

Upon Whom Shall We Rely to Fight Coughlin?

By JOSEPH HANSEN
INSTALLMENT VII

Can Roosevelt Stop Fascism?

Father Coughlin is not alone among the representatives of Big Business who hears death's knuckles rapping at the door of democratic capitalism.

President Roosevelt, nearing the end of his second term in the White House sees his New Deal collapsing like a house of cards built from an old and very dirty deck.

Only WAR can save Roosevelt—and then only for the briefest of periods.

But for this brief period he will pay the price of millions of lives of the workers, the farmers, the youth. That is why he is buying battleships with the relief funds of the unemployed.

That is why he has poured money without precedent into a war machine that outstages anything in the history of the country. He hopes to divert the attention of the desperate masses from their plight to a foreign enemy.

But even war is a temporary and unpopular expedient. The unemployed don't want bayonets. They want food and jobs. Roosevelt's war can only whip their fury to new heights. Father Coughlin knows all this very well. He has read a lot of fan mail since 1926.

He knows too that Big Business in its way is as desperate as the unemployed. Big Business fears the revolutionary might of the unemployed. It wants to preserve its clutches on national wealth. It wants to preserve the profit system.

Roosevelt's usefulness as a stop-gap for Big Business is almost at an end.

Roosevelt is capitalism's smiles and promises of last year.

Now the Sixty Families need a new demagogue with less smile and more promises.

General Smedley Butler has revealed that the Morgan-DuPont interests were ready to spend \$3,000,000 with a promise of \$300,000,000 more if necessary to finance a fascist army that would march on Washington behind the General.

General Butler turned the offer down. *Perhaps someone else did not turn that offer down.*

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Fourth International Greets Party's Nat'l Anti-War Convention

Dear Comrades:

The Executive Committee of the Fourth International sends you its warmest greetings on the occasion of the Convention of the American section of the Fourth International. Your party is today the most important section of the Fourth International, not only by virtue of its numerical forces but also because of the political weight of its leadership and the quality of its cadres.

Our comrades all over the world are proud of their fighting brothers in the United States and they applaud your successes, particularly the high political level of the *New Internationalist*, the semi-weekly appearance of the *Socialist Appeal*, your serious trade-union activity, the public actions like the anti-Nazi demonstration in New York. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the preponderant role that your section has played in the political guidance of the Fourth International, or to emphasize the very exceptional sacrifices that the militants of the S.W.P. have made toward furthering the solidarity and political work of the Fourth International. For that proves that for the sections of the Fourth International, internationalism is a living reality, and your example is a new and singularly convincing proof of the existence of the Fourth International as the world vanguard, steeped in the best traditions of Bolshevik internationalism.

At the same time, dear comrades, we do not gloss over the fact that much still remains to be done before you become the great revolutionary party of the working class of the United States. We hope that you will indefatigably continue and intensify your activity along the road of Bolshevism, toward a continual strengthening of your trade-union work, toward a tireless agitation among the most exploited sections of the population (the youth, unemployed, women), toward an increasingly active and vigilant internationalism.

Today we point, as an example for the other sections of the Fourth International, to your methods of work, which have shown that you know how to combine unwavering firmness and the greatest flexibility, in the spirit of Bolshevism. Our International has succeeded in enunciating correct principles and in hammering out the only Marxist program corresponding to the character of our epoch; now it must learn how to work. It must definitively rid itself of all remnants of a sectarian and propaganda-circle existence, and in all countries acquire the methods of Bolshevik work. Then, through their own development and inspired by your example, the comrades of the other sections will be able to help you in their turn and to collaborate in your development.

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LONG LIVE THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

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F.D.R. Relief-Wrecking Bill Dooms Millions of Jobless to Starvation

The Platform of "Social Justice"



British Give Way in Far East as Hitler Prepares Danzig Grab

Bog-Down of Anglo-Soviet Negotiations Encourages Hitler Moves—British Expect Roosevelt to Police Orient

Danzig has replaced Tientsin as the focal point of war infection. Hitler is generally expected to make a fresh grab for the former German city. Whether that grab will lead, finally, to a general world war, is the question that the coming weeks will answer.

Pending that showdown, the British are being forced to give way in the Far East. Unable to meet the Japanese with an adequate show of force, the haughty Britons, having had their pants taken down,

are bending over as gracefully as possible to take a beating. But the "negotiations" opening in Tokyo over the issues involved in the Japanese

blockade of the British concession at Tientsin are nothing but a means of stalling diplomatically. It is the British hope and expectation that if war should engage them in Europe, their friend Roosevelt will quickly assume his cherished role of Policeman of the Pacific and make Japan his own special prey, thereby relieving the pressure on Britain's exposed

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Gulf Seamen Push Revolt Against NMU Leadership

Resist Curran's Splitting Move—Principal Weakness Is Failure to Advance Program

The revolt against the Stalinist misleadership in the N.M.U., led by the Gulf District, reached a decisive stage with the appearance of the first two issues of the Gulf edition of the *Pilot*. The Gulf District is demanding complete autonomy from the C. P. dominated National Council. Joe Curran, No. 1 stooge for the C. P., made his appearance in New Orleans for the announced purpose of "enlightening" the membership and "clarifying" the issues, accompanied by a gang of Stalinist hatchmen.

In typical faker fashion, Curran's clarification of the issues took the form of opening a dual headquarters in New Orleans in an attempt to split the union. This splitting move has met with the almost unani-

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Coughlinites Annoy Appeal Salesman, Cops Arrest Latter

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

LYNN, Mass.—The object of a vicious attack by two Coughlinite women who demonstrably ripped up copies of the *Socialist Appeal* on Central Square in this city and who advised him to "go back to Russia," Dave Udell, local militant, suffered further attack from the police who, after denying him his constitutional right to sell literature on the streets, arrested him for "refusing to move at the request of an officer."

Udell, who had been selling *Socialist Appeals* on Central Square, was approached by two Coughlinite women who resented his slogans of "Down with Coughlinism and Fascism." "Read all about Coughlin's reactionary anti-labor, anti-Semitic program." In defiance of the single policeman who was standing nearby, the two women upbraided Udell, interfering with his sale of the paper. Paying no attention to the two women, the policeman turned his attention to the large crowd attracted by the episode. After dispersing the crowd, the policeman returned to order Udell to stop selling the *Socialist Appeal*. When Udell insisted on his democratic right to sell the paper peacefully, he was arrested.

Bailed out the same night, Udell's case comes up in court Thursday, June 29.

Delegates Pour into N. Y. For Convention Opening

Militants, Coming from All Sections of the Country, Exchange Viewpoints as they Wait for Sessions to Begin on Saturday

From every section of the country, from every field of the class struggle, delegates have poured into New York as the National Anti-War Convention of the Socialist Workers Party is set to open.

Some came by riding the rods, some by thumbing rides, some by piling into old cars. By a dozen conveyances, they've come to discuss the momentous problems facing the party, to plan a program of activity, to criticize its shortcomings, to present and analyze their own experiences in the class struggle.

COUGHLINITES ATTACK NAT'L OFFICE GUARD

Following closely on the heels of the fascist raid on the Debs Labor School, two Coughlin fascists, attempting to enter the national headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party Wednesday evening, June 28, knifed and wounded Sol Bendel, member of the all-night headquarters guard, who nevertheless succeeded in frustrating the attack.

Bendel, who had gone to fasten the street door of the national headquarters, was accosted by two men at eight o'clock in the evening.

"What do you want?" Bendel asked them.

One of the men, a heavy-set, tall, blond-haired hooligan, a thick scar running the length of his face to his neck, replied, "Is this the Social Party or something or other?"

Draw Knife

Answered in the affirmative by Bendel, the hooligans stated that they wanted to join.

"What is your name?" Bendel asked.

In reply, the scar-faced hooligan drew a long, jagged fishing knife and lunged for Bendel's face.

In the effort to defend himself, Bendel sustained a deep knife wound in his wrist.

Wounded and bleeding, Bendel gave chase to the two fascists who turned and hollered, "We'll be back." But before Bendel could nab either of them, both hooligans hopped into a shiny new Pontiac and fled the scene.

These delegates allowed nothing to stand in their way—not jobs, not physical obstacles, not personal responsibilities. They had important business to transact, and that was all there was to it. One delegate for example, was pinched on the road for hitchhiking and sentenced to ten days but he talked his way out of that, and talked fast because the convention was nearing opening time.

Exchange Viewpoints

Seamen have come in ready to discuss the maritime situation and the party's policy with respect to it. Ditto rubber workers, auto workers, teachers, etc., etc. All together, however, they've got their mind set on working out the ways and means of building the party—not any one section of it, but the party as a whole—spreading its message, and organizing the vast reservoir of militant, revolutionary activity—the working class.

In the national office, as they wait for the convention to open they've been exchanging viewpoints, experiences and suggestions. Not carping dilettantes these. They're sober-minded militants, most of them young, though with years of revolutionary activity behind them, conscious of the immense job the party has before it, and determined to work out the means of doing that job well.

Listening to the delegates, it becomes clear that on the major political questions—war, American politics, trade union policy and so forth—there is almost complete unanimity. Such differences as exist are on the methods of party work, how to improve them. And that the delegates will improve

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Mrs. Rubens "Freed", Spins New Plot on Kremlin Order

Confirms Krivitsky's Revelation that Her Husband Was Latvian G.P.U. Agent

By TONY CHAPMAN

Paced like a Keystone serial, the G.P.U.-staged Robinson Rubens case moved one installment nearer its climax when Mrs. Ruth Marie Rubens, wife of the missing Russian secret agent, A. A. Rubens, in an interview with foreign newspaper correspondents, told them that she believed her husband to be "pro-fascist" and "anti-communist."

In addition to stating that Rubens is a fascist, Mrs. Rubens related to the foreign correspondents that her missing husband was born in Latvia.

Mrs. Rubens' revelation of her husband's Latvian birth confirms for the first time the statement made in the Baltimore Sun of May 5 by Walter G. Krivitsky, former chief of the Soviet Military Intelligence in Western Europe, that Rubens was born in Latvia. Krivitsky also identified Rubens as a G.P.U. agent named Ewald who had formerly worked un-

der him in Moscow.

Organized Passport Ring

Krivitsky's knowledge of Rubens' birth, confirmed for the first time by Mrs. Rubens, adds significant authority to his further charge, that Rubens was especially dispatched by the G.P.U. to the United States to organize a ring of passport forgers.

In light of the fact that his American accomplices in forgery

Woodrum Bill Will Be Signed Into Law

Stalinists and Labor Skates Staged Sham Battle Against Cuts

The Roosevelt - Woodrum Starvation Bill has passed the Senate, and now it returns to President Roosevelt's desk, needing only his signature to become a law. And he's sure to sign it—because he proposed it.

Democrats and Republicans, working in close harmony and at high speed, this Friday pushed through the most brutal slash in relief since the days of Hoover's breadlines.

What the Roosevelt appropriation means should now be completely clear to everyone, even to the labor fakers and the Stalinists nailed to Roosevelt's relief-wrecking administration. First and foremost, this bill means a cut of one million W.P.A. workers. Five hundred thousand have already been fired throughout the country as a result of Roosevelt's appropriation. Another 500,000 will get the axe immediately after the bill is signed by the President. And 500,000 more will face the streets in the months ahead, under the 18-month rotation plan, which has been preserved by the Senate vote.

Role of Labor Leaders

Where were the labor leaders, the leaders of the unemployed? That is the question every W.P.A. worker with a pink slip in his hand will want answered in the coming weeks. And the answer is quite clear; they were right behind Roosevelt, who leads the drive against W.P.A.

The trade union bureaucrats and Stalinist leaders of the Workers Alliance, tied hand and foot to the War Deal, and more loyal to Roosevelt than to the jobless, could only put up a sham fight against the cuts. They spent their time shadow-boxing phantoms.

Shunt Casey Bill

The Casey Bill, which made provision for keeping W.P.A. at the 3,000,000 level, was formally initiated by the C.I.O., but not really fought for. It hardly figured in the debates at all. The labor fakers, comfortably seated on the Roosevelt-woodrum Starvation Bill by tacking on all sorts of amendments encompassing legislation that has already been passed and do not mean an increase of any kind. Only the labor leaders and the Stalinists will be fooled by this sort of shabby move. But, for the unemployed, the key to the situation is the original appropriation, which is being passed without any real increase. Tomorrow when the bill goes into effect, one-third of W.P.A. will be left in ruins.

Tossing a Bone

"Youth now comprises at least one-third of all the unemployed employables," says Owen Lovejoy, associate director of the American Youth Committee. Roosevelt's an-

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By Dwight Macdonald

SPARKS IN THE NEWS

Information, Please

For some time now we have been told by the press of the Socialist Workers Party that the fate of the workers of the world turns to a large extent on how the crucial situation in France develops...

Add: Kremlin Kultur

There have been objections to my inclusion of Eisenstein, Shostakovich and Meyerhold in last week's "agony column" on the grounds that, since the date of the news stories I quoted...

"Egyptian Socialism"

In the May issue of Jewish Frontier there is an extremely interesting article by Salomon Schwartz on "Social Legislation in the Soviet Union"...

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

OUT OF THE PAST

By EMANUEL GARRETT

WENDELL PHILLIPS (Nov. 29, 1811-Feb. 2, 1884)

In a small mid-western town a mob of respectable people invaded the printshop of Elijah Lovejoy. They dragged him out, did these good northerners, and lynched him. Lovejoy had infuriated them with abolitionist agitation...

Wendell Phillips, well-to-do Harvard man, went to a meeting in Faneuil Hall, Boston, called to discuss the murder of Lovejoy. Social problems hadn't agitated him much before...

A Champion of Truth

The Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts took the platform to speak his approval of the lynching. Hardly had the Attorney General sat down when, burning with fury, Phillips jumped on the platform and delivered an impassioned denunciation of the slave system...

His friends thought him insane. It was all right to show some sympathy for the slaves, to contribute money to the abolitionist movement, even to attend a meeting...

Phillips, however, did precisely that. A "Knight-Errant of Unfriendly Truth" he spent one night in a valley speaking to a few people, the next in a large city addressing a huge crowd...

Because a lawyer had to swear fidelity to the Constitution, Phillips in 1842 gave up his

ing consummated a process which has practically nothing to do with that name. That process is the social self-assertion of the upper stratum of the Party and Soviet bureaucracy...

Early last December the press began printing scores of letters from Stakhonovites, Udarniks, straw bosses, and, of course, 'intelligentsia', 'exposing' lax discipline and low production in the factories and 'demanding' strict laws to be passed to remedy this...

These letters got action at once. (The pen is mightier than the sword!) Without consulting the much-publicized Soviet parliament, a flat violation of the much-publicized Soviet constitution, the Kremlin in quick succession put through a series of labor regulations of unprecedented severity...

More edicts were issued on December 28 last, again without consulting any one—parliament, trade unions, even the Party—outside the top ranks of the Kremlin bureaucracy. These greatly extended the time a worker must be employed in a plant before he becomes eligible for sick benefits...

Focus of War Situation Shifts From Far East to Danzig Arena

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Danzig Coup Awaited Mean while all the now-familiar stages of a Nazi offensive are unfolding around the issue of Danzig. An effort is apparently being made to put on a "cold" coup in the so-called Free City...

The idea is that one fine day soon Danzig will proclaim itself part of the Reich. Poland will hesitate just a little too long and its fine friends in London and Paris will ditch it just as they did Czechoslovakia.

Grist to Nazi Mill Fine grist, of course, to the Nazi mill is the bog-down of the negotiations in Moscow for Russia's entry into what the New York Times likes to call the "peace front"...

The editorial was signed by Andrei Zhdanov, Stalin's latest copy boy, who said it expressed his "own" opinion—but we all know what happens to Pravda writers whose opinions do not happen to agree with Stalin's...

Both Sides Stall What Zhdanov says about the British and French may be quite true. What he does not say is that it can be said with equal truth about the Soviet government itself.

Minn. Farmer-Labor Confab Skirts Basic Problems

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS — On Saturday, June 17, the Minnesota Farmer Labor Association held its first state-wide conference since the catastrophic defeat of November...

It met at a time when the world is on the brink of another world war, when fascism is raising its head in every corner, when the unemployment problem is becoming more and more acute in every section of the state.

No Progressive Program One might reasonably assume that a Farmer-Labor Party which has held power would be realistic enough to give these problems serious consideration and to draw the necessary conclusions...

sides but the main stall has been on Russia's part.

The present "blind alley" of the negotiations is exactly where Stalin has wanted to drive them in order to show Hitler that he remains ready to come to an understanding—even a tacit one—that will leave Hitler free to engage his rivals in the West without fear of embroilment with Russia.

Life and Death for Poland It is this situation, almost more than anything else, that is encouraging Hitler to make a stab for Danzig and the Polish Corridor in the hope that the British and French, seeing no help from Russia, will back down again.

The British and French have given explicit and solemn and off-repeated pledges of immediate assistance to Poland should the Poles fight in de-

WOODRUM BILL DOOMS JOBLESS TO STARVATION

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swer to the youth is to fling it the miserable appropriation of \$123,000,000.

The terrible situation among the unemployed in the United States is mirrored in a recent Gallup Poll. For many millions the steel doors of private industry have closed forever.

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Can the Trade Unions Alone Stop Fascism?

The trade unions, bogged down with the bureaucracies headed by John L. Lewis and William Green, stand helpless before the terrible problems now facing the working class, the half-ruined farmers, the small business men, and the destitute unemployed.

The trade unions as fighting organizations of the working class won huge successes in the past, conquering many of the rights of labor and defending them during the upswing of capitalism. Today under the domination of Lewis and Green the trade unions if left alone and without help face disaster.

Father Coughlin understands the limitless strength of America's laboring people far better than do Lewis and Green with their corner grocery outlook.

That is why he attempts to turn the unemployed, tooth and nail, upon those organized in trade unions.

That is why he denounces the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. over his radio network. That is why he calls strikers "idlers," and speaks of the "jobs they have left."

That is why he calls every militant trade unionist a "communist," a "socialist," a "Jew."

That is why he exerts every ounce of his voice and his pen to build up a terrible hate for the words: communist, socialist, Jew.

The trade unions alone, especially as they have been caught in the death grip which democratic capitalism has clamped upon Lewis and Green, cannot meet the situation. A new force is needed and needed badly.

A new weapon of the working class must be forged.

An Independent Labor Party, a fighting militant political party of the working class charged with vision, with daring, with invincible boldness must be organized as the battering ram that will smash this entire trashy structure of New Deal politics and the poisonous fascist growths that swell upward from its rotting foundation.

Fascism in America Must Be Stopped!

We must not repeat the mistakes of the labor movement in Italy and in Germany which permitted forgers, sidewalk spiels, and sideshow adventurers like Mussolini and Hitler to take over power.

The first lesson to learn is not difficult: LABOR MUST DEPEND ON ITS OWN STRENGTH.

Labor must have its own independent political party. Labor must have its own defense guards.

The greatest danger of all is to depend on the Roosevelts, the LaGuardias, the police, and the boot lickers of these former bosom friends of Coughlin and his ilk.

The first task that labor must perform in stopping the fascist movement in America is the organization of a workers' defense guard.

Every union local should begin the immediate organization of a guard to protect itself from the certain onslaught of the fascists in the near future.

The sooner these guards are organized the more efficient they will become in protecting the labor movement.

Trained, disciplined, and bold workers defense guards are the ONLY FORCE that can physically stop the fascists from overpowering the labor movement in America.

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SLUM DWELLERS PROTEST BOSTON CLEARANCE PLAN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

BOSTON, Mass.—The inadequacy of present slum clearance plans was dramatically demonstrated in the Charlestown area of this city a week ago Friday. More than 400 angry residents of the area selected for a low cost housing project shouted their disapproval of the project at the first of twenty-two meetings called by the city council and threatened to barricade their homes against eviction unless they were offered dwellings at equal rent levels.

Mrs. Lillian Lyman, mother of three children, rising to state the case of the tenants, told the eight councilmen that she would refuse to move unless a dwelling similar to her present one and at the same rent was found for her. From every part of the audience came shouts of accord: "Same here," "Where do you expect us to move to?" "We can't afford to move any place else."

Mrs. Lyman told the committeemen that she now has a five-room house for which she pays \$17. "The best I can get is a four-room back-alley place and then they ask me to pay \$16 rent." Again there were shouts from the audience: "They won't let us rent places if we've got too many children," "They want us to put up deposits for rent, and we haven't got any money."

The people of this and other areas in Boston are badly in need of dwellings better than the ones in which they are at present living. But here, as has been proved in other cities, the slum clearance project works only as a hardship on those who are compelled to move. It is up to the city administration to provide these people with suitable dwellings at low rent while the houses are being built—and then to scale the rents in the newly built houses at levels within the means of the slum dwellers.

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