

## Mothers Organize

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Organizing to "protect" 3,000,000 boys between 18 and 21 "who would have no way of registering their vote but who probably would have to fight" in a European war, 300 Springfield mothers have formed the chapters of a proposed national group—"Mothers of America's Sons."

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# ONLY THE WORKERS FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM CAN STOP THE WAR!

## YCL 'LEFT TURN' HIDES STALIN'S REACTIONARY FOREIGN POLICY

The nauseating spectacle of the "left turn" adaptation of the Young Communist League to the needs of the Moscow - Berlin axis has just been completed in the latest issue of the Young Communist Review.

And what an utterly disgusting and shameless sight it is! With what ease do these pen-prostitutes, these youthful candidates for the task of being Stalinist boot-lickers, haul out the old revolutionary phrases which they had long ago discarded, for the purpose of masking the reactionary alliance of Stalin with Hitler.

Yesterday they howled for a holy war for democracy. Yesterday they hailed President Roosevelt as the Saviour himself. Yesterday whoever suggested that a war of England and France would be a reactionary and imperialist war and undeserving of the workers support they labeled as a Fascist spy. All this they said because their master, Stalin, was phenagling around with the English and French ruling classes; and the price which Stalin paid for this was to make his lackeys in these countries become loyal supporters of capitalism.

### Tune Changes

Now their tune has changed. With utter nonchalance, they suddenly discover that this is an imperialist war, that England and France suppress colonies (especially India—but perhaps that is a coincidence, the way their discovery of oppression in Poland 2 days before the Red Army marched was a coincidence) and that the workers shouldn't support the war.

We say that this is all hypocrisy, all flowing not from the independent interests and needs of the working class, but merely and solely from the diplomatic maneuvers of Stalin and Hitler. Stalin becomes the partner and tool of Hitler. Result: the Stalinists become "revolutionary" in the countries opposing Hitler.

Who can seriously doubt that this policy of trying to scare the Allies into accepting Hitler's "peace proposal" by talk of stirring revolts in England and France and especially in their colonies, is calculated solely from the needs of the Hitler-Stalin agreement.

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## Challenge Seller Arrested in LA

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The students at San Francisco Junior College were given an object lesson in "democracy" the other day when George Adams, member of the YPSL, was arrested and thrown into jail for selling the anti-war paper, the Challenge of Youth on the campus.

After slapping the handcuffs on Adams and pushing him around, the police marched him to the station and booked him on a charge of vagrancy and asked for \$1,000 bail! There is no law, you see, against selling or distributing papers at schools or colleges, so the "democratic" police found a convenient charge on which to hold our comrade in jail.

Next morning the whole case collapsed when the judge read the charge and questioned Adams. With a warning not to sell papers at the college the case was dismissed. The "democratic" police and judges are not yet ready to risk publicity which would expose the frame-up to the students who rallied to Adams' support.

Let this arrest be a warning for the future. There was no case against our comrade, but the police and the judge know that the war mongers can't afford to let the truth about the war get to the students who will be the very first to be sent to the slaughter in the name of "democracy".

## Hitler and Allies To Continue War

The war in Europe has just about finished its first stage. The stage of preliminary diplomatic maneuvering, the stage of feeling around to see what the lineup in the war is—that stage is about over.

For the moment, the lineup seems to be pretty clear: England and France against Germany, which has the aid of Stalin. Only one or two countries remain doubtful, such as Italy.

And with this first stage of the war over, we may expect that the actual military fighting will become intensified. The riddle about which American papers have written so much—where is the war?—will soon be solved.

It will be solved in a bloody fashion—by unloosening the 2nd World Massacre in grand style.

But why, you may ask, has there been relative quiet so far?

The answer to that question is very important. It will help explain what probable future developments will be.

In the first place, there's been plenty of warmaking already, plenty of workers sacrificed to imperialist war.

The invasion of Poland by Hitler—that was "real" war. The constant sea and air skirmishes—that was "real" war.

But, you ask, what about the Western front?

The first reason that there has been relative inaction on this front is that both Germany and France hesitate to unloose a grand offensive against either the Maginot Line or the Siegfried Line. Such an offensive would cost the attacker 2,000,000 lives and there would be no guarantee of success. But more, such an offensive would mean the possibility of revolts against mass human destruction. Here again as elsewhere, the spectre of revolution haunts the ruling class.

But a second, and even more important reason explains the lack of large scale hostilities. The Allies have been trying to stall long

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## Underground German Workers Fight on

The underground movement of Germany—the most heroic form of working class struggle against oppression—continues.

Two Berlin workers have just been legally murdered by the military machine of Hitler. Bruno Witte, 52, and Paul Spersert, 37, have been shot, according to the report of Heinrich Himmler, head of the German secret police (Hitler's murder squad.)

The charge against them was that they were urging the workers of war-necessary industries not to work.

Witte and Spersert shall go down with the long list of martyrs who have silently and heroically given their all for the cause of human liberation. Their deaths shall not have been in vain.

## Fake Trial Hits Youth Leaders

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The third of the now famous "WPA conspiracy" trials has now begun and among the 25 indicted militants who are being prosecuted by the government for fighting against WPA cuts are two outstanding youth leaders, Oscar and Peggy Schoenfeld of the Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section of the Teamsters Union.

In the first two trials of 12 defendants which ended on October 20, the juries returned verdicts of guilty against eight defendants. The "conspiracy" charge was given such a vague and broad definition by the federal attorneys and the judge that no laborer who would seek to better his conditions by organized protest either against the government or a private employer could escape its scope.

### AFL Appeal

In view of the extreme importance of this case for organized labor, the AFL WPA Defense Committee immediately announced it would appeal the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals. If a reversal is not obtained there, the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. The Defense Committee is laying plans

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## STUDENTS HOLD NATION ANTI-WAR ACTIONS

Incomplete reports from the various schools of the nation indicate that this Armistice Day saw numerous student anti-war demonstrations carried on in the main under the leadership or with the active participation of the Young Peoples Socialist League (4th International).

On the whole, however, it cannot be denied that the number, size, impressiveness and militancy of the student demonstrations declined this year, as a result, no doubt, of the growth of war hysteria.

Especially striking was the signal failure of most of the demonstrations held under the auspices of the American Student Union. This Stalinist-controlled group has been hit most hard by the recent change of "line" of the Stalinist movement. It has not succeeded in "adapting" itself to the Stalin-Hitler pact and the new Stalinist line and it is probably slated for dissolution.

### ASU Flops

In City College, for example, the meeting of the ASU had the lowest attendance in the history of the student anti-war movement. Only 75 students were present at the ASU meeting. Since there are

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## London against War

When a disabled war veteran got up in a London courtroom to testify for his son who was trying to gain the status of "conscientious objector," and described the horrors of war and the reason he was opposed to war, the galleries of the court got up and cheered him enthusiastically.

"War is contemptible and filthy," the father began. "After suffering in a hospital for 5 years, 2 of them on my back and being fed by other people, I determined that if ever I got out I would instruct my son under no conditions to participate in such filthy, dirty work."

## On the Russian Revolution

It is, this month, 22 years since the greatest event in modern history—the Russian Revolution. For the first time in history, the ordinary people—the workers who toll in factories, the peasants who slaved on the land—seized the power in their own hands, established their own Workers and Farmers government. In the words of Lenin, they dared "storm heaven."

Even though the last era has been one of continued defeat for the working class, even though Fascism has spread like a plague throughout Europe, even though Stalinism has distorted and knifed the revolution—the original glory to the October still remains.

And it can be done again. What the Russian workers and peasants did in 1918 can be repeated by the workers and peasants everywhere. Even though the Russian revolution had as its base the most poverty-stricken and undeveloped country in Europe, even though it had to fight off the armed intervention of all the capitalist powers, even though it was later distorted by the bureaucracy of Stalin—Russia has shown the infinite superiority of the planned economy of a workers' state.

It is in the spirit of that revolution—the spirit of Lenin and Trotsky—that we continue our struggle for freedom.



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to broaden its appeal for support to include the union movement of the whole country.

The 2 juries were composed of farmers and small town business men. These jurors were of a reactionary political nature, because of the environment from which they came.

It is interesting to note that at the same time the first WPA trial was going on, Joseph H. Person, who had only admittedly beaten his aged mother to death with a kitchen chair, was being tried in the Minnesota state court. The verdict returned in his case was one of not guilty on the grounds of "temporary insanity." He was committed to an institution for the insane. Person, it should be noted, was the protege of a wealthy family.

### Temporarily Insane

The verdicts in the two cases indicate it is much worse to be an unemployed worker protesting against a wagecut than it is to murder your own mother. This is exactly what the boss courts proclaim.

The indicted WPA workers were not fortunate enough to be "temporarily insane" when they went out to protest against the provisions of the New Deal's new "slave act": the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief act of June 1939.

It is also interesting to note that the Twin Cities is the only section are taking place. This can only mean one thing: the prosecution and intimidation in the Northwest is the first in a series of moves to break the back of militant labor movements where they are strongest; and that this is but a prelude to nationwide action.

The workers must be on guard everywhere. We must all rally to the defense of the WPA strikers; their case is our case.

# STALINIST YOUTH—

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ment? Yesterday, Hitler was the aggressor nation. Today, according to Molotoff's speech, England and France is the aggressor. Today, according to Molotoff, Hitler wants peace. Today, according to Molotoff, whether or not you support or oppose Fascism is merely "a matter of taste."

No, Stalinism has nothing in common with revolutionary poli-

### STALIN'S MOUTHPIECE



tics; it is just the opposite. It is probable that now that the Stalinists have adopted this "left-wing" talk to varnish their support of Hitler, that the Young Communist League will again turn to "militant" action in hte schools and among young workers.

The Stalinists will attempt to utilize the militant anti-war actions of the young wokers and students in order to divert them in the interests of supporting one group of imperialists, this time the Hitlerite imperialists. The role of the Stalinists in this country will have the same nature as the ac-

# Negro Youth Must Beware of The Terrible Trap of Stalinism

The Negro youth during the past few weeks have been bombarded by Communist Party propaganda. And from now on we may expect that the Communist Party drive among the Negro youth will constantly increase.

Why? With Browder's speech in Boston, on November 5th, the Communist Party completed its new turn from "war for democracy" to their fraudulent version of revolutionary struggle against war. Their drive among the Negroes is intimately connected with this new turn. They know that they will get some response.

First of all, it is much easier to do propaganda and agitation among Negroes against American "democracy" than on behalf of it. Politically minded Negroes, particularly the youth, from the very

circumstances of their lives, are able to see through the fraud of capitalist "democracy" far more easily than most other people in the country.

### Negro Sympathies

Secondly, Negroes have a strong feeling of sympathy for Negroes in Africa. Anyone who describes the situation of Africans in Africa to Negroes in America is always astonished at the warm response. The reason is that the Negro sees in the degradation of Africans in Africa a degradation similar to his own in America.

It was this which caused Negro resentment to flare so highly when Ethiopia was attacked by Mussolini. Every Negro in every part of the world became suddenly intensely interested in international affairs. Furthermore the betrayal

of Ethiopia by Britain is still fresh in the minds of Negroes. Therefore when the Stalinists go around n Harlem, in Chicago and in Los Angeles condemning all imperialism, denouncing the imperialism of Britain and France, and also the imperialism of America, pointing out their ill treatment of Negroes in general, they are certain to get much more response than in the days when they urged Negroes to support British "democracy" against German imperialism.

### Beware of Trap

The Negro youth must beware of being caught in this well-baited trap. The Stalinists today as yesterday are the agents of the vile Moscow bureaucracy. Stalin is now Hitler's ally, and therefore the Stalinists want particularly to disorganize the war preparations of Britain, France and America — the "enemies" of Hitler.

But they will betray any section of the working class for the sake of a diplomatic deal between Stalin and another imperialist power. The literature and propaganda of the YPSL and the Socialist Workers Party will be found clear explanations as to exactly why the Stalinists act as they do and how to expose them. This is knowledge that the Negro youth needs in order to repel the poisonous drive of Stalinism in their ranks.

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enough for Roosevelt to pass his bill lifting the embargo, in order to be able to put in new large stocks of war supplies before starting large scale hostilities.

No doubt of it—the lifting of the embargo by the Roosevelt administration is an event of the first magnitude. It permits the Allies o go forward into the war with infinitely great resources. And, even more important, it definitely and decisively places America on the side of Allied imperialism.

So that now we can conclude the war is ready to start in earnest. The only possible detriment is the weather.

But what about the possibility of peace? There is no possibility of peace today—certainly no possibility of genuine peace, so long as Hitler, Chamberlain and Daladier rule.

After his victory in Poland, Hitler suddenly became a peace-lover and made overtures for a truce. The reason for this was very simple—he had gotten what he wanted and he wanted a chance to digest it for a while.

What was the nature of Hitler's "peace?" A "peace" of plunder, a peace of conquest, a robber's peace, a peace which would be the prelude to a new war in a few months!

And the Allies? Exactly the same! The Allies do not accept Hitler's peace offer, because he makes it on his terms. They want a "peace"—a "peace" like Versailles, where they could dictate the terms for the destruction of their opponents and exalt their own rotten imperialism on the ruins of the war.

Even if the extremely unlikely happened now, even if there were a "peace"—this would be a peace of gangsters preparing for new raids. This would be a "peace" — either Hitler's or Chamberlain's — which would serve as a prelude to a new, bloodier war.

Peace is possible only, only through the overthrow of both imperialist camps. Only the workers can bring real peace, only the Socialist United States of Europe can bring real peace. That must be the goal of the working youth everywhere.

That is the only road to peace!

# Youth! Stop the Bosses Drive On Civil Rights

It is high time for American youth to wake up to the attacks that are being made on their civil rights.

In our previous issues we printed reports of how students at various universities are being deprived of academic liberties.

In this issue we print a dispatch from Minneapolis describing the frameup of WPA strikers—among them several youth leaders.

Recently reports in the press de-

scriptions of their GPU agents in other countries — they will attempt to destroy and behead the genuine movement of the workers against the war and for the liberation of the masses. Remember Spain!

If tomorrow, Stalin were to get friendly with the Allies, the Stalinists would suddenly discover that this is not an imperialist war, that the workers should support the Allies. Stalinism is not revolutionary politics; it is politi's in the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy.

We say: Against both sides of the imperialist war. Beware of the Stalinists who would try to involve American youth in support of the Hitler-Stalin camp with their "left" phrases, as you would beware of the plague. The liberation of the working class youth can come not with Stalinism, but only in deadly opposition to Stalinism. For World Revolution, for Socialism, Against Stalin.

scribed how an applicant for a teaching license in New York might be deprived of his right to teach because he was a member of the Young Communist League.

We also have it on reliable information that G-Men are snooping around the apprentice schools of the Brooklyn Navy Yard trying to weed out any young worker whose opinion is "unorthodox."

It is time to call a halt to this Roosevelt-Dies drive against youth rights.

These cheap labor-hating punks who parade under the title of G-Men have got to be taught that youth will not submit to the preview of M-Day that they are trying to inflict on us. And their local stooges and agents have got to be taught the same lesson.

Let's act now before it's too late, before M-Day puts its steel vise over our mouths. We propose that American youth rally to the defense of the young workers who are being framed up in Minneapolis.

We propose that the right of any youth to teach be defended.

We are ready to defend the right of a member of the Young Communist League to speak, even though we believe that the rotten policies of that organization in supporting every pie-card politician who talked "liberal" has done a lot to contribute to smash civil liberties.

American youth must be on guard! No blackout of civil rights!

# STUDENTS HOLD NATION ANTI-WAR ACTIONS

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more YCLers than that number, the lack of interest in the ASU on the part of the YCL is becoming increasingly obvious. The ASU held its demonstrations on the basis of a program that was not a program: a series of innocuous slogans which avoided the main issues of : 1. For or Against both Imperialist camps and 2. For or Against the Stalin-Hitler camp.

Nor was the role of the pacifist Youth Committee Against War essentially better. Its strike call included a demand for a conference of neutral imperialist powers to end the war. This reactionary point bases itself on the delusion that a real or just peace can be concluded under imperialist auspices.

Only the YPSL (4th International), wherever it was a factor on the campus, blaze a clear path in the anti-war direction.

In those strikes where there was united front action between the YPSL and the YCAW, the YPSL bent every effort to infuse as much working class militancy and Socialist policy as possible.

The conclusion is clear: only the revolutionary youth organization, the YPSL, can lead genuine and effective anti-war actions.

### ASU Finished?

Things are still humming around the American Student Union. Among the questions asked about the ASU are:

Is it true that the Stalinists are planning to junk the ASU at its next convention because they feel thait is now unwieldy in view of their new line?

Is it true that Joe Lash, until yesterday the front for the Stalinists, who has remained loyal to Allied imperialism, is coming to closer agreement with the pacifistic Youth Committee Against War?

And how successful is Lash in his proposal to set up a student organization which will "not touch" foreign questions but just confine itself to "student issues?"

We don't know the answers. We're just asking, you understand.



ANTI-WAR FUND . . . Since we last published the figures in our Anti-War Fund Drive we have added a little more than \$100. This is due not so much to the collection of new funds but is the result of our crediting the uniform money to this fund as agreed to by all the comrades. Within two weeks the first pamphlet will be published entitled "WAR—WHAT FOR—Straight Talks to Young Workers". Many other things are planned but for these projects we must collect the Quotas set. Get to work. Set your own deadline, but send in your full Quota in the shortest time possible. Our readers and sympathizers can also help by sending in donations direct to our office. Here is the score:

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What's the matter with New York and Chicago? You both have a good reputation for achieving quotas. Some of the smaller sections of the League are beating the pants off of you so far. Get to work. How about some of that sacrifice you showed so well in the past? How about a Week of Sacrifice to culminate in a Saturday night Sacrifice Social? All sections of the League should adopt this sacrifice idea. Have all the comrades sacrifice their little luxuries—movies, candy, but even more, lunches if necessary. The comrades have displayed courage in League work, you have also displayed sacrifice, but to make our work still more effective we need MORE SACRIFICE. GIVE TILL IT HURTS BUT LET'S GET THAT 1,000 BUCKS AND SOON!!

In our next column we hope that the results in our fund drive will be so good that we will be able to devote space to the excellent work the units are doing. And they are doing good work!

## THE CHALLENGE BRIGADE

By the Business Manager

Payments on Challenge bills have increased since the national plenum. A few of the prominent cities as well as some of the smaller ones have liquidated part of their back debt and are stabilizing their payments. But the Challenge enters its third month of financial crisis. With enough debts to pay for three issues, payment, even on current bills, trickles in leisurely while we sit in the office counting the dollars to see if we will have enough for the next deadline.

What is more serious, is the fact that Challenge circulation since the end of the summer is very poor. New York has cut its bundle from 1500 to 1000. Los Angeles asked for a decrease

Despite the opportunities offered by fall weather street sales have fallen off. Somehow the vitality which characterized our Challenge mobilizations last winter and spring has disappeared. of any issue since or before. With war here, and with America preparing to enter the conflict, YPSL units must increase their activity and that means firstly energetic sales of the Challenge.

House-to-house sales have certainly been neglected. This is indicated by the response to subscription drives. Well-planned activity of this kind leads inevitably to follow ups which bring subscriptions. Yet the major portion of the league has not even begun to take advantage of the special offers, especially to the 25c gift certificates. A

large proportion of our subscribers were gained in the activity following the last national convention. These subscriptions expire with this issue. Unless renewals are secured immediately as much as one-third of our subscriptions will fall off. Many cities have received lists of these expirations. More are being sent out every day. The response has been inadequate except from Chicago where Sam Storm has really put his shoulder to the wheel in a well-organized drive.

Special book offers have done very well in the league in comparison to other forms of subscription drives. Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco have had ten or twenty gift certificates apiece which are paid for. Only five of these certificates have been received in the office: two from Boston, two from Chicago, and one from Los Angeles. These certificates despite their attractive appearance were not sold to be used as wallpaper!

We have always, in the past, been able to pat ourselves on the back because the ratio of Challenge readers to our own membership has never been exceeded by any youth organization in the history of the American labor movement. This gratification will soon disappear if some of our members don't wake up!

GET BUSY! THERE ARE MANY RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE OBTAINED. THERE ARE BILLS TO BE PAID AND NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS TO GET.

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# M-Day: The Day When The American Government Enters The War And Establishes A Military Dictatorship At Home

## M-DAY SHOWS A FEAR OF PEOPLE BY BOSS CLASS

The war that has been planned for so long has already come to Europe. Soon, America too will be drawn in. We of the YPSL have said for a long time that this war is a rich man's war, that the Sixty Families, who profit from the war, will try today as in 1917 to drag the American people into a war in which they haven't any stake at all. If we look at the plans which are being made for M-Day we will see that this is proved to the hilt.

They say it will be a peoples' war. But they lie and they know that they lie: for if it will be a people's war, why are Roosevelt and the Sixty Families afraid to let the people vote on the war? Why don't they give youth the right to vote at 18 on the question of war? Why not? They are afraid to do this because they know that the American people, the workingmen, the youth, the unemployed, do not want this war; they know that the people would

Says Senator Lee, member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee: "Colonel Taylor (American Legion agent—Ed.) is correct when he says that when our nation goes to war our form of government must become a dictatorship, with the President the Commander-in-Chief."

vote against the war. And they know that a vote against the war would be a big step toward the day when the people will take the government out of the hands of the Rockefellers and Morgans and DuPonts.

### Suppress Rights

The people's war? But we know that in the M-Day plans are elaborate preparations for the suppression of the rights of the common man. The dictatorship will permit no opposition to the war. No one will be able to speak against it; no one will be able to write against it; no anti-war meetings will be permitted. Why? Why should this be necessary if this war will be a popular war, if the people will have something to fight for?

A popular war? But if that is so, why have the M-Day plans been prepared in secret?

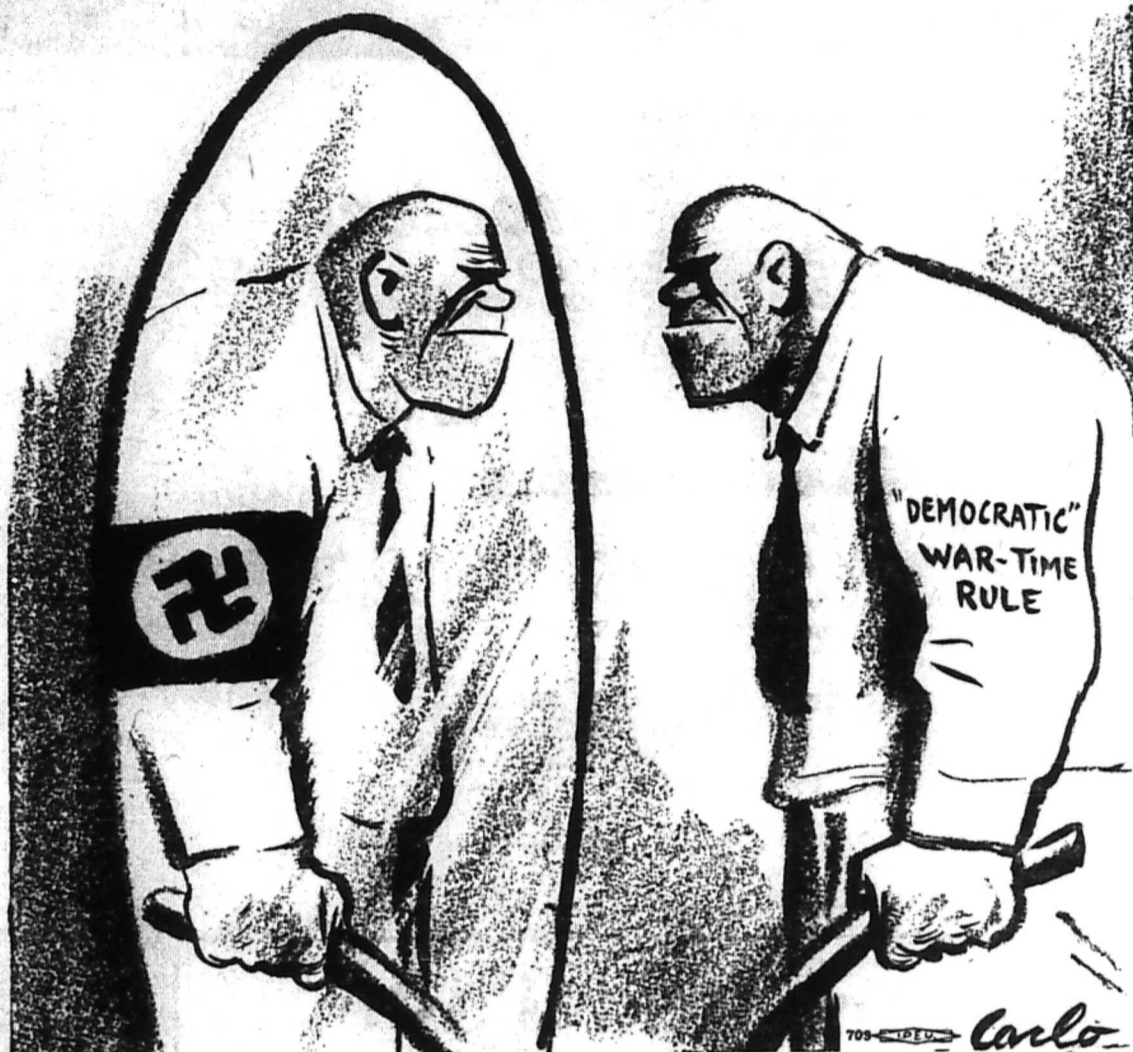
Everyone, they say, will want to go out to fight for "democracy." The whole people will be behind the war machine. But if that is true, then why the draft? Why 400 new recruiting stations to get a few thousand more men? Why is it that the youth do not flock to join the army?

### Propaganda Machine

The M-Day plans also include a huge propaganda machine, with which the bosses hope to create a war fever. The movies, the press, the schools, the pulpits—all will be used in the great drive to rally the people behind the bosses' war.

Why the great propaganda machine? Because the Sixty Families and their government are afraid of the people. They know that the people do not want the war. And so they are preparing to fight with their police and their army against their enemy at home, the great masses of the people. We too must prepare to fight against our enemy at home. And we can have the upper hand, because the Sixty Families cannot fight the war alone—they must have us. If we organize, if we serve warning on the ruling class by action that we won't fight in their war, we can prevent it. And if it comes, our organized united strength can stop it.

## Inseparable



## M-Day Means Regimentation Of People in Every Way

The Industrial Mobilization Plan is a measure for keeping the "home front", the people, in check when the Sixty Families herd America into the war. Ever since 1920, the Assistant Secretary of War has been busy making plans for M-Day, the first day of the war, when labor, the youth, the unemployed as well as women and children will be mobilized in the fight for Wall Street's profits.

The general outline of the Plan is as follows: All men, 18 and over will be required to register for the draft. No exemptions will be allowed. From these, a certain number who are between the ages of 18 and 45 will be sent into the army. The rest will be kept behind to man the factories at home.

But those who have stayed behind will not have escaped the draft: their service will only have been deferred. In this way, the government keeps the right to switch men back and forth between the front and home, with very disastrous consequences for labor. This is the main feature of the Plan: to drive the whole nation into the war machine, with the life of every man, whether he's in the army or not, at the disposal of the government.

### IS IT ONLY A PLAN?

But, some people say, it's only a plan—it hasn't been made a law yet. To say that is only to hide

your head in the sand. All the machinery is ready to push the plan thru the moment war is declared. It has been endorsed by the Secretaries of War and Navy; and the President has always been a vigorous backer of it. As a matter of fact, legal machinery isn't even necessary. The present Plan is only an elaboration (although a great elaboration) of the selective service principle adopted during the last war. And the bills which put that principle into action are still on the books.

The I.M.P. represents the lessons which the American bosses learned from the last war. The war offers them the opportunity to make tremendous profits. The Plan safeguards that opportunity in two ways: first by making absolutely sure that the bosses will get those profits. (No one connected with the Plan takes seriously any talk about "taking the profit out of war.") Said Colonel C. T. Harris, testifying for the War Department: "I do not know how to take the profits out." The second way is to hamstring every effort labor makes to get higher wages.

In a class society like ours, ruled by the plutocratic Sixty Families, the I.M.P. is exactly what can be expected. Capitalism is built so that the rich can get richer and the poor made poorer. The only question is: will the American workers permit that to go on?

## AFL AND CIO PIE-CARD ARTISTS HELP M-DAY PLAN TO KILL THEIR UNIONS

As the war comes nearer, the pie-cards in both the CIO and AFL unions show their willingness to act as Roosevelt's key men in lining up labor behind Wall Street's new war. Today Lewis and Green are divided; but they will unite when the boss government cracks the whip—they will unite to hand over the labor movement to the war department. And this, of course, is why Roosevelt has been so anxious about the CIO-AFL fight: he doesn't want any slip-ups—he wants labor to get together behind the war machine.

Lewis showed his hand last November when he declared, "If war comes the United States will need the cooperation of the millions of workers in the CIO who are willing to fight any time to maintain our rights." But the Rockefellers and Morgans will not fight for our rights. They won't fight at all. They'll ask us to fight for their profits. During the last war, Lewis promised the boss government

that the miners would not strike because that would interfere with coal production. That kept wages down, but the government didn't keep prices from going way up.

### War-Monger

William Green, head of the AFL, is no better. In January, 1938, discussing the war budget, he said "I feel that at this period when we take into account what is happening internationally, we must have confidence in the judgment of the chief executive. . . . If he feels that a billion dollars are necessary to protect America, I feel that we ought to support him." And in 1931, speaking about the Industrial Mobilization Plans, he declared, "War is to be abhorred. That is the attitude of the working people whom I represent. They shrink from the very thought of it. But, of course, if the thing we abhor actually happens, there must be a plan, and the plan must be a practical plan, and a reasonable plan."

## SMART FELLOW

From the "Voice of the People" of the New York Daily News: "If G. H. Lamm really is, as he says in the Voice, 'unwilling to let the totalitarian form of government rule this world', then he should not urge America's entry into Europe's thirty-second year. England and France are now under totalitarian rule, and so shall we be if we permit British propagandists to draw us into their power play. Did Mr. Lamm ever read the provisions of the May Bill, I wonder? Does he know how the Industrial Mobilization Plan will work? The fact is that war IS dictatorship. And who can guarantee that we will get out from under a military dictatorship

### PEACEMAKER

These fakers, Lewis and Green, are tied down to the boss system. They are not, therefore, against the boss war. But in spite of them, labor in fighting for a decent life will fight against the system and its war.

## ROOSEVELT PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN FORMING M-DAY PLAN

Many people have been led to believe that Roosevelt is a peace-loving president, one who wants to keep America out of war. Everyone has heard of his "I hate war" speeches, in which he tried so hard to put that idea across. Roosevelt has been using these speeches as a smokescreen for his real aim: to drive the American people into a war for Wall Street's profits. What is the proof of this statement?

One of the ways in which we can see the truth of this most easily is to look at FDR's relation to the preparations for Mobilization Day. It is very easy to show that Roosevelt has been the leader of those who are planning to suppress the rights of the workingmen, the youth, and the unemployed in America.

### Prepared Long Ago

The M-Day plans have been prepared for a long time. Right after the last war, they started to get ready for the next one. And so in 1920, the Assistant Secretary of War was given the job of preparing the blueprints for a dictatorship

(the Industrial Mobilization Plan) which were to be used when the Sixty Families found it necessary to go to war again. Even then, Franklin Roosevelt was one of the leaders in the movement for such a plan. He went further than most of the others: he was in favor of peacetime conscription—forced service in the army for all men in time of peace.

Up until 1933, when Roosevelt came in, the plans for M-Day were kept pretty much in the background, although the War Department kept itself busy at them. But Roosevelt changed that: he made the Plan a leading activity of his administration. He had it printed in a secret edition for the "right people." He had the Congress agree to "educational orders" to selected plants; and he started sending Army officers to take over civilian positions (notably on WPA). The Sixty Families have not hesitated to applaud him for these activities.

### Spill Beans

On October 22, 1938, Business Week said: "For the past 15 years the military has been skirmishing around the procurement (M-Day) problem but support from higher up was needed to put life into a lot of paper work. . . . Without playing on war hysteria the former National Commander of the American Legion (Louis A. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of War, appointed by Roosevelt) is frankly taking advantage of the recent crisis in international affairs to put across his plans."

There is plenty of other proof. For example, Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert for the N.Y. Times said on Nov. 27, 1938, "M-Day—that dreaded 'zero-hour' when secret mobilization orders herald the beginning of war—is the chief concern of Washington nowadays. For Mobilization Day . . . is now, and long promises to be, one of the most important problems of government. . . . The industrial mobilization plans of the U.S. are probably more advanced, comprehensive and efficient than those of any other nation (possibly excepting Germany). . . ."

## M-Day Speaks For Itself

From the Industrial Mobilization Plan (p. 46)

The functions of the Public Relations Administration will be

"To mobilize all existing mediums of publicity. . . .

"To coordinate the publicity programs of the various government agencies. . . .

"To act as a bureau of information to which the public and the world may look for proper and reliable information concerning aims and activities of the Government.

"To combat disaffection at home.

"To combat enemy propaganda at home and abroad.

"To establish rules and regulations for censorship.

"To enlist and supervise a voluntary censorship of the newspaper and periodical press."

## M-Day Hits Blows At Heart of Labor's Rights

The bright spots in the M-Day plans (for Rockefeller and Morgan!) cover the whole plan. Because it's all dedicated to tying up labor so that the bosses can go on piling up profits undisturbed. The American workers have got to fight this plan or else they will lose everything they've fought so hard to gain.

Everybody, says the Plan, will have to "work or fight." All men above 18 will be either sent into the army or have their service "deferred" so that they can work at home. What does this mean for labor? It means that here the bosses have devised a means of throttling any attempt on the part of the workers to better their conditions by organizing and strike action. The government will act in the same way the bosses do. In peace time, in their continuous war against the workers, the tactic of the boss is to fire all the militant men as soon as he can find out who they are.

### Will Throttle Militants

During the war, the same thing will happen: any man who tries to do something about his working conditions will be immediately sent into the army. This is possible first, because his service was only deferred, and he is therefore liable for duty at any time and secondly, because the local board

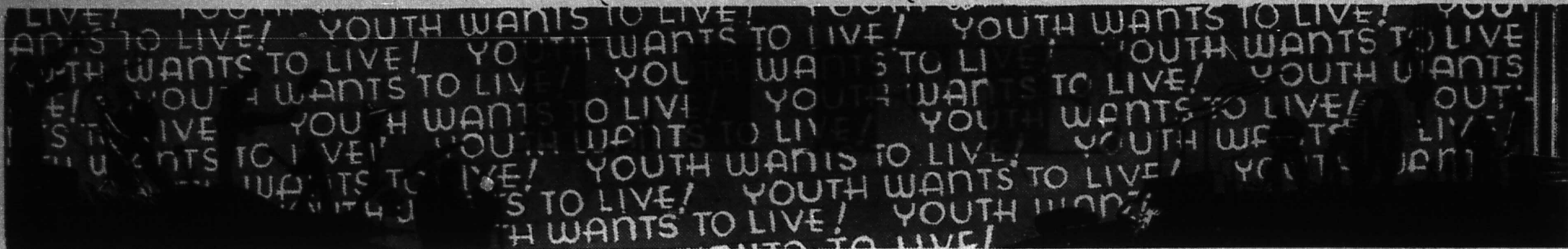
which will make these decisions will be composed of bigger businessmen in the area and their stooge politicians. They have studied well what happened in Europe.

In 1917, the U.S. Vice Consul at Zurich reported to the State Department: "The leaders of the workmen's demonstrations are singly withdrawn from their vocations and sent to the front. This quiet transportation is made to avoid suspicion and not to indicate the wrath of the labor party. Nevertheless, all the leaders of such demonstrations sooner or later get their notice to go into the trenches." (Continued on Page 4)

## M-Day for M.D.'s

M-Day will hit M.D.'s too! According to the business journal of the medical profession, "Medical Economics," there will "not be many army doctors assured of a safe berth. . . . Many more doctors will be out in No-Man's land with the troops than ever before. . . . No longer will the civilian practitioner be politely asked to volunteer his services. He will be conscripted. The mechanized slaughter of today calls for a complete streamlining of the wartime medical machine."





### ACTION-CAMERA! BY MARTIN EDEN

Having run through the popularly-known government agencies (Warner Boys at West Point, etc.) Hollywood is casting the spotlight on the lesser branches of American "defense." Of the recent crop, "Espionage Agent" is the "cream."

The diplomatic service, too, trains its corps of bright young men. These sterling lads, in turn, are sent to foreign lands to train the natives in the joys of American trade and business. It seems, in the course of the picture, that the State Department is laboring under the handicap of democratic rights—that is, the loose laws of America which permit spies and such to undermine the country under our very noses.

Unidentified foreigners with heavy accents and Teutonic haircuts (they might be "Bolivian or Afghan") sneer at our democracy as they plant bombs and the like. Joel McCrea's pretty wife has been pressured into the service of the spy ring. When her shady past is revealed McCrea is forced to leave the Department. On his own hook, McCrea determines to track down the spies who threaten the very foundations, etc. Here, the old formula is dragged in — thrilling chases, eerie hideouts at midnight and button, button, who's got the spy.

#### POWERFUL SPIES

The spies, you see, are very powerful. Their agents are legion and their tools, a multitude of innocent dupes. Are you against huge armaments? You dupe, you. Against a totalitarian witch-hunt? Against the hounding and jailing of all those who oppose boss war? Then you're a paid agent of an enemy power or a misguided fool. But fear not! Our government is on the alert. With Joel McCrea on hand we'll round up the millions who oppose war in a jiffy.

Direction, photography, acting? Par for the course. Joel McCrea adds another to his gallery of Famous Dead-Pans. Brenda Joyce, a newcomer, slinks her way to star billing.

Confidentially, the whole thing slinks.

*Movies is the cwasiest people!* The war has forced Hollywood producers to concentrate on the home market since most foreign marts are closed. But France has posed the problem in the opposite fashion for its motion picture producers. They have no market at home, and must export all of their good productions. New York now has five French hits. The two best films are completely banned in France. One is a splendid anti-war film. The other a eulogy to the French Revolution. To top it all, Jean Renoir is the man who censored the films. As movie censor-in-chief he had to bar showings of his hit, "Grand Illusion." Now he has cancelled his own "Marseillaise."

*Because I like Garbo—  
I hope "Ninotchka"  
Is very hotchkka!*

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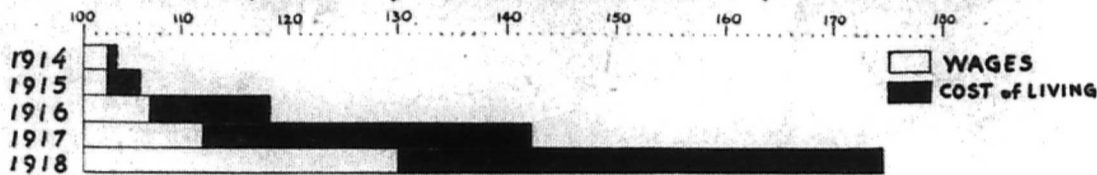
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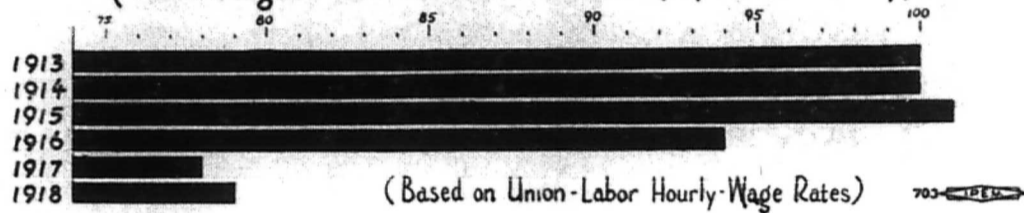
## COST OF LIVING Skyrockets = WAGES LAG FAR BEHIND

—for purposes of comparison, 100 = pre-war level—



## RESULT: "REAL WAGES" GO DOWN

("Real Wages" = the amount that one's paycheck can buy)



(Based on Union-Labor Hourly-Wage Rates)

## With Scissors And Paste...

#### IT'S CRICKET TO PICKET

In Toronto, strikers on roller skates are picketing the General Steel Wares plant with skates and are carrying signs with the following slogan:

"We'll roll 'till it freezes,  
For wage increases."

A pretty bad rhyme, but a damned good idea!

#### AT LEAST THE DOGS DON'T FIGHT

Says Charles Gaunt, official of the London People's Dispensary for Sick Animals: "If you suffer from war nerves, your dog will get snappy. You get angry through reading about air raids, and your dog goes out and fights the next dog. He doesn't know what he's fighting for. . ."

Neither do the young soldiers, but they're not as safe as the dogs.

#### GET 'EM YOUNG

In a skirmish on the Western front, the French captured a German soldier. He was only 18 years old. He volunteered the information that a large majority of the German soldiers were of the same age. The Young Go First.

#### POOR, POOR FATHERS

From the St. Louis Star Times: "American fathers may pretend those 'please enclose check' letters from collegiate sons are a trial, but how they beat scrawled notes from the trenches."

But we'll bet a dollar to a doughnut that this paper is opposed to a Popular War Referendum which would give these sons the right to vote against the war.

#### THE PERPETUAL SUCKER

Writes George Ryan in the Boston Herald: "A travel writer explains that there is practically no middle class in South America. How refreshingly different! Who gets stuck for everything down there?"

What charming naivete! Didn't you know, Mr. Ryan, that the workers get stuck there as in the rest of the capitalist world.

#### THAT GREAT BRITISH DEMOCRACY

From the N.Y. Times: "The British Government is 'reluctantly' withdrawing its support from the scheme for re-emigration of refugees from Great Britain, it was announced today. . . Much to its regret, said Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, the government has decided to suspend this offer for the duration of the war."

Sure, they can use the refugees now . . . in the trenches.

#### CHEERING NEWS

From Time Magazine of September 25: "A 100% loss of first-line combat planes in the first months of fighting is expected by the U.S. Air Corps if ever its new armada flies to war."

#### TELLING THE TRUTH, AT LEAST

"If America becomes involved, as some observers prematurely are predicting, Congress would not hesitate to make any President virtually a dictator.

"But it is well realized that, after seven years of expanding powers, the central government is now so strong that its further growth into a war machine would end our democratic system and it would be well-nigh impossible to return to it."—Article by Kendall K. Hoyt in a recent issue of *The Annalist*.

#### WHEN WE GO TO WAR

"WE ARE NOT NEUTRAL. . . The present so-called neutrality law will not of itself keep us out of direct involvement in war. Revision of the law, as asked by the President and favored by majority public opinion, will not of itself draw us into war. In the final analysis we will go to war if and when our vital interests are threatened. . ."—From the "Trend of Events" section, *Magazine of Wall Street*.

Where this Wall Street sheet writes "our interests," substitute "the interests of the 60 Families."

## M-Day Hits Labor---

(Continued from Page 3)

Thus the labor movement will be held in a vise, with the threat of service in the army held over all its militants.

There are other measures, too. No worker will be able to leave his job to try to find a better one without permission. This means that everyone will simply have to accept what wages the boss wants to give.

The few employment safeguards which women have got will also be abolished. The I.M.P. says: "For economic reasons, the statutes of the various States prescribe certain restrictions in the hours and conditions of employment of women in industry. . . Many of these

regulations and restrictions are expedient rather than necessary to the well-being of either the Nation or the workers. In a national emergency much of this expediency is lost and the operation of some of these regulations and restrictions should be suspended." The hammer falls in all directions: child labor, too, will be extended.

Says the Plan: "While the employment of children under the age of 16 years in industry or agriculture will be avoided wherever possible, it must be recognized from the beginning that the nature of the emergency may require such employment in its later stages. In the earlier stages, minors over 18

years of age, and in some cases over 16 years, can be utilized to advantage." The conclusion is plain: with the call to juicy war profits, the Sixty Families do not hesitate to trample every human right under foot.

These blows against the labor movement show us what is the main fear of the bosses. When the people are unorganized, their resentment against the war avails them little. But the boss government knows that where the people are organized through the labor movement, there is the basis for an effective fight against the war and the system which brings the war.

## BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS

BY IRVING HOWE

### HISTORY OF NEGRO REVOLT by C.L.R. James—No. 18, Fact Monographs—35c.

Stepin Fetchit—the lazy, stupid hanger-on who knows how to dance and stutters so "amusingly"—and Aunt Jemina—who is "useful" as a cooking machine, if not as a human being—are these caricatures which American capitalism tries to construct in the mind of America truly representative of the Negro people?

To merely ask the question is to answer it: NO!

You need but read this little book to see that they are not typical; that, on the contrary, they are lying misrepresentations.

In this book you will find the outline of the real story of the Negroes—the story of the most oppressed group in modern history and the story of the struggle of that group to achieve national liberation.

### TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE

The author, who is a leading Negro revolutionist, begins his book with a brief description of the first Negro revolt of modern times, that of the San Domingans under the leadership of Toussaint Louverture.

What is important is to note the irrefutable answer given in these few pages to the reactionary prejudices concerning the "inherent inferiority" of the Negro. The black leaders who people these pages, though only yesterday downtrodden and ignorant slaves, show themselves to be at least the equal of their white opponents. The fascinating figure of Toussaint, a coachman and slave until the age of 46, and ten years later master of Haiti, is presented in its full significance as example of the ingenuity and genius which an uprising of the oppressed always generates.

James continues with brief sketches of the role of the Negro in America previous to the Civil War, establishes the true importance of the Negro as a factor swinging the tide of victory to the North, and then describes the way in which the Negro has again been gradually driven into virtual slavery in the South. It is not a pretty picture; but it is true.

The revolts of the Negroes in Africa—most often heroic and hopelessly desperate uprising of slaves who could no longer tolerate their plight—is briefly described. A wealth of almost unknown material is presented here. Numerous pictures of unknown Negro leaders who almost always met death in their attempts to smash the regimes of European imperialism are given.

### NEGRO AND WORKER

James then turns his attention to the Garvey movement which at one time had assumed mass proportions in America, but which was fated to failure. For no Negro movement for national liberation, James tells us, can succeed in this era of declining world imperialism if it is not the ally of the workers in their struggle against capitalism.

What is really needed is not only the outline for a history of Negro revolts, but the history itself. What James has done for the San Domingo rebellion in his book "The Black Jacobins" he must do for the rest of the links in the chain of Negro revolts. For there is no man more capable of that job than James.

In the meantime this little book is required reading.

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