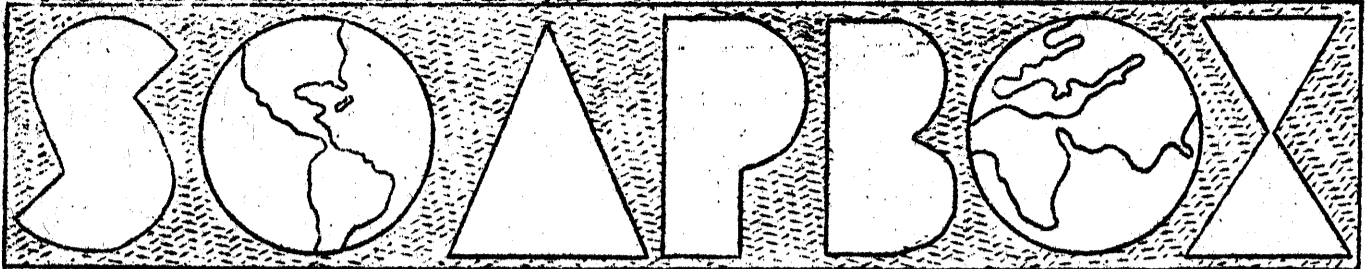


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IN EVERY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" - W.R. Hearst

AN ANTI-WAR PROGRAM FOR APRIL 20TH

Good fortune smiled benignly upon the ever-hopeful faces of the ASUC Peace Committee last week when the new date of the nation-wide peace strike made possible another meeting. The ASUC Executive Committee sanctioned the request for a student controlled meeting on April 20th; only Pres. Sproul is empowered to prevent it.

REVOLT IN SPAIN!

The Spanish war draws to a bitter finish. That staunch peoples' front defense government of Negrin's has fallen without a skirmish before the easy coup d'etat of a military dictatorship. Negrin has kept faith with the propertied class he represents! He has been neatly "overthrown" by a dictatorship which is hell-bent for a quick surrender to Franco.

And what of the Spanish people who once fought so valiantly? Have they no say in this? No! The embers of disillusionment and revolt are being put out by the bombs and machine gun fire of the new "Loyalist" government.

But don't blame Negrin and his cabinet. They couldn't have been expected to act differently. They were never in sympathy with the Spanish workers. And don't blame Chamberlain and Daladier (and the "Democracies" they represent.) Munich demonstrated that they must inevitably act according to their class interests. As capitalist governments, they have always been just as much opposed to a worker's government in Spain as were Hitler and Franco. From the very beginning of the war we have pointed out that those who advocated placing trust in Negrin, Miaja and their like in Spain, and French, British and American "democracy" outside of Spain are as surely traitors to the Loyalist cause as those who advocate the laying down of arms in simple trust that Franco will make no reprisals against the Spanish workers.

The final blame for the defeat of the Spanish workers lies with those who coaxed them into a (over)

The last issue of the SOAPBOX examined the two necessary prerequisites for a militant anti-war strike; complete student control and the presentation of a real anti-war program. Within the limitations of the campus the former has been more or less achieved. Quite obviously the meeting is in danger of becoming "just another ASUC meeting". But the fact that classes may not be dismissed will add to its meaning as a demonstration disturbing the routine of every day life. It will give the students the feeling of sacrificing something in order to engage in action that concerns their future. It will also teach them how to act toward those who will make every effort to recruit for the next war. April 20th can be a STRIKE against war and a STRIKE against its promoters!

But what of the program? Each year there is an attempt to submerge differences on the question of war beneath an all embracing "unity" program. But these differences will eventually crystallize in reality in even sharper and more accentuated terms. To be blind to their meaning is to be unprepared for their consequences! Today ambiguity and vagueness can no longer be permitted. Roosevelt, as the most conscious representative of his class, is preparing and equipping this country for an imminent conflict. Our support or rejection of his war program, its rearmament plan, its imperialist character, its preparation for industrial and labor regimentation must all be decisively determined. There is no longer room to hem, haw, and hedge. Are we for or against

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An Anti-War Program

the defense of our imperialist interests in South America and in the Pacific? Only an adequate answer to these questions can lay the basis for the April anti-war strike...if it is to be anti-war.

In the struggle for clarification American youth and labor are faced with a conspiracy of deception ranging from finance capital to the most patriotic of pseudo-leftists. Under the banner of "collective security" march all those forces who maintain that armaments are necessary to protect American interests. Morgan supports this program because of his investments in South America, the "communists" beat the drums in the name of an abstraction termed "Democracy".- The pacifists and isolationists still adhere to the myth that American economic interests will permit encroachment without resistance. They conduct no struggle against the system which finds war a necessary part of its existence. To the left are the revolutionary socialists who denounce the war plans as a defense of imperialism in which the workers can have no interest. Each analysis leads to a different program. To attempt a synthesis of these divergent views is only to add confusion to the problem and to serve not as an education to the students but as a hindrance to their search for the correct road out.

We can have few illusions as to the predominating influence in the All Student Peace Commission. Its ambiguous organizational representation and its Ex. Com. are dominated by advocates of collective security. At a meeting last Friday which met to discuss a program, the first point of disagreement arose when the Young Peoples Socialist League representative proposed "opposition to the militarization of the NYA through Pilot schools." The Young Communist League, in line with its pro-armament policy, submitted the following motion: "We favor liberalization of air pilot schools where they exist in so far as they are made more democratic by extending the training to all classes of youth whether they are in school or not." Thus a newly created war project receives the support of the YCL on the basis that it be "liberalized" (with instructors who combine Marxism with flying?) and made more "democratic" (train all the youth to drop bombs on innocent women and children!)

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REVOLT IN SPAIN (cont.)

capitalist-dominated government (the Peoples' Front), and threw the most militant revolutionists into Spanish prisons or shot them in the back.

Now the Communists are crying out "Betrayed!" And we must answer, yes, they were betrayed, by the same program and leadership which betrayed them in Czechoslovakia and France.

But the workers of Spain, Syndicalists, Anarchists, Trotskyites and rank and file Communists are at last beginning to arouse themselves. With the same spirit which permeated the heroic workers of the Paris Commune in 1871 the workers of Spain are arising, gun in hand, to fight not only the openly reactionary external enemy but the subtle, sabotaging internal parasite. They have left the treacherous path of subjecting their interests to those of the middle and upper classes. At last they have taken the revolutionary road--the road of independent workingclass action.

This is no time to toll the bells of defeat--for the working class this is another victory and another lesson. Not since the heroic fight of the workers of Red Vienna has there been as clear a lesson of what the workers must do if they wish to rid themselves forever of fascism and its corrupt parent, "democratic" capitalism. Whether the workers of Spain succeed, or whether they are crushed by the sheer weight of arms, their present fight is not in vain. They have given us an example--they have shown us the road! We will not make the same mistakes. The path of revolutionary socialism has been cleared of one more obstacle. We owe much to the courageous fighters in Spain. FOR VICTORY, SALUD!

The Young Peoples Socialist League wants an anti-war strike with an anti-war program. To support collective security is not only to renounce the struggle for Socialism but to become part and parcel to the betraying policies of the war-mongers. To sit silently by while these amateur patriots aid in the recruitment of youth is to share in their guilt. The YPSL is going to present its program on April 20th:

1. For a campaign AGAINST the RE-ARMAMENT program.
2. For a POPULAR WAR REFERENDUM.
3. For a campaign AGAINST Compulsory ROTC and the use of NYA funds for Pilot schools.
4. For the recognition of labor's power to smash the war-machine.
