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An Open Letter to the President:

AMERICAN YOUTH DEMANDS THE RIGHT TO A JOB AND A DECENT LIFE

Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

It was with considerable fanfare that you and your administration announced the governmental budget for the coming year. This was to be, the American people were informed, a budget for an emergency period, of utmost importance to the American people.

With one thing we can agree with you—this budget is of the utmost importance to the American people, to the workers and the youth.

Over a year ago, we revolutionary Socialist youth wrote in our paper: The New Deal, with its attempt to bolster a tottering capitalist system by mild reform, is dead. Its place has been taken by the War Deal, the policy of preparing for an imperialist war in the near future.

This prediction has been confirmed to the hilt. Your latest budget is the latest step in this direction.

What does your budget propose to the American people?

Your budget is a budget of death; it is a budget of reaction. Your budget will mean renewed starvation for hundreds of thousands of workers. It will mean tens of thousands of youth thrown into the streets. And your bud-



that 250,000 workers be fired from PWA—
that government aid to youth be cut by
\$72,000,000—

that aid to the farmers be cut \$400,000,000—

We want to know—What is going to happen to these people suddenly deprived of their livelihood? Where will they get the money to pay their butcher's bills, their rent?

You further propose that a total of \$2,300,-

columnist, wrote "the President's budget message might have been submitted by a Garner, Taft or a Vandenberg. . . ." Because there's not a particle of difference between your budget and the program of the reactionary Republicans in the Senate.

Relief, aid to youth, help for the farmers—

you, Mr. President, cut to the bone (and then you keep cutting). But you have plenty of money for death and destruction, for poison gas and bullets.

We, the youth of America, have been walking the streets for years now in search of a job. Your New Deal was going to solve our problems, you told us. But it hasn't. All we're getting from you is a smile.

What is going to happen to those boys who'll have to quit school because they won't get anymore NYA aid? What is going to happen to those boys and girls who won't even get the miserable pittance of WPA aid anymore? What is going to happen to those boys who are being kicked out of CCC camps?

You have no answer—except war, except the army. You are dooming a whole generation to misery, to demoralization, to hopelessness, and, tomorrow, to death in the trenches.

How glibly you talk about democracy . . . in Finland. Why don't you take some of the mon-

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