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POLL SHOWS YOUTH AGAINST WAR

Coughlin Misleads Youth To Boss War

By HOWARD IVES

Behind the cover of radical sounding and seemingly anti-war phrases, Father Coughlin, American Fascist No. 1, has begun a dangerous campaign to enlist American youth behind his Fascist, anti-Semitic and pro-war movement.

Exploiting the hatred of American youth for war, Coughlin in his "Social Justice" of October 9, leads off with a headline "Revolt of Youth Rising to Defy War Planners."

Then follows what on the surface might appear to be a very radical attack on the war makers and the move to lift the arms embargo. In reality, it is only sugared bait to get the "suckers" to swallow the pro-Nazi pill that is found inside the magazine.

FEAR WAR, KEEP SONS FROM CCC

LANSING, Mich.—The mothers of Michigan are firmly resolved that they haven't raised their boys to be soldiers. And so they are refusing to let their boys be soldiers. And so they are refusing to let their boys join the CCC.

Despite the frantic claims of the commanding CCC officers, I. J. Riggerink, that the CCC has nothing to do with the army, the mothers know better. They have eyes with which to see and they see that the CCC camps are run by army officers.

One and all, the mothers make the same demand: "I want to withdraw my son's application for the CCC. I don't want to prepare him for war."

The attempts of the recruiting officers to explain away the military connections of the CCC don't help at all. No siree, says the Michigan mothers, with armies marching in Europe and Congress debating a change in the neutrality act which may bring America even nearer to war, we're not going to let Junior out of our sight. Pretty smart, these Michigan mothers!

MINN. WORKERS FIGHT FRAMEUP

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Nearly 150 labor leaders, militant workers and unemployed have just been released on bail in the WPA "conspiracy" trial which the Federal government is prosecuting against them. The charge of "conspiracy" was trumped up by the local G-Men who have been trying their hardest to "get" the leaders of the recent WPA strike here. The labor-hating dicks are especially anxious to jail the Minneapolis workers because of the fact that this city saw the most successful and militant strike.

Among those awaiting trial are leaders of the Youth Section of the Federal Workers Union—the organization of the unemployed in Minneapolis. Oscar Schoenfeld, leader of the Youth Section, was one of the first arrested.

Here are the paragraphs from the front page which speak of the "Youth Rising."

"And what is even more significant are the numbers of young men who say they will not fight in a war that results from repeal of the arms embargo. This revolt of youth, which started quietly here these past few days, threatens to become a veritable prairie fire."

"These boys of draft age do not recall the last war, but they are not going to be caught up in any fine frenzy of patriotism. . . . No, the 'grand adventure of war' is not going to wash with this generation of draftees."

"Today's youth want jobs and a chance at life. They are fast growing impatient with politicians who offer them the deceptive adventure of war in place of a 'break'."

Sounds pretty radical, huh? Behind it All

But let us look inside the sheet so we can understand the meaning of what is written on its cover.

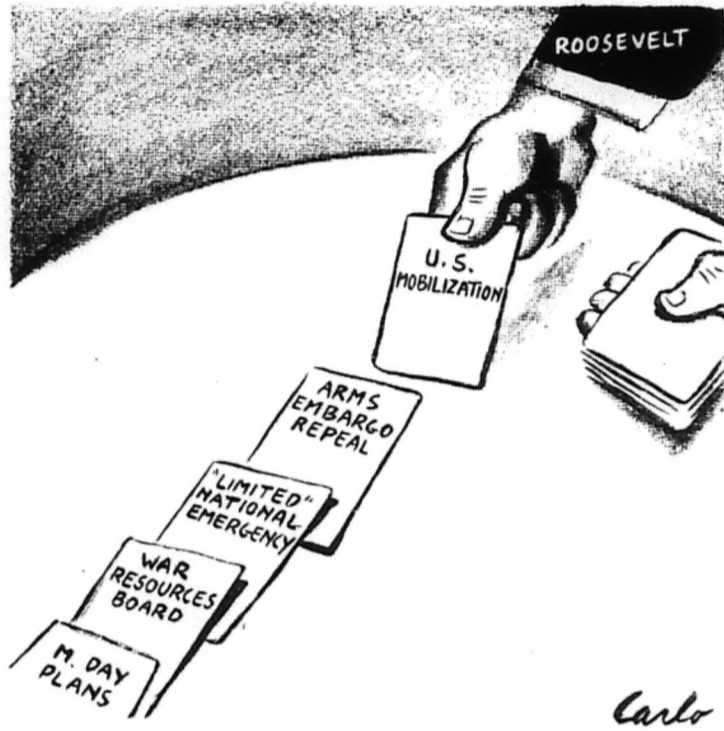
Father Coughlin talks against the coming war. But the facts prove that he has opposed every anti-war movement. On January 19, 1930, he condemned a student group that had adopted an anti-war resolution because "They are unwilling to assist in building up a better navy and a stronger army to protect a country where Christ is still a King."

In the major article on the war, we find the following: "Germany, Italy, the protagonists of the ethical (sic!) authoritarian, and corporative States, are aiming at a redistribution of world power which would give them a genuine equality. . . ."

Listen to this gem: "In many ways, if we look below the surface, the Nazi, and still more, the Fascist regimes are more democratic than the Liberal, which are dominated by the money-interests."

And finally the beans are spilled: "A victory for the Axis will be less harmful than a victory for the Allies."

And now we come to an interesting conclusion. The reasons (Continued on Page 2)



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Stalinist Youth Squirm To Explain "New Line"

By IRVING HOWE

If you would like to read a modern political edition of the "1001 Arabian Nights" then get a copy of the October issue of the "Young Communist Review." All the big "literary" guns of the Stalinist youth leadership have been wheeled out—with the single exception of Joe Starobin, behind which exception is a sad, sad tale of which more later.

You open up the sheet calmly enough and Blow No. 1—a picture of Earl Browder, "Anti-war fighter, imprisoned in Leavenworth twenty-one years ago for resistance to the imperialist war."

Good heavens, is this the same Browder who boasted of being a Twentieth Century American, the Browder who told the Dies Committee he would support any war America conducted, even against the Soviet Union? The very same! But, you forget, the line's changed again. Stalin has left the bed and board of the Allies and found a new mate in Hitler. Result: Browder, the professional boot-licker of Stalin, shifts also. And all the little Browders, like the boot-lickers of the YCL, shift along too.

The Merry Go Round

John Gates tells us: "The slogan democracy versus dictatorship today only serves to cloak the imperialist interests of Britain and France." Which is precisely what it served when you raised that slogan 6 weeks ago, Mr. Gates!

Gates tells us that he "places the guilt equally on both sides." What is that, Johnny? Heresy! Haven't you read the very educational joint communique of Stalin and Hitler which says that if the war is prolonged the responsibility rests on England and France? But perhaps you went to press too early. Tomorrow you will say that England and France, your "peace loving democracies" of yesterday, are . . . the aggressor nations.

And to what fantastic acrobatics they go to justify the Stali-

nazi pact. On this, only one point need be made. Do you remember the editorial article by Joe Starobin just one issue ago where he said that in case Hitler invaded Poland, Stalin would break the pact. Now whatever happened to that idea? Could that possibly explain the fact that "poor Starobin" hasn't got one signed article in this issue? He really makes too many slips, don't you think?

The one thing that stands out about this issue of the YCR, however, is the ease with which the boys adapt themselves to the new line. True, Gil Green admits having had some harrowing moments, but on the whole the YCLers write up the new line with even more "leftism" than the adults.

Line on Roosevelt

Also interesting is the lack of any line on Roosevelt. Now what happened to the "wonderful" idea of a 3rd term? Are you for it or agin it, or haven't your minds been made up for you yet? But already there is a hint of a change in this respect. Says hatchet-man Gates: "We must put serious emphasis on changes on the part of former friends of the people. Let us not be taken by surprise." (That last sentence is really funny.)

After all, FDR is lined up with (Continued on Page 3)

Favor A Youth Vote On War

Gov't, Business Continue War Steps

WASHINGTON, D.C. — America moves closer to war every minute!

Debates in Congress are taking a warm turn, especially in view of the unprecedented amount of pressure which has been coming from the folks back home against amending the law to allow arms shipments to the warring powers. The people back home are becoming very excited about the idea of sending their sons to war for the sake of increasing Morgan's profits—and the Congressmen have felt this in the letters they've received.

The propaganda for the President's proposal to allow arms shipments to the warring powers is becoming increasingly pro-war—pro-war without hesitation. In the speech of Senator Austin, for example, he dropped the hooey that previous speakers had been throwing about this amendment helping create prosperity and came out flatly with the declaration that he was anxious to help England and France win the war. So the purpose of President Roosevelt's proposal is now out in the open: help one of the 2 warring sides. But every one here knows that if America becomes the armory of one side, then it is bound to become the target of the other. That's why many of the employees of the State Department around here are cynically whispering of "war by Christmas."

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Youth Poll Answer To War Mongers

American youth has spoken out against war!

Despite the fact that this is sensational news about the attitude of America's future cannon fodder to the war being prepared for them, the boss press has not had a word—not one word!—about this.

In a poll of over 5,000 high school students in the entire country, more than 85% of the youth polled said that they were against the war and that they wanted America to stay out of it! The poll was taken several weeks before the outbreak of the 2nd World War, but the incident of the events that were youth questioned said that they expected a war "within their lifetime."

Even more significant than the vote against war is the specific vote on the question of giving the youth the right to vote on war. Over 75 per cent of the youth voters said that they were in favor of provisions for allowing the people to vote on war before the government could declare war.

By a decisive majority the students also voted against M-Day plans to make America a military dictatorship in case of war.

'Youth Refuse to Die in a Boss War'—Shachtman Campaign Slogan

The campaign to elect the anti-war candidates of the Socialist Workers Party for New York Councilmen, George Lyman Paine for Manhattan and Max Shachtman for the Bronx, is entering its last lap. Night after night groups of the Party and its youth affiliate, the Young Peoples Socialist League (4th Int), tour the working class neighborhoods with outdoor and indoor meetings, urging the workers to vote for the anti-war candidates.

The major campaign is being waged in the Bronx, where it is planned to end the campaign with a series of whirlwind rallies with party leaders as speakers. The YPSL is working on special youth activities for the campaign. The New York YPSL has issued the following statement outlining the reasons why youth should support the SWP candidates:

"The paramount issue that faces New York youth is the war question. The attempts of the old party politicians to evade this issue is evidence of the fact that their role is to

machine. The Democrats and corral the youth into the war. Republicans are the stooges of the 60 Families. When the 60 Families decide that the stage is set for entry into the war, then the puppet Democrats and Republicans will swing along.

The American Labor Party has just passed a pro-war resolution under the guise of a (Continued on Page 2)

COUGHLIN LEADS YOUTH TO WAR

The Story of the Socialist Youth Movement During the Last War



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that Coughlin and Co. rail against lifting the arms embargo and for neutrality are precisely the same reasons that the Stalinists rail against lifting the arms embargo and for neutrality!

Same Reasons
They both desire the victory of the Nazi-Stalin war bloc and the defeat of the Allies! They are not interested in a genuine fight against the war-makers of both sides — England, France, and Germany. Since they realize that it is impossible to expect America to enter the war on the side of Germany, they at least hope to keep America from fighting on the side of the Hitler-Stalin enemies: England and France.

The Stalinists adopt this policy because they act as stooges of the Kremlin. The Coughlinites do this because they sympathize with the fascist powers.

This policy has nothing in common with a genuine anti-war policy. A genuine anti-war policy says: Down with all the war-makers and bosses!

But we have not yet completely analyzed Father Coughlin's pro-war position. For despite his fondness for the Hitler regime and his hope that it will win the war, the basic loyalties of Father Coughlin are to the American capitalist class, especially that section whose main imperialist investments are in the Western hemisphere and China, like the silver interests, and not in Europe. It is this section of the capitalist class that forms the support of the "isolationist" senators—those who would have us stay out of the war for the moment, until their interests dictate entry, but who support every measure to strengthen the American war-machine.

Pro-War Game
Coughlin's game is therefore clear. For the time being his sympathies are with Hitler and he speaks against war entry because the section of the capitalists for which he stooges is against war entry. Tomorrow, when the ENTIRE capitalist class unites behind the war entry, Coughlin will say: "Well, I fought against going into war, but now that it is here, I'm going to support it like a patriotic American." Coughlin is trying to fool the people into supporting the war with anti-war phrases. Further proof that Coughlin is incapable of really fighting against war is the fact that he does not support one genuine anti-war demand. Has anyone ever heard of Coughlin raising the demands: Let the People Vote on War, or All War Funds to the Unemployed, etc.? Of course not!

England Sends "Best Youth" to the War

LONDON, England—The Chamberlain government is consciously and cynically proceeding to pick out the flower of English youth to serve as the most vulnerable section of the cannon fodder corps—the air pilots. Over 1,000 boys have been chosen for an intensive course of special training so that they will have the doubtful privilege of serving in the most dangerous of all the branches of the service.

The commanding officers have emphasized their desire to get the "cream of the crop" of English youth. They stress "discipline and physical condition" at this school.

"That day is done. It's going to be formation flying and heaven help the man who gets lost. They will be flying the best planes we can make, and the men will have to be as good as the planes."

If all these boys can depend on is the help of heaven, then it's just too bad for them! Just because the bosses say: The Youth Go First is no reason for the youth to do it.

By WILLI MUNZENBERG
(This is the second installment of an account of Munzenberg's experiences in the Swiss and the International Socialist Youth movements during the last world war, translated from the German as published in the book, "Die Dritte Front".)

Unlike the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland, the Socialist youth took a sharp and decisive stand against the war from its very beginning. This position was expressed in our speeches, in our open-air meetings, in our street demonstrations, and in our leaflets and newspapers that were published immediately upon the outbreak of the war.

The first number of our organ, "Free Youth", that appeared after the start of the war was dedicated in its every line to the struggle against war. The cover carried a full-page drawing depicting war as the horseman with the blood-stained sword with the grim reaper riding in his wake and bore the slogan at the top of the page—"We must war against the war!"

Printed His Article
Along with poems, articles, brief items, and other material against the war, the issue carried a lead article by myself, which concluded as follows:

"No matter which side wins the war, it will be the same for the workers in all participating countries. For their interests are not at stake, for the war revolves solely around the interests of the capitalists. And all the nicest phrases cannot change this. . .

"We are confronted with a great task. The new banner-bearers of Socialism, above all the proletarian youth, must struggle to overcome the failures of the present period, which is disappearing into the morass of the European war."

The article shows that our Socialist Youth group was clearly and decisively against the war. However, our evaluation of the situation not only lacked the theoretical insight, with which Lenin

and his group approached the war, but also the measure of experience which the later war years were to bring. We also lacked, at the time of the writing of the article, any sort of ties with brother organizations in other countries.

2nd International Dies
The organization which we had regarded as so great and mighty—the Second International of Socialist-Democratic Parties—had collapsed. This we knew, this we had seen with our own eyes. The press brought us detailed accounts of the position of the Socialist leaders in the German Reichstag and the French Chamber. Reports about those leaders who had been the particular heroes of the Socialist youth were very unclear. There were rumors, which unfortunately, were later to be confirmed, that Herve, the former leader of the revolutionary anti-militarists in France, had gone over to the camp of the social patriots and was issuing a war-mongering newspaper. Only vague reports about Liebknecht and his group came over the border from Germany in the first days and weeks of the war.

Despite the fact that we were internally solid and absolutely clear in our opposition to the war, that we spoke, wrote, and demonstrated against the war, we did not know by what methods and means the war really could be combated. The way of our adult organization—the Social Democratic Party—was excluded. But there was still a complete absence of revolutionary leaders who were educated in Marxism to point out the road to us. It is, therefore, not surprising that we established connections with a group which, like we, opposed the war, which was as shaken as we were by the collapse of the Social-Democratic movement, and sought to organize the struggle against the war with other methods than those used by the reformist socialist leaders.

Religious Socialists
We refer to the group of religious Socialists which were organized in Switzerland around Professor Ragaz, Mathieu, and Rev. Bader. This group was already quite active before the war and had connections with similar groups in other countries, particularly in Holland, where a strong movement existed and published several periodicals.

The leaders of the movement, particularly Ragaz, made sharp criticisms of capitalism, Social Democracy, and reformism. The speeches of Ragaz found a warm response from the workers and socialist youth of Zurich. We attended practically all meetings at which Ragaz spoke and organized our own meetings at which he was the main speaker. We also opened the columns of "Free Youth" to him and he contributed the lead article to the second number after the outbreak of the war, an article entitled, "Why has the Social Democracy failed?" This article, like his speeches, sought to settle accounts with the social patriots.

As a means of preventing similar catastrophes in the future, Ragaz glorified the "Socialist spirit, the Socialist soul, in all their depth, beauty, and might." He believed that the war could be stopped through a higher development of the workers toward mutual aid and the capitalists toward a renunciation of their material possessions and in favor of the economic and political liberation of the proletariat. Ragaz did not only appeal to the wealthy to renounce their possessions but also appealed to the disinherited and poverty-stricken workers to renounce what earthly possessions they still might have. He preached the salvation from political oppression and exploitation through the love of one's fellow man. He preached, "We will all have riches when we leave the devil and take to the path of God."

(The next installment will deal with the role of Lenin in curing the Socialist Youth from religious "Socialism".)

ANTI-WAR FUND . . . We have fallen short of getting half of our quota by October 15th (unless we get a flood of money in the next few days). It seems that the sections are resting on their laurels, having done so well the first two weeks. We don't have to repeat the necessity for raising this fund. Everyone understands the needs of the League at the present time. Let's put our shoulders to the wheel and GET \$300 BY NOVEMBER 1st. Here's where we stand:

Division or Territory	Quota	Achieved
Mass.	\$40.00	\$7.50
New York	400.00	81.50
Newark	70.00	13.25
Eastern Penn.	50.00	9.50
Up-State N.Y.	5.00	—
Ohio	100.00	44.00
Mich.-Toledo	5.00	—
Ill.-Wis.-Ind.	175.00	36.40
Twin Cities	35.00	—
South. Calif.	70.00	25.00
North. Calif.	50.00	23.00
Totals	\$1,000.00	\$240.15

NATIONAL PENULT . . . Within a few days members of the National Council will meet together with invited leading comrades from every section of the country to discuss the problems of the League and plan future activities. This meeting promises to be one of the best attended and constructive gatherings of leading comrades held in the last few months. In our next column

we will use this space to discuss the decisions of this National Plenum.

CHALLENGE . . . Although this is not the column where we usually discuss the problems of the CHALLENGE we are forced to do so now. For the last nine months all the sections of the League have done a splendid job in building up for the first time a good youth paper which APPEARS REGULARLY. Starting as a monthly, we have become a twice monthly. We had six regular issues as a monthly and since July we have had eight issues as a twice monthly. But it seems that all the sections of the League now accept the CHALLENGE as a regular institution of our organization and no longer exert effort in building the bundle and subscription circulation or in prompt payment of the bundle bills.

CHALLENGE—FOUR . . . As all members of the League know through their won experiences the Challenge is our most valuable instrument in explaining our program and in obtaining new sympathizers and members. The Challenge runs on a small margin between paying for itself or going into a deficit. When bundle bills mount and subscriptions do not come in the REGULAR APPEARANCE OF THE PAPER IS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED.



With the approach of American entrance into the war it becomes very important that we increase the number of subscribers to the Challenge. Even without taking the war into consideration it is fair to state that the YPSL should have five subscribers for every one member. I think it is needless for me to remark that we have not approached that figure.

Of course considering our bundle sales we may say that for each Yipsel there are almost ten Challenge readers. But bundle sales do not offer the same stability, the same guarantee which an equally large subscribers list would offer.

The approach of the winter months is another consideration. Street sales become very difficult. Open air meetings, which are often the best stimulus to Challenge sales become well nigh impossible. Special forms of mass sales must be developed to compensate for this. Essentially, however, the most important activity for the next period is to create an extensive list of subscribers.

Consider for a minute the value of such a list. Each name and address represents a young person who for a period

of time regularly reads our point of view. At the end of that period he may be recruited or his name and address may be used for notification of meetings, further literature sales, etc.

Because of these all-important considerations the \$2.00 books of gift certificates were issued. We felt they would be a real inducement. Unfortunately only five cities have purchased books thus far:

Boston	1
Akron	1
San Francisco	1
Chicago	2
Los Angeles	2
Total	7

Where are the others? Of these five only one or two have begun to mail in the subscriptions. These books have been in the hands of literature agents for a month or more. Four or five subscriptions is a poor showing in consideration of the time limits under which we are working.

We are well into the fall. Activities are picking up. Let us see if we cannot provide against the winter with several hundred new subscribers.

'Youth Refuse to Die in a Boss War'—Shachtman Campaign Slogan

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attack on Communists. The leaders of that party, too, stand on the side of the war-makers and do not voice the anti-war feeling of the workers who have voted ALP in the past. And the Communist party, of course, cannot be taken seriously as an anti-war force. Today it calls for neutrality, because that policy will help the master in the Kremlin. If it would aid the foreign diplomatic manoeuvres of Stalin, they would again change their policy.

"Only the Socialist Workers Party leads the fight against war, against all the warmaking capitalist countries.

Youth Planks
"Specifically, our candidate for Councilman will use his post, if elected, as a roster to fight for: (1) The right of youth to vote at the age of 18 on whether they should go to war. (2) The use of all war funds for socially useful purposes such as unemployment relief, housing etc. (3) For the abolition of the ROTC. (4) For the elimination of military aviation courses in the city colleges.

"Not only does our party campaign on the war question, but we also raise a number of specific youth economic demands.

"We say: The youth of New York have the right to learn a trade. Use the money that is now

appropriated for death and build trade schools in the Bronx and Manhattan. There are thousands of youth in these boroughs who need vocational education.

"We say: The youth of New York have the right to have an education. The recent education budget cuts mean that all evening schools may have to be abolished by February. That would be criminal. Vote a supplementary educational budget; fight for a special session of the Legislature — but reinstate the budget cuts! If they have money to send the youth to death, they have money to give them an education.

Fight for Jobs
"We say: The youth of New York have the right to a job. Fight for more NYA grants. Institute special WPA youth projects.

"We say: The youth of New York have the right to recreation. The Bronx and Manhattan are sadly lacking in playgrounds. Take some of the money that is used to feed Fiorello's politicians and build playgrounds, open more school community centers, etc.

"A vote for Shachtman and Paine is a vote for the struggle for these things. Don't throw your vote away on boss politicians. Vote for men who will fight for your rights, men who represent the anti-war party."

Gov't War Plans

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This analysis is completely borne out by a remarkable letter issued by "Kiplinger Washington Letter" which is "circulated privately to business men." Listen to what this special brain-agency of the boss class says:

"The war spirit in Washington, within EXECUTIVE branch of govt., is greater than throughout the country, especially in the interior. By this is meant the possibility that U.S. may get into the war. . .

"IN VERY HIGH official circles (not the slightest doubt of it) there is solemn talk of the "possibility" of U.S. in war "by January."

"Our government, particularly at the TOP, is acting on the theory that the U.S. "may" be at war "sooner than the general public suspects."

This should be enough to convince anyone just where the Roosevelt administration stands. The people for whom this letter is intended—the big business executives, the captains of industry—can't afford to fool themselves. When they say they know that the American government is headed toward war, they know what they're talking about.

There's only one unknown factor: the people. Are they going to fall for the old war propaganda again? The sensational news about the results of the poll on war conducted among high school students (see next column) seems to indicate that among the youth all will not be clear sailing for the war makers.

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Zionist--Hashomair Youth Fail to Answer War Issue

By ISAAC HILLMAN

Among the thousands of American Jewish youth who belong to the Zionist movement, all but two groups of them—Avukah and Hashomair Hatzair—have followed the war-mongering leaders of official Zionism in supporting British imperialism in war for profits. The two groups mentioned have made certain claims toward being genuine anti-war fighters and it is these claims which I want to examine in the case of one of them, Hashomair Hatzair.

Hashomair is, politically, the most "left-wing" Zionist group. Its Palestine section is affiliated to the defunct, centrist London Bureau.

What, then, is its position in the present war? The October issue of the magazine, "Hashomair Hatzair," gives the answer. And a very inadequate answer it is.

Abstract Understanding

Abstractly, Hashomair is quite capable of developing a correct analysis of the war situation. It realizes that this is an imperialist war, that the workers should not support either side. It correctly analyzes the role of Stalinism in the labor movement. It even has an indirect slap at the Second International. So far, so good.

But one is utterly amazed at the conclusions Hashomair draws for itself in the war period. They are: 1) Maintenance of the yishuv (Jewish colony) in Palestine; 2) continuation of aliyah (immigration into Palestine); 3) increase defense forces of Palestine; 4) continue Zionist education. This perspective is summed up in a sentence from Hashomair's editorial: "We in America, aware of these forces, realize fully that the front for the struggle for maximum chaluith (pioneering) has become almost our entire and only struggle." (My emphasis—I.H.)

Is this not utterly amazing? An imperialist war is raging. It

is absolutely inconceivable that any appreciable section of either European or American Jewry can get to Palestine. They will simply have to remain at home and face the war. And what does the program of this "revolutionary" Zionist youth group say about fighting against the war? **Nothing, absolutely nothing!**

What is their advice to the Jewish youth of France, of England, of Germany, of America? Do they seriously think giving a contribution to the Jewish National Fund will help them today?

No Real Answer

Hashomair has no real answer. The war threatens to pull American Jewish youth into its tentacles . . . and Hashomair says "defend the Yishuv." Tomorrow we may die on the battlefield of Morgan and Hashomair has not a word, not one solitary word, to say about conducting a struggle against war now.

True, Hashomair has the theory that it is the function of Jews in the "diaspora" to "refrain" from participation in the class struggle (as if it were something with which one can sign a non-aggression pact!) and to look toward Palestine. This theory is even more reactionary today than at any other time. American Jewish youth will not go to Palestine in the next several years, even if it wanted to. It will stay here. And Hashomair has nothing to offer them in the struggle against war.

On the contrary, it counsils peace with the Jewish section of the boss class. In the speech of the Hashomair representative to the Jewish World Congress, he said: ". . . in the crucial period of our nation today in spite of all great inner contradictions, it is still possible to find a common platform for co-operation. . . ." We call that: class collaboration.

The facts stand clearly. The Socialism of Hashomair is but a rhetorical decoration. In a crucial situation it acts as any ordinary bourgeois Zionist group.

C. P. TEACHER GETS COLD FEET

NEW YORK, N.Y.—When Max Shachtman, Bronx Councilman candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, was scheduled to speak in City College on the Stalin-Hitler pact, the local YPSL unit invited Morris Schappes, leading Stalinist instructor, to debate the issue with Shachtman.

The time of the scheduled debate still did not see a definite answer from Schappes. So Comrade Shachtman proceeded to speak to an overflow crowd of nearly 400 students, giving a masterful presentation of the revolutionary viewpoint against the Stalinazi alliance.

Suddenly, in the middle of Shachtman's speech, in walked . . . Schappes. He was given the floor and, instead of answering any of the political points that Shachtman had made, proceeded to read a long harangue on why he refused to debate with Trotskyists.

The mass of the students were shocked at his evasion of the political issues and gave Comrade Shachtman a thorough round of applause when he accused Schappes of demagogically throwing mud instead of discussing the political issues. "It is much easier to throw mud than to defend the Stalinazi alliance," said Shachtman.

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M-Day MEANS MURDER DAY!

M-Day is the day that America enters the war. That's when this country becomes a military dictatorship!

M-Day means that your father may not be able to belong to a trade union.

He certainly will not be able to belong to any working class party, because all anti-war working class parties will be persecuted by this military dictatorship.

M-Day means that there won't be any free speech, free press, or free assemblage.

Every time any one dares exercise the good old fashioned right of complaint, there'll be a G-Man or some other kind of Dick to pinch him.

M-Day means that America will become more and more like the Fascist countries in Europe.

M-Day is proposed by the War Department of the Roosevelt Administration.

What will be the answer of American youth?

We say: Down with the war! Against all plans for military dictatorship! We demand the right to live.

Stalinist Youth---

(Continued from Page 1) Kremlin. If those maneuvers France and England and Stalin point to England and France is lined up with Germany again, the YCL will again hail Therefore Browder has to try to the war as a crusade for democracy keep America from fighting on racy. In simple language, such the side of France and England politics is called—prostitution. and that means possible criti- The way to fight war is to cism of Roosevelt. fight against all boss govern-

The new Stalinist line hasments, especially your "own", nothing in comon with genuine It is to that task that we call all anti-war politics. It is based on YCLers who really want to fight the diplomatic maneuvers of the against war.

To A College President

(The outbreak of the 2nd World War coincided with the beginning of the school term. In many schools and colleges, the presidents of the institutions, fearing a burst of anti-war sentiment from their students, made welcoming speeches warning their students not to get too excited about the war and to stick to their studies. We print here an answer from a student to such a speech.)

Dear President: — With more interest than usual we students listened to your speech this term. Frankly, we wondered whether you would tell us the same old stuff about "good study habits" etc. But even you knew better than that.

Even you had to mention the war, if only to ask us to ignore it. Yes, you pleaded with us, there is a war and you should be concerned with it. "But still don't you think that it would be wrong to let a mere war divert us from our study of, say, archaeology or other important subjects?" you asked us.

WHAT YOU FEAR

Now I would be the last person in the world to deny the value of study. But that isn't what you meant in your speech and you know it. You were afraid that some of us might come out of our intellectual coma and begin thinking a little bit.

You were afraid some of us might begin to wonder why this war is being fought, why millions of innocent youth like ourselves must shed our blood for the holy cause of profits.

CROCODILE TEARS

Yes, you told us, the war is important, but it is necessary not to get too excited about it, to preserve a dispassionate attitude. Of course, it is very easy for you to say that. You will not have to choke upon poison gas. You will make touching and pathetic speeches about the "brave boys" at the front. You will shed crocodile tears before Ladies Clubs about "defending democracy."

But that won't do us—the cannonfodder-to-be—any good. We intend to prevent you from making those speeches. We would much prefer to live and have you keep your mouth shut. We intend to fight against the war, against your rotten system which leads us into the war and assigns you the task of stupefying us into it with your sugary words.

Yours,
George R.

Girl Worker Exposes Door-Knocking Canvas Racket

By ARLENE WILLIAMS

Practically every youth, while looking for work will answer an ad placed either in the "New York Times" or the "Journal-American" stating "Young girls and boys—18-22—no experience necessary". I answered that advertisement.

When I arrived at the address stated in the advertisement. I was informed that all my job would consist of would be visiting a list of former customers of this concern who wished to re-order certain articles that this firm manufactured. My salary was to start at \$12 a week and if I proved myself to be suited to the work, was to increase to as high as \$25. After being out of work for several months, this offer sounded almost perfect.

Given Sheet

When I reported for work the next morning at 8:00 a.m. I was given a little sheet to read and memorize. The sheet contained the following: "Good morning madam. I'm from a local concern that is trying to help unemployed girls get jobs. Before I can get my job I must have 20 credits a day for one week's time. Each item on this sheet counts as one credit towards the 20. Now all that I'm asking you to do is to help me get the job by selecting one or two small items from this sheet". I was astonished! This certainly was not the impression of the type of work that I was supposed to do.

When I asked the man I had been instructed to report to, exactly what my work would consist of, he told me that it would actually be ringing doorbells and attempting to sell this firm's products from house to house. He also explained that it was very easy work because the places we would visit had been visited by other girls before from the same concern. Well, I decided to take a try at it.

My first day's work resulted in bringing in about \$6.85 worth of business. Instead of telling me the truth, that this was actually a very good figure and was more than most of the other girls collected bonuses for, I was told that I had to do much better or else I'd lose the job. I had over 24 credits but I discovered that the business about 20 credits was merely a front.

Meet Poor People

The next day I was supposed to deliver the merchandise that I had sold the day before. The

streets that I had assigned to me were in the poorest sections of the city, mainly the East Side. The people were either receiving relief or WPA, or a measly \$15 a week job for a family of 4 or 5. The only reason why they even attempted to buy anything from the other girls or myself was because they felt sorry for the position we were in and they actually thought they could help us get a job.

When they saw the merchandise they realized that the concern was receiving from 100 to 300% on every article and that they could not possibly afford to pay that exorbitant price even though they did have every intention in the world of helping me get a job. As a result, a great many people refused to accept the merchandise after seeing it, even though they had paid a small deposit. When I returned the merchandise to the office that evening, not only did I receive a bawling out, but I was told that all merchandise that I did not deliver after placing an order for was my own responsibility and the deposits would be kept by the concern.

In other words, I would have to pay for all the merchandise that I could not deliver for one reason or another out of my salary. The result was that at the end of the first week, instead of receiving \$12, I received \$5.95. When I tried to argue with the boss about this, he told me that it was the only fair way for them to operate. After all, "they were taking a 'risk' in letting these girls go out and collect money using the name of their firm, distribute their article, etc". I realized that there was nothing I could do because I did need the job. I made up my mind to try as hard as I could to make my customers accept the merchandise that they ordered even though it hurt me to even try. But this was almost an impossibility.

After trying for almost one month to collect my regular salary and not only not succeeding in getting that but practically ruining my health from climbing stairs from 8 to 10 hours a day, missing lunch very often because my quota was not filled and an extra hour helped, and, after finishing a day's grueling work having to go back to the office under the guise of "filling my order", put in another hour or two of "voluntary work", I had to quit the job.

OUR READERS TAKE THE FLOOR

TO THE EDITOR:

I was greatly interested in the article by Tarmo Hannula in your Sept. 1st issue. I agree with much that Mr. Hannula expresses in his article, but my comments are directed not so much to him as to the editors and to the YPSL membership.

But cooperatives DO operate in the economic field, and in so doing CAN be a means of creating employment and for the youth and the unemployed. However "cooperatives" signifies people cooperating, and a program without sufficient people to carry it out effectively can be as unsuccessful as people without a program.

The cooperative movement, especially here in the east, needs both a clarification of its aim and a growth of membership to supply the economic support. Sufficient support can put the cooperatives on such an economic basis that they can offer money savings to the politically uneducated, thus gain their adherence and the opportunity to educate them. By analogy, people will join a cooperative when it has a firm economic foundation just as they will join a union that has already established itself and such people are open to education that otherwise would not reach them.

With this in mind I ask the YP

SL and its friends to actively support the consumer cooperative movement. Become members and help it to achieve a clear understanding of its aims and a secure economic foundation.

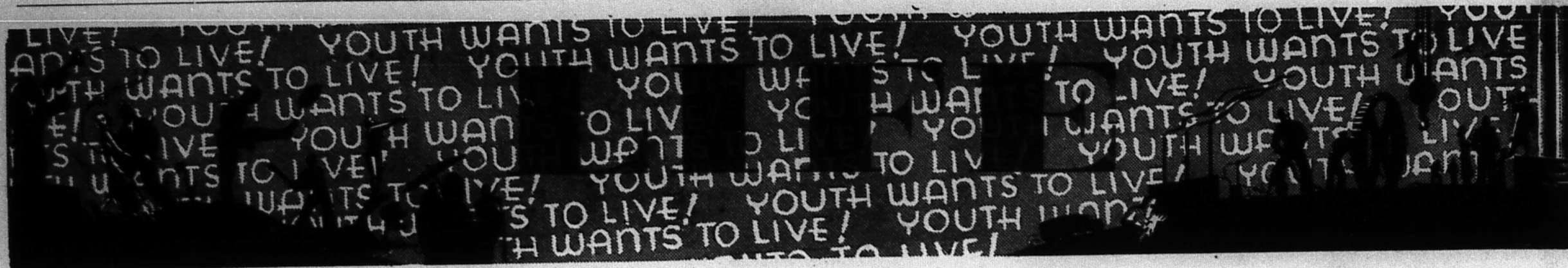
SIDNEY UNGER

(Editors' reply: Mr. Hannula has been invited to make further contributions on this subject. He will, we are sure, take up the problems raised in the above letter.)

In Their Own Mouths. . .

GENERAL HUGH JOHNSON (addressing the United States Building and Loan League on the dangers of our going to war): "There is no difference between what Mr. Hitler is doing in Germany and what could certainly be done here. Would this Roosevelt administration be likely to give up drastic war powers? Does a fish drown? If we get into this war—goodbye democracy."

FIGHT AGAINST THE WAR; JOIN THE YPSL!



ACTION-CAMERA!
BY MARTIN EDEN

To weep or not to weep—that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler, etc. to be an old softie or to choke back the sobs. It is pictures like "On Borrowed Time" that make me wonder if I'm as caloused as a movie reviewer is supposed to be.

It's the story of two social outcasts—Grandpa Northrup and his orphaned grandson. They're the kind who sneak off to fish on Sundays when the rest of the town is prim and proper. Grandpa's only worry is that he won't live long enough for his boy to grow up and be free from a scheming aunt who wants his inheritance. The plot hangs on his efforts to defeat Mr. Brink who is the personification of Death. The old man tricks Death up into the "enchanted" apple tree. The boy and Gramps have bewitched the tree so that nobody who hasn't permission can descend.

Once the magical tree is accepted as real and the mysterious Mr. Brink-Death is taken for granted, the rest of the picture is entirely earthly. The hag of an aunt takes a bad beating from Lionel Barrymore's brilliant New England cussing as Gramps. Grandma gets a soft characterization from Beulah Bondi. She's too nice to be true but it's hard not enjoying her.

Death and Sour Apples

Naturally everyone thinks that the old man is nuts when he talks to Mr. Brink, insists that he's there, and that the tree is poisoned. (Mr. Brink is invisible to all except the boy and the old man.) All the respectable citizens are called in—the lawyer, the doctor, and the candlestick maker. But old Gramps fights it out to a finish. He doesn't care what it means to the world if death is discontinued. He wants to live and doesn't care if all conventions are set on end.

There are some riotous scenes as Gramps scares hell out of the town fogies with the power packed in his magical tree. But he's finally convinced by Mr. Brink that death offers peace and surcease from the strife and woe of this material and grubby world.

The picture is one of those all-round jobs. Nicely paced direction, fine acting (Barrymore mopped his brow only once!), and cleverly developed humor of the sentimental stripe.

Social notes from France: "Jean Renoir was appointed as a Propaganda Director to mobilize the movie industry behind the war." Too bad he'll have to suppress his splendid anti-war film—Grand Illusion.

The Sensational and Tragic Story of What Happened to a War Veteran

By AL LEWIS

Somewhere, in one of the many veterans' hospitals in America, lies Joe Bonham—he met a hunk of shrapnel one day in September 1918. Now—he has no arms and he has no legs. His nose, tongue, larynx, jaw: a yawning cavity. He "breathes" from a tube in his throat and "eats" through a tube in his stomach. He has a wound in his side that won't heal. He's deaf, dumb, and blind: his ears, eyes and mouth were shot away. And yet he "LIVES"—because the shell that scooped out his whole face had, somehow, missed his jugular vein and his spine.

But this slab of flesh that was once a young healthy kid before he went "over there" to make the world safe for "democracy" has a brain—and around this brain there takes place one of the most dramatic anti-war stories ever written.

It is the story of "Johnny Got His Gun" written by Dalton Trumbo.

The story begins with Joe Bonham slowly coming to and finding himself with a "big hangover" . . . he thinks he "must have been drinking dynamite" . . . he doesn't know where he is or whether he's been there a day, a month or a year. Between fainting spells and fitful wakefulness he slowly and painfully finds out of what his injuries consist. As he learns of each wound, his mind conjures up past memories: the bakery he worked in, the death of his father, his job with a road gang, the last night he spent with his girl—he remembered these things—he didn't know HOW LONG. So Joe Bonham patiently goes to work determined to find some way to keep time.

Attempts to Communicate

He begins to count and add minutes but loses hope. He measures the change of temperature in day and night and the visits from the nurse. But all this didn't make Joe feel any better. What he wanted was to be able to talk to somebody! He lost track of his method of keeping time. He didn't care. He wanted to communicate with people! Finally he hit upon an idea.

Joe Bonham remembered that he once played with a telegraph set as a kid! Striking his head against the pillow he hopefully sends out his first message: S-O-S.

Nobody knows what's wrong with Joe. The nurse can't figure out his knocking his head against the pillow so he's given shots to quiet him. Finally Joe Bonham is understood. He is elated. Now he'll tell the world about the horrors of war . . . now he'll let everyone know the truth!

The book ends with Joe's anti-war message to the world, which is disregarded by the hospital people. Again he is shot full of dope to keep him quiet. Disillusioned and quieted by

the dope, Joe Bonham thinks of the future that the big shots have planned for all "the little guys." And what Joe thinks should be the little guys' answer to the warmongers is well worth repeating:

"If you make a war if there are guns to be aimed if there are bullets to be fired if there are men to be killed they will not be us. They will not be us the guys who grow wheat and turn it into food the guys who make clothes and paper and houses and tiles the guys who build dams and power plants and string the long moaning high tension wires the guys who crack crude oil down into a dozen different parts who make light globes and sewing machines and shovels and automobiles and airplanes and tanks and guns oh it will not be us who die. It will be you.

"Remember This, You Patriots"

"It will be you—you who urge us on to battle you who incite us against our selves you who would have one cobbler kill another cobbler you who would have one man who works kill another who works you who would have one human being who wants only to live to kill another human being who wants only to live. Remember this. Remember this well you people who plan for war. Remember this you patriots you fierce ones you spawners of hate you inventors of slogans. Remember this as you have never remembered anything else in your lives.

"We are men of peace we are men who work and we want no quarrel. But if you destroy our peace if you take away our work if you try to range us one against the other we will know what to do. If you tell us to make the world safe for democracy we will take you seriously and by God and by Christ we will make it so. We will use the guns you force upon us we will use them to defend our very lives and the menace to our lives does not lie on the other side of a no-man's land that was set apart without our consent it lies within our own boundaries here and now we have seen it and we know it.

"Put the guns into our hands and we will use them. Give us the slogans and we will turn them into realities. Sing the battle hymns and we will take them up where you left off. Not one not ten thousand not a million not ten millions not a hundred millions but a billion two billions of us all the people of the world we will have the slogans and we will have the hymns and we will have the guns and we will use them and we will live. Make no mistake of it we will live. We will be alive and we will wak and talk and eat and sing and laugh and feel and love and bear our children in tranquility in security in decency in peace. You plan the wars you masters of men plan the wars and point the way and we will point the gun."

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A PICTURE OF Karl Liebknecht—Anti-War Hero

Karl Liebknecht is a name to remember these days.

Though he has been dead now for 20 years, his voice still continues to ring out and bring hope to the oppressed of the entire world. His name still throws terror into the hearts of the rulers of mankind.

Liebknecht's name is inseparably bound up with the question of war. In the First World War, his name became the rallying cry of all those who fought against the bosses' war. And in this, the 2nd World War, it will serve the same purpose.

But why did the workers of every country take up the cry of "Brother Liebknecht?"

Twenty-five Years Ago
Just make believe that you are living 25 years ago. It is 1914. The First World War has broken out. In every country the people are rallying to support the

war. Even the Social-Democrats, who had always spoken against the war, support it. Europe is in a war hysteria.

Yes, of course, you are thinking: just like today! The only difference between 1914 and 1939 is that this time the Stalinists are supporting the war together with the Social-Democrats and the other "patriots."

But on December 2, 1914 the world was rocked . . . not by guns or bombs . . . but by a voice! The voice of Brother Liebknecht in the German Reichstag, where all the other deputies are turning patriotic somersaults and voting war credits to the Kaiser's government. But when they come to Liebknecht, the hall is hushed . . . and suddenly Karl thunders out: NO!

A Voice Thunders
NO! NO! That one word echoes throughout the world. All the workers in every country gradually begin to gather courage and hope. They see that at least one voice dares speak out against the bosses' war. Liebknecht is with them. Liebknecht tells the truth. And later on when the workers begin to fight against the bosses' war, they always remember and repeat the words of Liebknecht, who was the first to speak out against the war. From one lonely man, supported by a few people with courage and conviction, arises a spark which the workers of the world develop into a flame of revolt.



TOMMY GALLAGHER'S CRUSADE by James T. Farrell. Vanguard Publishers.

This latest little novelette by James T. Farrell is bound to be something of a sensation in radical circles. For one thing, we YPSL's step right out of life and onto the pages of Farrell's book, if only as a background for the climax of the story. And it does feel rather good for an old Bronx YPSL like myself to read about the Bronx YPSL's in this book.

But more important, Farrell has written a study of one of the most interesting kinds of youth today—the young Irish boy who is attracted to the Coughlinite movement. This novelette (it only runs to some 85 sparse pages) is the story of Tommy Gallagher who sold "Father Moylan's Christian Justice" — the disguise is deliberately apparent—on the streets of New York and of his adventures in the Fascist movement.

The story is very simple. Tommy is an ordinary young fellow, neither better nor worse than most. His home life is galling; his brothers constantly taunt him about his not being willing to look for a job. He can't find satisfaction in living in the old ways of his family.

Seeks Solidarity

But in the Coughlinite movement he finds some satisfaction. For one thing, he can pick up a few dollars by selling their paper. But even more important, he feels himself part of a mass movement; he feels that he is not alone, one isolated struggling individual helpless against overwhelming odds, but that he is fighting together with others. The unfortunate thing is that he doesn't know exactly what he's fighting for.

In the mass picket line which the Fascists throw about a radio station which refuses to broadcast the speeches of their Leader—obviously modelled after the Coughlinite picketing of WMCA—Tommy gains that peculiar solidarity which comes out of participation in mass movements. Distorted and reactionary as that movement may be, it still gives Tommy the feeling of fighting for an ideal.

The climax of the story comes when Tommy and some of his anti-Semitic friends travel up to the Bronx to break up a "red meeting." Unfortunately for Tommy, the meeting happens to be a Trotskyist rally. The young Fascist hoodlums try to disrupt but they find that they are dealing with sterner stuff than most, and they get a neat licking from the Workers Defense Guards "in blue shirts" who are protecting the workers meeting. Tommy goes home nursing his wounds, a bit more fearful of and respectful toward this different kind of "reds," and thinking that Hitler too must have faced such difficulties.

Significance of Book

As a novel, Farrell's story isn't very much. It's crude; the characters are wooden types; the moralizing is smeared too thick.

Politically, however, the book is important. Not merely because it shows an understanding of the methods of combatting Fascism by building Workers Defense Guards. Even more significant than that is the psychological picture of the Fascist youth.

The fact that a Tommy can be attracted to the Fascists shows how sick our capitalist society is. Fascism is the one straw of hope that he grasps, because it confirms and heightens all his past prejudices and because it is a fighting movement. The only thing that can break him from the Fascists is a movement that is also aggressive, fighting and colourful—and politically correct. He will not swallow any pap about accepting things as they are. He can go two ways—Fascism or Socialism. An aggressive Socialist youth movement such as ours can yet win him away from the Fascists and make him a devoted fighter for Socialist freedom. Tommy Gallagher belongs with us and its our job to get him.