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WAR THREAT ISSUED BY ENGLAND

Senators Quibble While Poor Starve

Seek Ways to Cut Relief and W.P.A. Still Further in Order to Swell Fund for War Preparations

ADMINISTRATION WHIP DISCLOSES AIMS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—The shameful role of the Roosevelt Administration in slashing appropriations for W.P.A. and diverting the funds to the war machine, became still more obvious during debate in the Senate yesterday and Friday.

Senator Barkley, Roosevelt whip in the Senate, attempted to swing all the New Deal Senators behind the \$100,000,000 appropriation bill which came up from the House of Representatives, instead of fighting for the \$150,000,000 appropriation demanded publicly by demagogue President Roosevelt.

This agreement with the reactionary "economy-minded" Senators strikingly clarified the President's maneuver of asking for a sum larger than that granted by Congress in order to appear as the champion of the poor. Senator Barkley is well trained to carry out the President's wishes and his attempt to line up New Deal votes for the "economy" measure shows exactly where the President really stands—back of the war machine and against the unemployed.

Not "Another Cent"
Senator Carter Glass, arch-reactionary, lined up immediately with New Dealer Barkley and demanded that not "another cent" be given to W.P.A.

Publicly, President Roosevelt declared at Warm Springs, Georgia, that unless the full \$150,000,000 supplemental relief appropriation is granted, it will be necessary to drop 400,000 workers from the W.P.A. rolls by the end of June. He has already declared that even his full estimate of what is needed for W.P.A. does not take into consideration the 850,000 unemployed workers certified by Roosevelt relief bureaucrats as in dire need of W.P.A. jobs. (Socialist Appeal, March 21). But under cover, the President apparently instructed Barkley to accept the estimate of the "economy-minded" Senate group.

Senator Borah characterized the \$50,000,000 slash as follows: "No one need talk to me about economy. When there is no sign of economy at Washington except where distressed men and women are asking for food and shelter."

People Starve

Senator Norris declared that "there is something more involved than the \$50,000,000 difference. There also is something more involved than balancing the budget. It is a question of helping suffering men, women and children."

"We vote through battleships that cost \$100,000,000 each," asserted Senator Lundeberg, "but we quibble over \$50,000,000 while people starve."

It has been Barkley's tactic in fighting the small group who advocate appropriating the full \$150,000,000 to call the vote on the measure before mass pressure against Congress can develop on a nation-wide basis. The advocates of the full \$150,000,000 have succeeded nevertheless in postponing the vote until Monday.

Circles close to the Administration report that Barkley has been considerably embarrassed by the task imposed upon him of agreeing with the "economy-minded" group. If the Roosevelt administration really wished to vote funds to the unemployed, it could do so without the slightest trouble. But Roosevelt's war plans demand that every possible cent, no matter what the human suffering involved, be dumped into the war machine.

"Economy minded" Senators, greatly encouraged by Senator Barkley's position, hoped to cut relief appropriations still more.

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Baruch and H. Stimson Push FDR War Plans

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON—In the name of "Caucasian civilization," Hoover's Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, called for legislation giving the President complete and unlimited discretionary powers to use economic sanctions against any nation.

Stimson's proposals came at the carefully-staged opening of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on proposed revisions of neutrality legislation. That he, a leading Republican, was invited to open the hearings by the committee chairman, Roosevelt's spokesman, Key Pittman, was taken here to be a public demonstration of Republican-Democratic unity against the anti-war forces.

Stimson's support for Roosevelt's war policy, expressed as a "private citizen" in even more pointed terms than those employed by the administration, followed by declarations the next day for the administration's revisions of neutrality legislation by Bernard Baruch, Wall Street financier, constitute an expression of the "sacred union" of Republicans, Democrats and Wall Street on the war question.

"Caucasian Civilization"
Stimson's reference to "our present Caucasian civilization" in his prepared statement was not further defined, but it was widely commented on in Washington circles afterward.

There is a difference of opinion among Roosevelt foreign policy supporters on the type of propaganda best suited to secure public support. The "left wing" New Dealers advocate a "holier war for democracy" atmosphere—like the Communist Party's support of the administration's war moves.

Stimson More Frank
The Big Business advocates of the Roosevelt policy, however, while recognizing the usefulness of the "democracy" talk in lining up the workers, are fearful of its effect on the small businessmen and farmers, who have traditionally

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SAILORS HURL STRIKE THREAT AT FINK HALLS

West Coast Men Vote On Action, Says Lundeberg

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Harry Lundeberg, leader of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, today threw the threat of a west-coast shipping strike into the face of the Maritime Commission which is going ahead with its plan to establish government-run hiring halls.

The S.U.P., said Lundeberg, is taking a secret strike vote in preparation for action should the Commission open hiring halls in Seattle.

The union, which has its own hiring halls, has consistently fought the government fink-halls, which would be used to discriminate against militant union men.

In answer to the Commission's claim that a government agency is necessary in order that there be no discrimination between unions and individuals Lundeberg declared, "There is no danger of discrimination because there are no non-union seamen on the west coast and ours is the only union."

Akron YPSL Campaign Goes on! Despite Arrests

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
AKRON, Ohio, April 10.—Akron branch of the Young People's Socialist League (Fourth International) this week prepared to extend its fight for jobs for youth after blasting a police attempt to suppress the organization.

The cases of five Y.P.S.L. members arrested for distributing leaflets at a high school were continued until April 15, when they will be defended in court by Eldon Young, lawyer for the Toledo A.F. of L. and C.I.O. and member of the Board of Education.

A packed court-room heard the judge continue the case after Burr McCloskey, Y.P.S.L. Organizer and defendant, spoke for the defendants. The spectators later gathered around the five Yipsels at the entrance to the police station where *The Challenge* and pamphlets were sold.

Investigation Collapses
An open investigation of Y.P.S.L. activities in high schools collapsed when Police Prosecutor James Alpetier withdrew under the fire of the Yipsels, who announced they were investigating him, the Chamber of Commerce, school system and, particularly, J. Ray Stine, principal who instigated the arrests.

Refusing to attend a star-chamber session called by the police to determine "the backers" of the organization, the defendants announced they would "speak to the working class and at the proper place."
"We refuse to recognize the authority of the police to grill us in secret sessions," an open letter to the prosecutor declared.

Backs Down
After blustering about a "red probe" and threatening to sup-

press the Y.P.S.L., Alpetier backed down and said "I don't want to be placed in the position of persecuting these five members of the organization."

He later stated "I'll gladly furnish them a soap box for their talks. But they can't distribute leaflets on school property as long as there is a law against it."

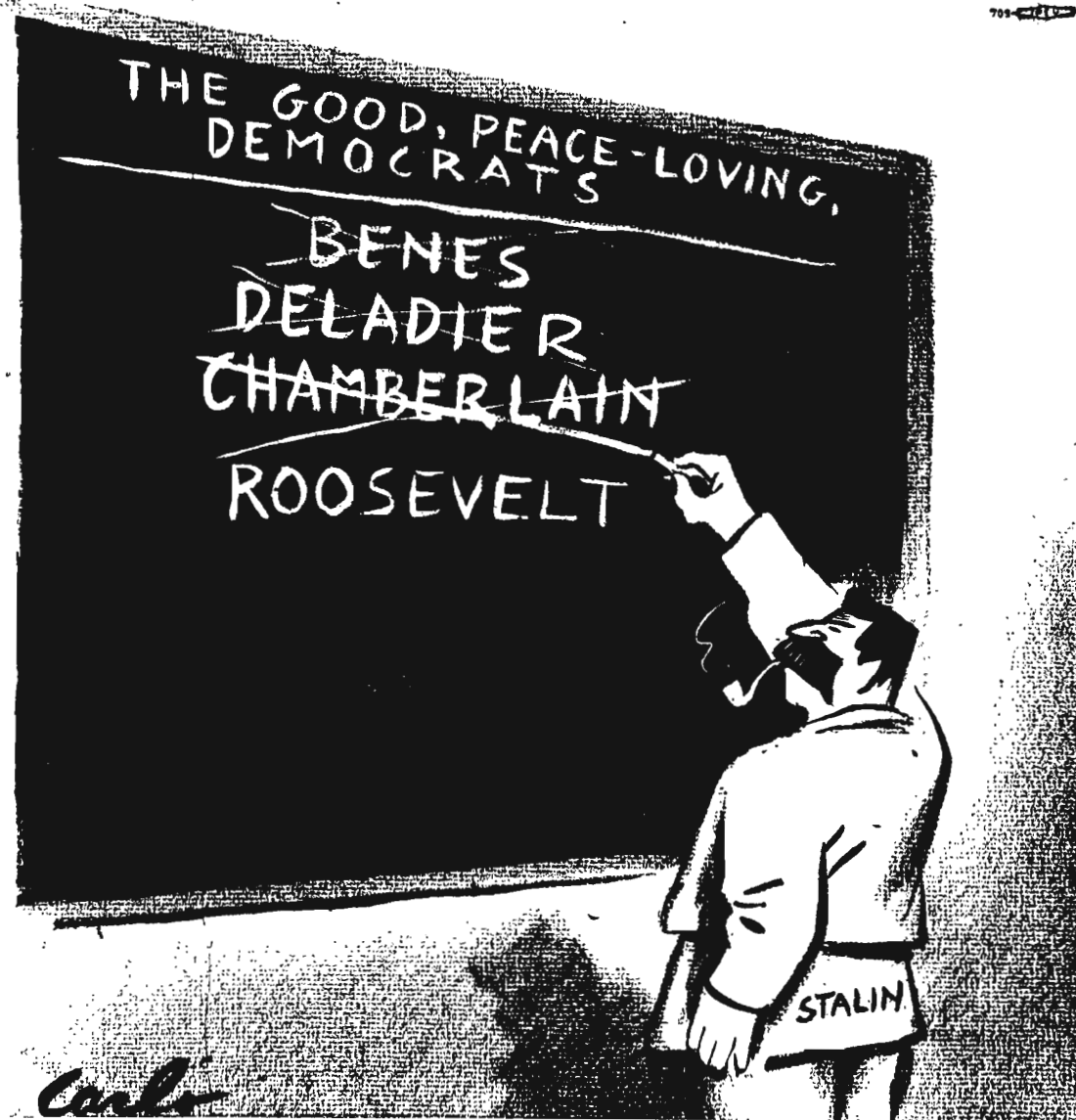
The Y.P.S.L. will fight the charges and stand upon its democratic rights to distribute literature. Support has been solicited in the labor movement for aid in establishing its defense fund.

Wide Notice
The importance of this case to organized labor is being stressed. The right of unions to distribute their literature has been interfered with on repeated occasions in Akron.

The case has attracted wide notice in the labor movement, and the publicity has brought the Y.P.S.L. and Socialist Workers Party to the attention of many militants.

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Three Down, One to Go!



Court Attacks Menace Labor's Right to Live and Fight

AN EDITORIAL

Determined to protect the interests of the employing class to the bitter end, the courts have swung into action. In the last few weeks three different judicial tribunals have delivered powerful blows at organized labor.

The decision by the U. S. Supreme Court in the *Fansteel* case, the instructions of the U. S. District Court in the *Apex* case and the judgment of the California District Court of Appeals in the *Howard* case mean that the judicial servants of the bosses have once again come through for their masters.

It is an old story in the history of the class struggle. When the bosses see that their representatives in the legislatures are unable, because of the pressure of the masses on these representatives, to stem the progress of the working class they turn to judges who, in most instances, feel no need to respond to any pressure exerted by the working class.

When the legislative and executive bodies are compelled to make concessions to the working class, the capitalists run to the judiciary to have these concessions destroyed by judicial interpretation.

It is necessary for the workers to understand clearly the significance of these latest decisions. And then to take proper measures to show both the courts and their masters that the progress of organized labor cannot be stopped by decrees or decisions.

The *Fansteel* case took the heart out of the Wagner Labor Act. Whatever benefits the workers achieved through that act were almost completely destroyed by the decision in that case. The judges gave the bosses the right to discharge any workers for any alleged illegal act no matter how slight and insignificant that act may be. If a worker on strike should step upon the premises of the boss, he can be fired without loss of his rights under the Wagner Act.

In the *Apex* case the judge went a step further so that in addition to having the right

to discharge the workers on strike, the boss has the right to sue and collect damages from the union on the alleged ground that the strike interfered with interstate commerce.

And now comes the California District Court of Appeals with a decision that threatens the very basis of the trade union movement. The court in granting an injunction prohibiting peaceful picketing, did so on the theory that it is illegal for a union to attempt to get a closed shop.

Should the American workers abide by the three decisions mentioned above they would practically be thrown back to the early period when they first began to organize and struggle for their elementary rights. And that is absolutely out of the question. The workers are determined to go forward and they should not permit anything or anybody to bar their way.

What is to be done? Shall the workers attempt to elect new judges? Yes if that means trying to elect judges on a Labor party ticket. But that is not enough, especially since in the Federal Court the judges are appointed for life.

What is necessary is a militant struggle against these decisions in court and out of court. If it is necessary to violate an injunction there should be no hesitation to do so. If it is necessary to disregard a decision it should be disregarded.

To wage a successful struggle against these decisions it is necessary to have labor unity. Both the A.F.L. and C.I.O. are involved and should be interested in the struggle. It is also necessary to have militant unity.

against the judgment and not for paying it.

The sit-down strike must still remain in the arsenal of weapons used by the workers—courts or no courts.

Legal or illegal the closed shop is something that the workers must insist on. If the workers use their power intelligently and forcefully no decisions of any court will be able to stop their progress.

Mobilization Day Draft Plans Are All Prepared

By HAL DRAPER
The draft is all prepared. We refer to the draft of men's lives for the battlefields of Europe.

The War Department reports that "if hostilities should start tomorrow 300,000 trained soldiers could be put into the field immediately. Thirty days later we would hope to have available a force of 500,000. At the end of four months we would expect 1,230,000 men to be in uniform and under arms." (Assistant Secretary of War Johnson in the *Coast Artillery Journal*.)

Behind the backs of the people, the draft machinery has been set up and oiled.

Over a year and a half ago, while Roosevelt was "hating war" in speeches, Colonel Sanford Jarman made a speech to the National Guard Association (reported in the *Army and Navy Journal*). He undertook to rejoice the hearts of the assembled doves of peace with an account of the War Department plans for "selective service," which is the War Department euphemism for the draft.

Albanian Seizure Is Pretext for Action

Try to Whip Up War Spirit Although Country Was Sold Years Ago to Italy by British Secret Agreement with Mussolini

ENGLISH AND ITALIAN NAVIES MOVE

The sparks of war came closer to the European powder barrel when Mussolini, chief bandit of Italian fascism, acting in apparent concert with his axis-ally, Hitler, virtually completed the forcible annexation of Albania, without bothering too much to offer a pretext for the armed invasion and the bombing and shooting of the resisting population.

Rival imperialists with headquarters in London and Paris were concerned over the seizure of Albania being only one step in the direction of Italian occupation of the Greek island of Corfu, which is off the southern tip of Albania. The taking of the island would give Italy a dominant position not only in the Adriatic but also in the Mediterranean Sea.

British Threaten War
Reports were current that the Earl of Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, had advised the Italians that Britain would "consider any attempt to seize Corfu as a casus belli" (cause for war). Also, that the British Cabinet is supposed to have decided to "offer to guarantee the independence of Greece and Turkey" much in the same way as it has already acted with regard to Poland.

At the same time, emergency fleet movements of the British navy were observed all along the Mediterranean— which is British imperialism's life-line to her colonial empire in the East. Similarly, important troop and naval movements were reported in Italy's Dodecanese islands, which lie off the southwest coast of Asia Minor, that is, within striking distance of Greece, which is also being approached through Albania, on the northwest, by the Italian troops of occupation.

Pound War Drums
The seizure of Albania, carried out with the utmost cynicism, again offered the "Great Democracies" an occasion for pious outbursts of indignation, accompanied by heavy pounding on the war drums.

The most vigorous measures are being employed to whip up a pro-war spirit among the masses, for the purpose of justifying in their eyes the colossal armaments expenditures which come out of their hides, and of preparing their minds, which are still filled with suspicion of the "democratic" as well as the fascist war-mongers, so that they will plunge readily into the slaughter.

The classic role played in the last war by "poor little Belgium" is now being worked with Little Czechoslovakia one day, Little Memel the next day, and Little Albania as the latest star.

The capitalist press very carefully hides the fact that even before the military invasion of Albania, that country enjoyed as little independence as it did democracy. It was brutally ruled by a small gang of tyrants, headed by the former mountain bandit, "King" Zog. He held power only by grace of Mussolini, who had complete economic and political control of the tiny, oppressed land.

England Sold Albania
Moreover, the British imperialist hypocrites, who are now dripping with tears over Albania's "loss of independence," in the hope of arousing support for their coming war to protect England's world-wide loot from rival gangsters, take care to remain silent about the fact that they themselves literally handed Albania over to Mussolini years ago in a cynical deal for which it Duce promised to keep hands off Ethiopia.

The Anglo-French war with the Berlin-Rome axis has as much to do with democracy, the independence of small nations, and the freedom of nationalities—as it has with the theory of relativity. The millioned-masses are being plunged into a new world holocaust in order to determine which crew of imperialist pirates is to be boss of the world.

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