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CLASS STRUGGLE DECIDES POLICY

June 15, 1944 — The quadrennial carnival is about to begin. Starting on June 26th with the Republican Party Convention and then running clear through the New Deal hogfest to the national elections, we are about to witness the usual vehement election palaver. We will hear of the virtues of both candidates and of their vices, ad nauseum.

The words are all nonsense, as we can easily check by just looking at the 1940 election promises. Do we remember the pious phrases of Mr. Roosevelt that "our boys will never be sent to fight on foreign soil?" Do we remember the talk of peace and plenty, balance the budget, no government interference, etc. etc. etc.?

Class Realities

Election words by bourgeois politicians are just so much eyewash. The next administration will run according to the CLASS DYNAMICS of the times. At the moment it looks as if Governor Dewey or Governor Bricker will be the Republican Candidate; and Mr. Roosevelt will run to succeed himself. But the individuals on both slates are absolutely inconsequential in the general scheme of things. It is the class realities that are decisive:

1—America must face the "manifest destiny" of ruling the world. Open and naked imperialism, with the use of the imperialist sword — will be the policy of the next administration.

2—More stringent control of the proletariat will dictate: forced arbitration, limitation of the rights of Unions, continued controls over wages, raids and restrictions against the Revolutionists, etc. (unless the working class fights back).

3—Higher taxes upon the masses, sops to big business, extra-legal organizations (vigilantes, black legionnaires, etc.) to check the militancy of the working class.

4—Increased government by decree, with Congress steadily falling into the shade.

5—A lowered standard of living, and a permanent Army of counter-revolution to fight the working class abroad and at home.

Candidate not Decisive

These things will be the guiding posts of the next administration **NO MATTER WHO GETS IN**. All else is just a farce. Various capitalist groupings are fighting to see **WHOSE CANDIDATE WILL MOST EFFECTIVELY PUT SUCH A PROGRAM INTO ACTION AND WHO WILL GET THE MOST FINANCIAL GRAVY OUT OF IT**. The House of Morgan and the House of Rockefeller, the House of Dupont

and the House of Ford, are facing each other and jockeying for the inside track on the next administration. But with minor variations **ALL M A J O R CAPITALIST GROUPS ARE AGREED ON A PROGRAM OF INCREASED DECREE GOVERNMENT AND NAKED FORCE AGAINST THE MASSES AT HOME AND ABROAD**.

Practically everyone today is agreed that had Willkie been elected in 1940 he would have done everything almost exactly as Roosevelt had done: we would have had the war, we would have had OPA, WPB, WLB, and all the other decree organizations. 1944 will be no different from 1940.

Southern Revolt

The present campaign will see a number of interesting developments.

1 — A "revolt" in the South against the New Deal. The real "beef" of the Southern Bourbons is that if the government did not interfere so much in business Southern industry — with its low wages and its anti-Union sentiments — could make big progress. But Mr. Roosevelt represents the interests of the **WHOLE BOURGEOIS CLASS**, and he is forced to impose discipline and decree rule on ALL sections of the class, if capitalism is to survive. That is the root cause of the Southern "revolt."

2—The Republicans are playing up to Southern sentiment for "free enterprise." But any alliance formed between them — if it is formed — will be a tenuous one, because the Republican Party represents the same basic class interests as the Democratic Party. If elected, the Republicans will double cross the Southern bourbons. The New Deal too can only make minor concessions to the Southern Democrats.

3—There is a growing polarization of forces to the left and to the right. To the right it revolves around former Senator Reynolds of North Carolina and G. L. K. Smith of Michigan. To the left it revolves around the Sidney Hillman CIO Political Action Committee and various new Labor Party movements. Increasingly people are getting off the "middle of the road" wagon and shifting either to right or left. American class relations are becoming very sharp.

Such are the realities — not propaganda — of the election hulabaloo. The policies of the administration will be forged **ON THE STREETS AND IN THE FACTORIES**. It will be **GENERALLY** an attempt to shift

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EMPIRE AT ANY PRICE

CHURCHILL TALKS PLAIN

If anyone has any illusions as to why this war is being fought, the May 24th speech of British Premier Winston Churchill should be an eye-opener. The speech is a cynical and forthright exposition of the aims of the British ruling class.

"As this war has progressed," says Churchill, "it has become less ideological . . . In one place we support a king, in another a Communist. There is no attempt by us to enforce particular ideologies."

Churchill declared that "victory" is the "single and dominant purpose." The smashing of Fascism? The raising of the standard of living? The granting of freedom to oppressed colonies? All this nothing. Mr. Churchill went out of his way to discourage the naive believers in the "four freedoms." He had nothing but sweet words for the butcher Franco, whom he included in the "brave new post-war world."

"Let me add this hope," said the Prime Minister, "that she (Spain) will be a strong influence for the peace of the Mediterranean after the war. The internal political arrangements in Spain are a matter for the Spaniards themselves."

When a Laborite asked Churchill why he treats Fascism in Spain differently from Fascism in Italy, Churchill replied: "Surely anyone can see the difference."

Not Opposed to Fascism

Isn't it obvious? Fascist ideology as such doesn't concern us, says the British minister. There are good and there are bad Fascist governments; when they help us, like Spain, they are good; when they fight us, they are bad. This is NOT an ideological war! Democracy and such phrases are mere shibboleths.

Churchill's speech can be summed up in a previous statement of his: (made hardly before the ink was dry on the Atlantic Charter) "I didn't become the King's first minister to liquidate the British Empire." The King's first minister at least is a consistent chap; he knows what the war is all about and isn't squeamish about the method he uses to win for his class. For his immediate class interest is the preservation of the Empire.

If in the lukewarm days, at the beginning of the war, it was necessary to sell the war under the guise of "freedom" and "plentitude", he did so without batting an eye. When it became necessary to win by making alliance with autocracies and Fascists, he didn't hesitate; nor did his hand tremble when it was necessary to jail and oppress the ad-

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2nd Front In Action

Quarrel Over Booty Flares

June 20, 1944—The "Allies" are too disunited to really wage an effective military struggle in France: this we stated in the **FIGHTING WORKER** a few months ago. Two weeks after the start of the "second" front invasion, events tend to bear out this thesis.

The disappointment amongst bourgeois writers is intense. As we write these lines the Allies have not yet seized a single important port where supplies may be brought in in large quantities and in all weather. Cherbourg is under seige, but not yet taken.

It is quite obvious that the Allied plan was far more grandiose. In the first days of invasion we were told of parachute troops landing in Rouen, forty miles past the beachhead and only 50 or 60 miles from Paris. Sky troops also landed in other places far removed from the beachhead. Obviously the general staff had intended to have the parachutists seize and hold small areas until they could be relieved by infantry and tanks. This plan, however, evidently miscarried.

NO UNITY

The division in the ranks of the "fighters for democracy" made itself evident on the very day of the invasion. The French Committee of Liberation advised Frenchmen to refuse to accept Allied paper currency. And General Eisenhower advised Frenchmen NOT to rise up in revolt — to wait until given the signal. This latter is certainly a very strange phenomenon. Allied plans undoubtedly called for movement to within fifty miles of Paris in the first week or ten days. What could have aided such a military venture more than an uprising within Paris itself?

But the Allied Command isn't really anxious to have an uprising of the French people. Such uprisings tend to make demands, which the Allies do not wish to grant — bread, peace, land, higher wages. The Allied General Staff wishes to utilize the French underground ONLY for sabotage. It fears an uprising even more than it fears the German army. A revolution amongst the French working class will spread to other areas. In fact, as the general staff is fully aware, it might even infect the British and American armies (as well as the German): hence General Eisenhower's advise

to the underground to hold things in check until the Allies are sure they can control whatever happens.

STIFF DIPLOMACY

The invasion, while it has been no howling success from a military point of view, already indicates, however, a well planned political offensive. Portugal immediately agreed to terminate shipments of wolfram to Germany. Sweden cut down shipments of ball-bearings to Germany by 20 per cent.

The same tactics used by Germany as it conquered Europe, will now be used by the Allies as they reconquer it. The squeeze-play against Portugal and Sweden is only the beginning. The attitude of the Anglo-American imperialists will become stiffer as they make inroads into the continent. Particularly will it become stiffer against the working class.

Unconfirmed reports state that women snipers shot at Anglo-American troops as they marched inward. The report stated they were not believed to be fascists. Whether that is true or not, the fact remains that the French people are about to receive the treatment accorded the Italians and the French colonials. Allied imperialism intends to reduce the conquered areas to semi-colonial status. It can not and will not better their standards of living.

REVOLUTION CAN END WAR

All things today are being settled by FORCE. The Allies are using force to gain new imperialist domain and to protect their old domain. They are using force to keep the proletariat in check. All the talk about "democracy" and the struggle against Fascism, is mere camouflage. It certainly is significant that while Churchill praises the Fascist Franco to the skies, DeGaulle (an "ally") is treated like a fifth rate cousin.

The "second" front is indissolubly tied up with Proletarian Revolution. The war is reaching its major climax. Defeats or stalemates will undoubtedly soon set the masses in motion — not only in Germany, but in Britain as well. The working class of all countries has a stake in coming events. It must cast out the lie that this war is an "idealistic" war. It must live by the watchword that only Revolution can end Imperialist War.

"WAR FOR A GENERATION"

OR A WORKER COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

The combined voices of Mr. Wallace, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Johnston, of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Stalinists, have been telling us for three years about the milk and honey that will flow after the war. But the head of the famous Research Institute of America, Inc., Leo Cherne, has a different view.

In his latest work, "The Rest of Your Life," Mr. Cherne predicts that:

"There will be **NINETEEN MILLION UNEMPLOYED** after the war.

"There will be an **IMMEDIATE depression**, not a boom.

"**Big Business** will grow bigger

and little business will go out entirely or get smaller.

"The economic crisis will bring struggles between Negro and white, Jew and gentile, ex-servicemen and civilians.

"War will be difficult to prevent for more than a generation. In some forms and in some places this war will not really have come to an end."

No Peace, No Plenty

Mr. Cherne predicts that there is very little chance of bringing American economy back to even the 1940 level after the war. Instead of spending their money people will "wait for prices to come down . . . ,

for new products . . . Everything will compel you to hold on to your money rather than spend it."

Mr. Cherne is no wild-eyed dreamer, and as he is evidently writing for his own class he does not have to conceal or distort the truth. He merely is seconding the predictions of Amlie of Wisconsin, the CIO research committee and many others.

The war to bring "peace and plenty" will bring . . . "war for a generation" and starvation! So says a respectable bourgeois research specialist!

Let the working class digest this warning — and organize for action!!

GOV'T "BY THE PEOPLE"

Hail to the new Secretary of the Navy!

The last Secretary owned a big Chicago newspaper. He died and left a few million dollars.

The new Secretary, Forrestal, is a former member of the big investment firm of Dillon, Read & Co. At present Mr. Forrestal is having trouble finding an undersecretary, because it seems he doesn't know anyone outside of Dillon, Reed & Co. His first five choices, it has been rumored, were all closely tied with his banking interests.

It doesn't hurt to repeat: the people who run this country, from F.D.R. the squire of Hyde Park, down

to the War Production Board, are men of great wealth, or men tied to the wealthy dynasties of American imperialism.

Morganthau, of the Boston bankers; Nelson Rockefeller, of the oil dynasty; Donald Nelson of Sears Roebuck, and C. E. Wilson of General Electric; Jesse Jones, a big banker in his own right; Stetinius, undersecretary of State, a member of the J. P. Morgan firm; Stimson, War Secretary, a part and parcel of New York banking, and so forth, and so on. The 60 families still hold the reins while the 60 million workers' families pull the load.

Workers of the World, Unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

Changing the Guard: New Italian Puppets

June 17, 1944—Following the seizure of Rome popular demand has forced the Allies to get rid of two old stalwarts. King Victor Emanuel resigned as King, and Premier Badoglio, the butcher of Adis Ababa, was forced out as head of the government.

In their places now comes Crown Prince Umberto, acting for his father, and the 71 year old Ivanoe Bonomi, as Premier.

When Bonomi formed a cabinet on June 9th, he was not permitted to take over the administration because the "allies" did not approve of the set-up. It seems that London and Washington had assumed that Badoglio would stay on in some office or another, and keep some "stability" in Italy and prevent the possibility of "premature" disintegration of the monarchic system in Italy. This would "please" the Big Allies very much, but Badoglio has his pride! He has refused a post offered to him in the new cabinet. But the Allies, through AMG, insist that he function in the new set-up, no matter who is the titular head of the government, the Allies have made it plain that it can function only so long as it carries out the terms of the truce made with Badoglio and the little King (the "enemies" have made a deal, and it shall be kept no matter what the "liberated" people decide as their policy thru their "duly elected, allied approved" government functionaries.)

The career of Signor Bonomi is very interesting indeed. In 1912 he was thrown out as editor of the Socialist paper, Avanti. In 1922 he stepped out as Italy's last "democratic" premier. Since then he has been living in Rome "helping young lawyers" under the very nose of the Fascists, and no one has either bothered him or paid much attention to him until now. He evidently caused the Fascists no bad moments.

But today the Allies face a difficult situation. As they move North they are moving into the industrial areas of Italy, the seat of the simmering Italian Revolution — Genoa, Milan, Turin, etc. Such Fascist and semi-Fascist elements as Badoglio and Emanuel can not be expected to calm this storm. AMG has been forced to trot out this old broken down wheel-horse and parade him to the Italian masses as a "democrat," a "real liberal."

Puppet Government

Actually, of course, the Italian Government is just as much a puppet government as the Brazilian government or the Polish government-in-exile. It is meaningless, except as an instrument of Anglo-American imperialist rule. It is a sop to keep the Italian masses befuddled and tied to the Imperialist chariot.

Following Mr. Bonomi will be some "leftists." As the class struggle sharpens, the Allies will use bourgeois and social reformists to head new governments. Already in Bonomi's government there are representatives of the Socialists, Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Stalinists, Liberals and the Action Party. All have been willing to prostitute themselves and become part of a bourgeois state, which they can not even control.

Workers Plight Bad

Meanwhile, however, conditions in Italy continue to deteriorate. The phoney Allied printed currency is

Elections No Solution

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to the right, to more and more decree government. The depth of the revolt of the working class will determine just how far to the right or left it goes.

No worker must be fooled into believing that the election itself will solve anything. Only the overthrow of capitalism — and its phoney tweedledeeum and tweedledee Democratic and Republican Parties — can achieve any lasting gains for the masses.

For a Soviet America

The real solution for the problems of the masses lies elsewhere; on the streets (demonstrations against the war), and in the factories (struggles against dis-employment and for better conditions). Elections are only an auxiliary — a test of Public Opinion. The Revolutionary Work-

ers League intends to run some candidates on a program of WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE UNDER A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT. Our candidates will campaign on an anti-war, anti-capitalist program; for a Soviet United States. And our candidates will point out that the election itself is a farce, that only big bourgeois candidates with millions of dollars behind them can get on the ballot; that workers' candidates are legally excluded in 25 of the 48 states; that Negroes, migratory workers, workers in the South who can't pay the poll tax, and millions of others are not allowed to vote. We will advise workers to vote for our candidates NOT AS A SOLUTION but only as a PROTEST AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST WAR AND THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

CHURCHILL SHOWS HIS COLORS

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vocates of national freedom in India. His policies: the preservation and expansion of the Empire, utilize all measures for this common purpose.

Fly the Pirates Flag

With victory in sight today, the ideological blarney fed the masses is no longer quite as necessary, Mr. Churchill evidently thinks. The time is getting ripe to strike the colors of "freedom" and run up the skull and crossbones of Imperialism. The spoils have to be divided among the victors. The more practical questions of Imperialism must be decided upon: who shall get the new markets, what terms to use instead of "mandates" (trusteeships????), coming monetary agreements, mapping out of areas of control, means of keeping the proletarian Revolution in check, etc. etc.

For the postwar world, Churchill says "We must arm our world organization and make sure within the limits assigned to it that it has overwhelming military power." This world power will be controlled, says the "first minister," by the "major powers;" in other words, Britain and the U. S., and possibly Russia.

Greek Civil War

Churchill disclosed, among other things incidentally, that a whole brigade of the Greek army in Egypt had recently revolted, and that civil war had been raging in Greece for a long period. Nevertheless, Mr. Churchill continues to give full support to the Greek tyrant, George II.

Churchill commended Marshall Tito, the Stalinist leader in Yugoslavia, because "he has no intention of reversing property and social systems. . . ."

Many liberals were confused and amazed by Churchill's kind words for Franco. This confusion is the result of their political blindness as

worth only one-fifth what the German-printed currency was worth. U. S. Correspondents report that boiled eggs and tea in Rome cost \$1.13, sugar costs \$10 a pound, string beans, \$5.50 a pound, rice \$5. Thousands of able bodied men have not worked for months and hunger is rampant.

The Italian masses, who struck the hardest blow against Fascism in 1943 by ousting Mussolini, are being forced into new struggles to complete the task begun a year ago. As the Allied armies continue to penetrate further, they may at first succeed in calming the people. But as disillusionment grows, as the promises are not carried out, as hunger continues, the masses will again take to the streets and to strikes. They will again strike out against all imperialism and for a Soviet Italy.

to the nature of the war. Churchill has never been a shining knight of democracy. Before Hitler and Mussolini became aggressive competitors of the British Empire they were to him ideal patriots that had to save their countries from Bolshevism. Churchill's kind words for both these gentlemen would make embarrassing reading today.

Mr. Churchill's callous attitude shows that the "first casualty of war is truth."

Revolution to End War

Now that the masses have been considerably befuddled by the lies of peace and plenty, Mr. Churchill delivers a sober sermon to his own class: don't start believing this bunk we've been peddling to John Scissorsbill; this war, like our last war, is just a struggle for Empire. In the interest of the Almighty pound we will make deals with the devil and his kin. Furthermore we have no particular aversion to Fascism as an ideology. We object to the Italian and German fascists only because they threaten our Empire, and not because they threaten our "democratic" way of living. As a matter of fact, the truth is that THEIR method of keeping the working class in check is probably better than ours.

Before this war has spent its course, proletarian Revolution will break out over Europe. This Revolution will be a greater menace to British capitalism than Hitler, because it can destroy Imperialism and wipe out once and for all the Churchills and the class for which they stand. To have on his side butchers like Franco, who have proven their worth in massacring workers, is one step toward suppressing that Revolution. Churchill is certainly aware of this danger above all else.

His speech should have one positive value of waking up those still misguided individuals who believe in the "progressive" nature of the war.

Out of his own mouth, Mr. Churchill has pronounced that it is not a People's War, but an IMPERIALIST war. Let us all take heed!

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FREEING THE FRENCH

June 17, 1944—There is no honor amongst the imperialist thieves!

Witness the plight, for instance, of General Charles De Gaulle, head of the French Committee of National Liberation. D Day finally came around but De Gaulle has been left completely out of the picture — a stepchild of the Allied leadership. No one consulted him either on the invasion or on how to run France — "his France" — after the invasion.

No one, of course, should shed too many tears for De Gaulle. Had he been in Churchill's or Roosevelt's place, he would have done the exact same thing to a defeated "ally." De Gaulle is a rabid reactionary, a firm advocate of the French Colonial System. All his present disagreements with the U. S. and Britain, stems from the fact that he insists on the old French Empire, while his imperialist "partners" insist on a French Empire UNDER Anglo-American domination.

Back in 1940

Why was De Gaulle and the Fighting French left out in the cold? Most of us still remember how Winston Churchill — way back in 1940 when France was being overrun by the German military machine and things looked exceedingly dark for the Allies — how Churchill offered COMMON CITIZENSHIP to the French with the British. Most of us remember how President Roosevelt (not yet involved directly in the war) offered the French Premier Reynaud a promise of "large supplies and material aid" if the French would stay in the war. The Eastern boundary of the United States at that time was considered the Rhine, and Mr. Roosevelt shed crocodile tears for the "great French people."

When Reynaud, Petain, et al, capitulated to the German imperialists, Britain blazed forth on the virtues of De Gaulle till they had puffed up this monarchist reactionary into a crusading "democrat." De Gaulle saved France, they said.

Now however "D Day" has come. The French people are supposed to be "liberated." But the imperialist allies — Britain and the U. S. — evidently want no truck with De Gaulle. He insists, it seems, on the

re-establishment of France as a power.

Alliances of Expediency

Thus is proven once again the Marxian maxim: imperialist countries make alliances not with powers whom they consider friendly, but with nations who are temporarily the LEAST to be feared. Neither the U. S. or Britain gives a hoot about "liberating" the French people; nor, incidentally does De Gaulle. All are interested only in gaining the greatest loot possible. All are interested in asserting the strength of their armed forces.

FORCE, and only force, settles all issues today. The Allies have it. De Gaulle does not. That's all there is to it. As a result De Gaulle and French imperialism must pay the price. They must permit the French Empire to be reduced and placed under "safe" Anglo-American tutelage. (The U. S. and Britain, will of course fight it out between themselves as to who gets the lion's share).

The inner-struggle amongst the Allies continues to grow. The Chicago Tribune reports that "DeGaulist officers who were assigned to go with the invasion forces have made difficulties by advising the French not to accept the currency specially issued for emergency uses." The U. S. and Britain are treating France as a COLONY. They are refusing to re-instate the old French franc as the national currency; instead they introduce the cheap de-valued imperialist currency, which only serves to rob the French people.

War for Loot

Anti-American feeling in Algiers is running very high, and is definitely being sponsored by De Gaulle's committees. On the other side of the ocean, De Gaulle is being criticized for the pettiest things — hot-headedness, stubbornness, etc. As if the issues were not something more basic: something like who shall exploit the French Empire? Before they have even won the military war, the "allies" are fighting openly and viciously as to who shall devour the booty. But the final say rests with the masses of French workers and peasants.

Central American Democracy

Among the nations at war with the Axis are a number of Central American countries. We have been told that all the "United" Nations are fighting for "democracy." Here, however, is an estimate of Central American Democracy by Time magazine of May 22, 1944:

El Salvador

"The fall of El Salvador's Martinez opened the second breach in the line of Central American dictators . . . Excepting Costa Rica (and Panama, overshadowed by the Canal Zone) Central America has long been dictator territory. Until recently the tyrants of Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador guarded each other's frontiers, hunted each other's refugees. When the upset in El Salvador broke their united front last week, the three remaining dictators must have readied their firing squads.

Honduras

"Honduras is ruled by massive President Tibucio Carias, (who) is on excellent terms with the U. S. fruit companies WHICH DOMINATE THE ECONOMY OF HIS COUNTRY. Up to now he has quelled every revolt.

Nicaragua

"Nicaragua's President Anastasio Somoza keeps his turbulent people

in line with the help of a well-paid, well-armed brutal National Guard (originally trained by U. S. Marines who occupied the country in 1926). Governing more by corruption than by violence he gets a financial cut on nearly every profitable enterprise in the country. Loudly 'pro-democratic' he stands well with the U. S. Government.

Guatemala

"Guatemala resembles a neat, well-run model prison under President Jorge Ubico . . . Foreign interests find him cooperative, admire the trembling honesty of his minor officials. Guatemala's atmosphere of all-pervading terror is probably the worst in Latin America."

Out of their own mouths — the mouth of the outstanding American news magazine — comes this estimate of the "democracy" of the "democratic" countries of Central America.

Every worker reading this must ask himself: "What are we fighting for?" Is there any difference between the South American dictatorships WHICH ARE CONTROLLED, LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, and the Fascist European dictatorships?

What "democracy" are we fighting for? And where? For whom?

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Who Is Fighting Fascism?

To some people it may seem foolish to even ask such a question. They will state that the United Nations are fighting fascism. It is SO obvious that one doesn't even have to question it. But there are so many "obvious" things that are not questioned which are false. If more of the so-called obvious things were questioned, were reasoned out, mankind would make more progress. It was SO obvious that Kings should rule. It was SO obvious that anything heavier than air of a mechanical nature could not fly. It was SO obvious that after the horror of the first world war that there could not be any more world wars. But these and many other "obvious" things were proven false.

History will also prove false the concept that the United Nations are fighting Fascism. Fascism is not a synonym to the Axis powers, even though the Axis powers are fascists. Fascism is a bigger problem than the German-Japanese bloc. They are only a part of the problem of fighting fascism. And if one does not understand the difference between these two separate although definitely related problems, one will end up "winning the military war" against the Axis and FINDING FASCISM ON HIS OWN DOORSTEP.

The line of demarcation between the fight against fascism and the fight against the axis powers is not as difficult as it may seem. In the first place the fight against fascism includes a fight against the axis powers, a relentless fight to the end, where no compromise is possible. But the present war against the axis does not necessarily include a fight against fascism. Instead it most often means a fight against CERTAIN fascists by other potential or actual fascists.

Most people understand that it is possible to win the military victory and lose the political and economic war and vice-versa, even though the latter is the least possible.

But most people do not seem to understand that one cannot fight against fascism in its German form while uniting with fascism in Spain, in France, in Poland and in their own country. Naturally after a declaration of war between the United Nations and the axis, the fascists in the United Nations can not use the same fascist label. They wrap the flag around themselves and become the outstanding patriots. And they speak of the "liberation" of mankind.

And in the same breath they call for the defense of the exploitation of man by man; call for a strong army to protect billions of dollars in foreign investments; call for strong measures against labor and its "unjust" demands; call for "racial purity" and its white "supremacy." And they call for and make preparation for their war against bolshevism, communism, and anarchism — in other words against the masses who want to set up their own governments now and after the war.

The imperialists, who are fighting their axis competitors and not fascism, have as their main war cry — national unity against the enemy.

The defenders of the rights of mankind, who ARE fighting fascism and all forms of the exploitation of man by man, have as their rallying cry — class unity against national unity, the international solidarity of the working class and oppressed masses, for national liberation through the social revolution.

The revolutionary Marxists pointed out before 1933 that the support of the social-democrats would inevitably pave the road to fascism. We warned that the support of the Peoples Front in Spain would lead to defeats for the workers and to Fascist victories — the former is based on national unity while our position is based on class unity.

Support today of either group of imperialist powers can only help pave the way for world Fascism!

Post War Planning

FACTS AND FANCIES ABOUT THE PROFIT SYSTEM

There are more committees, articles and books written about post war planning and the glorious "future" AFTER the war than one can shake a stick at. All of these plans present no solution for the welfare of the people, where that is concerned they are planless; but they do have a plan — it is to continue to extract profits and to further refine the system of exploitation of man by man.

In this discussion we will deal with one basic point showing the relationship between promises and fulfillment of the promises.

WHAT IS NEW?

Before the imperialist war, before the unprecedented destruction of men and material these same rulers and "planners" were unable to give the working class or even to promise to them, this "heaven on earth," this "freedom from want and fear." Up until now the exploiters have not "given" the mass of peoples anything but unemployment, misery, starvation, and now, with the products of the earth and man ravaged by destruction, with Europe and Asia needing to be fed (in order to keep down the revolts against the system which breeds this condition), even less material goods on hand it would be a physical impossibility to keep even a small part of the lavish promises ladled out by the planners, whether for now, after the war, or the post war period.

The planners have their answer ready. They say that NOW we have so many new inventions, so many new things which have been developed by the war, that it is these new products which makes possible the fulfillment of their plans and promises. This is another one of the accepted lies resorted to by the profit system to keep the people satisfied with inefficient methods and inferior quality of products. This same lie has been frequently used by bourgeois "economists" to "prove" that war accelerates progress.

Very little that is new has emerged from the war. Practically all the inventions and new methods of production and scientific developments were discovered and within the realm of practical daily production and use long before the war. But it was more profitable for the exploiters NOT TO RELEASE THESE ARTICLES for the market. The capitalist class can not scrap their present still usable equipment and start producing NEW products and MAKE A PROFIT while millions are out of work, when there is no paying market available, so they bottle-necked practically all the industrial progress of the last decade. Such items as penicillin, the sulfa drugs, food processing, plastics, aluminum, magnesium, radar, portable housing, new automobile and radio television and aeroplane developments as well as thousands of patents on various other practical and needed items have been deliberately "frozen" within the vaults of the controlling concerns.

PRIVATE CAPITAL GAINS FROM SUBSIDIES

Along came the war and the war needs. The stakes are high, and to the winner belongs the spoils — new markets and eventually more profits for the capitalist class. The government therefore needs the very best in all lines, for destruction of the "enemy," no matter what it costs. Immediate profits for the moment are taken out of consideration. War needs come first altho the manufacturers are GIVEN THEIR PROFIT. It now becomes necessary to reorganize production to meet the new needs, there must be new buildings, equipment, experiments to reduce costs, etc. But private capital cannot afford to take such long chances and to spend so much without getting an immediate return, and so this is paid for out of government funds and by the increased taxation on the people.

The government was able to spend over 15 billion dollars introducing new facilities — the profits of which will go to the capitalists. After the war, and in some cases now,

these industrial and financial barons will obtain these factories and machines (paid for by the people as a whole) for a fraction of their cost.

OVER-PRODUCTION

The reorganization of the means of production is now accomplished at the expense of the taxpayer and the capitalist can now start the new cycle of crises and unemployment.

The "planners," who only see the gigantic "gifts" from Uncle Sam, who see the vast production for war destruction now, forget that half of the fifty million workers are either in the armed forces or employed producing for war waste, forget that it took over 15 billion dollars in subsidies to make even this possible. Later government subsidies will be reduced to only enough subsidies to hold the masses in check and to keep down revolutions wherever they spring up. Once the retail and wholesale shelves are restocked it will leave in its wake a depression that will be even greater in magnitude than 1929. The new cycle of post war capitalist production will be saddled with the largest war tax burden any nation ever had; add to this the cost of maintaining armies of occupation and feeding the world (not out of "charity" but as an attempt to quell revolutions) and one gets a better picture of the background of what is needed for "post war planning."

The war-released innovations have increased productive capacity to such an extent that the capital turn-over will become so great that the rate of profit will decline even further. This in turn calls for even greater competition among the capitalists. And, unless the American imperialists have conquered a vast paying (not starving, war destroyed, unemployed and indebted) market, the competition at home will be intensified beyond even its normal cut-throat tempo. The big fish will get together and eat the smaller fry, and then fight it out between themselves for the additional market space.

A DREAM, A SCHEME — OR A PLAN

Let us assume that out of every ten capitalist there were nine "good" ones who sincerely wanted to realize the glowing promises set forth by the "planners," it would still be the tenth capitalist and his struggle for the market that WOULD SET THE PACE, and the other nine would have to either keep up with the tenth one, (or outstrip him) or themselves go bankrupt. Such are the laws of the capitalist mode of production and they are in no way influenced by the good intentions of even the noblest dreamer.

Production that is planned for USE (not the capitalist plans of organized scarcity) can produce a planned society with abundance for all. There can be no production for profits simultaneously with a planned society that would benefit from the vast quantities of everything that could be produced. Any plan that leaves out of its complicated and well sounding structure the cardinal principle of production for use is just so many words spouted by a well meaning fool or the scheme of the clever exploiters who sell promises for the future with the shoddy commodities of today while they reap the harvest of the profit system.

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ON THE ORDER OF THE DAY — STRIKE ACTION TO GAIN OUR DEMANDS

The no-strike pledge is meeting all sorts of opposition in life itself. Hundreds of strikes — quickies — are unreported. Hundreds occur for a few days. In the fall the Rubber Workers and the Auto Workers will again take up the matter of rescinding the pledge made by the top AFL and CIO labor fakery. Last year both organizations upheld the no-strike policy in votes that were so close most delegates felt they had been robbed. This year the pressure will be even greater.

Slogan for Unionists

But whatever happens to the no-strike pledge in these conventions, the question of a FORMAL rescinding of the class peace policy of the AFL and CIO is not really the major question before the Trade Union

movement. The main slogan for the militant unionists today should be: **FOR STRIKE ACTION TO GAIN OUR DEMANDS.**

We, the rank and file workers, made no pledge to anyone to give up our Right to Strike. The leadership — mis-leadership — of labor gave it up without consulting anyone but their own interests. Actually there is no no-strike pledge to rescind, since the pledge was given illegally and fraudulently in the first place. Nonetheless, of course, delegates to the various conventions of the CIO and AFL should fight to put their organizations on record AGAINST the no-strike pledge, and against the War Labor Board, which is the capitalist state-employer instrument to maintain the servitude

of Labor during the present period.

Action for Defense

But more important than such formal action at conventions, is the action at the point of production. The slogan: "Rescind the no-strike pledge," no longer fits the bill. Ninety percent of the working class is for rescinding it. But the "rescinding" must not be left in the form of words on paper. The working class can only rescind the no-strike pledge IN LIFE ITSELF, by actual strike struggles to gain what we want and need.

With prices still rising, with cuts in hours, with innumerable lowering of piece rates wherever they exist, with the lay-off of 100,000 workers per month, with grievances

still piling up by the thousands, the working class today must take action to defend itself. It must REFUSE to have any truck with the phoney War Labor Board. It must REFUSE to submit its cases to this capitalist strike-breaking agency. Despite the Smith-Connally bill, the WLB will fold up like an accordion, if the workers BOYCOTT it.

The working class must force its demands on the greedy American capitalist class, (which is enjoying the greatest prosperity in all its history, while millions die and billions are destroyed) — the working class must submit its demands ON THE PICKET LINE.

Each strike committee should immediately organize WORKERS DE-

FENSE GUARDS, to protect themselves against the strike-breaking police and hired hooligans. Each strike committee, to achieve victory, should immediately attempt to organize Workers Councils in the area, composed of delegates FROM THE FACTORIES, to defend and spread the strike.

The proletariat can sit back and watch itself being locked into one straitjacket after another; it can watch its standards of living deteriorate. Or it can take to the picket lines again and fight to defend its standard of living from being lowered even more; with united class action it can make some gains.

FOR STRIKE ACTION TO GAIN OUR DEMANDS!

AROUND THE UNIONS

Scab Employment Service — Free
Henceforth all hiring of men between 18 and 65 will have to be through the United States Employment service. This is one more step in the general direction of Fascism. The worker is being wedded to his job with iron links. He must not only get a release from his employer but must hire out through a scabberding government agency. The possibilities for blacklisting and strike-breaking through this system are enormous. The government can shunt militant workers into insignificant plants at low wages, or keep them completely unemployed. It can force some weaker willies to either accept scab jobs where there is a strike or stay hungry.

Yes sir, we learn from Hitler, don't we?

"Labor Statesman"

R. J. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers CIO, has become the little darling of the Big Business world. In condemning the strike of the Chrysler workers in Detroit, who struck when 40 odd Union members were fired, Thomas said: "Either we set our house in order at once, cease all wildcat strikes, or we face an attack no union can withstand." All Detroit papers applauded R. J. as a "labor statesman." Incidentally the UAW leadership suspended the leadership of the Chrysler Local for the strike. This is becoming the usual rule. The Boss fires them, the Union bigwigs throw them out of the Union — just for fighting for their demands. In the name of patriotism strike-breaking has become a fashionable industry.

Right, Left, Right

The growing resentment within the UAW against the no-strike pledge is bringing forth some new reformist leaders, who are attempting to take the head off the movement. For instance, Walter Reuther is talking "left" again. And in Detroit, the presidents of the Chrysler locals recently met ostensibly to support the strike of one of the Locals, but in reality to build themselves up as "lefts" to give leadership to the coming revolt of the rank and file at the UAW-CIO convention. This new leadership with some right-wing Socialists at the head, will be no better than the Thomas-

Reuther-Addes team of today. They may permit the rescinding of the no-strike pledge, but will they organize a general strike movement to solidify the ranks of labor? Will they permit strikes for economic demands, or just in extreme cases? This Chrysler group has already shown on two occasions that when the going gets hot they retreat before R. J. Thomas, and call off their strikes. It will be a leadership with a pro-war program. No genuine left wing can be built in the trade union movement today if it supports the imperialist war.

Workers Councils or Unemployment

The taking over of the Brewster plant by Brewster workers because the Navy cancelled its contracts with the Company is an important event in modern trade unionism. The workers fought back against disemployment. Unfortunately many fought back on a social-patriotic basis — in support of the war effort. The sitdown was certainly justified and correct; but to be effective it should also have been spread into the streets in a giant demonstration demanding higher social insurance, guaranteed yearly wages by the government, and "production for use." It should have condemned war and unemployment and called for Workers Councils to organize against disemployment.

Ward Workers Will Walk Again

The Montgomery Ward workers are today no better off than they were before their strike in April. Even the Vice President of the International Union, Leonard Levy, was forced to admit in Washington recently that the workers won nothing by Mr. Roosevelt's taking over of the plant. Thus the social-patriotic leadership of the International and their pro-Roosevelt policy has brought the workers into an impasse where they have to go through the old procedure of strike once again. Failure to organize a NATIONAL strike committee of workers from Denver, Long Island, Albany, Detroit, Kansas City and Chicago, and to coordinate such efforts, hurt the previous strike. It is to be hoped that the new Ward strike is being organized on a more solid working class program.

WHICH PROGRAM FOR SOUTHERN WORKERS?

In the last few months the sleepy, hidebound South has been in the forefront of the political scene in the U. S. A. To mention only a few of the important events, the Supreme Court decision on the Texas primary case, the subsequent barring of Negroes from the Democratic primaries, the formation of separate Negro groups of the Democratic Party, and the threat of the Democratic machines in Texas, South Carolina, and Mississippi, to have the Democratic electors vote for someone else than Roosevelt unless "white supremacy" was guaranteed by the coming Democratic national convention. Let us take these events in order, and then draw the conclusions about them.

A few months ago Roosevelt's New Deal Supreme Court reversed its decision of 1935 and held unconstitutional Texas' decision to the effect that Negroes could not participate in primaries of the Democratic Party. This was followed by tremendous protests on the part of the ruling classes of practically all the states south of North Carolina. In Atlanta, Georgia, there was refusal to register Negroes, and the South Carolina legislature held a special session, returned to the old convention system of party rule in order to evade the Supreme Court decision. At the same time in practically all the Southern states groups of the Negro petty bourgeois got together in order to participate in the Democratic primary, and in one instance in S. C. a competing delegation is to be sent to the Democratic national convention meeting in Chicago. Throughout the ranks of the ruling class in the South, and particularly in the ranks of the semi-feudal elements, there has been much talk about resorting to violence and bloodshed in order to prevent the Negroes from voting in the primaries.

A BAG OF TRICKS

The latest stunt of the anti-Roosevelt elements in Texas is to proclaim that they will select electors in the present election who will vote for someone else than Roosevelt, with the idea that enough votes will be taken from Roosevelt in the electoral college to throw the election to his Republican opponent. Drew Pearson gives a list in his column of very large financial and industrial interests cooperating in this proposed move. It is a striking commentary upon the "democracy" for which the Negro and white soldier are supposed to be fighting at Carantan that such a device is possible. What is the machinery of the thing? Most people believe that they are

voting for a president, but that is not the case. They vote for a certain number of electors for each state, and these electors vote for the president. Now, what is proposed by the anti-Roosevelt democrats is that there should not be a split from the Democratic Party, but that the elector selected on the Democratic ticket should not vote for Roosevelt, and thereby help throw the election. This is only one of the many little devices in the "democratic" bag of tricks.

ECONOMIC BASIS OF THE SOUTH

What is behind all this? Is it true that Roosevelt is a progressive friend of the Negro people and that his opponents are fighting him because they are in favor of white supremacy? What can be achieved by Negroes going into the democratic primary? These questions are of importance to the workers, not only in the South, but everywhere.

In order to get the answer to these questions we have to start out with the economic basis of the South. Very few people know that after 1865 there was for some years a working union of the freed slaves and a large section of the poor white farmers directed to dividing up the land of the former slave owners, and carrying through a thorough going capitalist revolution. This was stifled when the big capitalists of the North came into agreement with the former slave owning class of the South, withdrew the Federal troops and the Freedmen's Bureau, and left the Negro and white tillers of the soil to the mercies of the Ku Klux Klan. The result was a practical return, in the form of share cropping to the old slave conditions. The new masters formed the basis of the Democratic Party and the "solid South." With the development of industry in the South a real capitalist class came into existence. This capitalist class has found itself hampered in many ways by the old semi-feudal rulers. At the same time it found the splitting of the

working class into Negro and white of advantage. The struggles between the Old Deal and the New Deal are basically struggles between the employers of sharecroppers and the new style capitalist both in agriculture and industry. The decision of Roosevelt's Supreme Court was aimed to increase the strength of the New Deal (now called Victory Deal) forces as opposed to the Old. The situation is further complicated by the fact that large capitalist interests, both North and South, opposed to the Roosevelt administration have lined up temporarily with the wage-slave owners against the Roosevelt forces.

FUTILE EFFORTS OR POWER

In this situation do the Negroes have anything to gain by entrance into the democratic primaries? The answer must be decisively no. The vast masses of the Negroes in the South are sharecroppers with a growing section of industrial workers. In either case they have nothing to gain by the triumph of either section of the Democratic or Republican Party. The primary problem of the South is the carrying through of the agrarian revolution, and that can only now succeed as a part or phase of a general proletarian revolution in the U. S. A. The energy of the working class of the South should, therefore, lie not in the creation of factions within the capitalist parties, but in the building and support of independent working class action under a revolutionary Marxian Party.

The attempted participation of the Negro bourgeoisie in the democratic primary, so far as the vast masses of the workers and sharecroppers is concerned, is a red herring across the trail. It is similar to the Labor Party red herring, except that it is one step even further to the right and one step still closer to futility. It should be remembered in this connection that the great mass of the exploited and oppressed are barred even from the capitalist polls by the poll tax.

"Scientific" Technocrats Aid War

What is Technocracy and what is it trying to do?

The Technocrats tell us that Technocracy is a "plan" whereby we can turn our land of plenty for a few into plenty for ALL. They paint a rosy picture of the workers working a four-hour day, four days a week, doing practically nothing but "pushing buttons." And for his labor he will receive "energy certificates" that will entitle him to practically anything his heart desires. Now how do they go about achieving this wonderful system? Why, they just want you to write to your congressman of course, and he'll take care of it for you!

What a farce! And yet, it's a serious problem. These Technocrats are duping the workers. They shelve the class struggle and try to get the workers to think about a "safer" subject — anything but revolutionary mass action.

END PROFIT SYSTEM

We have no disagreement with them when they say the Price System must go. That is, if by "price system" they mean "profit system." But we know that it will not go by peaceful parliamentary action. That is not the way history moves. Every worker who was ever on the picket line knows that. He has learned it in his day to day struggle with the boss class. But then, Technocracy does not want to open the eyes of the working class to the class struggle around them. Technocracy recognizes no classes in society. It merely hammers away at one theme — "the price system is no good." And with this catch phrase they hope to cover up any signs of the class struggle.

Where has this line of reasoning taken them? It has elevated them to the position of "yes men" to the capitalist class. The capitalists tell them this is a war against Fascism. So they eat up this garbage and settle down to figuring out a better way to fight this war for the bosses. They design enormous "wing planes" that will carry one hundred fully equipped paratroopers and cannons that will wipe out whole cities. Yes, they're going to fight this war scientifically for the capitalists. No sense in dilly-dallying with equipment that will only kill a few hundred men. They want to use equipment that will kill thousands of workers!

DON'T BELIEVE IN CLASS STRUGGLE

The Technocrats are not a political party, they do not support Unions or workers' organizations. They are too "scientifically advanced" to work with and for the masses. They hope to change society by slightly altering its super-structure. This will in reality be just as effective as throwing the Democrats out of office and installing the Republicans — a process which subjects the workers to the same exploiting class under a different name every four years.

But this is not the way progress has been achieved in past history nor shall it be any different in the future. The only way the worker can free himself from capitalism and its ever increasing blood baths for imperialist power is not to alter the present system, but to smash it completely and erect the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is only in this way that we can eliminate a system whereby a handful of people impose their will on the masses.

CAMPAIGN FOR KELLY'S PARDON

PETITION POINTS OUT FRAMEUP

Richmond, Va.—At a recent meeting of the Samuel Kelly Defense Committee it was unanimously agreed to campaign for unconditional pardon for Samuel Kelly rather than petition for habeas corpus in the Federal Courts. The committee was of the opinion that this would do away with all the technical issues that might surround habeas corpus and present squarely to the Governor of Virginia the question of whether Kelly was being held in prison for a non-existent larceny or for his devotion to the working class and the Negro people. It was also agreed that there was much more possibility of exerting mass pressure through campaign for unconditional pardon than by habeas corpus.

Kelly has declared himself in favor of this campaign and categorically against probation or parole or anything but unconditional pardon. The petition points out the utter lack of evidence against Kelly, — the fact that the charge against him of stealing clothes was nothing but a frame-up, — and goes farther by

pointing out the real reasons for Kelly's imprisonment. The petition points out the fact that for the past twelve years Kelly's name has been linked with every labor defense struggle of the working class and Negro people. It cites the various attempts of the Richmond ruling class "to get" Kelly; it points out that the decision of the ruling class judicial organs was undoubtedly influenced tremendously by the fact that Kelly was a follower of the Marxist line on the war.

Masses' Only Hope for Kelly

The Samuel Kelly Defense Committee, or at least the working class group within it, clearly realizes that no dependence can be placed on purely legal action to free Samuel Kelly. He was put in prison by the ruling class because of his activity, accentuated by his views on the war, and they do not want him out at the present time, particularly in view of the big fights that are going to take place in the South.

Two groups have developed in the SKDC. One stands for the position

that Kelly can only be liberated by mass pressure and desires to concentrate on a mass campaign and not on technicalities. The second, mostly Negro middle class in composition, has many illusions about the "fair" nature of capitalist courts, and does not realize the importance of mass pressure. At the last meeting of the SKDC certain elements of this group even went so far as to want to liquidate the Kelly campaign. In this they were defeated.

Only the militant action by the working class, Negro and White, can get him out. Workers and their organizations are urged to send letters or telegrams to Colgate Darden, Governor, Executive Mansion, Richmond, Virginia, declaring their belief in the innocence of Samuel Kelly and insisting upon unconditional pardon for him. Meetings should be held, resolutions passed. Interested organizations and individuals should get in touch with the Samuel Kelly Defense Committee, Dorothy Thomason, secretary, 815 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia.