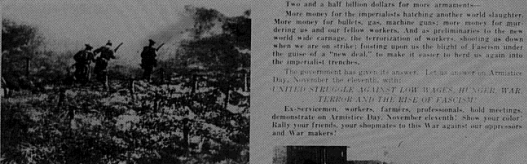


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ARMISTICE DAY?



THEIR (ABOVE) Clinging mania for Hitler, (LEFT) A half-breed "see they" after an unbroken and unbroken hold down their lives. (RIGHT) A half-breed "see they" in their opinion where the Government were called, but they are in the Government's hands.



THIRTEEN YEARS ago, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh month of a prolonged and put up and down the front line trenches, it was taken up by the tens of thousands of unbroken men in the year ending the 11th of November.

The Armistice was declared. The World War was over.

Ten million soldiers had died from 1914-1918. Twenty million were wounded. Millions of civilians on both sides were involved in those four years of unbroken carnage. Nine million soldiers were captured. 250 billion dollars were consumed in the unbroken carnage.

Today—thirteen years after the Armistice—the soldiers of the World War are victims of that very "democracy" for which we supposedly fought. The very same government which heralded millions of us into the trenches answered our request for the loans with layoffs, cuts and tax increases. Today, thirteen years after the Armistice, the same profits cut through the governments of all workers and farmers, all professionals, all the common people.

Direct food and a home to live in—
Three square meals a day and a chance to go to school for our children—
What answer does the government give? The answer is, give millions of unemployed, unemployable, workers, farmers and professionals who are living on a few pennies a day. The answer is—
Two and a half billion dollars for more armaments—
More money for the imperialists hatching another world slaughter, more money for bullets, gas, machine guns, more money for murdering us and our fellow workers. And as preparation for the new world wide carnage, the internationalization of workers, shooting us down when we are strike, forcing upon us the might of Fascism under the guise of a "new deal," to make it easier to herd us again into the imperialist trenches.

The government has given us support. Let us support on Armistice Day, November the eleventh, with:

UNITED STEELWORKERS' NATIONAL CONFERENCE, HENDERSON, WISCONSIN
TERROR AND THE BISHOP OF FACISM

De-Service men, workers, farmers, professionals, hold meetings, demonstrate on Armistice Day, November eleventh. Show your other half your friends, your supporters in the War against our oppressors and War makers!

Mr. Palmer. Daily, internationally recognized authority on labor problems, has recently completed his book, "Fascism and Social Revolution," now published in Great Britain and in the United States. It is unhesitatingly recommended as the best and most valuable contribution to the English language in the subject of Fascism.—Editor.

Following the success of the great anti-Fascist counter-demonstration of 120,000 in Hyde Park, London, on September 9, the first big steps are being taken towards building a wide all-Britain Anti-Fascist Front in Britain.

A Manifesto, signed by a host of prominent names in the working-class movement and in the professional, scientific and literary world, has gone out, calling for a mass Anti-Fascist Front throughout the country to defeat Fascism, and summoning a nation-wide Anti-Fascist Congress to constitute the Anti-Fascist Front.

The development reflects the rapid sharpening of the fight of Fascists and anti-Fascists in Britain, as shown conspicuously at Olympia in June and Hyde Park in September.

Signs of the Time

What is the basis for Fascism in Britain? Two years ago all "well-informed" opinion laughed at the possibility of Fascism in Britain, of which only Marxism has given consistent warning for ten years. Today the possibility and the menace is universally recognized and discussed. The open Fascist organization of Mosley, the British Union of Fascists, is now very strong, despite lack of financial and semi-official support, and is extremely unpopular. But all the deeper signs of the political and economic situation in Britain reveal the familiar features of the advance of Fascism.

The economic crisis and widespread unemployment, the universal disillusionment with the old political forms, the faces of the Second

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BRITISH BLACKSHIRTS

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Labour Government, and the formation of the coalition National Government (a wartime device) to carry through an emergency program of tightened state control in the economic and political spheres—all these are the familiar signs of the advance to Fascism.

The National Government has carried through and is carrying through a series of measures, like the Unemployment Act, with its labor camps, etc., the Soldiers Bill, making the most elementary working-class propaganda liable to suppression, the militarization of the police, etc., which by the foundation of the Fascists. The arrests and imprisonments of workers since the formation of the National Government have run into many thousands. At the same time the National Government gives its unflinching assistance and protection to the Fascists.

Government Support of Fascism

The British Union of Fascists, founded in 1922 by Sir Oswald Mosley, placard and former Labour Party leader and Minister in the MacDonald Labour Government, is estimated to have so far not more than 20,000 members at the outside. Their Blackshirt uniforms, their drilling and maneuvering, their barracks or Black House spread over the country, their armored cars, and their hoivag exploits have aroused universal anger and protest from all areas of the population. The National Government, however, has not only refused to intervene against the unbridled illegality of this semi-military organization, but has used all the forces of the state to protect it against any popular self-defense. This was conspicuously seen at Olympia, where, according to the testimony even of highly placed Conservative witnesses, the Blackshirts violently beat up members of the public, and the police not only looked on without intervening, but made their arrests only of anti-Fascists. The same was

shown at Hyde Park on September 9, when the state authorities, which have never stirred a finger against jingo wringing of working-class propaganda, mobilized an army of 7,000 police, mounted and foot, to form a solid cordon around the 2,000 Blackshirts against the 150,000 anti-Fascist demonstrators. In the courts, also, the acquittal of Fascists and heavy sentencing of anti-Fascists has been conspicuous.

How shall we defeat Fascism in Britain and in every country? Only by organizing the overwhelming majority of the population to resist it, by awakening opinion and leading the fight against it in the early stages before it is strong.

To trust to the state authorities, to the law, to the police, for protection against Fascism is fatal. Fascism grows up under the protection of the old state apparatus and only conquers by its aid. This is the lesson of Italy, of Germany, of Austria. The reactionary Labour Party and Trades Union Congress leaders mouth positively and treat in the state "Stay at home" in their advice to the workers when the Fascists take to the streets and hold their demonstrations. This line only assists the growth of Fascism. This was the line which led to the victory of Fascism in Germany. Fascism only wins if we fail to resist it.

The British and French Workers are learning the lesson. In France the mass demonstrations against Fascism on February 9, defeated the rapidly advancing Fascist offensive at the beginning of the year. In Britain, Olympia and Hyde Park have dealt heavy wounds to Fascism. The united working-class front has been established in France. In Britain the united front is still refused by the reactionary Labour leaders, but we are building up the Anti-Fascist Front with wide trade-union support.

The great task now is one of organization. Popular feeling against Fascism is strong; but it can only become effective if it is organized. Now is the favorable moment; later will be too late.

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No Armistice Here!

SINCE JULY, 1918, Governments of 19 states have made one of millions and state police against workers in at least 22 strikes. Involved in these actions were 15 Democratic governments more or less closely affiliated with "New Deal" administration; 3 Republican governments; and one Farmer-Labor Party government. At least nine workers died as a result of attacks by National Guardsmen in these strikes, and thirty-two more workers were killed by city police and private detectives.

The table below, prepared by Labor Research Association, gives the important details concerning use of militia by governors since the middle of last year.

| Governor | Use of Militia | Notes |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Arthur S. Chapman, Minn. | 5,000 | 2,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Harry H. Blood, Ind. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Paul F. McNair, Ind. | 10,000 | 2,000 National Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Gifford Pinchot, Pa. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Robt. La Follette, Wis. | 1,000 | 500 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| B. H. Miller, Ala. | 2,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| R. M. Miller, Ala. | 2,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Alfred M. Landon, Kans. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Geo. E. Peck, Ark. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| George M. Breaux, La. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Gifford Pinchot, Pa. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| A. G. Schwarzschild, N. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Frank M. Weaver, N. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Frank H. Olson, Minn. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Rogers Pennington, N. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| J. D. Ephraim, N. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| J. C. Blackwood, S. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| F. T. Carter, S. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Lowell J. Geer, S. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Willard L. Cross, S. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |
| Samuel Cowley, S. C. | 5,000 | 1,000 Guards called out; 100 National Guards called out. |

'VETS' On the MARCH
By JACK DOUGLAS
Author of "Veterans on the March"

The writer of this article has recently compiled and published through Workers' Library Publishers a detailed story of the Bonus March of 1932 and 1933. The book contains a Foreword by John Lee Payne.

TURBULENT ferment is going on among the veterans. In fact, the main body of the veterans are in the last few years beginning to understand the full import of the struggle in which they themselves are taking part. Governmental authorities have, from the very beginning, understood the importance of the veterans' fight; this mass of over four million men, comprising ten percent of the electorate, and with their families, twenty to thirty percent of the population, are fighting to gain their demands from the government and the big financial interests.

This is the old fight of the returned soldier against those who sent him to War; the ex-soldier fighting for his relatively small compensation so that he and his family may continue to exist—the swelling class trying to hold on to their War profits and gains. This is the struggle that has taken place after each of the major Wars in which the United States has taken part.

War Insurance

At the beginning of the World War, to avoid a pension expense after the War, the government issued Risk Insurance to the enlisted men. It was to be "voluntary," but an average of eight dollars a month was taken out of each soldier's pay every month. Fifteen dollars more was taken out of the married man's pay and allotted to his family. To this the government added an equal amount plus ten dollars for each child. Later, most of the money paid by the soldiers for War Risk Insurance was lost to them. Over five million policies were issued. Today, less than 400,000 are still in force. After the World War, huge tax refunds were made to industry. "Adjustments" in War industry contracts were so grandiose that in many cases interest alone amounted to a million dollars or more. The pay of federal and civil employees was readjusted. In 1924, after

ARE YOU A

- WORKER
- FARMER
- HOUSEWIFE
- PROFESSIONAL
- SMALL BUSINESS MAN



THESE GROUPS comprise the great mass of our population to whom the rising tide of Fascism and the threat of another World War represent the most serious menace in the world today. If you belong to one of these groups, you have interests in common with all the others.

THE ONLY organization that expresses, in one united body, this community of interests, is the American League Against War and Fascism. Your place is in its ranks. Join today! We will contact you with the nearest branch or committee in your vicinity.

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I, the undersigned, pledge my wholehearted support to the fight against War and Fascism. I wish to register with the American League Against War and Fascism and agree to carry out its program.

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