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## Soviet Union Prepares For Nazi Push East

### MORGAN-BOSSED CON- VENTION NOMINATES MORGAN LAWYER

#### Both Parties Run War Mongers

A Republican Party convention, completely dominated by Thomas Lamont, J. P. Morgan partner, came to an end with the nomination of a Morgan Corporation lawyer, Wendel Willkie, head of the Commonwealth Utilities corporation.

Both the platform adopted and the man nominated differ in not one iota from the platform and nominee which the Democrats will put forth July 15th.

Both capitalist parties today stand for outright intervention in the imperialist war, although the Republican platform was a compromise in words. Both stand for the Hull reciprocal trade treaties, the present measures to consolidate Latin-America, the "defense appropriations", etc., etc.

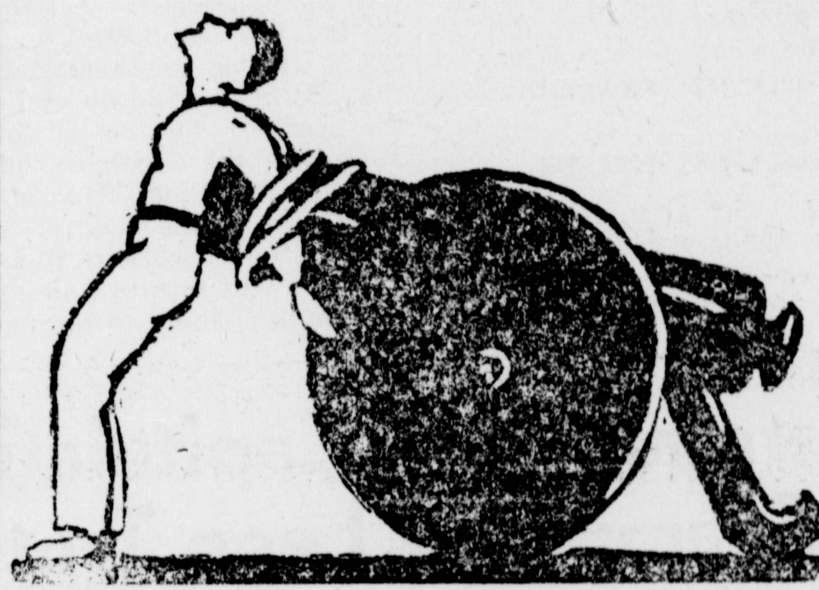
#### DUMP DEWEY

The way in which the convention was organized was truly touching. The overwhelming majority of the Republican voters at the primaries were for Thomas Dewey. The Morgan crew put him up as their first choice. At the last moment when Dewey proved recalcitrant on the question of the imperialist war drive, he was withdrawn in favor of Willkie, another Morgan stooge.

The close alliance of Willkie to the money barons was brought out in a column by the authoritative bourgeois columnist Jay Franklin. The original group that supported Willkie on the convention floor consisted of the governors of Minnesota, Colorado and Delaware. Governor Stassen of Minnesota is under the wing, according to Franklin, of Mesabi Steel (a U. S. Steel affiliate, Morgan-controlled); the whole state of Colorado is controlled by the Rockefeller Anaconda Interests; and Delaware, of course, is the DuPont barony.

The Morgan group of American Imperialists, even though formally it is working together with the administration and other sections of the American bourgeoisie to ad-

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### The «Good Neighbor» Wields a Big Stick

July 4, 1940. — The victory of Hitler in Central Europe and the steps taken to establish a "Mittel Europa" by German Imperialism, have intensified the efforts by Japanese Imperialism to consolidate an "Asia for the Asiatics", and by American Imperialism to consolidate the western hemisphere under its thumb.

In this general shuffling preparatory to new stages of the imperialist war, the United States is in by far the most favorable position.

Japan is suffering from economic chaos in China. Recent reports indicate that only a single factory has been established in a certain vital North Chinese area which Japan two years ago proclaimed would be a mass of smokestacks. Supplies of cotton and coal are tremendously under the estimate by the Japanese imperialists. In addition Japan still confronts the American and British navies, as well as the resistance of Chiang-Kai-Shek (subsidized by U. S. and Britain).

Germany is in an even more difficult spot. The Nazi butchers must first defeat England and then crush the Soviet Union (as well as place Italy in a thorough-going secondary role) before they can consolidate their dreamed-of "Mittel Europa".

#### NO COMPETITION HERE

But American Imperialism has no competition worthy of the name here in the western hemisphere. Since the end of the last war the U. S. has dominated Latin America (including Canada). That she did not formally annex Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Nicaragua and the others to the American Empire is no indication that these nations were free of American rule. It merely indicates that Uncle Sam learned the ruinous lessons of the British Empire of direct political control with the use of home armies and home military rulers.

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### BUT STALIN STILL SHUNS WORKERS ACTION

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.... While the imperialist war in Europe is exhausting the four European contestants, and while German and Italian imperialism are carrying through the preliminary steps of the redivision of the earth on the basis of their victory over France, Belgium and Holland, the other leading powers are also active in greater war preparations for the final struggle.

The United States continues its steps of consolidation over the Western hemisphere and armament preparations equal to any world combination against it. On the basis of the control of Americas it plans defensive measures against Europe and offensive measures in Asia as its long range imperialist perspective to "organize the world" under the American Dollar.

At the same time Japanese imperialism, more advantageously located in relation to Asia than United States has already carried through preliminary steps to pick up as much of the spoils of war as the weak western powers are unable to prevent. It is therefore natural at this stage of the war that her main conflict in carrying this out is with England and America, the two dominant imperialist powers in Asia that Japan must confront.

The interventionists of the United States who control the government and the two major parties, are working out concrete steps of parallel action with Great Britain against Japan and German imperialism, steps to dominate Pacific. In the end this "parallel" action of the United States will extract more from England than it will from the others. In other words, while England has more than her hands full to prevent a successful German imperialist invasion, supported by Italy, of her seat of power, the United States hopes to use the British military bases of the Pacific for HER OWN ENDS. American imperialism does not want to see Germany eliminate the British Empire; United States wants a weak England under American domination.

#### THE SOVIET AND THE BALKANS

But the most recent development in the question of the redivision of the earth and Germany's march eastward is the Russian seizure of large sections of Rumania, most of which formerly were dominated by Czarrist Russia. In the light of the above

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## NOTES of the R.W.L.

### COWAN, OTHER COMRADES TOUR

Following his tour and meetings in St. Louis and Kansas City, comrade C. B. Cowan, Workers Vote Candidate for President, went East to Philadelphia where he spoke on July 2nd, and thence to New York.

Comrade Bob Campbell, after a month's work in Philadelphia, preceded comrade Cowan to Kansas City where he will remain for local work until the League Convention.

Comrade Stricker toured South Bend, Detroit and Flint where he met with groups of workers in each town.

Comrade Allen made a brief trip to Louisville during the July 4th week-end where a house meeting was held of League sympathizers and militants. At the same time comrade Robbins spent two days in Springfield, Illinois.

### ARREST RWL SPEAKER

Comrade Jim Strong was arrested in New York on June 26th on the flimsy charge of speaking at a street corner meeting without a large enough flag. After a lecture by the Judge the comrade was given a suspended sentence.

### BREAK UP LEAGUE MEETING

After many weeks of organized heckling, hooligan elements finally broke up an open-air meeting of the Revolutionary Workers League in the Bronx recently. The comrades handled themselves well and only a few blows were exchanged.

Meetings will continue in the Bronx as well as in other sections of New York, but the League intends to augment its defense squads.

## ARMY WAGES

Every youth about to join the army to "fight for democracy" should seriously ponder over the "democracy" that exists in the army itself.

Besides the generous automobiles, chauffeurs, luxurious homes, etc., given to the officers, the base pay for high-ranking officers is \$8,000 a year plus food, expenses, etc. The base pay for the buck private, however is \$252 a year — \$5 a week as against \$165 for the general.

The private gets \$21 a month, but a second lieutenant gets \$166, a captain gets \$200, a major \$250 and so on. No matter which way you turn, in the capitalist industrial system or the capitalist army, "democracy" means the right of the capitalist slave-owner or the capitalist military master, to profits and "wages" a hundred times as large as those of the average worker — who is expected to do all the work.

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## Critical Moments for Stalinism And the Workers State

The latest occupation by the Red Army of Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania (and now Bessarabia) is quite evidently meeting a cold reception in Berlin. It thus brings out ever more clearly the meaning of Soviet moves in Finland, Poland and the Baltic. They were all part and parcel of one pattern:

PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST A GERMAN VICTOR IN THE EUROPEAN WAR WHICH WOULD THEN TURN ITS MILITARY MACHINE TO ITS DEFERRED MARCH TOWARDS THE EAST AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE UKRAINE.

The Russian advance in the Balkans threatens the Nazi breadbasket by means of control over the Danube. Add to this the recent overtures between the Turkish government and Moscow, the confirmation of Cripps as Churchill's representative in Moscow, the "French" stories in Pravda calling for a "fight on two fronts" — against the two hundred families and against Hitler. The whole picture is one of desperate effort to break through the Hitler pact.

### FRONT AGAINST HITLER

When the Red Army attacked Finland, and Poland its methods were wrong — its failure to call on independent working class action was and is a fatal error that

weakens the Soviet Union — but the objective, a first line military front against the conquering German imperialists, was 100% correct. This has become increasingly clear now that Germany has taken France.

Those people like Shachtman and Stamm who were for the defense of the Soviet Union, "in general", but for its defeat in Finland and Poland are now, as the invasion of Russia becomes ever more imminent, in a shamefully exposed position. Had their line carried, the task of the German Imperialists would have been a few hundred miles simpler; and an exhausted Red Army already defeated in Poland and Finland would be far less capable of defending itself, even if it possessed all the verve and enthusiasm of a truly RED Army, based on Workers Democracy.

The Stalinist new turn is, of course, not at all new and fundamentally is no different from the Moscow-Berlin pact or the Franco-Soviet pact. All these maneuvers are based on support of one bloc of imperialists against another, owing to the fact that Stalin can find no real support among the workers he has so often betrayed. Moreover, these policies offer no defense to the Soviet Union from attack. Only by overthrowing the corrupt Stalinist regime can the Soviet workers re-assert their control over their state and help spread the Bolshevik October to the entire world.

## Compromise and Capitulation - The Example of Leon Trotsky

Compromises in politics are inevitable under certain circumstances. Leon Trotsky's agreement with the Mexican government not to individually take part in local politics while in Mexico is such a compromise and no one can object to such an agreement as far as this revolutionary exile is concerned.

But when Trotsky comes out in support of the Cardenas regime; when his organization in Mexico and elsewhere supports the capitalist "expropriations" of the capitalist government of Mexico — this becomes not a compromise but a capitulation.

When all this was pointed out by the RWL in the past we were glibly informed that Trotsky still maintains his revolutionary hatred of the capitalist regime in Mexico; that it was merely an invention of ours, etc.

### "DISLOYAL" ACTS

Now comes Trotsky himself in the June 15 issue of the Trotsky paper in the U. S.: "I would have to lose all reason to commit disloyal acts against the Mexican government which has accorded me such generous hospitality". This is in answer to charges by the Stalinists that he is in league with Dies, with reactionary Mexicans and others.

But also included among the "disloyal" acts which Trotsky is charged with is the charge by Toledano that "I am preparing a general strike against the Cardenas government". This act, according to Trotsky, along with the other disloyal acts he is charged with is "not only contrary to my

life's work but also against my immediate interests".

Many young Trotskyites, of course, will try to read into Trotsky's statement a "different" meaning. But is it so strange that a man who clamored for a Blum Cachin government in France, for a Caballero-CANT government in Spain, who called on his members to vote for Norman Thomas in the last elections, who is for material support to the butcher Chiang-Kai-Shek and Joe Stalin in times of war — why is it so strange that he should now support the puppet of Wall Street, who agrees 100% with the Wall Street "defense" plans and has just called in Wall Street military technicians to take charge of the Mexican rearmament?

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vance its war plans, is nevertheless fighting to regain complete control of the bourgeois state and the war administration. The "national unity" of the bourgeoisie, thus is nothing but a cloak for each side to continue and gain the decisive hand in the present struggle against each other.

### SHAM UNITY

For the time being the Morgan and

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## WHAT NEXT FOR RICHMOND TOBACCO WORKERS?

Richmond, Va., June 27. The final agreement between the International Cigar Makers Union and the P. Lorillard Tobacco Co. was signed Tuesday, June 25, at a mass meeting held at the John Marshall High School auditorium here. The two other plants of this company, at Jersey City, N.J. and Louisville, Ky., had also signed the agreement.

The agreement which was finally presented to the rank and file members of the Union, granted recognition of the Union as the bargaining agency for all employees affected which is probably the greatest gain achieved by the contract. The wage increase is scarcely more than nominal. This was five per cent for the machinists, with a promise of an additional five per cent at the end of six months, thus restoring the ten per cent cut which occasioned the recent strike.

The girls, about 2200 of whom are affected, will receive only a five per cent increase, on an annual basis. There will be a week's vacation with pay, for the first time, and seniority rights are to be recognized. There will also be a grievance committee, to be elected by the Union. Although the closed shop has not been achieved, the Union already has an overwhelming majority of the workers, with others signing up at every meeting.

While the contract represents a nominal victory for the workers, the gains are in themselves negligible. There is still much for the now thoroughly aroused and militant employees to accomplish. The first step will be a prompt and persistent efforts to have the additional five per cent increase in pay established for those workers for whom it is not yet promised. It is pointed out that in the city of Richmond, workers in well organized tobacco factories are already receiving more than twice the amount of pay now received, (even with the increase secured by the present contract) by the Whitlock girls. When the five per cent now in question has been established, as it can and must be, by militant action on the part of the new Union, there is still a broad field for gains to be made in this hitherto especially backward plant.

The recent strike and its settlement have shown the workers what they can do, and the next few months will show how well this new found power will be used by them. The rapid development of the war situation makes it more than ever imperative that whatever can be accomplished be put under way immediately and brought, with all possible speed, to a successful outcome.

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REVOLUTION**

The defeat of France was due in large measure to the internal economic decay that had brought forth a pre-revolutionary situation in the period just before the war was declared, and the treachery of its reactionary bourgeoisie who feared the proletariat more than they feared Hitler.

Hundreds of bridges, factories, and other military objectives were kept intact for the German invader, rather than blown up to stem the tide of conquest. At least 3 generals openly betrayed to the German bourgeoisie. Commander in Chief Weygand was and is a Cagouard — French Fascist — very friendly to German Imperialism.

In a choice between profits and something so ephemeral as bourgeois "honor", the French bourgeoisie — a section of them — chose profits. They chose to end the war and do business on a smaller scale with the German conquerors, rather than continue the war from the colonies and lose all that lucrative business in arms for the duration of the war.

In the face of all the treachery by their own bourgeoisie the French workmen have not yet reacted to any large extent. But the existence of widespread mutinies, laying down of arms, leaving of the front, etc., is variously reported in the bourgeois press. This is the beginning of a process that will end in the near future in large scale workers action toward revolution.

The military defeat of the French bourgeoisie is facilitating these revolutionary tendencies. Although the defeat did not bring on the revolution IMMEDIATELY, nevertheless it has paved the way for revolutionary struggles.

The revolutionary struggles are coming DESPITE the fact that the Cagouard elements in France, now in the government, are working hand in hand with Hitler's troops to murder off revolutionary workers in both sections of the country, occupied and unoccupied.

The desperate position of the French bourgeoisie, shorn of half of its territory, forced to pay for a large army of occupation, with little or no contact with its rich colonial markets, can lead only to further disintegration of the French state and to increasing hardships on the already heart-rending position of the French working class. The hastening of the revolution is thus inevitable, and it will take place far more quickly than if the French bourgeoisie had won a victory or even fought the Germans to a standstill. The military defeat is a decisive link in the chain that is forging the proletarian uprising in France.

That is the lesson the workers everywhere must learn from the French capitulation. The defeat of our "own" bourgeoisie in war time is infinitely preferable to its victory and the consolidation of its slave-owning system. The workers cannot be neutral as to what happens to the bourgeoisie in the war; they must consciously work for the defeat and disintegration of the bourgeois state.

**MILITARY CONSCRIPTION**

Mr. Roosevelt has announced his plans for UNIVERSAL CONSCRIPTION. For years the government has tried to pose as a "lover of peace" by pointing out its small army and small military forces.

But as the RWL pointed out in the past, this was only a clever scheme to hide the predatory aims of the American Imperialists. We explained how the "small" army was enough, together with the great economic power of the American dollar and plant, to maintain the imperialistic interests of the U. S. in its colonies and spheres of influence; and we analyzed how this army was top-heavy with officers who could train raw conscripts. In other words, as the bosses themselves admit, it was a skeletonized army which could easily be expanded to a fighting

**Soviet Union**

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long range perspective of the war this move by Soviet Russia has placed a major obstacle in the road of German imperialism and its march east once it has gained its western European objectives. In brief it has the following effects:

1 — The seizure of the key cities on the Black sea ports, Danube River, etc., enables the Soviets to control the supplies entering Germany from the east and at the same time challenge any move toward the east that Hitler may take. It further brings Turkey and other Balkan countries under Soviet domination.

2 — Although the occupation of Bessarabia was already agreed to in the Hitler-Stalin Pact of last fall the Stalinists have overstepped the agreement at the time when Hitler's hands are occupied against England. In spite of all the denials, Berlin will not tolerate this breach and when they have settled with England they hope to take care of the Russians.

3 — Sudetenland was the gateway to the east for Hitler. So too is the present occupation of Rumania the gateway to the west and Balkans for the Soviets. This area in Rumania could be classified as Germany's second gateway eastward (the Ukraine is first) and a conflict with the Soviet over this occupation is inevitable. The RWL documents on the eve of the world war dealing with the Hitler-Stalin Pact is being confirmed more every day.

**BALANCE OF POWER**

4 — The occupation of Rumania, although increasing the tension with Italy and Germany gives Russia the balance of power in the Balkans providing she can CONSOLIDATE her position.

5 — A quick German victory against England or some form of peace with England (as is being rumored) will immediately jeopardize all Stalin's gains in the Baltic and Balkans. Hitler's march toward Bagdad and the Ukraine is inevitable, as preliminary steps toward ASIA. He cannot allow United States and Japan to settle the question of redivision of Asia without his consent.

6 — The Red Army in invading Rumania again reveals the different class base in the Soviet Union. It is the only army that meets — despite Stalinism — with demonstration of a mass, spontaneous nature, in its favor. Dozens of thousands of Jewish people in Rumania greeted the Red Army as an emancipator; just as hundreds of thousands of Polish peasants greeted it as an emancipator from its baron princes.

7 — In the first stage of the war the invasion by the Red Army were severely condemned by the bourgeois press, especially in Finland, and by certain "marxists" as imperialist invasion. But the invasion of Rumania has met with no such condemnation. It

is now perfectly clear to everyone — in-

force of 2 million within 6 months to a year.

Roosevelt states that "only one out of ten" will be subjected to actual military training. But far from decreasing the military nature of his proposal, this only serves to vividly illustrate how the bosses plan to militarize ALL aspects of life for the worker. In other words, for every one worker who is drafted for actual military service, NINE workers will be drafted for "industrial" service: FORCED MILITARY LABOR — the same method with which Hitler "ended" unemployment in Germany — that is the substance of Roosevelt's new conscription proposal.

cluding the petty-bourgeois "radicals" — that all the measures by the Soviet Union in the Baltic and Balkans were measures of self-defense against the threatening and inevitable German invasion.

**FREE HAND IN EAST**

8 — Possibility of peace between German and British Imperialism is not at all excluded. The peace rumors indicate that feelers are already being sent out on this question. More than likely Germany would readily accept small concessions from Britain if she could be assured a free hand in the east against the Soviet Union. This places the one Workers State today in the greatest of dangers.

9 — With the break-down of capitalist economy as the war continues, with revolutionary developments on an increased tempo the internal relation of classes is taking a shift to the left and greater CLASS CONFLICT confronts the breakup of Rumania. This is warped, or misdirected class struggle against capitalism, against imperialist war, disorientated by Stalinism (as well as the Second International). But at least the tempo of class conflict in the Balkans and in France reveal what is in store for the imperialist war. German imperialism and its fascist hordes will be unable to establish national fascist regimes in its conquered territory strong enough to smash the violent class eruption that will burst asunder "national unity" which is the necessary internal basis for the IMPERIALIST SLAUGHTER. And with this class unity against national unity imperialism and all of its agents, Stalinist and otherwise, will be swept away.

**Republican Convention**

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Rockefeller groups are merely fighting to gain the legal control of the government. But it must not be taken for granted that extra legal methods will not be used (not only against the working class but even against each other). The statement by the national commander of the American Legion to the Missouri convention of the Legion that forceful action is necessary against "fifth" columnists, INCLUDING THE NEW DEAL, is a straw in the wind.

A regroupment is now taking place among the American bourgeoisie. Before the elections it is quite likely that a new third (or fourth) capitalist party will be formed by the "isolationists", with Senator Wheeler and Johnson at their head and John L. Lewis as their chief supporter within labor. This brings out the possibility, by the way of a split in the CIO as well, with the Hillman forces — solidly pro-New Deal — against the Lewis forces.

For the time being, however, the main sectors of the bourgeoisie are united enough to withstand the pressure of the Isolationist forces. But the words "national unity" conceal the vicious struggle of the bourgeoisie behind the scenes, a struggle which favors revolutionary developments in this (and other) countries no little.

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## THE «GOOD NEIGHBOR» AND THE BIG STICK

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The United States preferred and still prefers to permit puppet rulers like Vargas, Cardenas, Batista and the others to rule in their native states, but under the thumb of Wall Street "advisors". This is a far cheaper and much more effective method.

But now that the war comes to Uncle Sam's coattails, new tactics must be adopted to gain greater control still of these areas, to organize an "economy of scarcity" on a HEMISPHERE basis, which can put up solid resistance to the British, German, Japanese empires.

### U. S. MILITARY "ADVISORS"

The form by which the U. S. is tightening its rule are the following:

1 — Military — Battleships have been sent to Uruguay to "fight fifth columnists"; 60 government technicians and 10 million dollars have been sent to Mexico to help quadruple its armed forces (both the Cardenas and the Almazan factions of the Mexican ruling class agree 100% with this practice and are for full support, according to their writings, to the American "defense" plan and U. S. diplomacy); technicians and loans are similarly ready for other nations in the western hemisphere, especially Brazil.

The U. S. is thus following the procedure it laid down in the Philippines: it merely furnishes the advisors and leaders for a native "home" army; the colonial countries furnish the cannon-fodder. This is a tremendous advantage over the British and French system where because of danger of nationalist uprising only one out of ten or twenty available men can be conscripted.

### GENERAL CUSTOMS UNION

2 — Economic — As the first stage of a general customs union, plans are afoot at the July 15th conference of the Latin-American countries in Cuba to unify western hemisphere exports. The Inter-American trade corporation will buy all exports and surpluses of the American continents and then resell them to "foreign" powers. This will be a tremendous weapon against Germany, Britain and Japan.

The chief economic hitch is the fact that many of the exports of the South American countries compete with those of the U. S., while the consumers goods manufactured here costs too much for the toilers of South America who are paid with coolie wages. But the plan would apply the PLANNED SCARCITY features of burning wheat and coffee while workers need bread, and subsidizing the Latin American countries, just as farmers and manufacturers here are subsidized for cutting down on production.

In taking all these measures the United States is merely taking the first step in what is undoubtedly a well thought out plan. There can be little doubt that the final aim is to gain complete control of the Western Hemisphere.

Thus, in fighting "Hitler aggression", American Imperialism is putting over one of the greatest and most rapid aggression schemes in all history, and doing it in its usual hypocritical way, under guise of being a "good neighbor".

American Imperialism uses "democratic" propaganda in the United States as one of the reasons it wants to keep Fascism out of Latin America. But to keep Hitler out of this hemisphere Wall Street MUST support in South America Dictatorships equally as atrocious and undemocratic as the German and Italian states.

## JIM-CROW CASE UP FOR RETRIAL

Asheville, N. C.— In the case of Melvin Alston, Negro school-teacher of Norfolk, Va., who brought mandamus proceedings to compel "equal pay for equal work", as told in the last issue of the Fighting Worker, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision of Judge Way. The case now goes back before Way for trial "on its merits". The higher court sent it back on the ground that Alston had been discriminated against "on account of his race or color".

This decision of three corporation tools was not caused by any love either for abstract "justice" or the Negro people. A variety of factors contributed to the result. First and foremost was the approaching war. The astute judges figured that it would give a boost to the prestige of the lackey leadership of the NAACP in helping to herd the Negro masses into imperialist slaughter and that no particular harm would be done because the thing could be dragged out for years, if necessary. Also their opinion indicated that they thought Judge Way had been too stupid in exposing the real nature of the double oppression and exploitation of the Negro by this blunt referencens to freedom of contract. Nor must it be forgotten that this is a presidential election year.

Now that the case goes back to Norfolk "on its merits", it is more than ever incumbent that the fight should be waged on a mass basis with the legal fight as an auxiliary. If this is done, and if large masses are rallied, as they can easily be rallied around the slogan "equal pay for equal work", the Norfolk School Board can be made to disgorge. If the fight is waged on a purely legal basis, it will drag out for years, and, even if a formal victory is finally won, the result will be the same as in other legalistic fights of similar character. The School Board will just refuse to "contract" with Negro teachers at all. As soon as the case is scheduled meetings must be held, conferen-

## Cowan Thrown in Jail Just for the Hell of it

Coming back from a visit to old friends, like himself world war veterans, C. B. Cowan, R. W. L. candidate for president of the United States, was pointed out by American Legion members to the Illinois state police at Bloomington, arrested, and held incommunicado for 9 hours.

The state police and Legionaires, who were coming from a convention in the Ozarks, were incensed by Cowan's record as a leader of bonus marchers during Hoover's administration. When finally released, Cowan was told to

"get the hell out of this town and don't let us see you around this part of the country again".

Cowan issued the following statement when he arrived in Chicago:

"My detention in Bloomington is only a small part of the obvious campaign to terrorize revolutionists and check their activity. And it is a forerunner of much more serious raids on working class organizations and members.

"Those of us, however, who lived through the last World War period and the Palmer raids will remember that no amount of terrorism could stop the revolutionary movement or quell the revolutionary instinct of the masses themselves.

"It might be pointed out, too, that the genuine war veterans, those who actually saw service at the front — not the toy soldiers of the training camps — came back and solidarized themselves with labor against the strike-breaking gangs of vigilantes. Dozens of mutinies took place when troops were asked to fight strikers after the war.

"Despite the rotten action of ces arranged, and all possible forces lined up to compel the Bourbons not only to give abstract decisions, but to shell out with the equal pay checks.

the 'veterans' who helped hand me over to the police, the R.W.L. is confident that the overwhelmingly large majority of the real veterans and future soldiers will be on the side of the proletariat in the coming years".

## What Happened to the Bund's 8,000 Machine Guns?

Eight thousand machine guns and sub-machine guns were captured a few weeks ago in a raid on an Indiana farm house used by Nazi Bundist. The bourgeois press immediately hushed up the news, even though it would greatly have aided the "5th column" hysteria, because prominent bourgeois bigwigs were involved.

The "5th column" talk — in actual life — thus shows itself to be just one-sided — against labor and the revolutionary movement. The big bourgeoisie is much too involved in such movement as the Bund, Silver Shirts and Coughlin's Christian Mobilizers to really expose them.

Here and there a little snipping is done, but in general the differences are patched up without much publicity and behind the scenes.

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## Congress and its Two-Faced Economy

What has happened to the "economy" bloc in Congress? At the opening session of Congress the lackeys of Wall Street shouted themselves hoarse against further spending; but as the session goes on it is producing the largest budget in all history.

Fourteen and a half billion dollars have already been appropriated — about 22% of the national income of the American people. And what will the money go for:

A little over five billion dollars goes for "national defense" — a subsidy in other words to Mr. Ford, the airplane and tank and munition makers, to make INSTRUMENTS OF DEATH. Besides this 800 million more is to go for immediate contracts — about 6 billion total.

This does not include, of course, the 4 billion dollars Naval Appropriation which Congress has yet to pass.

### 11 BILLION FOR HANDFUL OF BOSSES

In addition:

A little over a billion has been appropriated for the treasury and post office department. Most of this money will go to the shipping and airplane interests in the form of subsidies for carrying mail. For the sake of the uninitiated, let it be known that the reason the postoffice usually runs

at a loss is that it is the instrument through which the merchant marine and private airplanes are given giant subsidies.

Close to four billion dollars is the "amount of permanent or automatic appropriations needed to meet the interest on the national debt, etc." In plain English this sum is to be given to the coupon-clippers who hold government bonds — mostly the big banks.

### 1 BILLION FOR MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED

That makes a total of 11 billion dollars. Of the other 3½ billions a little over a billion dollars is to go for unemployed on WPA. In other words for every 11 dollars of subsidy to the big capitalists the government is going to "give" \$1 to the 22 million jobless people and their families. A true "democracy" indeed.

The FIGHTING WORKER repeats what it said at the opening of Congress:

The only kind of "economy" the capitalist Congress is interested in is cutting down on the living standards of the masses. It is wholeheartedly — and will continue to be so — in favor of spending when it is a subsidy to the rich.

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