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**AUSTRIA AND FASCISM**

Who will live longer, Dolfuss and his butcher system, or the Austrian workers who died fighting, slaughtered by the panicked ferocity of a dictator-ship, directed and financed by Mussolini and the Austrian ruling class?

The dead workers will live; Dolfuss will die and his name will be forgotten. Dolfuss knows this. The dead workers were buried as secretly as possible, lest their graves become places of honor, and inspiration to courage among their comrades who still live and bide their time. But secrecy is useless and slavery are already written into the hearts and minds of the workers of the world. The muscles in the throats and arms and legs of hundreds of millions of their comrades of all colors and races have tightened, tightened not into "appathy" that is quickly forgotten, but with lasting comradeship and determination. The fight they made, braver because hopeless for the time being, is now an inspiration and a lesson. Workers don't forget. They may seem to forget, but in the marrow of their bones these things live on, stored away like plans of battle and ammunition, until the time comes for struggle and for decisive action.

All over the world workers are marching in protest, in struggle, in battle against Fascism. The pace quickens as the masses come closer to Revolution; the fight gets hotter.

Driven underground in Austria, the work goes on.

The same in Germany, where workers hourly risk their lives to fight Fascism, already weakened by strikes, sabotage, loss of trade, the quarrel between Goebbels and Goering for the Hitler spotlight and the contradictions inherent in capitalism.

French workers in Marseilles, Lyons, Lille, Nancy and fifty other industrial towns get ready to break the Fascist attempt to take over the French government from the trembling hands of Doumergue's cabinet of old men and rascals.

In England 20,000 reserve police are called out against 2,000 hooded marchers descending on London.

Mussolini sends fighting warriors by scores and hundreds to penal islands, but revolts (never recorded in the press) continue; Italy is garrisoned and Fascist train guards pull guns when passengers leave the train for a drink of water.

One-fourth of China is out of capitalist control. Japan is afraid to fight and afraid to keep peace, lest Revolution follow.

And in America, Roosevelt, acting to save capitalism's sacred Juggermatt of 200 billion dollars in IOU's, writes more IOU's to get money wherever he can hold of farmers and workers from month to month through the AAA, the CWA, etc. The NRA legalizes and assists in the Fascist organization of industrial monopolies, promotes company unions, breaks strikes and sells out militant workers' unions. Public Works money is stolen to build up the Army and Navy. Every attempt is being made to regiment the country, to put it on a war basis at the earliest possible date.

But the workers and farmers have not been sold on the idea of War and Fascism. For a few months millions of them were sold on the New Deal, but they're finding that their hands are full of the same old ducats and treys and that the employers are holding the same aces and a brand new joker labeled National Emergency. It's a National Emergency, all right!

It's more; it's an International Emergency. The capitalist world is faced with the alternatives of Workers' Revolution or Fascism and War. It's time to educate, recruit, organize workers and farmers into solid, disciplined masses who know what they want and how to get it. The American League Against War and Fascism organizes the masses into that solid United Front. It's time to march, comrades! Now! The lesson of Austria is this: There must be struggle, fight, strength, readiness and—United Front!

Workers Demonstrating Against Fascism

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**Women and War**

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This is for the middle-class woman—the woman in the home.

DO YOU REMEMBER the years 1914-1918; August, 1914, when we rather lightly-beardedly heard that War was on between England and Germany; the following months when we read, detachedly, of British losses on land and sea; how we almost made a public holiday of it when a German submarine reached our shores; how Woodrow Wilson kept reminding us that we owed it to our good citizens of German origin to be neutral; how he stamped the country and was re-elected in 1916, because, fourthly, he "kept us out of War"?

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mad race in armaments; the same "preparation" brochure being piled up; the same lying propaganda campaign—the time with Yellow instead of Festive HUNK. Let us now feel you that War for America is "impossible." Every imperialist government in the world is getting ready, and America will be dragged in again by the investment vendors and the profit patriots—UNLESS YOU MOTHERS in the homes, for whom there will be no escape next time, say IT SHALL NOT BE! Your one hope of saving yourselves and YOUR homes, lies in leaving NOW some of the unimportant daily tasks, some of your trivial important duties, and giving the time to organizing with your sister women in shop and factory, regardless of race, color, creed, or political affiliations, in the struggle against your common enemy—WAR! No government could carry on a War against the solid opposition of a UNITED FRONT of women. The decision can be made by YOU. The hand that rocks the cradle is the power behind the throne!

I urge you and you and you, before it is too late, to use every ounce of your influence to bring your fraternal groups into affiliation with the American League Against War and Fascism. E Pluribus Unum! Let us win this contest as it should be used, by and for the people, to save us all from utter destruction in the next War!

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**THE STEEL WORKERS**

By JOE DALLY

Youngstown District Secretary, Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union

As the clouds of War loom lower and darker the world over, the steel industry, always decisive, rises more than ever in importance. Without steel no modern war can be fought. Without steel workers no steel can be made. The steel workers occupy a strategic position.

The Steel Trust (used here to signify the industry as a whole) not only makes war materials but also heavily subsidizes war propaganda. The Navy League, most powerful propagandist for a "war second to none," had as two of its founders, J. P. Morgan, head of U. S. Steel, and his chief "competitor," Charles M. Schwab, head of Bethlehem Steel.

Bethlehem was a heavy contributor to the pool which sent the lobbyist Shearer to the Geneva "Disarmament Conference" in 1927 with the avowed intention of wrecking that conference. For two years afterwards the Trust maintained Shearer in Washington as a Big Navy lobbyist. Rep. Tavenport in 1915 exposed on the floor of Congress the fact that some United States naval officers drew pay simultaneously from the government and the Steel Trust.

The Profits in Death  
Do these activities pay? Congress answered that question the first week of February 1914 by appropriating funds for 100 new battleships. There is no doubt that the biggest portion of these contracts will go, directly or indirectly, to the Steel Trust and its subsidiaries.

Selling defective armor-plate to the government is only one angle of war-time profiteering. Each U. S. Steel Corp. employee produced over \$1,400 net profit for the Trust in 1917 alone. Bethlehem Steel's profit was as high as 100 per cent on sales to the government during the War. Its common stock soared from \$40 just before the War to \$100 at the end of October 1915. In the course of the War some "independent" companies made as much as 319 per cent profit on their "armorial investment."

Recent reports from Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. workers in Pittsburgh state that the Sobko works of J. & L. is turning out armor-plate, some of which is being shipped to China. A special high-carbon steel, used in armaments, produced at J. & L. Republic, largest manufacturer of alloys, is supplying material for airplane construction (the New York Times reported that the Government had ordered 1,200 of a fleet of 6,000 new war planes).

No small portion of the recent pickup in the steel industry can be laid to War preparations, not only in material to be used at once, but also to speculative buying by companies counting on War orders.

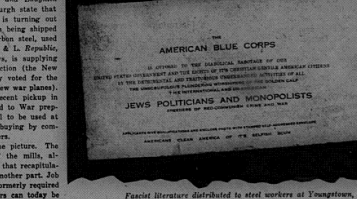
But this is only part of the picture. The tremendous mechanization of the mills, at least so much commented on that mechanization here is unnecessary, is another part. Job after job in the mills which formerly required heavy work by skilled workers can today

and ammunition in almost every mill, and the proposals only recently made to equip the Mahoning Valley steel district with anti-aircraft searchlights and guns. (Of course, these examples of militarization are especially preparations for War against the "Joe at home"—the workers in the mills.)

Openly aimed at "preventing labor disputes," the N.R.A. has more and more openly emerged as not only an anti-strike measure, but as an active strike-breaking machine. The experiences of Watrous, Ambridge, Budd, Ford, etc., show this. But what is less commonly realized is that the N.R.A. as a gate-keeper regimentation of labor is not entirely new. The labor provisions of the N.R.A. (today a great step toward Fascism) are substantially the same as those of President Wilson's War Labor Board. Through the N.R.A. the war-mongers aim to prevent and, if they can't prevent, to crush gently through "subsidies" and, if this is impossible, to smash openly with Fascist terror, any real movement of the steel workers for better conditions, especially any real struggles against War.

Steel Workers Must be Mobilized  
What do the steel workers think about War? As a whole, today, they are opposed to War. They remember relatively higher money wages during the World War, but they also remember still higher prices of the necessities of life. They remember promises of good jobs when they got back—and months of fruitless unemployment on the streets. They especially remember what happened to their back pay—the so-called "bonus." There always are some who say, "What we need is a good War," but generally there are many who answer such statements sharply. But the most dangerous conclusion to reach is that this "general opposition" to War is sufficient. All the art and science (Continued on page fourteen)

Fascist literature distributed to steel workers at Youngstown, Ohio.





# UNITE AGAINST FASCISM

AUSTRIA  
FRANCE

## A Project for the Liquidation of Bread Lines

A Story in Pictures  
By LYND WARD



## UNITED FRONT IN BRAZIL

By HORACE B. DAVIS  
Author of "Labor and Steel"

The writer of this article is at present teaching at university in Brazil.

Robert Moreno of Sao Paulo now works without pay building a roadway from Ubatuba to Taubate. In the broiling sun of this latitude such an occupation is not undertaken for fun. Moreno is a political prisoner. His offense is that he was secretary of the Sao Paulo Committee Against War and Fascism.

In spite of the persecution of its leader, the Committee Against War and Fascism is legal, albeit under police surveillance. All other branches of the movement are under police prohibition, including even the Theater of Experience, which until recently gave radical shows, on a newly equipped modern stage.

### United Front Stops Fascists

The Acao Integralista, Brazil's Fascist organization, was formed in Sao Paulo. Last December it made elaborate plans for a public parade in the streets of that city, and the police co-operated by announcing in the public press that all precautions would be taken

against disorder, including the prosecution of arresting leaders of Anti-Fascist groups. The workers were not intimidated. Under the auspices of the Committee, they organized a counter-demonstration for the same day, distributing leaflets which exposed the role of the Fascists and announced speeches by representatives of a number of workers' organizations. The Acao Integralista called off its demonstration. Thousands of workers answered the call of the Committee.

### Socialists, Communists Unite

The United Front Committee Against Fascism includes the following organizations: Anti-War Committee of Sao Paulo, Transport Workers' Union, Textile Workers Union, Central Labor Union of Sao Paulo, Socialist Party of Brazil, Communist Party, Socialist Group "Giuseppe Mattioli," Students' Committee Against War, Young Communist League, "Student Vanguard," Socialist University Group, Union of Workers and Peasants, "The Freeman" (weekly paper), Bracon, International Labor Defense, Federative League, etc.

The committee is a direct descendant of the Montevideo Anti-War Conference of last year. If it has managed to escape police suppression, this is no doubt because of the militancy of the United Front of workers, in conjunction with many middle class and professional people, actors, artists, journalists, engineers, professors, dentists, lawyers, doctors, and pharmacists who have signed its manifestos. The manifesto cites the names of Romain Rolland, Henri Barbusse, Upton Sinclair, John Dos Passos, Waldo Frank, Michael Gold, and others who have "placed themselves in the vanguard of those who fight against the war of rapine, conquest, and attack on the Soviet Union," and pledges the signers to expose all wars "misquoting under the name of a false patriotism," and to struggle "at the side of the oppressed toiling masses of country and city, the first to suffer the devastating effects of the organized murder." The committee has just carried out its second big public demonstration in Sao Paulo against the Integralists (Fascists), and continues to serve as the rallying-point for militant workers and students.



1. Stocking rifles, prior to the attack on the Austrian workers in their co-operative apartments in Vienna.



2. Workers stoning the police as the later charge crowd in the Place de Concorde, Paris.



3. Two peasant soldiers, victims of the Dollfus Pasquet regime, who were killed in Florideorf, a suburb of Vienna, while fighting against their own interests.

4. Beaten to the ground during the fighting in Paris, this worker is shouting his defiance of the police.



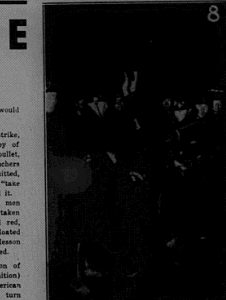
5. A woman worker killed on the barricades in Vienna.



6. LaGuardia police in New York clubbing Socialist and Communist workers during a United Protest Demonstration in front of the offices of the Austrian Consulate.

7. Mussolini's troops marching to assist the Dollfus regime in its fight against the Austrian Workers.

8. Hands Up! This picture shows a Worker being searched for weapons by the police, at the Place de Concorde in Paris.



## CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE

By ELLA WINTER

Author of "Red Virtues—Human Relationships in New Russia"

Fascism means violence. Violence of club and pick-ax handles in strikes, clubbings and arrests on the picket line. It means the violence of our tormented capitalist "peace" as well as the bestiality of War. And it means the dishonesty and demagoguery of lying propaganda, in the press and in speeches, and on the radio and in the utterances of government officials, in defense of a dying social system at bay.

In California we are having a Defense Week. It is supported by the Governor, the Mayor, employers and owners, and the Hearst press. The Hearst press hasleady every day, with its reproduction of war pictures, that these grin scenes are the result of unpreparedness. California's Defense Week has taken up the lie and is blaring it forth with all the trappings of jingoism. More money for cannons, for tanks, guns, army planes, C.C.C. camps, deepening our harbors,

battleships, cruisers, shells; captives under grotesque caricatures of human forms which shells and bullets and bayonets have slashed and torn and turned into vulgar meat.

**THE LESSON OF UNPREPAREDNESS ARE WE PREPARED! THESE PERISHED BECAUSE WE WERE UNPREPARED**

Under a picture of a Russian corpse appears this lie:

*He Died in Vain—This Big Russian was only one of the countless thousands who paid the price so that a Year might ride. But the legions who died could not divert the fate which overtook Russia's outcast.*

California's lynch crowd goes his sunny way making speeches for jingoist "defense," but helps not by one cent or one word when

cotton or cherry pickers at fifteen cents an hour strike for twenty cents.

### American Hitlers

All last year, in a series of seventy-one strikes, thirty-five in the agricultural fields, violence was used by police and State officials, by ranchers and power and finance company employees. Vigilante groups were formed to terrorize Filipino and Japanese, Mexican, Slav and American workers. In every strike, courageous and spirited strike leaders were beaten, clubbed, gassed, jailed for being spirited and courageous strike leaders. Judge Salkmore of Losi declared of the grape pickers striking for a cent a tray more for cutting grapes:

"In some places they take me like these cut and hang them. Don't be too sure they won't do it yet, right here . . . the jury system is a relic of medieval times, the recourse of gully men who want to es-

cape justice." Another judge remarked: "Caster oil would not be so bad for Reds."

In the San Joaquin Valley cotton strike, three workers were murdered, one boy of nineteen lost an arm from a rancher's bullet, many were seriously hurt. The ranchers charged with murder have been acquitted, although they had openly threatened to "take the law into their own hands," and did it.

In the Yacoville pruning strike, six men charged with being workers were taken from jail, beaten, their faces painted red, and left lying on the road. This was glossed over in the press as "giving them a lesson in Americanism." No one was prosecuted.

In Los Angeles a huge "Recognition of Russia" meeting (before Russian recognition) was turned into pandemonium by American Legionnaires, who made the engineer turn

off the lights of the hall at the point of a gun. On another occasion the Red Squad slashed canvases at a John Reed Club exhibition.

#### A Dollar a Day is Enough

Nazis care nothing for art, culture, freedom of speech, liberty, civil rights, or "democratic" forms, either in Germany or in the United States. In California, legal forms and the guarantees of the Constitution have been abandoned. Federal District-Attorney Patron M. Hall returned to two attorneys: "The entire system of the administration of equal justice has collapsed." Workers' attorneys are kidnapped, vilified, abused. The Los Angeles Regional Labor Board is forced to report that "grosses and landowners are police chiefs, sheriffs and justices of the peace," and that this system "will operate against impartial treatment of the worker." It is also alleged, the authorities state, "that no worker can hope to get justice in courts in which the police judge and his wife, who hold four legal positions between them, are large growers and landowners and employers, and notoriously of the opinion that 'one dollar a day is enough for the Mexican field worker'."

It is important to remember that this abrogation of civil law, legal rights, democratic forms, is in defense of the property owners against workers, who, in the words of the Los Angeles Regional Labor Board, are "compelled to drink water out of irrigation ditches," whose "latrines tend to produce typhoid conditions," and whose miserable wages are frequently not paid by the dishonest contractors who steal them.

#### Hearst for War and Slavery

Mr. Hearst lives in California, a few hundred miles from the East. He advocates more money than the \$110,000,000 already being spent on America's "woful unpreparedness." None of his papers have been known to advocate the expenditure of one cent for the Mexican peon in California.

The American peon must not be taken in by the base, vicious, hysterical advocacy of War for the defense of private property; workers, young people, professional men and women must see that their fight is against Fascism. Fascism is itself a confession of the failure of capitalism.

#### War's "Attractive" Side

Commenting further on Stallings' book, Professor Phelps goes on to say:

In a recent issue of Scribner's Magazine I came across the following comment by Professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale University in praise of Laurence Stallings' book *The First World War*:

"This book is not propaganda for or against anything; if it were I should not praise it, for I hate propaganda."

It is gratifying to note, however, that Professor Phelps is not altogether incapable of hyperbole. It is not surprising that he hates War, he can still hate propaganda. Oh, what hypocrites, what fools these purists be! This pedagogue who cannot bring himself to praise a book that is for or against anything can yet characterize the four Gospels as "the most important documents in the history of the human race" documents that were as barefaced agitation for a new religion as any propaganda ever concocted. This haze of propaganda can yet stand up on his hind legs behind a pulpit and preach a milk and water Christianity by the hour.

And when the second World War comes, will Professor Phelps still hate propaganda, will he lack himself up in the company of books consisting entirely of blank pages, since he likes only those books which stand for nothing and against nothing? Oh! but circumstances alter cases. And how!

Young men of our colleges, on guard beware of the impartiality of the professors. He who is not for us against War is for War against us!

## Propagandists Who Hate Propaganda

By EDWIN SVAER

Author of "The Cowboy"

"The pictures are by no means confined to horrors; in fact, I suspect that some young people born after the War might find them rather attractive."

This is a shrewd observation and, leader as it may be true, we would think it constitutes a damning indictment of Stallings' book. But the Professor does not think so. He is content to praise a book which, in his opinion, may lead youth to find certain phases of war "rather attractive." Can anyone doubt that the Professor himself would find it rather attractive to be knitting socks again for the boys in the company of other hysterical old women?

#### Making Mass Murder Attractive

Speaking of attractive photos of War, *Far-Right Evening Transcript* is at present running a series of pictures devoted to the "lighter aspects" of the A.E.F. in the last locust. This is not done, of course, to counteract the present general attitude of hostility among the masses to War. Not at all. Undoubtedly, the editors of the *Transcript*, like Professor Phelps, also hate propaganda. They merely wish to show the more social and civilized aspects of mass murder and destruction.

#### Who Is Against War?

Down with this fetishism of art that must not soil its skirts in propaganda! We are not fools to mistake a live volcano for Olympus or a bombing plane for Pegasus. Neither are we idiots enough to remain passive when our lives and the lives of our families and comrades are pawns in the hands of imperialist hawks and ghouls.

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Headed by President Roosevelt and the Federal Government, War parties and press conferences were held throughout the country during February. (Above) De-fence Week celebrated in San Francisco, remnants of the other Preparations Parade a few months before the World War out of which came the Franco-Trotsky Money.



## MOSLEY'S BLACKSHIRTS

By JENNIE LEE

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My most vivid recollection of Sir Oswald Mosley is the last occasion on which he addressed the British House of Commons, shortly before the collapse of the 1931 Labor government. At that time he had already resigned from the Labor Party, taking with him an intimate knowledge of the timidity and apathy of most of his late colleagues. He turned on them with a look of profound contempt, extended his glance to include the Tory benches, then reiterated again and again, what was then and still remains, his favorite theme: "GREAT BRITAIN CANNOT MIDDLE THROUGH THIS TIME."

With that particular sentiment of Mosley's I am in entire agreement. Consequently, I find more to alarm me in examining the numerically large, avowedly anti-Fascist bloc that exists in Britain at the present time, than in any direct growth of Fascist organizations. For British anti-Fascist sentiment is nothing if not muddled. It includes, however, a small minority, Communists, members of the Independent Labor Party, and some rank and file Labor Party followers who understand that opposition to Fascism means a struggle to win power for the workers, and that this power must be consolidated in the transition period from capitalism to socialism by a working class dictatorship.

#### Paving the Way for Fascism

Mr. Arthur Henderson and millions of his supporters in the Labor Party also believe themselves to be anti-Fascist. So do millions of English liberals. One of the most difficult tasks in the world is to explain that, although subjectively horrified by and disapproving of Hitler's activities, regarded objectively, these English Liberals and reformist Labor groups seem to be paving the way to the very hell of Fascism which they quite sincerely wish to avoid.

Sir Oswald Mosley is quite clear-sighted on this issue. Nothing would be more to his liking than a third Labor government composed of a confused jumble of Socialists, Liberal reformers and even Conservatives, in fact if not in name, such as constituted the two previous Labor governments. For Mosley knows that such an administration must dissolve into its inherently contradictory parts and collapse even sooner and more ingloriously than MacDonald's Labor government of 1931. Then, he reckons, his chance would come. Is Mosley right?

So far he has had no real place in English politics. The masses don't trust him and the established ruling class has had no more of him. MacDonald has been a much more useful dog. His National government, claiming to be "above party," already constitutes a virtual dictatorship of British capitalism.

As a result of this sort of gold, the committee is horrified to note, the "infant" acquired sticky fingers. W. E. Boring, director of United Aircraft, made \$5,312,290 gross out of an investment of \$70 and then ran \$487,000 up to another 51 millions. George J. Mead, an organizer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, started with \$207 and profited to the extent of \$17,428,572. F. B. Rentschler, of the National City

Bank Rentschlers, invested \$253 which later proved to be worth \$5 millions. And so on. Profits of the 27 concerns carrying mail averaged 354% yearly. Chief honorees were carried off by the Boeing Airplane Co., which made a profit of 90% in 1932.

Through a process of stock juggling, consolidations, freeze-outs, and lobbying aided by American Legion officials, etc., all their air-mail carriers fell into the hands of four controlling interests. These interests, in turn, are controlled by the same "mysterious" men of finance who rule over the National City Bank, the Mellon Empire (aluminum for planes), the General Motors Corporation, etc.

Dividing the Spoils

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(Top) The girl on the right, heavily scathed in bandages is a victim of a fight in Pistoia, when a band of English Fascists distributed literature endorsing Hitler's policy of Anti-Semitism. (Below) Leaders of the British Fascist Party at the Japanese Embassy in London where they expressed sympathy for Japan's Imperial War in the Far East.

## Air Mail Is Mobilized

By CARL DRAKE

But look at it from a standpoint of national defense. If we encourage the air-mail lines, not by a subsidy, but by payments for services rendered, just as we pay the railroads, we have the advantage of their 1000 to 1200 planes in operation. We have the advantage of their 700 old trained pilots. We have their facilities. All can be commandeered in event of war. —JAMES MEAD, Chairman, Postoffice Committee, House of Representative.

If you read only the may headlines about this air-mail "sit-up," you might get the idea that President Roosevelt is cracking the whip over some more bad professors who rob the people's government. Upon closer examination, you will discover that the whip is merely making a loud, rattling noise to distract your attention. The air-mail service in this country, born of War on May 15, 1918, is now reverting back to its old basis—preparation for the next War.

Last year, while Congress was approving the flyer hand-out to the contractors of air mail, Senator Kenneth McKellar objected too vociferously to the appropriation. The Senate was forced to promise Mr. McKellar a future inquiry. During November the Senate Committee on air and mail subsidies, headed by the milder Senator Hugo Black, began one of those long Rooseveltian "investigations," reminiscent of another famous committee which pleasantly passes its time interviewing big bankers.

#### "Fraud, Collusion, and Corruption"

Some further fascinating information on "How the Rich Get Richer" leaked through the informal revelations of the Black Committee, the aviation industry, an essential, grouped "infant industry," has been deluged with paternal cash from Washington. Since 1925, \$143,250,705.80 of the tax-payers' money, from sundry government sources, has dropped into this infant's lap. And this figure does not include the millions for airplanes recently allotted by Congress in preparation for War. During the years 1928 to 1932, \$68,112,615.74 has been paid for carrying air mail alone. Of this amount, \$8 millions had been donated in the form of subsidies and gratuities in support of this hungry, growing branch of aviation.

As a result of this sort of gold, the committee is horrified to note, the "infant" acquired sticky fingers. W. E. Boring, director of United Aircraft, made \$5,312,290 gross out of an investment of \$70 and then ran \$487,000 up to another 51 millions. George J. Mead, an organizer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, started with \$207 and profited to the extent of \$17,428,572. F. B. Rentschler, of the National City

Bank Rentschlers, invested \$253 which later proved to be worth \$5 millions. And so on. Profits of the 27 concerns carrying mail averaged 354% yearly. Chief honorees were carried off by the Boeing Airplane Co., which made a profit of 90% in 1932.

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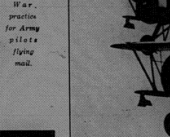
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# Britannia's Babies

By MARTIN MORIARTY

"Britannia's Baby," a ballad writer in a popular Irish republican weekly describes Owen O'Duffy, generalissimo of Ireland's Irish Fascist black-shirt movement. The title is well deserved. A father of Irish Fascism is Britain's Major-General Sir William Hickley, K.B.C., D.O., etc., who in London last summer organized British Tories for 30,000 pounds for blue-shirt activities. Hopeful prophecies of Fascist governments in London, Dublin and Belfast are voiced by Oswald Mosley's black-shirted "Black Legion" in the "growing strength of the blue-shirts in Ireland."

Not without reason then did the London Daily Express hail the Fascists as "Ireland's New Empire State." And who could be loyalist subjects of the British Empire than the wealthy cattle ranchers and brewers who back the movement? "The United Ireland Party" (the constitutional wing of the blue-shirts) must not be ashamed to acknowledge its friends. Senator Sir John Keane advised in the hospitable columns of the London Sunday Times: "Get back orders from British Unionist newspapers," John urged. (The Unionists seek a union between Irish capitalism and British imperialism.—Ed.)

**The High Spook Fascism**  
Right really have the Unionist sources in Ireland responded? The contributors include the patriotic Marquis of Chyngdom, and the brewers Baa, Ratelle and Rationed. Bailed in the British Boycott movement, this English firm has been defeated by O'Duffy's gardeners.

With catchwords and will promises the Fascists seditiously become concerned over the well-being of the rural poor, the unemployed—the very victims of government economies when the personnel of the Fascist wing hold power in the form of the Cograve party. "Against communist anarchism," they cry, and promise a "detestation of the Irish people" as a substitute for the present "vexatious system" which is economically and psychologically unsuitable for the country.

**Great Unrest in Ireland**  
For all their hatred of the blue-shirt movement, few of the Irish poor will dispute the "realities" of the present social system, as the Free State trade balance alone fell over 15,000,000 pounds in 1933 and widespread discontent is expressed in the ranks of Fianna Fail, the government party which has a following in the countryside. As its delegate to the party's Ard-Fine (Congress) complained last fall: "Donnell cattle ranchers with thousands in the fields were reducing the wages of their laborers from 15 shillings to 10 shillings a week without food." The cattle-dribe, an old weapon of the agrarian poor against the graniers who supplant humans with the more

profitable pasture, threatens to spread through the country. The tone of the agitation is sounded by a recent drive in the Leitrim area: "I am always been a supporter of Mr. De Valera, but if the prisoners were not released immediately the slogan 'No De Valera' would be changed to 'Down De Valera!'"

Hence the "anarchy" from which Ireland is to be redeemed by these "democratic" activities. There are ugly slogans: Mosley's corporatist state, praised by O'Duffy at his blue-shirt congress; abolition of the labor exchange; upholding the 1921 "Treaty of peace" that was refuted by Brigus squares.

Unfortunately the popular sentiment against the blue-shirts is not always directed into the most useful avenue of attack and defense. Although it was swept into power mainly on an anti-communist, republican platform, the Fianna Fail government is choking the forces of struggle by jailing republicans demonstrating against blue-shirts rather than the blue-shirt themselves. "Each activity," a resolution of the County Kerry Executive of the Fianna Fail party states, "has rendered the present task extremely difficult at the most critical period of his administration."

**United Front Against Fascism**  
This resolution was the executive reflection of a great roar of protest against the imprisonment of Kerry republicans, jailed for demonstrating against O'Duffy when he tried to speak in Tralee. Kerry's protest indicates the real potentialities of the broad anti-Fascist movement. Here are the names of the branches, sports groups (the county hurling and football teams have big influence in Ireland), labor bodies and trade unions called into the very center of their mind task so that it never thaved out.

**Workers Are Fighting Everywhere**  
Well, here we are and damn little time to spare. We have taken' it too philosophical for too long. Wars are being fought right now against workers who are fighting with guns in their hands for the right to live. It is time for us to give them a hand, or ain't it!

What about the Chinese workers and peasants who have been battling now for years against the bloody drives of the Chinese Kuomintang? Have we done anything to stop the big guns of America's "Chinese River Gang" from blasting death and destruction into the ranks of our fellow workers over there?

From our Pacific ports we have been sending airplanes and from Washington, D.C. we have been sending skilled pilots to help bloody Chiang Kai-Shek rain death on the defenseless villages and families of these workers. Yeah—haven't we? We have been shipping wheat and cotton to help finance this War against our

for continued demonstrations till the prisoners are freed. Significant were the words of Bro. Connor of the National Union of Railwaymen: "I have always been a supporter of Mr. De Valera, but if the prisoners were not released immediately the slogan 'No De Valera' would be changed to 'Down De Valera!'"

This is no longer an "Irish question." It is of vital concern to every opponent of Irish domination and hence also to the white collar line-out in Seattle in the fight to stop the shipment of guns and soldiers to the White Guard in Siberia. I remember how the doughboys were called in to break that strike and try their hands at helping the handful of scabs that could be got for such dirty duty. I remember how these little brown scoundrels looked down the revolver barrels of the Japanese officers and kept right on forgetting how to run a winch. With a revolver in front of 'em and 'em' equal waiting for 'em to get away, the fellow workers who took the real gait in that strike, and by God they and the others like me are the ones who are needin' our help right now and will be needin' it as it is that they keep up their battle against the insane wardens of Japan.

**The Final Struggle**  
We have had "friends" of Ireland in America before, mainly interested in whipping up anti-British sentiment to serve the ends of imperial Washington. Let the fight for national and social freedom of Ireland be Anti-British-imperialist, by all means! But let American opponents of Fascism thank Irishmen here to distinguish between the dubious friendship of the demagogue from the Navy and the firm, sure friendship of the only allies that will mean anything in the final struggle for liberation: the friendship of the men and women in the worksheds of the world, the student, the professional, the teacher and laborer.—the friendship of all the forces aroused by the American League Against War and Fascism.

While the A. F. of L. officials lobby in Washington demanding only that the shells shall bear the union label, the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union is mounting fighting against all imperialist wars. Therefore, it is only natural that we support the American League Against War and Fascism.

But all anti-War activities to date are entirely insufficient. There must be a thousand-fold increase in the activities of all who oppose War. Especially need for its program of concentrated attention upon the key War industries and especially steel. This campaign can be assisted if every man and woman in a steel town will sit in and tell the American League every detail of War preparations in their locality. The League must particularly win the membership of the A. F. of L. metal trade unions for its program of fight against War and Fascism. War and Fascism menace every steel worker. The steel workers of the entire nation must unite, regardless of union or political affiliation, in a battle to the death against them.

And another thing, I am thinkin' of the Japanese war threats against the Soviet Union. I am thinkin' of the Japanese workers that are fighting under a terror that makes the criminal-syndicalist crack-down on Wobs went through in 1919 and 1920 look like a picnic. Are we buildin' any kind of a hand to them?

I recall to mind the little brown boys on the winches of the Jay ship Maru Maru when fifteen years ago some summer, the Longshoremen's union and the rest of us had our pocket line out in Seattle in the fight to stop the shipment of guns and soldiers to the White Guard in Siberia. I remember how the doughboys were called in to break that strike and try their hands at helping the handful of scabs that could be got for such dirty duty. I remember how these little brown scoundrels looked down the revolver barrels of the Japanese officers and kept right on forgetting how to run a winch. With a revolver in front of 'em and 'em' equal waiting for 'em to get away, the fellow workers who took the real gait in that strike, and by God they and the others like me are the ones who are needin' our help right now and will be needin' it as it is that they keep up their battle against the insane wardens of Japan.

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**National Guard Machine Gun Unit**  
Guns from the recent strike in the bituminous area of Pennsylvania.

Battery and company rooms, before and after drill, are turned into forums. Each squad of enlisted men, in the degree of its political development, discusses the coming War interestedly. In the viewpoints expressed I have noticed that many are anxious for War, but the great majority, mainly the unemployed and the factory workers, are fundamentally opposed.

In such a specialized arm as the Army of the 212th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment, preparations for War are noticeable. This regiment, which will form the basis, in time of War, for the training of thousands of gunners among the drafted civilians, is being constantly perfected for aerial combat. Though ostensibly for protecting ammunition dumps, aviation bases, and strategic positions, developing militarization is pointing to the use of this regiment as an arm of attack. Mounted on trucks with a speed averaging seventy-five miles an hour, and at lower speeds doing rapid artillery fire, the regiment attains great mobility and firing accuracy. The anti-aircraft guns have been synchronized with sound apparatus and equipped with searchlights capable of throwing a hundred-mile beam. Actual war maneuvers every year are conducted at Quantico, New York, which every man must attend even

yellow brothers, who today are in the front line trenches fighting our own battles for us. Well—it's time that we get nosin' mad and see how a lot of green fired hell about it.

More and more are being enlisted and trained in the new batch of recruits seventeen is the average age. Radically inclined soldiers are immediately discharged. Fascism is encouraged, many of the officers being leaders in Italian and German Fascist organizations.

The men are not accepting this state of affairs docilely. In camp, strikes against poor food break out with great frequency. With great courage and military the enlisted men organize and expose the corrupt grafting practices of the officers and work back from camp every year much richer than they went. Many of the notable leaders, for these struggles are called "mutinies," are marked already for the firing squad when War is declared. The pay for drill originally one dollar, is about fifty cents now. Taxes and assessments reduce this still more. The resentment against the pay cut is mounting and talks of strike are constantly heard in the company rooms.

**Reach the National Guard!**  
The National Guard knows that he is the first to be called in time of War. He is also the conscience of the first row, that he is used in breaking strikes. Many are being enlisted and trained in Fascist gangs. However, anti-War and anti-Fascist propaganda, when it reaches him, falls on particularly fertile ground. Special attention must be paid to reaching the National Guardsmen. In New York there are twenty-six thousand of them. Almost every state there are many regiments of these soldiers. Before now, they were elected to Congress appropriated 300 million dollars for the Guard. Now this amount has increased tremendously. Exact information is rarely printed in the press. The New York National Guardsman, an official organ of the War Department which is distributed without charge among the men, is the prestitute press of the American war mongers.

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# BULLING THE LEAGUE

By IDA DAILE Assistant Secretary

The rapid advance of Fascism in Europe and the increased resistance of the masses, the intensifying danger of War here in California, the Far East, have been the signal for greater vitality expressed in organization work for the League. In the past few months from individuals and organizations, greatly increased orders for FIGHT, concrete plans of work and assignment of definite responsibilities to members of city committees pour into the office.

From Eugene, Oregon: "Will you send to me, as soon as possible, information on organization and national affiliation of the League Against War and Fascism." From the Acting Secretary of the Detroit Committee: "With the rising tide of Fascist forces in Europe and the intensification of War confronting the masses of the world, and with the attention of everyone centered on the question, we are trying to organize a program around which we shall be able to rally the unemployed workers, the unemployed American War and Fascism. We are already laying plans for such an all-encompassing program locally, with the idea of extending our activities throughout the state at an early date."

From the New Haven Committee: "A plan of organization and activity has been adopted, with three semi-district sections of work: a) Youth Work, b) Trade Union and Shop Work, c) Work in Cultural and Fraternal Groups. The comprehensive program for the local League for the month is the sum of these three plans, there being thus quotas for the League as a whole as to concrete organizational results from organizations to be visited, visited, FIGHT sold, subscriptions, etc.). There is to be competition between the divisions, with charts and central office showing progress made. This office is being looked for now, with some prospects of success. It was decided that the League should at once organize a mass meeting especially around the Austrian situation."

The following three-point program was adopted: 1. To educate ourselves as to the causes of Fascism and War, and as to the best ways of fighting them. 2. To decide after due consideration of these causes and of the ways and means to combat Fascism and War on a realistic program of work and action in the near future. 3. To delegate to our member organizations the various tasks of that program, and see that these directives are carried out. The first part of this program will be realized through two mass conferences, one in February and one in March; the first in Oakland and the second in San Francisco. The second and third parts of this program will be carried out in Michigan by the Michigan State Congress Against War and Fascism, to be held in April.

The Michigan Congress was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, with every one of the Michigan Farmers League in the main floor and balcony seats filled with people standing for the evening of March 23rd. We will also work in a lot of folks from the city. This is a very important confer-

ence and it provides an opportunity to carry our message to every part of the state."

**Chicago United Conference**  
From Thomas McKenna, Chicago Secretary: "The Conference set off as an emergency and voted to constitute itself a branch of the American League Against War and Fascism. There were 172 delegates representing more than 65,000 members of more than fifty organizations and assignments of definite responsibilities to members of city committees pour into the office. From the Michigan Farmers League: "The Michigan Farmers League will hold a mass convention in the same hall. We are wondering if you could have a speaker on War and Fascism for the evening of March 23rd. We will also work in a lot of folks from the city. This is a very important confer-

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# YOUTH SPARKS

Organization against War and Fascism has begun to strike deep roots among the youth.

From various parts of the country we have received reports of the formation of new committees, new conferences, meetings of an exceedingly important, new activity.

New York City, one of the wildest spots up to the present time, seems to be waking up. A youth conference called in the Bronx was answered by 45 organizations. Those who sent written credentials included a number of social and athletic clubs, unions, workers' clubs and political groups. Significant is the fact that a Young People's Socialist League circle also elected two delegates. Unfortunately, however, this election was suddenly cancelled the day preceding the conference upon the interference of higher officials.

New York, which has been wrestling with the problem of what form of organization would be best in so large a city, seems to have hit on a solution in neighborhood committees, organization in large settlement houses. Several such groups are active, functioning already or being formed. The settlement houses were a mainstay of the War machine during the first World War. Here the War Savings Stamps were sold, recruits gotten, and four-minute speakers mobilized. Other cities should take for example New York. Settlement houses and Y's are very important places to start work.

By the time FIGHT is off the press we will have detailed information as to the results of the Boston Youth Conference. One week before the day of the gathering we were told that 21 organizations have sent in resolutions. The secretary of the Boston Committee writes: "Already we have delegates from 1000 employees, groups, religious and social clubs, students, and neighborhood houses. These delegates include Negro and white youth, native and foreign born."

And now we hear that the White Youth, native on Lake Michigan is on the way. At the Anti-War and Anti-Fascist conference in Chicago a few weeks ago a special youth subsection took place.

Fighting home workers from that city report that they are raising thousands of pounds of food for the U. S. Army. This is being investigated by the Youth Committee and action is on the way. Let anyone get the notion that this is for the "peace-time" army we want to cite several other war preparation facts. The U. S. Army has purchased for two million cents and four million pillows. This is already being produced.

They're preparing to make it hot for us! At last, word from the West Coast. Los Angeles announces that it is on the map. Delegates, mass meetings and counter-demonstrations to the Jingoistic parades during Defense Week. The Los Angeles Committee distributed special leaflets at the preparatory parade.

— J. L.

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