, Mr. Coffin has been closely connected in one way or another with "defense." So patriotic was he that during the summer of 1916, many months before War was declared,

he spent his time journeying about the country inventing our industrial resources for War. He spent \$23,000 of his own money, out of pure devotion to his native land, in making this inventory. Needless to say his enterprise had the benediction of the War Department. So, when at last the War Policies Commission met in March, 1931, to take stock of methods to promote peace and take the profits out of War, it was to be expected that Mr. Coffin would appear. He knew all about War—before, during and after.

Listen to Mr. Coffin:

"The question of profits, questions of prices and unequal burdens—all of the other issues will fade into insignificance beside the one great demand that we get on with the job of winning the [next] war . . . the question of profit becomes an unimportant detail."

Some insignificant issues and unimportant details of the World War:

10,000,000 killed on all fronts.

21,000,000 and more wounded on all fronts.

**Profits:** Known millionaires in the United States increased from 7,500 in 1914 to about 25,000 in 1918.

**Prices:** Cost of living increased 78 percent between December, 1914, and December, 1918.

" . . . I assume that none of us are seriously contemplating taking normal profit out of war," declared Mr. Coffin, "any more than we would take it out of industry at any other emergency—because the Mississippi had overflowed its banks or for any other reason. . . ."

Why pay any attention to the thick-skulled chronic kickers who lost legs and arms or were shell shocked into insanity?

Leave them to the tender care of General MacArthur and help yourself to a slice of normal profits:

### Net Earnings

	American Can	Am. Car & Foundry	U. S. Steel
1914.....	\$4,376,173	\$3,757,971	\$23,486,768
1915.....	\$5,029,273	\$2,330,936	\$75,833,833
1916.....	\$7,962,982	\$2,816,018	\$271,531,730
1917.....	\$17,892,859	\$10,310,872	\$457,685,000

"We must keep our people feeling prosperous if Liberty Loans are to be kept oversubscribed. . . ."

What people are to be kept feeling prosperous?

Was Mr. Coffin by any chance referring to the following from the *New York Times*, May 17, 1917:

"The Liberty Loan is not only a means of making democracy safe. It is a means of benefiting the money market."

" . . . I would like to say," Mr. Coffin went on, "that I do not believe the country has any proper appreciation of the general loyalty and willingness for service and, shall I say, willingness for sacrifice upon the part of our American business men. . . ."

### The Sacrifice

Let's have some samples of willingness for service and willingness for sacrifice on the part of our American business men, some of them well known to Mr. Coffin:

John D. Ryan, of the *Anaconda Copper Co.*, was appointed Director of Aircraft Production in May, 1918, and later, Assistant Secretary of War. Net earnings of the *Anaconda* rose from \$8,789,588, in 1914, to \$39,721,188, in 1917.

The Committee on Copper assisting the Council of National Defense Advisory Committee, in addition to Mr. Ryan, included the following patriots who took it on the chin:

*Charles MacNeill* of the *Utah Copper*  
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# The 'FRISCO STRIKE

By ELEANORE ESTES

**S**ILENCE IN the streets. No market, no shops with busy feet scraping from hosiery counter to bargain sales in lingerie; no taxis whirling, no street cars screeching, no autos honking, no delivery wagons trundling. No office workers hurrying to their desks, no little boys pulling at their mother's skirts for just one more longing look at the Five and Ten candy window. A ghost town, like the old mining towns up north. Fruit booths closed DURING STRIKE, gas stations CLOSED DURING STRIKE CONDITIONS, restaurants and eating joints CLOSED DURING STRIKE. Heavenly peace! Sunday silence. Children can play at the intersection of Third and Market as if it were Golden Gate Park.

Only groups of busy business men strangely idling at the doors of their offices, idling, whispering, hands in pockets uncomfortably (only those with special police badges have the comfort of the holster), looking suspiciously at every passer-by, dropping even the whispering as another group collects. . . . The passer-by may be a *special*, a plainclothesman, a Red, a striker, a thug, a spy, a stool, a Communist, an agitator, a shipping man, a *striker* . . . . Down on Mission, other groups, on Howard, on Fillmore, at the corner of Steuart and Market—groups of Union workers, of strikers, of frightened non-Union workers—each group falling apart, silent, suspicious, as another two or three stop, collect, huddle. . . .

An EXTRA—another EXTRA—EXTRA—the pink *Call-Bulletin*. THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY AGITATORS ARRESTED. Another: WHERE DO YOU STAND? Do you want to be a good, loyal, red-blooded American citizen (willing to let twenty million American citizens starve and die) or will you be a skunk, an alien, a crook, spawn and rat, and fight for the right of American working-men to control their hiring halls and see that every American gets food, drink, clothing and shelter? MAKE YOUR CHOICE. And if you come out for freedom, liberty, democracy, and enough to eat, you are an alien alley-rat and Miss Perkins will deport you or the cops will break every bone in your body. . . .

## For the Right to Live

All this because four thousand longshoremen came out on May 9th and asked for higher wages, better conditions and control of their own hiring halls—so that they would get more than an average of ten dollars a week, and wouldn't have to depend on the favors of gin-swilling gang foremen for their jobs.

No, it isn't all. The marine Unions came out with them, and the marine cooks and oilers and wipers and firemen and engineers and scalers . . . and then the teamsters, and the *Market Street Railway* (which led the attack on Tom

Mooney 17 years ago), and the cooks and waiters and butchers and all other Union labor in San Francisco—and maritime unions up and down the Pacific Coast from Vancouver to San Diego.

That's why San Francisco is a ghost town and there are spread over it the blue wings of the Eagle of Oppression and the white wings of Terror—Because American workers are waking up; waking up to see that they, free-born citizens of the world, do not have to eat wormy food, and work long hours, and be at the mercy of a group of anti-social employers who care for no liberty, no democracy, no justice or freedom—but only for their own profits. That is why. Greed, bloodshed and violence are faced with the solid determination, the courageous resoluteness of 95 striking Unions—125,000 Union Men—the clenched fist of Labor. *Labor has felt its power. . . .*

## Capitalist Democracy

And that unleashes the White Hawk of Terror—big industry's terrified answer. They swoop down . . . Thugs disguised as "teamsters," "union men"—even the San Francisco *Call-Bulletin*, obscene baiter of labor in this strike, let's a kitten out of the sack—MEN DRESSED AS WORKERS slips by the orders of Neylan and Hearst as The Terror—swoops down on workers' halls, workers' schools, strikers' headquarters, printing press and *Western Worker* newspaper office, and smashes with bestial fury. The cords stand out on his neck as in his blood-bursting fury he shrieks, screams, smashes typewriters, tears books, pamphlets, rugs, bayonets pictures, cracks mirrors, hacks at door, cupboard, windows . . . arrests four hundred men and wo-

beatings from the obscene hands of legionnaires and vigilantes, thugs hired by the *P. A. Bergdoff Agency* and the *Industrial Association*. Ah! There they sit, the openshop men, cold, cruel, bestial, way up on the fourteenth floor, and lick their dry lips and stutter their lies; "They don't see why labor thinks this an attack on organized labor! They don't see, they can't understand. . . ."

And so the greatest strike in Pacific Coast history, the great General Strike, showing a furious, hard, stubborn solidarity, shutting off the wheels of commerce because Labor makes the wheels of life turn. (The dithering *Industrial Association* has discovered that.) They shriek in their newspapers, they howl

1	In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the
2	City and County of San Francisco.
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5	LEO GALLAGHER, individually, and
6	JOHN WEATHERWAX, individually, and
7	as a member of the AMERICAN LEAGUE
8	AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM,
9	Plaintiffs,
10	
11	vs.
12	ANGLO ROSSI, Mayor of the City and
13	County of San Francisco, WILLIAM J.
14	QUINN, Chief of Police of the City
15	and County of San Francisco, JOHN
16	O'NEIRA, Head of the Crime Prevention
17	Detail, ALFRED J. CLARK, Chief
18	Administrative Officer of the City
19	and County of San Francisco, JOHN
20	DOE ONE, JOHN DOE TWO and JOHN DOE
21	THREE,
22	Defendants.
23	
24	COMPLAINT
25	Plaintiffs complain of defendants and for cause of action
26	allege:
27	I.
28	That plaintiff Leo Gallagher is a citizen of the State of
29	California and he intends to speak at Peck Hall on Wednesday,
30	August 1, 1934, at 8 P. M. at a meeting called by the American
31	League Against War and Fascism; that he also wishes to hear
32	speeches at said time and place to be delivered by Sarah Bard
33	Field, Sam Darcy and other speakers.
34	II.
35	That plaintiff John Weatherwax is an American citizen and
36	representative of the American League Against War and Fascism;
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The terror in San Francisco! (ABOVE) The Restraining Order gotten out by the American League Against War and Fascism during the Pacific Coast terror. The Judge denied the order, but the mass meeting was held anyway (see page six) which was the first breach in the anti-assembly drive of the Fascist forces. (LOWER) A worker's hall in San Francisco smashed by the police and hired thugs during the General Strike

men who thought—ah, thought is revolutionary!—that people, even working people had a right to eat and feed their children sufficiently. Perish the un-American thought! Loyalty to the Stars and Stripes means your children must grow up rickety (the fruit packers of California are limiting their peach packs to 40 percent of the crop)—that you must take

through static on the radio, bawl to the President—wail, moan, weep. . . .

## "We Can—and Will"

And Labor silent, solid, stubborn, determined—beaten this time by cops and troops, tear gas, lies, and betrayals of labor leaders—

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# ANTI-WAR CONGRESS

The writer of this article is the General Secretary of the Communist Party and a Vice Chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM arose out of the first great U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism, held in New York one year ago.

This was the initial serious effort in America to build a really broad, all-inclusive united front against these twin scourges of the masses of the population. Now, as we approach the Second Congress, called for Chicago on Sept. 28, 29, and 30, it is valuable to review our experiences of a year ago. Let us recall what it was that made the first Congress a strong and historic gathering.

Last year's Congress escaped those pitfalls which would have condemned it to sterility. From the beginning, it refused to adopt any limitation which would have excluded any group or category expressing a sincere desire to unite on a minimum program of struggle against War and Fascism. As a result, the Congress had 2,616 delegates, from 35 states, representing the broadest variety of organizations ever gathered under one roof in this country, from churches and peace groups, trade unions, a wide variety of workers' political, fraternal, and cultural organizations, etc. Some idea of the inclusive character of the Congress is given by the official report of the Credentials Committee rendered to the Congress.

## Who Came?

Report of the Credentials Committee submitted by Delegate Jack Herling:

This report covers the delegates registered at this Congress up until 10 A. M. Sunday morning. We have not questioned the right of any delegate to this Congress to be seated.

Delegates are present at this Congress from 35 states in the United States and from three foreign countries. The total number of delegates at present registered is 2,616, listed under the following general categories.

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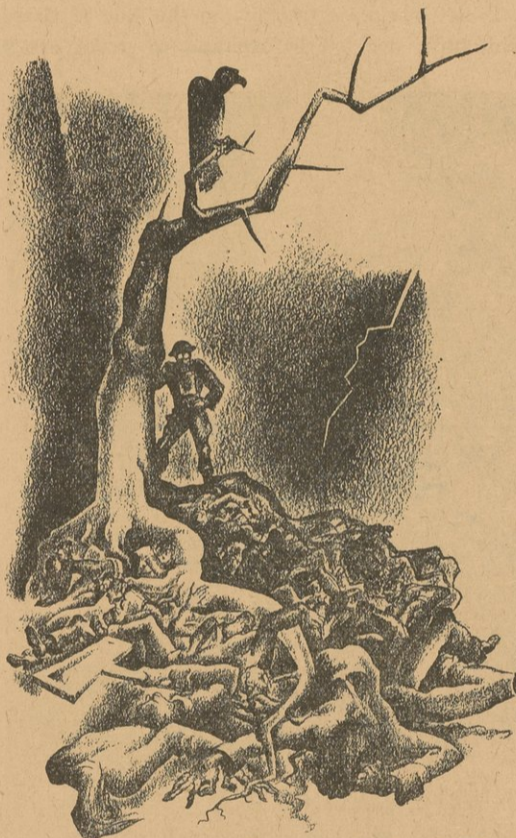
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The coming Second Congress can, and must, be made even larger and more all-inclusive than the first one. This is the road to a real mass struggle against War and Fascism, which can be defeated only through mass power.

## Facing Reality

Another set of pitfalls that threatened the first Congress, was the questions arising around the program. There was the danger of



Drawing by Lynd Ward

## FASCIST TERROR

dissolving the movement by seeking to offend no one in the program, which, in the last analysis always means to have a program so vague that it is no program at all. There was the opposite danger of running so far ahead of the mass movement that the bulk of even sincere enemies of War and Fascism would not be prepared to follow.

Both these dangers on the program question were avoided by the first Congress. Steadfastly insisting upon a minimum program of action, without illusions, facing the most bitter realities, recognizing the true relation of class forces, the Congress at the same time drew up such a program as even the enemies of the League Against War and Fascism have found exceedingly difficult to attack. The program appeals to, and gives practical tasks for, the most diverse groups and strata of the toiling population, in such form that to reject the

program is clearly in all objective results nothing else than to reject the fight against War and Fascism.

Attached to the call for the Second Congress, this program has again been circulated in one hundred thousand copies. It would be very valuable if it would become the subject of a broad mass discussion in the pre-Congress period. We invite all critics of the League or its program, to come forward, please, with any and all criticisms of this document. All such criticisms will serve the very valuable purpose of demonstrating how sound and indispensable precisely such a program as this is for the movement against War and Fascism. Perhaps that is the reason why all our enemies keep dead silence about our program; it is one of our really strong points.

## Taking Stock

What progress have we made in carrying out the program? Here the situation is not so favorable. Only the first beginnings have been made. We cannot, of course, afford to underestimate the importance of what we have been able to do. The American League Against War and Fascism has, for the first time in this country, brought upon the scene a dependable yardstick to measure the worth and effectiveness of all ideas and organizations in this field. This has been enormously valuable; it has brought some order into the previous chaos; it has revealed who is who and where they stand. A great educational work, of fundamental nature, has been done.

Serious achievements in carrying out our program since the first Congress are, however, as yet confined largely to the field of educational work. Of a more deep-going nature—mobilizing for sustained actions and bringing organizational features of a permanent character, we can cite only a few outstanding examples. This would include:

1. The growth of the youth section and its activities, which have extended and activated the broad united front to include about everything healthy and living in its field, student-strike movement, a national youth day series of mass demonstrations, dozens of conferences, publications, etc.
2. The Women's Committee and especially its mass campaign for election of the broad delegation to the Women's World Congress Against War and Fascism in Paris.
3. The growingly successful publication of the monthly journal, FIGHT AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, which has won a secure and honorable place for itself purely on its merits.
4. The mass demonstrations and parades on August 4th, the 20th anniversary of the World War, which in some places, as New York City, revealed an unexpected degree of mass interest and active support for the American League, and disclosed really great potentialities.

## Mobilize!

We have all reasons to expect the Second Congress, to be held in Chicago on Sept. 28, 29, and 30, to mark another big step forward. Every sincere enemy of War and Fascism must put his shoulder to the wheel to guarantee that it will actually do so.



# TO PACIFISTS!

By GABRIELLE DUCHENE

*At the Executive Committee meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Gabrielle Duchene presented the following important and illuminating statement on behalf of the French Section of the organization. This document is reprinted from PAX, official organ of that organization.—EDITOR.*

**I**N THE face of the complex problems of the present time, confusion is increasing and constantly spreading to new circles. It infects pacifists and even those whose attitude in the past caused them to be regarded as intellectual leaders. This makes the confusion the more dangerous.

We therefore need to define the attitude that those who are responsible for the *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom* should approve and adopt.

This attitude may be summarized as follows:

To lay aside all dogmas, even pacifist dogmas, face the reality and, freeing ourselves from the intoxication of formulas which too easily satisfy the mind, take up positive action.

Now, when the threat of war is greater every day, in the regions where it is not already raging, and when fascist regimes are leading people supposed to be civilized into a barbarism which equals, when it does not surpass, that of the darkest epochs of history, the passive cult of peace and liberty is no longer enough; *an active, positive, unceasing struggle must be waged against war and fascism.*

If our desire for peace is sincere we must work indefatigably to create the conditions necessary for peace, and if we wish to avoid fascism we must work day by day to maintain, or restore, the liberties and the standards of living previously won.

An objective examination of the facts, quite apart from any special theory, forces us to recognize:

(1) that the capitalist system is incompatible with true and permanent peace;

(2) That fascism is simply one manifestation of the self-defense of capitalism in the face of the present threats to its existence.

We know that capitalism will disappear, as the systems which preceded it have disappeared, but we also know that it will not abdicate, that it will defend itself to the last, without hesitating to resort to the worst sort of means in order to prolong its existence.

The resistance and still more the provocations of supporters of the capitalist system are evoking, throughout the world, popular movements of defense. In numerous countries what was a *pre-revolutionary* situation has become *revolutionary*.

The future of Peace and Liberty in the world is at stake. An organization like ours, whose aim is to defend Peace and Liberty, cannot keep out of struggle and remain neutral in the internal as well as external conflicts which are constantly on the increase.

The moment calls for clear-cut positions.

The two opposed groups cannot be consid-

ered as on an equal footing. We owe it to ourselves to take sides and choose which side we will join.

Could any of us take the side of the privileged, of those who, in the hope of maintaining their privileges, are ready to lend their support to the powers of conservatism, which are preparing fascist dictatorships?

Could we be content to make part of the amorphous crowd of those who from ignorance or weakness refuse to make a choice and (sometimes in spite of vague aspirations towards peace and liberty) lack courage to take a definite position, above all courage to act, and thus serve the cause of the reactionaries and the militarists?

Is not our place, rather, on the side of those who have decided beforehand to make every



*The He-Man of Italy (derby and all) "playing" with a lion. Premier Mussolini*

sacrifice for the prevention of fascism and war and for the preparation of the social transformation which the present world-wide social, economic and political anarchy, to which we have been brought by the capitalist system, shows to be the only way to obtain the permanent peace for the sake of which our League was formed, the only way to realize the era of justice between individuals as well as between peoples which we have made our ideal?

Recognizing the necessity of this social transformation, is it not our duty to facilitate it by preparing people's minds to accept the idea that it is inevitable, and thus to lessen resistance to it? And to do this both by supporting those who are in the struggle and by struggling ourselves against the obsolete and pernicious institutions which are opposed to progress, so that this transformation may be accomplished with a minimum of suffering?

Avoiding excitement, disregarding personal preferences and the "beautiful dreams" in which we have allowed ourselves to be wrapped hitherto, it is for us to act as realists, to examine together without prejudice the grave situation of the world, to weigh our responsibilities, to search our consciences and decide, in full consciousness of what it means, the attitude that we ought to adopt in our organization as well as individually.

## BREAKING THROUGH THE TERROR

*As we go to press, the following information arrived from San Francisco.—EDITOR.*

"ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A RESTRAINING ORDER WHICH WE GOT ACTED UPON ON AUGUST 1ST. THE JUDGE DENIED THE ORDER. CITED AS HIS REASON THAT 'THE LEASE HAS BEEN CANCELED, SO THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO, NO WAY I CAN BE OF HELP TO YOU.' HE GOT THIS PIECE OF MISINFORMATION BY PHONING AROUND UNTIL HE FOUND A PERSONAL FRIEND WHO SAID THE LEASE HAD BEEN CANCELED, THEN TURNED HIS BACK ON THE AMERICAN LEAGUE, NOT TAKING ACCOUNT AS TO WHETHER THE LEASE HAD BEEN CANCELED OR NOT (IT HAD NOT BEEN) OR WHETHER, IF IT HAD, THE LEAGUE HAD ANY JUST CLAIM TO THE HALL, OR ANY JUST CLAIM FOR THE RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE CITY ADMINISTRATION. WE MOVED THE MEETING OVER TO THE HALL OF A BUNCH OF FIGHTING IRISHMEN, THE KNIGHTS OF THE RED BRANCH, WHO HAD STOOD FOR FREE SPEECH ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION IN THE PAST. BUT THEIR HALL WAS SMALL, HOLDING ONLY 650 PEOPLE. EVERY SEAT WAS OCCUPIED, WITH PEOPLE SITTING ON WINDOW SILLS AND JAMMING EVERY AVAILABLE INCH OF SPACE. AMONG THE SPEAKERS WHO ADDRESSED THIS GATHERING WERE COLONEL CHARLES ERSKINE SCOTT WOOD, LEO GALLAGHER, HARRY JACKSON, JOHN M. WEATHERWAX, JOE WILSON, SARA BARD FIELD AND OTHERS. A SPLENDID FIGHTING SPIRIT FILLED THE HALL. THE POLICE AND DETECTIVES WERE IN EVIDENCE EVERYWHERE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM BROKE THE ANTI-ASSEMBLY DRIVE OF THE FASCIST FORCES HERE."







THE BEER PUTSCH

## Russia Fights for Peace

By A. A. HELLER

**T**WENTY years ago the shot at Sarajevo provided the spark which exploded the pent up rivalries of competing capitalist countries for "places in the sun"; or in plainer language, for greater power and profits to one national group of capitalists over another. The results of the War of 1914-1918 did not pan out as some of these groups had expected. A worker state, the Soviet Union, emerged as a result of the War, challenging the entire capitalist system with its ruthless exploitation of the masses for profit. Spurred by the worker's gains in the U. S. S. R., the working masses of the world have become more conscious of the cause of their misery and more militant in their struggles to remove the cause—the profit system.

At the same time the spurious peace of Versailles only intensified capitalist rivalries, competition for markets and for profits. Capitalist economy is hemmed in on every side; tariff walls, currency walls, national and international restrictions of every kind. True, these restrictions and walls have been erected by the ruling class—the capitalists—themselves in order for one group to gain advantage over another. A time comes when the walls become too stifling; the capitalists are forced to break through them, and War is the result.

### Breakdown of Capitalism

But several new conditions have developed since the last War. Capitalism has lost much of its vitality, as evidenced by the continuing economic crisis; a profitless socialist system is being successfully erected in the Soviet Union; the opposition of the toiling masses to

exploitation is becoming stronger. The capitalist class of every country must now fight on three fronts—against foreign capitalists, against the working class in their home country and against the rising tide of socialism throughout the world. In some countries, like Japan and Germany, the situation has become so acute that War was actually resorted to, or is threatening to break out at any moment. The other capitalist countries are maneuvering for position and madly arming in the meantime for the next great War.

### Crushing the Soviets

However, the alignment of forces in the next War will be different from that of 1914. Capitalist groups fight one another, economically or by force of arms. But when the entire capitalist structure is threatened, by a militant working class in each country on the one hand, and by the example of a growing socialist state on the other, then there is danger of a



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coalition among the capitalists to crush the land of the workers, the Soviet Union. The country which, having defeated capitalism on its own territory, has become the leader and inspirer of the proletariat, must be eliminated if capitalism is to survive. By eliminating the Soviet Union the capitalists hope at the same time to crush the spirit of their own workers and remove the danger of anti-capitalist revolution for a long period.

While hostile capitalist countries openly prepare for War against one another, though at the same time joining ranks against the Soviet Union, Russia, the land of the workers, holds steadfastly to its policy of peace, for peace is a cardinal principle in its international relations. The policy of peace with all nations was proclaimed with the establishment of the Soviet Government, and has been persistently adhered to through all the turbulent years since the last foreign invader was expelled from Soviet territory in 1920.

The Soviet Union is opposed to all imperial-

ist Wars and strives for peace not only in the interests of socialist construction, but in the interests of the workers throughout the world who are always the chief victims of Wars between nations. Ever since the Genoa conference in 1922, when the Soviet Delegation proposed universal and complete disarmament as the only guarantee against War, Soviet diplomats have striven to build up a structure of peace that might resist the machinations of the imperialists to plunge the world into War. Despite provocations, on a scale unprecedented in international relations — by Great Britain, which has constantly shown its hostility to the Soviet Union; by Japan, which has attacked the U. S. S. R. by word and deed since 1931; by Nazi Germany, which threatened an invasion of Soviet Ukraine—the Soviet Government has calmly resisted all the attacks by strengthening its defensive power and by redoubling its efforts to maintain peace.

In 1928 the Soviet Union adhered to the Briand-Kellogg Pact. Moreover, it was the first government to formulate pacts of non-aggression, the first one of which was signed with Turkey in 1925. Later, non-aggression pacts were concluded with Germany, Afghanistan, Lithuania (1926), Persia (1927); Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Poland and with France in 1932. Similar pacts were proposed to other powers, notably to Japan; but the Japanese Government, contemplating aggression, is in no mood to restrict its imperialist plans.

### The Soviets for Peace

Foreign Commissar Litvinoff, as the spokesman for the Soviet government, has untiringly worked for peace. The Conference at Geneva rejected his disarmament proposals, thereby exposing the hypocrisy of the capitalist governments that profess peace, but prepare for War. Likewise Litvinoff's proposal at the last meeting of the Disarmament Conference in May, that "this Conference be transformed into a permanent body concerned to preserve

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Drawings by William Gropper

THE REICHSFUHRER



# BABOUK—HAITIAN

*This story is from an historical novel based on the Haitian revolution of 1791, and will be published this winter by the Vanguard Press.*

*Divide and rule.*  
(Policy of the imperialists.)

*Black and White,  
Unite and Fight!*  
(Modern rally cry for world social justice.)

THE VAST crowds of citizens and refugees in Le Cap trembled as they looked out from their retreat in Le Cap Français and could no longer see a horizon that was the dividing line between sky and earth. Instead their startled eyes viewed a rolling wall of dull red fog that seemed to be advancing on the city with frightful rapidity. And indeed it was advancing, but only slowly. Thick vortices of smoke spiraled up from this wall and poured into the clouds, clouds that were not wet with rain, but dry with soot. The appearance was that of vast storm clouds. And the delusion was carried out by reverberations that were like distant thunder.

And from these dry clouds came flashes of lightning, a lightning that was only a brief view of the fire revealed through sudden rifts in the cloud.

Most curious. It seemed as if these dry clouds brought a snow. A strange snow that the hot wind hurled across the tropic city like a Northern blizzard. It was the white ashes of sugar cane straw.

Nearer and nearer to the city came the wall of flame and the snow grew pink and the wind hotter, until at last when plantations were being fired close to Le Cap, then the pink snow changed into a rain of fire that poured down upon the town and down upon the harbor, igniting roofs and sails and burning the clothes of people and scorching their wigs and eyebrows and filling the air with a pungent odor of scorching.

The streets were covered with a silvery velvet and the quiet harbor rolled a thick black scum.

For three weeks the day was obscured by smoke and the night was made bright by flames so that the difference between night and day was smudged away and people did not know when to rise and when to sleep and fell to acting strangely. With soot-caked hands they smeared the sweat on their faces and looked out haggard as if gone mad upon a world that had surely gone mad.

Yes, mad!

The first thought in people's minds was that the mulattoes were leading the Negroes into rebellion. Certainly in the South, the mulattoes, incensed by the execution of Oge and Chavannes, were up in arms, but here in Le Cap they had been quiet. Now though the whites would not openly admit that mulattoes had ample justification for revolting, yet they unwittingly employed that thought in their reasoning.

And acting upon such reasoning they set upon them and killed them by the score,

slaughtering them down brutally in the streets of Le Cap. Hundreds found refuge in the Church of the Ursulines, where they cried raucously for pity, swearing that they had nothing to do with the revolt of the blacks and begging to be shut up in prison and offering their wives and children as hostages to prove that their intentions were honorable and finally agreeing to enroll in the troops to fight the Negroes if they were released from prison.

Inasmuch as the thought that the Negroes might have rebelled without the spur of foreign agitators was inconceivable to these colonists their second thought was that French revolutionaries were at the bottom of it. And in this there was some split among the whites: some inclining to the view that Royalists had done the deed in order to give the revolution a stab in the back, others sustaining the view that the most republican elements were the guilty ones.

"Is it those brutes who are keeping the King in prison who are the cause of this? They would stop at nothing to injure France!"

"Yes, it is the nigger-lovers of Paris who have done this for us with their ridiculous idealization of the blacks. And these philosophers of Paris, with their talk of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, will have to bear the blame before God, not only for our deaths but for the slaughter of these thousands of deluded Africans!"

And the whites guessed again and guessed the Spanish, and each time they guessed they guessed wrong. And even when they guessed themselves they were wrong, for the table talk they had indulged in, in their attempt to be philosophers too and discourse upon the rights of man, that had not caused the revolt, the proof of it being that the ringleaders were for the most part African-born slaves, that is precisely those least exposed to such table conversation and who therefore understood little if anything of the rights of man as elucidated by the Paris philosophers. What need had they to understand the meaning of Liberty or Equality or Fraternity; what did they know of Spain, or of the Society of the Friends of the Blacks; but as long as they knew the difference between a life of forced labor dictated by the lash and a life of general idleness with spells of work dictated by personal necessities, they knew all they had to know for them to rise up and slaughter their jailers.

But in the face of this calamity it was necessary to take some measures.

What should one do? Abandon the Island as Saint Vincent had had to be abandoned to the wild Caribs?

Why not a complete massacre of all Negroes? Both loyal and rebel.

"For our Negroes are infested!" the proponents of this idea cried. "Diseased with liberty! And even if forced to return to duty they will never make faithful slaves again."

"Let us therefore slaughter them all and re-stock ourselves afresh from Africa!"

This idea was upheld by certain planters and by those who had an interest in shipping,



*"Arise! Beat out this new proclamation to the world  
yellow and red and*

but the poorer planters could not agree to this extreme measure. "Impractical!" they cried. "Ruinous!"

There were wild acclamations in the Colonial Assembly at Le Cap when it was proposed to invite the English to take possession of the Island, and incidentally extinguish the revolt.

"The English may do a lot of anti-slavery talking in London," the President of the Assembly, de Cadush, pointed out, as he took off his tri-colored cockade and adjusted a black one for England, which he had in readiness in his pocket, "but they never mix business with idealism."

Hurrah for the English then! They may talk anti-slavery but their ships do the biggest slave trade of the world. Hurrah for the English then! They don't mix business and idealism.

Only one important stipulation was made in the Island's offer to become part of England; "The slavery of the blacks brought from the coast of Africa and the slavery of their children's children shall be maintained forever."

Hurrah for England! All the members of the assembly had black or else black and red cockades in readiness. Some even had English round hats. New uniforms with England's colors were ordered for the troops.

One planter, in his approval of this move to become part of the British colonies, exclaimed: "We are as good Frenchmen as there are in the world. And I know that we are attached to our mother-country by ties of blood, affection and gratitude. But rather than see our fortunes, honorably acquired, become the prey of black brigands who are egged on by another set of brigands in Paris, we prefer a



# REVOLUTION

By GUY ENDORE

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"Casanova," etc., etc.



Drawing by Franklin Sims

to the world. This is the world of men! Black and  
and red and white!"

thousand times to go over to the English!"

And now, to stop this rebellion, no mercy! Torture the Negroes to make them betray their chiefs! Kill loyal and rebels alike on the slightest suspicion. Permit every parish to pass the death sentence! Proceed at once here in Le Cap to the building of five new gallows and two new wheels for wracking on the Negro side of the Place D'Armes.

And remember, judges, you are serving your country by being merciless!

"But what if the Negroes surrender of themselves? Can we permit them to go back to work and mingle again with those who remained faithful and thus be lost to the proper supervision of their masters?"

No! A great R must be branded on their cheeks, where no black can conceal it with clothing and thereafter any man may know him for his misconduct.

R. A great letter R for rebels!

Halt!

A great letter R for rebellious slaves, but what letter for rebellious masters? Speak! What letter for these men who have just voted to abandon their mother-country and join France's eternal enemy, England?

Ah, but theirs is only a minor treachery, compared with the treachery of slaves. Far above such petty treacheries against this or that mapped country rises the greater treachery against that unmapped land, the land of property. What are the puny and intermittent wars between this or that mapped land between this or that France or England compared with the perpetual war between unmapped universal countries of those who have not and those who have.

Did not the planters say: "We are as good Frenchmen as any in this world and attached to our mother-country by ties of blood, affection and gratitude. But rather than see our fortunes, honorably acquired, become the prey of black brigands who are egged on by another set of brigands in Paris, we prefer a thousand times to go over to the English!"

There you have the figures. A thousand times more precious is property, honorably acquired, than all ties of blood, affection and gratitude. It is only the propertyless who die for their country. The propertied man dies for something a thousand times more precious: his property, honorably acquired.

Honorably acquired, he calls it. Yes, honorably. For did he not pay in cash and credit for his Negroes? Has he not the bill of sale?

Honorable and legal then is the fortune he ground out of his slaves!

The slaver too, acquired his cargo honorably. Has he not the bill of sale?

And the factor on the West Coast of Africa, has he not his bill of sale? Of course he has!

Why behold, when you trace it back, it is only the Negro, in Africa, who sold his brother into servitude, who has no bill of sale.

There you have the culprit!

Strike the blackguard down! He has no bill of sale.

The rest of us are honorable. Behold here is our bill of sale!

Here is our bill of sale! Flag of the unmapped land that covers the earth!

Revolt against that if you dare, and you will be broken on the wheel!

Revolt against that and you will be branded with a large R on either cheek so that all the world may know you for the traitor that you are!

For the land of the bill of sale is the great mother-country of all. A thousand times more holy is our country of the bill of sale! Millionaires! . . . you true internationalists who regiment your workers into countries, hoist aloft your flag: the bill of sale!

You wretches out in the burning plain before the Cap, where is your bill of sale? What! Have you taken your liberty and you have no bill of sale?

Then beat the general alarm! Go through the streets of Le Cap and call out all who can bear arms! Down with the rebels against the bill of sale!

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM.

And from the distant wall of smoke and fires came a strange echo:

*Tom-tom. Tom-tom. Tom-tom.*

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM. And the civilized armed themselves with civilized weapons, with gun and with saber, with cannon and with mitrailleuse.

*Tom-tom. Tom-tom.* And the savage blacks armed themselves with the savage weapons, with knives and assegais, with pike and bow and arrow.

And the civilized moved upon the savage and the savage upon the civilized.

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

The Negroes on the burnt plantations listen and stop in fear. It is the white man's drum. The terrible white man's drum!

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

Hark! They are calling to arms in Cap Français!

Help! The white man is after us!

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

The Negro shrieks in terror. He falls to the ground, clutches his amulet, implores the aid of all his spirits and all his ancestors. Oh, white man, please forgive us; we shall never rebel against you again.

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

Oh God! stop the white man's drum of war! DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

Oh God! it is coming nearer!

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

Oh God! stop it! Stop it!

But mercilessly the drum beats on.

For this is the white man's drum of War. No romance this. No mystery. No magic. This is not the black man's puerile tomtom that a naked man beats in fear against the silence of the forest night.

No. This is the white man's drum. Bold and brave! Backed by lash and chain! Backed by gun and cannon! This is the white man's drum that has girdled and conquered the globe.

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

This is the white man's call to order of the globe!

Halt! Halt all and one!

Listen India! Listen China! Listen Africa! Listen all you whose skins are dark!

This is the white man's proclamation to the world:

Master of the world is the white man!

Obey him! Sweat for him!

Kneel before him! Bend to his lust!

Worship his god!

DUM DIDI DUM DUM. DUM DIDI DUM DUM!

This is the white man's drum!

No romance this. No mystery. No magic.

No idle tale to frighten children or while away the spare time of tired folk!

Who has not read a hundred stories, seen a dozen plays of the dreadful tomtom of the savages. A thousand authors have blathered of the dreadful tomtom of the blacks, the terror of the jungle. How one's spine shivers in a cosy room to read of dark jungle sorcery, of the black man's cruel witchcraft.

Would you not suppose that before this powerful magic the warships of our nations would quail and the shells of our cannons



would not dare to poke their nose out of the bore?

Would you not suppose that the lustful raping blacks, under the protection of their tomtoms, would people Europe with mulattoes?

Would you not suppose that the blacks would fit out expeditions of sportsmen and scientists to hunt down Europe's game? And Negro business men would raid Europe for slaves? And force Europeans to labor in gold and diamond mines to make necklaces for black queens and whores?

Yes, dreadful indeed is the powerful magic of the blacks. Dreadful indeed is the beating of the black man's tomtom.

But it is the white man's drum, backed by lash and chain, by gun and cannon that has girdled the globe.

And that is why the Negro jumps with mortal fright when he hears it.

But the black man's time must come. Some day it will be his turn to march up and down the world and beat his tomtom and cry out:

Arise!

Beat out this new proclamation to the world.  
*Tomtom! Tomtom! Tomtom!*

This is the world of men. Black and yellow and red and white.

Halt! Halt you English who murder the multitudes of your own race in mine and factory to enrich the few!

Halt! Halt you Germans who poison your own superior race in chemical factories and gas wars in order to stuff gold in your coffers!

Halt you Americans who poison and murder each other in order to catch up with and outdistance your rivals!

Halt all! Halt French and Polish and Italian.

This is the world of men and of women and children.

This is THE world. The ONLY world. The WORLD of ALL.

You weary folk: Go home and sleep in peace. Is not the bed of the world large enough for all? And are there not blankets enough to go around?

Go home then and rest. And kind dreams to you.

Oh, black man, when your turn comes, will you be so generous to us who do not deserve it?

BERLIN.—According to a statement issued by the State Statistical Office, German economy is in debt for credits to the amount of 85 milliard marks. Of this 19 percent are foreign debts, more than one third short term. This means that within a short time several milliards must be repaid to foreign countries. Since it may be assumed that after the breach of the obligation in the matter of the Young and the Dawes loans, the foreign creditors will be little inclined to accommodate the Hitler Government, the foreign economic debts represent a further serious danger for the German currency.



Tens of thousands of young men are being prepared every summer in Civilian Military Training Camps (C. M. T. C.) for imperialist slaughter. (ABOVE) Some of the 500 newly arrived boys at Camp Dix, N. J., receiving military training

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by every possible means the security of all States and safeguard universal peace . . . in other words, into a permanent and regularly assembling Conference of Peace," was also turned down. Sir John Simon, the friend of Nazi Germany and of imperialist Japan and spokesman for British imperialism, would have none of Litvinoff's proposals. A year before Simon had refused to accept the proposed definition of an aggressor nation. But Litvinoff succeeded, nevertheless, in signing conventions defining aggression with a number of countries. He also succeeded in bringing to the fore his plan of creating an "Eastern Locarno," in other words, a peace pact among the nations of Eastern Europe, including Germany. This plan is supported not only by France, but by Great Britain, as well as by the Baltic countries; the Soviet Union is bending every effort to induce Poland and Germany to subscribe to the pact in order to stall the War moves of the imperialists.

*Pravda*, in a leading article on June 1, wrote:

"The danger of a second imperialist war for a fresh division of the world is now greater than ever. The S. U. was and remains the advocate of the most radical means of combating the danger of imperialist war. It has submitted a program for strengthening peace and for security against war inciters. This program accords with the interests of the whole of toiling humanity. We do not doubt that it will meet with the complete approval of the broad masses of people all over the world and will be supported by the power and authority of the proletarian fatherland, whose faithful sons are standing guard over peace and security."

Every day the danger of a world War becomes more pressing. Yesterday it was Austria that might have kindled the fire, tomorrow some "irresponsible" act elsewhere. There is not a moment to lose—the danger must be fought by all means at our command, by a united and organized struggle for peace.

## General Strike

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Labor grins *You can't beat us!* This strike has shown hundreds, thousands who didn't see it so clearly before, workers and professionals, farmers and students, it has shown them where big industry stands, what it means by "loyalty" and "patriotism"; and what courage and spirit and determination of workers can achieve.

The *Western Worker* plant and press were burned and destroyed? THE WESTERN WORKER APPEARS! Typewriters, mimeograph machines were thrown out of windows? More leaflets appeared in shop and factory the week after the Terror than any week since the beginning of the strike. A few hundred workers, strikers, Communists were beaten, jailed, tortured? Thousands stand in their ranks.

"You can't win."

"WE CAN—AND WILL."

That is the answer of the "beaten" General Strike in San Francisco.

Now watch the fair, "impartial," "arbitrating" Longshoremen's Board do the "square" thing they promised.

According to an *Associated Press* report the War Department "has perfected a \$33,000,000 plan to encircle the United States with anti-aircraft defenses." The report further states that these plans will be laid before the next session of Congress as well as the purchase of 1,000 new planes to bring the fleet up to the 2,340 urged by the Newton D. Baker investigating board.

The Civilian Conservation Camps (CCC) under military guidance is reaching high peaks this year. Official reports state that there are now 1643 camps with 360,000 unemployed enrolled.



# HITLER and the JEWS

By RABBI BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN

**T**HERE IS much talk these days about the Jews. The Nazi leaders in Germany continue to publicize them as the big bad wolves who were responsible for all of Germany's ills. If there is not enough to eat, the Jews are to blame; if people no longer starve in silence, the Jews are engineering the revolt. "Jews are bankers!" "Jews caused Germany to lose the War!" "Communism is a Jewish creation!" "Jews are immoral!" "Jews are cowards!" "Jews hold all the jobs!" Jews are anything you don't like.

This same cry has been taken up by "shirt groups" in other countries. The rise of Fascist organizations everywhere has been accompanied by attacks on the Jews. That this should happen is no mere accident. Things both in the Fascist program itself and in our present-day society make this inevitable. Fascism wants to divide groups; it wants to find false issues behind which to mask its real intent; it needs jobs to award its henchmen. What is more ready at hand for all these purposes than an attack on the Jews?

## What Hitler Says

Fascism, being that calculated unscrupulousness which regards lying as mere propa-



ganda, and confusion, irrationality and brutality as education, readily accepts the most established prejudices as grist for its demagogic mill. And one of the oldest of the prejudices in our society is the one against the Jew. To the general ignorance and suspicion about the Jews which has come down through the ages, Fascist demagogues lend the sanction of their brand of "scientific truth." That these "scientific truths" are the shabbiest twaddle, mere figments of the imaginations of hired bigots, means nothing to demagogues. Thus we find Hitler laying down the rules for Fascist speakers in his book *Mein Kampf*:

"All propaganda must be so popular and on such an intellectual level, that even the most stupid of those toward whom it is directed, will understand it. Therefore, the intellectual level of the propaganda must be the lower, the larger the number of peo-

ple who are to be influenced by it." (Page 197). "Propaganda must not serve the truth, especially not in so far as it might bring out something favorable for the opponent... but propaganda must serve uninterruptedly its own purpose." (Page 260.) Through clever and constant application of propaganda, people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way round, to consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise." (Page 376.) Quotations from 14th edition.

The use of chauvinism as a means of spreading confusion and masking the true character of Fascism is the only justification for this article. The Jews themselves need no special pleading. They are no mystery nor have they any deep secrets unknown to the world.

## A Few Simple Facts

Stated categorically, some truths about the Jews are these: Every Jew is not as rich as Croesus. They do not kill Christian children to use their blood in ritual practices; all of them are not smart or clever; they do not form an international bond; they are not all Communists and all Communists are not Jews; every Jew is not eager for money; they are not all pacifists or militarists or immoral or anything else.

The truth about the Jews is this: A few are rich and the majority are poor; some are

wise and not a few are stupid; some are honest and others are dishonest; some are capitalists, others are class-conscious proletarians, and still others are of all the shades of political opinion in between; their blood-stream has been mingled with the members of every race and the residents of every country on earth; thus Jews are blonde and brunette, short and tall, some black, a few yellow and many white.

The truth about the Jews is that they are a social group, composed of approximately sixteen million persons, scattered throughout the world, whose character has been fashioned by a thousand historic events. To indicate a few: originally they were Bedouins in a desert; they organized a monarchical state in Palestine; they met with many attacks and were carried away into exile. Finally, dispersed as a nation, Jews were largely characterized as followers of a faith called Judaism. Scattered throughout all nations they were regarded everywhere as foreigners because of their early residence in Palestine. They were welcomed by one country after another, only to be driven out when it served the purposes of those in power within the nation to expel them. Some became money lenders when the church decreed that money lending was a despicable thing; when it became a matter of "high finance," Jews were superseded in that period by those who were not Jews. For hundreds of years they were denied the right to vote or own property. They were herded in Ghettos. Given the opportunity they followed the normal pursuits of other people.

## Capitalist Culture

All this the Jews are, and more. But they are not either the mystery or the low fiends that the Nazis picture them to be. This is stated categorically. To dignify the absurd assertions of men like Goebbels or Streicher or others of their ilk with argument would be ridiculous. The mere fact that such lies can be stated and believed is a sad commentary on the cultural and educational advancement possible under Capitalism. It indicates the character and accomplishment of capitalistic competitive society at its worst and lowest.

Hitler's Terror!  
Two anti-Jewish  
drawings from  
"Der Sturmer"—  
a Nazi Magazine  
—depicting sup-  
posed to be actual  
events. These  
faked pictures are  
part of the Fas-  
cist drive to re-  
tain power for  
the industrialists  
of Germany





# ESPIONAGE LAWS

By CHARLES RECHT

Author of "American Deportation and Exclusion Laws," "Rue With a Difference," etc., etc.

WHILE RECALLING the horrors of destruction, murder, pestilence, bloodshed and filth at the War fronts, we should not forget that War creates a home front, less perilous, perhaps, but just as oppressive as that on the battlefields.

Those who during the World War were engaged in opposing the maniac fear and fury which it released, will remember. They will remember an atmosphere of suspicion, intimidation, oppression. They will remember speculators, opportunists, profiteers, jingoes, all wrapped in the colors of the flag, acting as self-appointed persecutors of every minority which was not yet bereft of reason. They will remember the unbridled hysteria and unchecked espionage that made victims of innocent men and women. In case, however, they should not recall, a recital of a few incidents may bring back something of the stifling atmosphere which hung like a miasma over the entire country.

Will they remember that:

School children were encouraged to spy on their fathers and mothers and to report to their teachers any utterances of disloyalty. They were asked how many liberty loan bonds or war savings stamps their parents had bought or whether they refused to buy them.

Hitler was not the first to burn books. The works of Goethe and Schiller were burned by patriotic students on the campuses of universities.

Patriotic ladies invaded a New York department store and smashed dolls made in Germany.

Attorney-General Gregory caused hundreds of thousands of posters to be placed in conspicuous places, reading: "Obey the law and keep your mouth shut."

The National Security League boasted of having 200,000 volunteer spies scattered through the country. (See the book called *The Web*.)

## Crushing Working-Class Opposition

One of the maxims of law bequeathed from the time of the Romans is that *inter arma lex silet* (the laws are suspended during War-time.) That is not quite true. The laws are not suspended. Those designed for the protection of the individual are either thrown into the discard or are perverted against the individual. The infamous *Dora* (Defense of the Realm Act) of Great Britain was soon imported into the United States and became known as the *Espionage Act*.

You may think that the *Espionage Act* provided for those emergencies which its title implied. Far from it. Anything could be construed as a violation of the *Espionage Act* and the law soon became an instrument largely used against working-class leaders and radicals in general. Drastic as that law is, a reading of it will by no means suggest the scope of its actual application.

To assist in the extension of that Act the

device which Europeans call the *proces administratif* was resorted to. This *proces*, which spread through American jurisprudence at the beginning of the nineteen hundreds and has now become an essential part of it, enabled an administrative executive official, by virtue of a law passed by Congress, to make rules and regulations having the same force as the law itself. The *proces* blossomed out at first in the deportation proceedings against aliens; but under the *Espionage Act* officials having the function of enforcing it had the right to make rules, a violation of which was construed as a violation of the *Espionage Act* and subjected the defendant to imprisonment up to twenty years.

## Patriotism Gone Mad

A sister act to the *Espionage Act* was the *Trading with the Enemy Act*. Lest you be mistaken that that Act too is as innocent as its title reads, a few examples here cited in connection with both acts will soon clarify it.

In Norfolk, Va., sailors of a Russian vessel asked for an increase of wages. The Collector of the Port had, while the sailors were ashore, posted a regulation in English forbidding them to return to their ship. The sailors, knowing nothing of this proclamation, had returned to their bunks. This was deemed a violation of

the *Espionage Act*, incipient mutiny, and eighty sailors were lodged in jail, without bail, and there languished for six months, until they were deported (Case of so-called Omsk Mutiny).

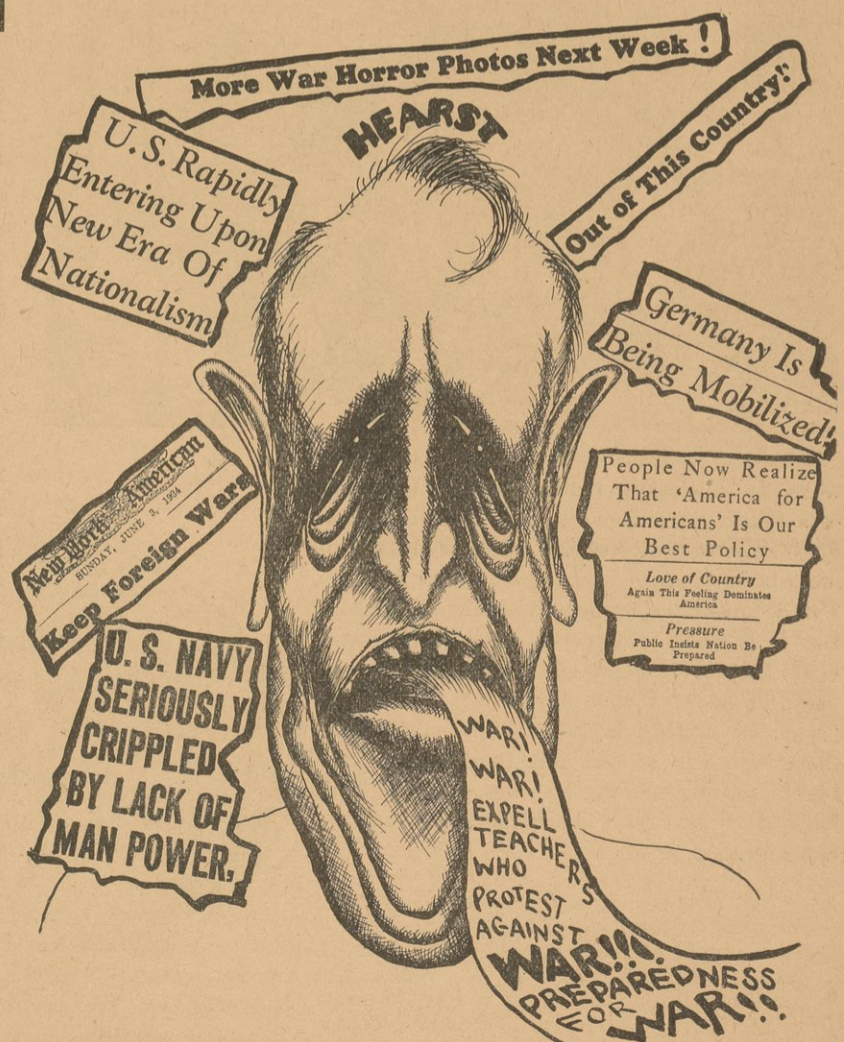
A Socialist speaker in Bridgeport, Conn., stated that compared with Clemenceau, Orlando and others, Woodrow Wilson was like an arclight amid kerosene lamps. This was held to be a violation of the *Espionage Act*, incipient treason, and the prisoner was placed in jail without bail (Case of Jean Jacques Coronel).

A Lieutenant of the Prussian Guard was, out of spite, sent a conscription questionnaire by his neighbors, which he answered, marking across the page, "Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles." Originally indicted for treason, a capital offense, the prisoner spent two years in jail without bail, and was finally released after the absurdity of the situation dawned even upon the authorities and the War was then over (Case of Maximilian Von Hoegen).

A man who had said that Lenin was "the brainiest man in the world" was held for violation of the *Espionage Act*.

A statistician told a Swedish chemical engineer who had been given leave of absence to return to Sweden, to look up his Danish wife and give her regards. The chemist wrote the wife's address on a piece of paper. A week

## The Yellow Press



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before his departure both were arrested for violation of the *Trading with the Enemy Act* and held in \$25,000 bail each.

And so instances could be cited by the thousands.

### Baiting Teachers

Under Woodrow Wilson the administration was not called a New Deal, but the New Freedom. In more senses than one that New Freedom was academic.

The hounding of teachers and other intellectuals knew no bounds. Thus, two teachers were dismissed by the Board of Education for refusing to teach that a child must be taught instinctive obedience, and for claiming that obedience must be based on reason. It was held that obedience based on reason was unpatriotic and that the teachers were unfit to teach public-school children (the cases of Schmalhausen and Schmeer).

A woman of French Huguenot stock who had cousins fighting on both the French and German sides in the War, and who had been previously expelled from Germany for opposing the Kaiser, was dismissed from a public high school in New York because she once wept when the Star Spangled Banner was played, and because she had worn a pin that her great grandfather had engraved with the blue corn-flower. This was deemed to be a German symbol (Case of Gertrude Pignol v. The Board of Education).

Do you know that the Criminal Syndicalist and Criminal Anarchy laws originated during the War and were everywhere applied to leaders of the labor movement, and that under its ban came Socialists, Communists, I. W. W.'s and others?

And yet during the World War the enemy was thousands of miles away, and, but for the profiteers and mismanagement, this country would not have known a day of privation or shortage of food or fuel.

Can you now picture what will happen if a War should break out and, with modern inventions and the ability to fly over seas, physical signs of the enemy were to appear in our midst?

If the enemy were to appear in our midst, fear and hysteria would become the order of the day. The first victims, as we only too well know, would be militant labor-leaders, radicals, intellectual dissenters and those suspected of intellectual dissent. But in the end no one could consider himself safe from the dangers of humiliation, arrest and persecution.

About twenty workers have been arrested in Poggi (Tuscany), Italy, and sent to the "islands of deportation" for four years on the charge of having voted "no," last March in the Plebiscite. With great courage, they declared in court that they had voted "no" because "we hate the regime, which starves and oppresses us." Among the imprisoned men were the two brothers Frilli (Socialists), the Communist Ruggi and the Anarchist Gaggecei.

The young Emilio Sereni who was sentenced in Italy, in 1931, to 15 years in prison for his anti-Fascist activities, was recently offered his freedom on condition that he write a letter of "apology" to Mussolini. He declared that he "was not afraid of prison life, and that if Fascism awaited from him a sign of repentance, it would have to wait forever."



*The man behind Hitler and the real ruler of Germany: Fritz Thyssen, head of the most powerful concern in Germany—The United Steel Works*

## To TRADE UNIONISTS

By ELMER BROWN

*Member of the International Typographical Union No. 6*

The beginning of Fascism in America coincides with the date N. I. R. A. was enacted.

Petty jealousies within the exclusive circle of upper A. F. of L. officialdom served to stimulate competition for the public spotlight and competition for appointments on boards set up by the N. R. A. As a result of this, the rank-and-file workers were flooded with glowing promises of better wages and more employment. The false leadership and unsound advice given the workers by this officialdom side-tracked labor from militant action into a state of waiting. Meanwhile the employers wrote and received government approval of wage-cutting codes. They also set up mediation boards which in practice have functioned as strike-breaking agencies.

### Labor Awakens

Recent developments in strike areas show the rapid growth of Fascism in America. The organization of rifle squads to do "riot" duty; calling out the armed forces to shoot down strikers; the organization of gangs of Fascist vigilantes to raid workers' homes and terrorize strike sympathizers; wholesale arrests of pickets; raiding and destroying Union and workers' centers—all with the approval of "responsible" government and the consent of conservative "labor leaders"—marks the first stage of Fascism in America.

What the egg is to the chicken, Fascism is to imperialist War. At this stage, opposition to Fascism is necessarily also opposition to War.

Both have already cast their ugly shadows over America and both must be fought against by the working men and working women. Already the radio, movies and newspapers, led by the War-monger Hearst and Fascist McCormick, have initiated their none-too-subtle campaign to regiment workers of the United States into another War.

### Organize or Perish

We American workers should not wait until War has been declared or a Fascist dictatorship has been decreed before we organize our opposition. The signs of War and Fascism are too clear to be ignored. Unless we start now we may soon find our unions dissolved, workers' organizations made illegal and our standards of living lowered. Workers in A. F. of L. unions, independent unions, and the unorganized, have everything in common in opposing War and Fascism.

Recent events in San Francisco, Minneapolis and Birmingham show that the American workers will stubbornly resist any encroachment upon their civil rights. With proper organization and good, intelligent leadership, workers will resort to economic strength to defeat Fascist dictatorship.

By organizing a Trade Union Section in the American League Against War and Fascism composed of A. F. of L. and independent unionists we can join with the farmers, professionals, white-collar and other workers in a broad movement to stop War and defeat Fascism.

Today we, the workers, professionals and all opponents of War and Fascism must get together to defend our right to live—

By fighting for the right to organize and strike for better conditions.

By organizing to stop the manufacture and transport of munitions.

By organizing and defending our organizations against raids and destruction by Fascist groups.

By opposing police and government interference with strikes and picketing.

Every union-conscious worker in America should be active in this struggle against War and Fascism. War means untold suffering for the workers and their families; it means slaughter for millions of workers. Fascism means destruction of unions and workers' organizations; lower standards of living, with more unemployment. Fascism means terrorism against workers; it means prison and death for militant workers who protest.

### For a Trade Union Section

*The American League Against War and Fascism* proposes to organize a broad trade-union section against the menace of War and Fascism. All workers in the A. F. of L., independent unions and other workers' organizations are invited to become a part of this League.

The song contest initiated by FIGHT is now closed. The judges are considering the manuscripts which have come in from many sections of the country and the final announcement will be made in the next number of FIGHT, when we hope to print the words and music of this new anti-War and anti-Fascist song.



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Company. Net earnings of the Utah rose from \$8,678,491 in 1914 to \$29,985,125 in 1917.

James McLean of the Phelps Dodge Corporation. Phelps Dodge net earnings rose from \$6,664,839 in 1914 to \$28,314,502 in 1917.

"... Now the interests of the government and the producer or the manufacturer are one..." declares Mr. Coffin.

Mr. Coffin has certainly hit a bull's-eye here. Observe the following from *Latrobe's Weekly Market Review* for May 15, 1918:

The most remarkable situation that ever existed in the United States since the prosperous days of President McKinley has developed as a result of the War. . . . The leaders of industry and finance are working hand in hand with the government, the steel companies are becoming partners of the government, and the railroads are obtaining favors of which they never dreamed, with guaranteed earnings and very high rates for transportation. The War Finance Corporation is attending to finance requirements. . . . There is every indication that the shipbuilding plans of the government will be expanded and rushed at a great pace under Mr. Charles M. Schwab of *Bethlehem Steel*, and one of the first moves he made was to cancel the original Submarine Boat Contract and arrange for a new one for 160 ships on terms which admit of much larger profits."

#### "A Business Enterprise"

"... I have been repeatedly impressed during the progress of your hearings with the thought that we seem to be searching for some mysterious and elusive antidote for the injustices, the inequalities and the iniquitous accompaniments of war, rather than directing our minds toward the inevitable conclusion that while war is a vast undertaking, it is, after all, a business enterprise. . . ."

Let us never again accuse our business leaders of failing to tell the truth. Who could speak more frankly than Brother Coffin? Here is how War can operate as a business enterprise: "Everybody in that corporation [American Metal Company] from the chairman of the board of trustees on down, had been paid bonuses for the purposes of hiding the profits . . . 20 different officers and clerks of the corporation got a total of nearly \$2,000,000 bonus for the purpose of hiding as overhead expenses a part of these very war profits."—From report of the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr. Coffin even has time to get 'round to the veterans:

"... the burden of compensation to able bodied ex-servicemen . . . must of economic necessity be limited."

Limited! Ask the Bonus Army! What Mr. Coffin is trying to say and does say without mincing any words, is that War is a business, that business demands profits and to hell with the cattle drafted to do the fighting. Some of those cattle might start making up their minds right now about what they're going to do when Mr. Coffin, General MacArthur and their friends are ready to pull off their next War.

A second article by Mr. Leighton will appear in the October number of FIGHT.—Editor.

## PROGRAM of American League Against War & Fascism

1. To work towards the stopping of the manufacture and transport 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 encroachments upon the civil liberties of these groups as a growing

fascization 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.

## In CANADA

THE CANADIAN Youth Congress Against War and Fascism met in Toronto August 4 and 5. A variety of organizations were represented by the 270 delegates present including the Toronto Y. M. C. A., Montreal Y. M. H. A., Socialist Party of Toronto, Y. C. L., Y. P. S. L. from a number of Canadian cities, Canadian Labor Defense League, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Militia of Alberta, a number of A. F. of L. and left wing unions, League of Nations Society, Young People's Missions, Knights of the Round Table and many other groups including farmer and unemployed organizations. The Congress affiliated with the World Committee and elected Dr. Harry F. Ward a member of the Honorary Presiding Committee. The three fraternal delegates from the United States were James Lerner, National Secretary, Youth Section, American League Against War and Fascism; George Edson, National Student League, and Frank Myers, Youth Section, American League.

The Canadian Congress will send delegates to the 2nd U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism in Chicago.

Foreign born workers doing the dirtiest and hardest work!

A heat treating furnace in an automobile plant in Detroit







# BUILDING the LEAGUE



By **IDA DAILES**

Assistant Secretary

**S**EPTEMBER must be a month of intensified activity for the *Second Congress* in Chicago. If we are to make it a more powerful gathering than the first Congress, our City Committees must reach far beyond their present affiliates to new groups of workers, farmers, professionals, etc. Congress Calls and posters are moving out of the National Office too slowly. Every City Committee must order this material at once for use in the campaign for the Congress.

The *Minneapolis* Provisional Committee has already conducted a number of anti-Fascist activities and set up a permanent section of the *League* at a conference August 27th. At the time of writing, detailed information about this conference is not available, but the Secretary reports good expectations of building a really broad movement in that city.

A Section of the *League* is being set up in *East St. Louis, Ill.*, at a conference on September 9th. Congress calls and posters have already been ordered and work is proceeding vigorously.

*Milwaukee* is carrying on an intensive campaign to popularize the *Second Congress*. This Committee has obtained a representative group of endorsers, including trade unions, churches, *Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*, etc. The campaign for the Congress will have as its high point a city-wide conference on September 14th.

A Provisional Committee of seven has been set up in *Terre Haute, Indiana*, to organize a section of the *League*. Similar action is being taken in *Johnstown, Pa.*

Committees to work for the Congress have been set up in *Detroit* and *Cleveland* where functioning City Committees have not existed heretofore. It is expected that this will result in firm organization of City Committees following the Congress.

The *Pittsburgh* Committee's campaign for the Congress will center around a conference to be held September 9th. The call to the Conference will be followed up by a telephone and visiting campaign for delegates, open air meetings, etc.

Particularly intensive work for the Congress is being carried on among railroad workers in and around *Chicago* and among miners in *Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia*. Delegations from workers in these basic War industries will give the Congress a strong foundation for the most important work of the *League*.

The *New York City* Central Committee has built up thirty branches of Enlisted Supporters with an enrolled membership of about 2,000. The twenty-two Neighborhood Committees of local organizations throughout the city are now actively engaged in carrying on the fight against War and Fascism. Climaxing the activity of the local bodies under the direction of the City Central Committee, a huge demon-

stration with a parade of 20,000 and a mass meeting of over 50,000 was held on August 4th, the 20th anniversary of the World War.

The City Central Committee now is planning an extensive campaign to send delegates to Chicago. Although there are some financial difficulties, the City Committee feels confident that there will be a large representation from New York, many delegates coming from basic War industries. The campaign of the City Committee for the *Second U. S. Congress* will culminate in a mass Send-Off Meeting for the delegates from New York City on September 26th, the place to be announced later.

A very interesting and well-attended symposium on War and Fascism was held in *New Haven* on August 4th. This Committee is carrying out planned work and expects to send a good sized delegation to the Congress. The Committee has offered a prize to the member who gets the largest number of subscriptions for FIGHT by the time of the *Second Congress*. They also decided to contribute the proceeds of their next house party toward the expenses of the National Office. A delegate from the World Women's Congress was one of the principal speakers at their City Conference on August 17th, which worked out the campaign for the *Chicago Congress*.

The Women's Committee of *Detroit* which sent an auto worker delegate to Paris, arranged a meeting at which her main report on the World Congress was given at the Northern High School on August 20th.

A section of the *League* is being established in *Louisville, Ky.* The group which is setting up this section reports that last summer the local Peace Actions Committee took a poll on the subject of War. A majority of the people opposed War; all Negroes opposed War; about 15 percent of the people polled stated they would not fight in another War.

Three leading international personalities have been invited as guests of the Congress in September: Romain Rolland, noted French writer and one of the initiators of the Amsterdam Congress; Maxim Gorki, of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, and Madame Sun Yat Sen, widow of the first President of the Chinese Republic and leader of the struggle against Japanese imperialism in China. Visa applications for these three notables, who are expected to lend great enthusiasm to the *Chicago Congress* and focus its attention on world problems, have been made to the Department of State in Washington.

The delegation to the *World Congress of Women Against War and Fascism* returned to the United States August 17th. A large demonstration was held at the pier. Meetings in New York City and in their home regions have been arranged. The delegates will work with all energy in their home regions to bring large numbers of women to the *Second U. S. Congress*. They are filled with unbounded enthusiasm and determination to take up the task of mobilizing women from the home, the factory, the farm and the professions for organized struggle against War and Fascism.

## YOUTH SPARKS

**R**EMINDER: Only a few weeks left before the *Youth Congress Against War and Fascism*. Date—September 28, 29, and 30, Chicago, Ill.

Some of the Youth Committees are already hard at work to get their delegates. But we said, "some." What about the rest?

The *Illinois* State Committee has sent out an extensive plan of work for the next two months. This includes a minimum from the Chicago district of 500 delegates, 5 neighborhood committees, the securing of 500 youth readers for *Fight*. Also torch and bicycle parades during the week of Sept. 8-15.

The Committee is to sponsor the sending of 3 organizers into different parts of Illinois and Indiana.

The *Illinois* program is good but it lacks one important thing. We must wherever possible actually pick certain factories and settlement houses where anti-War action is to be developed. A series of factory gate meetings might lead up to a larger gathering where a delegate is to be elected.

A signature list might be passed through a shop with a brief explanation of the Congress on the top. The workers could be asked to endorse the sending of one of their members and help pay the fare.

If you work in a shop and gather at lunch hour with your fellow workers, the Congress should be discussed and a delegate picked right from the group. This sort of activity proved very successful in a *Baltimore* steel mill last year, besides other places. The test of our Congress will be, how many young workers we reach.

An important obstacle to be hurdled in the sending of delegates is that of fare. Wherever a group is to go it is advisable to hire a truck or get some one who has a car to take the delegates.

Each delegate should come to Chicago with at least three dollars for food, for the three days of the Congress.

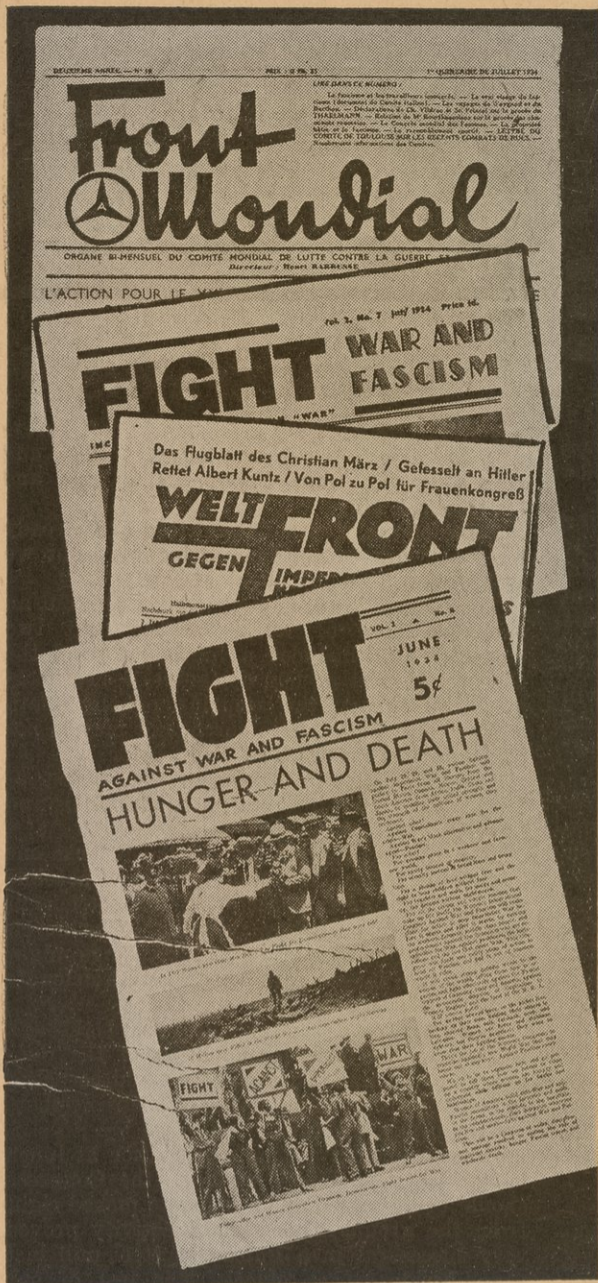
Preliminary plans for the Congress sessions have already been made. We have asked the Chicago Committee to arrange a parade for the late afternoon of Sept. 28. In the evening there will be a mass meeting at the Chicago Coliseum. Saturday morning, Sept. 29, there will be a session of youth and adult delegates. We will then split into youth and adult groups. The *Youth Sessions* are to be as follows: *Youth and Fascism, Youth and Militarism, Youth and American Imperialism* and one session for student delegates. The final youth session will be devoted to a discussion of the resolutions, manifesto and ways of fighting War and Fascism. The Congress will then have a joint session of Youth and adult delegates. We also hope to have a dance on Saturday evening. Criticism and suggestions on the above program are invited.

A few months ago we reported that a *Detroit* Youth Democratic Club had changed itself to a Committee Against War and Fascism. The group has proved itself a very live one. It has already ordered 2,000 copies of the pamphlet "Twenty Years After," several hundred Congress Calls, and 40 Enlisted Supporter Pins. The Committee has also sent in an order for 100 copies of FIGHT each month. And everything is paid for!

—J. L.



# TWO FRONTS



HENRI BARBUSSE, distinguished French writer and anti-War militant said not so long ago that in the world of today, there are "two fronts, opposing each other. That of the imperialists, full of War menaces and that of the workers and farmers of the world, the intellectuals, and the lower middle class struggling against War and Fascism. No compromise between the two."

THE FRONT against War and Fascism is organized on an international basis.

THIS WORLD front publishes four magazines:

FRANCE—Front Mondial (edited by Henri Barbusse) leads the struggle in all French speaking countries. This magazine is published in Paris where the World Committee Against War and Fascism (with which the American League is affiliated) has its headquarters.

ENGLAND—Fight War and Fascism (formerly War) is issued from London by the British anti-War Movement and covers all of Great Britain and its possessions.

GERMANY—Welt Front, the most important of all anti-War magazines, goes underground into Germany where it is, of course, an illegal publication, as it conducts the militant struggle against Hitler. The magazine is published in two formats, one on regular paper and one on very thin India paper, making it easier to smuggle into Germany.

UNITED STATES—FIGHT, the official publication of the American League Against War and Fascism issued monthly, leads the struggle against War and Fascism in the U. S. A.

Only ten months old, FIGHT has today a larger paid circulation than all other anti-War magazines and bulletins published in this country.

FIGHT as part of the world wide movement against War and Fascism publishes every month informative articles, factual material, short stories, exposés, photographs, international news items, cartoons. FIGHT publishes material from munitions factories, from the armed forces of the imperialist governments, from key industries and from the centers of finance capital.

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