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THIS IS NOT OUR WAR! FIGHT F.D.R. WAR PLANS!

J. P. MORGAN: "REPEAT WAR PERFORMANCE"

Another example of how the American boss class, concentrated in the 60 Ruling Families, is trying to drag the American workers into the war, is the recent interview which J. P. Morgan gave, in which he declared it would be "natural" for him to become the American financial agent of the British war government.

In view of the fact that Morgan represents one of the most powerful groups within American capitalism, the alliance of this group with the British government would act as an incentive toward dragging the American people into the war. As Morgan unashamedly declared, after being reminded by reporters that his firm represented the British government in the last war, "It would be natural of them to ask us to repeat our past performance."

Yes, Morgan's past performance—the performance which dragged the American workers into the war for the purpose of saving the profits of the Morgans and his allies! Yes, Morgan's past performance—death and misery of war!

Now before it is too late—fight the war-makers, the Morgans and his cronies! This is not our war, not the war of the workers and youth! It is the war of the bosses, of the profiteers, of the 60 Families! Down with the war!

A Call to American Youth

The rulers of the world have once more unloosed war—the most devastating plague of humanity—upon the peoples of the earth.

Cities are turned into shambles, the countryside into a vast graveyard. The wonderful inventions of science, which could forever free man of poverty, become weapons of death and destruction.

Bridges, roads, buildings, factories, schools, churches, libraries, museums—the fruit of millions and millions of hours of human labor—are wiped out in the hail of bombs from the skies.

Millions of men, who for years begged for work and were not given any, are put into uniforms and sent to murder their fellow-men on the other side of the frontier.

Reason, logic, common sense, sanity—are all driven to cover as harmful subversive doctrines.

Madness, delirium, insanity—are enthroned as the philosophy of life.

And covering it all—a flood of lies designed to turn men into wild beasts.

"It's a war to re-unite the Germans," says Hitler who subjects Czechs, Aus-

trians, Slovaks, and Poles to his brutal rule.

"It's a war for democracy", says Chamberlain as he converts Britain into a military dictatorship.

"It's a war in defense of the Rights of Man", says Daladier as he tightens the chains on the limbs of colonial slaves in French Morocco, Indo-China, and Syria.

"It's a war in defense of small countries", says the Polish Jew-hater, Col. Beck, who helped Hitler divide Czecho-Slovakia and took the Teschen district as Poland's share.

Lies, lies, LIES. . . .

All intended to cover the truth: This is a war for markets and raw materials, for coal and oil, for gold and wheat, for rubber and manganese.

THIS IS A RICH MAN'S WAR TO COIN GOLD OUT OF THE BLOOD OF THE POOR.

And the American bankers and bosses are already licking their chops in anticipation. They want to begin by selling munitions to Europe to get a share of the bloody profits. Then they will send millions of young American workers and

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ROOSEVELT SETS STAGE TO SPEED AMERICAN WAR ENTRY

By PHIL SHERMAN

"I Hate War." That's what President Roosevelt said in his radio speech after the outbreak of the war. Mr. Roosevelt is trying to get everyone to believe that he wants to keep America out of war; he wants us to think that he is fighting for peace.

But, Mr. Roosevelt, that's what Wilson said!

He wants us to believe these things now so that later, when he writes his war message, his stooges can say: "After all, Roosevelt hates war. Surely, if such a lover of peace thinks that we ought to fight Germany, how can anyone object?"

BUT ROOSEVELT IS LYING. HE IS WORKING OVERTIME IN HIS EFFORTS TO DRAG THE U.S. INTO WAR!

Proof?

Admiral Beats War Entry Drums

The drum-beating of the stooges of the American bosses for dragging the American workers and farmers into the war was officially opened by a statement of Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling last week with a statement in which he called for the protection of American interests (read: American boss interests) and said that "the one sure way to do that will be to go into the war at first."

Declaring his belief that the interests of the American boss class were the same as the interests of the British and French bosses, the Admiral continued: "As an important part of this complicated world, we should, instead of keeping out of foreign disputes that will affect our prosperity and security, go into them with both feet."

Already the Army and Navy boys are whooping it up for war. They can't even wait a few weeks for the war to start. What do they care if we, the youth of America, will die and starve? They hear their master's voice—the voice of the 60 Ruling Families. And they respond with their war whoops.

Morgan Stooges On War Board

Stuck away on the back pages of the newspapers of the 60 Families is the information that as soon as America gets into war, the country will be controlled by a small group of J. P. Morgan stooges in the best Hitler manner.

President Roosevelt has appointed, in accordance with his M-Day plan which provides for military dictatorship in case of war, a "War Resources Board." This board, admits the chief boss paper, the *New* (Continued on page 2)

Roosevelt is working hand in glove with the British and French war machines. The "New Dealish" *New York Post* said on August 31: "The Roosevelt administration is adopting a policy of a frank and open collaboration with Great Britain."

And Secretary of State Hull stated on August 30 that he knew what was in the still secret message from Hitler to Great Britain.

Roosevelt's connections with the French Army came to light a few months ago when a French officer was involved in a crash of a U.S. testing plane.

A certain Col. Sweeney, member of the Army Reserve, is organizing a volunteer division to fight the Allies. "What we did in 1914," he said, "has never been disapproved and we see no reason why we should not do it again."

Then there is Rear-Admiral Stirling, who thinks that "the U.S. ought to go to war at first." This brave fellow (who fights from a desk) also thinks that the present Neutrality Act is "ungrateful to Britain and France."

FDR Sets Stage

These gentlemen, Roosevelt and his stooges, are setting the stage. But other things are happening, even more important things.

A few years ago, Congress passed the Johnson Act which said that no loans were to be made to any country which hadn't paid its war debt to the U.S. This was aimed mostly at Britain and France. Now a lot of people thought that this law would help keep America out of war because they knew it was America's (J. P. Morgan's) great financial tie-up with the Allies, which set the hands playing in 1917. But Roosevelt doesn't let a little thing like a law stop him: he has announced that the government will supply credits for Britain and France for war purchases by using a loop-hole in the law.

What does that mean? It means that Roosevelt is chaining the American people to the Allied war (Continued on page 3)

Workers Independent Fight For Socialism Way To Stop Hitler

Every militant worker, every anti-fascist throughout the world stands solidly behind the Polish workers and peasants in their burning, noble desire to refuse to be slaves of Hitlerism.

But how, how! That is the crucial question. How can Polish workers and peasants defend themselves against Hitler?

The spokesmen for the "democratic" boss class in all countries, the reformists, liberals, pacifists and "Stalinists-of-yesterday," all the swarm of flag-wavers who led the people into the last World War give the answer in unison.

They tell the workers and peasants of Poland that they can defend themselves against Hitlerism by defending the Polish government, the government of the bosses and landlords, and by depending on the imperialist exploiters of France

and England to come to their rescue.

That answer is a lie and a betrayal!

The desire of the Polish government (Continued on page 3)



GERMAN WORKERS WILL SHUT HIM UP

Hitler General Forced To Admit Labor Unrest

The fact that the German working class is becoming increasingly discontented with the Hitler regime was strikingly demonstrated shortly before war broke out when Hitler found it necessary to send his chief general, Von Brautschitsch, to placate the workers.

As the *New York Times* declared, there are "persistent rumours that the German labourer is becoming increasingly outspoken and restless." This army stooge of Hitler was sent, significantly enough, to the Ruhr and Westphalian areas of Germany which are the most highly industrialized of the country. He spoke before the workers of the immense Rein-Metall-Borsig's armament factory and his speech was broadcast to all armament workers in the country.

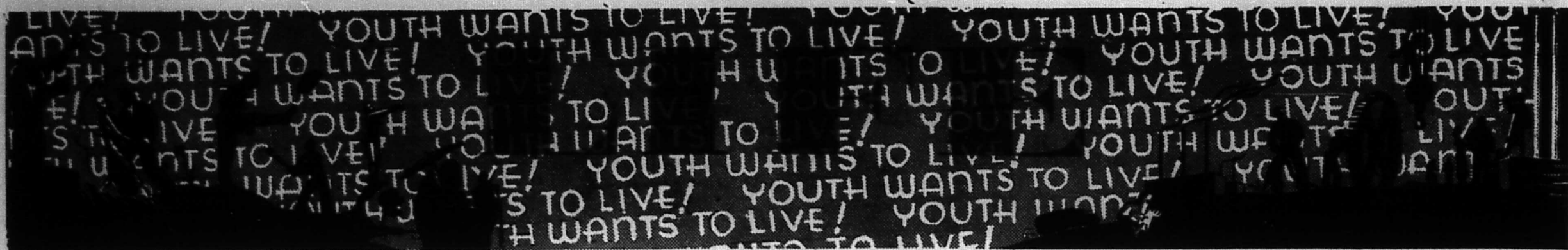
The speech was a frantic attempt to convince the German workers that the Hitler policy of giving the people guns instead of food was a good one.

The question which is being asked is: Why is the Hitler government so anxious about "its" working class? Does it fear the spectre of working class revolt against the war? This fear of working-class revolt—held by the boss politicians of all countries—is the unknown factor in the world situation today. It long delayed the present war. It will now hasten its end.

E. V. DEBS:

"Capitalist Wars for capitalist conquest and capitalist plunder must be fought by the capitalist themselves so far as I am concerned, and upon that question there can be no mis-understanding as to my position.

"I have no country to fight for, my country is the earth; and I am a citizen of the world."



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Poland. They will tell you that when Hitler partitioned Czecho-Slovakia, the Poles were as greedy as the Germans and Hungarians in marching in to seize a slice (the Teschen district). Or can the British Empire, that prison house of oppressed peoples, speak of self-determination of small nations? Can the defeat of Hitler solve anything? It will only re-draw the frontiers the way the Versailles Treaty did in 1919 and prepare the way for another war.

WAR AGAINST FASCISM?

Is it a war against fascism? Winston Churchill already stated that England is not interested in an "ideological war" and is not a war against Nazism. Is the representative of the Polish anti-semitic pogromists, Col. Beck, to ride forth as the foe of fascism? The Polish prisons are full of tortured Communists and Socialists who refused to bow their heads to the military rule of the semi-fascist government of Poland.

The Communist Party does not appear to be quite certain who it wants to "blame for the war," Hitler or Chamberlain. When they speak English, they lay greater stress on Chamberlain. When they speak Jewish, they lay greater stress on Hitler. But if one can make anything out of the vague and obscure ravings of the "Daily Worker" and "Freiheit," it is that the C.P. does not place the sole blame on Hitler but insists that both the "Munichers" and Hitler are to blame. These people have sunk so low that it is inconceivable for them to place the blame where it belongs—on the whole system of capitalism.

We can only conclude that the war on the side of the Allies, is not in the defense of the Soviet Union, not in defense of small nations, not in defense of democracy, not against fascism, not against Hitler "because he caused the war."

What, then, would the logical conclusion be that a Marxist would draw? That this war is no different from the last war; that it is an imperialist struggle for world domination between German imperialism and the British Empire; that the workers have nothing to gain from the victory of either side and must work for the defeat of ALL imperialist governments through the instrument of the proletarian revolution.

Many members of the Young Communist League believe that this is the position of the Communist International on the war. They defend the Hitler-Stalin Pact and Soviet neutrality by calling it an imperialist war.

SOME QUESTIONS ASKED

If this is true, why do the English and French Communist Parties vote for war credits and call upon the workers to enlist in the armies?

If this is true, why does the American Communist Party favor the lifting of the embargo and material support to the Allies?

Is it not a preposterous contradiction when Browder, the secretary of the American Communist Party, demands that the United States give material support to England and France, while Stalin, the secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, gives material support to Germany?

Every new turn in the "Party line" came as a stunning blow to the membership. But there was always the "explanation" and the rationalization that led to the acceptance of the new line.

But it is not easy to rationalize the Stalin-Hitler Pact and its aftermath. Hundreds of your comrades have already broken with the YCL. Thousands more will break when Stalin comes to a complete agreement on military co-operation with Hitler and an understanding with Japan.

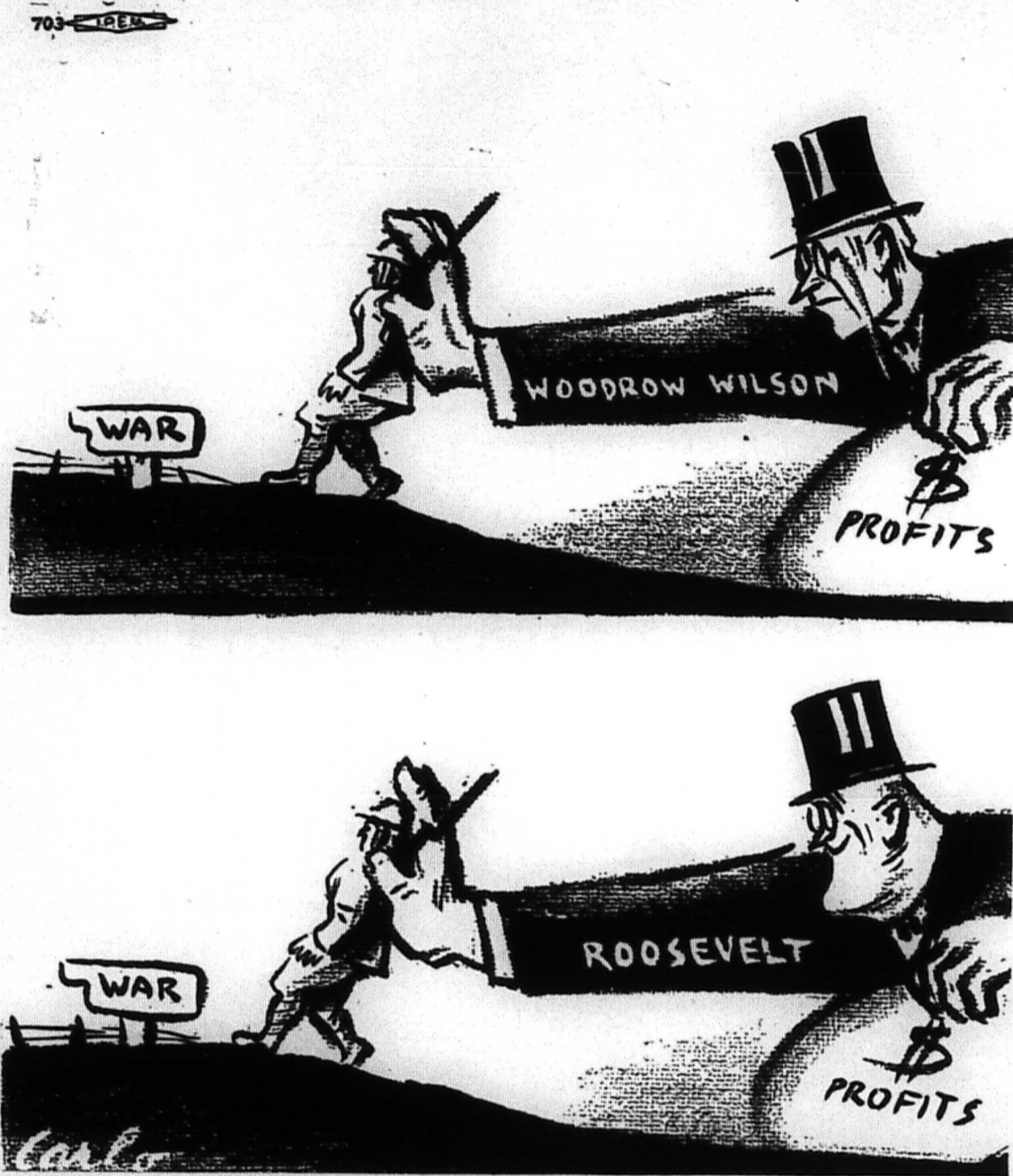
THE ROAD AHEAD

Many of these are American patriots who never seriously believed in Socialism, except to think that the New Deal was a socialistic experiment. They are leaving the pro-Roosevelt Stalinist movement to be real Democrats, unfettered by an embarrassing name like "Communist."

But, if you are an average YCLer, you joined the YCL, not because you were satisfied that nothing could be done about unemployment, poverty, and war beyond the measures of the Roosevelt government. You joined the YCL because you thought this was the movement that would free the workingclass and humanity from the curses of capitalism.

There is no need to give up hope because the Communist International lies in ruins. The courageous youth of the dishonored Second International answered Lenin's call in 1914 and founded the movement that gave birth to the Communist International. Comrades of the YCL, the youth of the Fourth International stretch out their hand in fraternal welcome to those of you who seek the revolutionary path.

TWO GREAT LIBERALS



The Fight Against Boss War Is A Fight for Right to Live

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farmers to die to make sure the bills are paid.

But above all, the American imperialists want to emerge from the war as the rulers of the earth. Until now they shared this position with Great Britain. It is the aim of the Sixty Families who rule America to win the war for Great Britain and make of the British Empire a vassal of Wall Street, just as France became a vassal of Great Britain after the last war.

The man who is to put over the job for them is the smiling, honey-voiced faker in the White House—President Roosevelt.

Don't let his voice and smile divert your eyes from his hands. Watch those slippery fingers! Never mind what he says. Keep your eye on what he does.

"May God help us to stay neutral", says the magician. But he is already pulling the strings to lift the embargo and sell munitions to England and France.

"I hate war", says the magician. But he places the country in a "state of emergency" that is designed to whip up a war hysteria.

"We can and will stay out", says the magician. But up his sleeve he has a card that is marked, "militarization of

the United States in preparation for entering the war."

Youth of America! If we want to save our lives, if we want to learn to handle tools instead of guns, if we want jobs at useful occupations instead of mass murder of our brothers of other countries, WE MUST FIGHT THE PLANS OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TO DRAG US INTO WAR.

We cannot bring freedom to the German youth at the point of the bayonet if we have not yet been able to free our own country from the rule of Wall Street and make it a decent place in which to live.

THE MAIN ENEMY IS THE CAPITALIST CLASS OF OUR OWN COUNTRY!

DOWN WITH THE ROOSEVELT-WALL STREET SCHEME TO DRAG US INTO WAR!

LET THE WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES JOIN HANDS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM!

LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL OF YOUTH!

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

National Council, Young Peoples Socialist League (Fourth International)



SOCIALISM AND WAR, by G. Zinoviev and V. I. Lenin. Published by International Publishers. (Out of print.)

It is a thrilling experience to read once again this magnificent political masterpiece of Lenin and Zinoviev. Today, when the 2nd World War has broken out, all young workers and students should read this pamphlet to understand why wars exist under capitalism and how to fight them. Like a rich wine, this pamphlet has become finer with age and every lesson which it taught about the First World War applies doubly to the Second.

No wonder that the Stalinists who published this pamphlet no longer sell it. For it is a tremendous refutation of their present pro-war position. Every "argument" that Stalinism advances about "supporting democracy in the war" is smashed to bits by Lenin.

LENIN STOOD FIRM

"Socialism and War" was written at a period when, like the present, the revolutionary movement was on the defensive, when it seemed that the triumph of the bosses and their agents in the labor movement was complete. But Lenin, and the small group of revolutionary Socialists around him, continued to tell the workers that this was not their war, that this was a war for the bosses' profits.

With devastating logic, this pamphlet takes up the cries of the "social patriots"—those former Socialists who supported "their" governments in the imperialist war—and puts forward the revolutionary position. Lenin shows how it is not a war of defense on the part of the Allies, but a war between two gangs of imperialist robbers, and therefore neither side is deserving of the workers' support.

AGAINST SOCIAL-PATRIOTS

And for that reason, Lenin directs his attacks against those "Socialists" who, both in Germany and France, supported "their" governments. The German Socialists said they supported the war to fight for freedom; and the French Socialists said the same thing. But Lenin answered that the only way to fight for freedom was to oppose the whole war, and every participant in it, and to fight for Socialism. That was his answer to the Social-Democrats yesterday; and that is our answer to their Stalinist brothers today.

This is a pamphlet to be read and studied. It was one of the initiators of the revolutionary movements that swept Europe after the last war. And it will again serve that purpose in the hands of the Fourth International, which will, like Lenin, continue to repeat: Down With the Bosses' War!

Lou Cooper Says--

I was around one of these small Mass. towns the night after the war started. Framingham is one of those places where you definitely can't get a beer if you're under 18, and big, broad-shouldered country youth who to the city slicker's eyes look like men of 23-24, but whom the bartender's know since birth, can't get any further than a vanilla soda.

But tonite was different. Tony, the bartender, was letting all the boys in. This seemingly far-away war was having its moral repercussion here.

There's no better place for discussion of the war than at the bar and Tony had enough good democratic sense to know that the boys who would be called to the colors first had a right to be in on the discussion.

Tony has shown you the way, Mr. Roosevelt. Don't you think that the boys whom you're planning to send over to get bumped off for Wall Street should have some say about it? How about letting US vote on the question?