

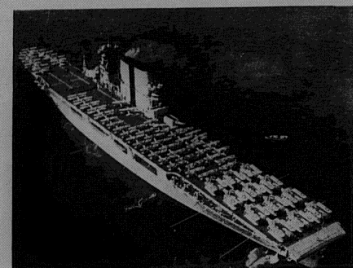
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**AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM**

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U. S. Aircraft Carrier ready for another Imperialist World War

**WAR DECLARED!** shrieked the headlines on April 6, 1917. Kill the dirty Bolsheviks! screamed editors, politicians, bankers, and business men, working themselves up to the frenzied hatred that only those who stay home and make money out of war can feel. Stop the Great Blood Feast, the Hun baby-killers, avenge the rape of Belgium, remember Edith Cavell, remember the Lusitania! Make the world safe for Democracy, said a President who had been re-elected five months before because he kept us out of war!

Young men, cocked to the eyes with newspaper propaganda for war, ate up the stuff that their fathers had sold them.

Farmers and workers held back.

Edith said No. Haywood said No. Ruthenberg said No. Militant socialists said No. They said it was Morgan's War, Wall Street's War, the capitalist's War. They said fight against war and establish a workers' and farmers' government.

Capitalism was desperate. On April 6, 1917, England had only two weeks' food supply. French regiments were on the edge of mutiny. Russian sailors, soldiers, and workers had decided six weeks earlier that the Tsar and the capitalist imperialism he represented were their real enemies, not workers in other countries. Wilson had to work fast and get tough to make the world safe for capitalism for a few years longer.

Wilson turned on the heat of propaganda, the terror. Get the tin-Germans, get the Bolsheviks, frame them, jail them, lynch them. Make the dirty traitors! An army officer named Hugh S. Johnson wrote the Conscription Act to draft four million of the nation's youngest and strongest men for the service of the capitalists who had bet on the Allies to win.

Battered, humiliated, and bullied, the American workers and farmers were whipped into line. Debs went to jail. Haywood went to jail. Ruthenberg went to jail. Thousands of others

were terrorized and imprisoned. Two million Americans went to France (only to be shot at again a few years later when they asked for a bonus which was promised them). The Allies won and wrote a treaty to enslave Germany for 60 years. By armistice, lies, and bogymen they tried to overthrow the Russian Soviet Government, established by the soldiers, sailors, workers, and farmers.

But now—Allied capitalism has failed! German capitalism has failed! Capitalism is bankrupt.

Today, April 6, 1934, world capitalism is facing collapse. Headlines, closed factories, strikes, demonstrations. Again War—imperialist War against other nations. Internal War against workers and farmers—Fascism.

The purpose is the same—profit.

Again we have politicians taking peace and pushing to spend billions for warships, planes, munitions. Again we have National Defense Weeks. Again we have industrial terror and a suspension of the Civil Rights of free speech, organization, and action. Again patriots cry: "Get the Reds, get the imperialist union organizers, the anti-war agitators." Again we have the lie that anyone who is against the President is against the best interests of the American masses and should be treated as a traitor. Again the propaganda is spread that War is good for business and therefore good for workers. It is 1914-17 all over again. BIT—

We know some things now we didn't know on April 6, 1917. We have lived through 17 more years of capitalist betrayal and double-dealing and exploitation. We have seen 162 million workers and farmers in the Soviet Union establish a government of their own. We know that War means death and misery for millions of us and billions of dollars for the few. We know that our "enemies," whom we are told to hate and kill, are workers and farmers like ourselves and are faced by the same exploiters that we are faced with.

We remember April 6, 1917, and today in April, 1934, we know that fighting against War is fighting for a workers' peace in a workers' world.

Organize! Demonstrate! Protest!

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**Peace-Military Style**

By HAROLD WARD  
Contributing Editor, "Living Age"

On the fourteenth of December there was held, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Army Ordnance Association of the United States. This Association, with national headquarters in Washington, is an organization of American citizens pledged to industrial preparedness for war as our nation's strongest guarantee of peace. Eleven Regional Units strategically placed throughout the country assist in furthering the Association's "typical objective," which is this set forth:

"An active membership of American citizens, on whom the duty of design and production of munitions will fall in War, who will have an accurate and authentic knowledge of the complex requirements of ordnance. 'Peace insurance' in this form is the foremost aim of the Army Ordnance Association."

To make perfectly clear the nature of this "insurance" the Constitution recommends its members:

"To keep available the highly specialized knowledge necessary for arming the hand of the nation by stimulating interest in the design and production of ordnance material;

"To promote mutual understanding and to effect cooperation with American scientists, inventors, engineers, and manufacturers in civil life and the regular and reserve officers of the Ordnance Department";

"In its official journal, *Army Ordnance* (in handsome, well-illustrated affairs obtainable only by mail at 75 cents the copy), for January-February, 1934, are the following articles, all of which were originally addressed delivered before the Pittsburgh meeting:

Unity of Command: Industrial Preparedness and the Present Economic Situation, by the Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War.

The Ordnance Footing: A Tribute to Those who Foster Industrial Preparedness, by Major General Samuel Hef, Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army.

The New Demands on Weapons: Ordnance Progress toward Speed and Flexibility, by Colonel C. C. Weems, Ordnance Dept., U. S. Army.

More Munition Makers

Space limitations prevent further discussion of the exceedingly frank treatment of military affairs contained in these, and several other articles in this issue. What is of significance—especially in view of the difficulties experienced by FIGHT in assembling informa-

tion on armament manufacturers in this country—is the partial list of companies and manufacturers officially represented at this meeting in the heart of the Pittsburgh District. I will give this list in full. It may assist in expanding the list of munition makers given in the February issue of FIGHT:

- A. M. Ryan Company
- Carriage Works
- Columbus Steel & Shifting Company
- Continental Mill & Iron Foundry
- Copperhead Steel Corporation
- Day's Construction Co.
- F. H. Fisher Manufacturing Company
- Equatorial Steel Company
- Fort Pitt Machine Tool Company
- General Electric Company
- Hershey Powder Company
- John & Langstaff Steel Corporation
- Johns-Manville Company
- Joseph Steel Company
- Lehigh Valley Steel Corporation
- Marine Iron Works
- McIntosh & Taylor Company
- Milwaukee Manufacturing Company
- National Tube Company
- Pittsburgh
- Pittsburgh Engraving Company
- Rocky Mountain Company
- Standard Laundry Mfg. Company
- Thomas Special Company
- Van Ness Mfg. Company
- Westchester Air Brake Company
- Westchester Electric & Mfg. Company

How does the above list, and the list given in FIGHT, square with the statement made by the Army Ordnance Association that "other than a few manufacturing concerns—in all—there is no peace-time industry for the production of ordnance"? And how does it square with other of the following statements made before representatives of the above and other firms:

Mr. Woodring: "We have reasonably accurate knowledge of the capacity of our industries to meet (armament) requirements, and we have allocated to over fifteen thou-

sand industrial facilities a definite task in the contemplated production program." (Emphasis mine.)

Major General Hef, Chief of Ordnance: "Appointments of items to be produced have been made to this district. Many tentative schedules of production have been accepted by plants for such items as forgings for guns and ammunition, cartilage cases, loading and assembly of complete rounds of ammunition and for production of machine tools. Year factory plans for production are progressing most satisfactorily." (Emphasis mine.)

**Preparing Imperialist War**

It won't be long now! "Preparedness" is again in full swing! all this country needs now is an "enemy," another Woodrow Wilson, another George Creel—and a completely hollowed army of American workers, professional men, "intellectuals," etc. The first three are just around the corner, arm in arm with the "preparators" that has smiled upon the death merchants since time began: the fourth—a bitter experience has shown—can be made ready in less than six months, for service in any part of the world to the greater glory of Masters, Money, and Munitions. Make no mistake about it: behind the respectably patriotic "national defense" slogan favored by the Army Ordnance Association and its affiliates, official or other, stand ready the massed batteries of War Preppers. They did their job well during the last conflict; they will be incomparably better designed and operated to succeed in the next, unless—

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(Left) Line up of Workers in Berlin being Potato Peeling. (Right) A Nazi Army Officer in Berlin instructing School Children in the use of Gas Masks

**LIFE UNDER FASCISM**

ALTONA—Reviving memories of wartime, German scientists have been enticed in a propaganda campaign urging the use of cheaper substitutes in food: margarine instead of butter, the food value of potato skins, etc. The organization, which puts out this propaganda in working class neighborhoods, is called "The Institute of Modern Dietetics."

BERLIN—In the proposal of the great trusts of the electric industry, Siemens, General Electric (AEG), and Brownson, the minister of state for economy has given orders that until further notice no new undertakings are to be established or old ones extended, or closed down plants re-equipped, for the manufacture of strong current cables or isolated conductors. The state ministry of economy has also prohibited, for two years, the building of new or the extension of old zinc rolling mills. These measures enable the existing trusts to maintain their monopolist position, and through their high prices and special profits.

BERLIN—Compulsory labor service will be required of all high school boys and girls before being admitted to German universities, according to the recently adopted constitution. All male university students must also enter Nazi storm troop detachments for one year.

ROME, Italy—President Ciano's visit of the Fascist Federation of the Manufacturers Syndicates reported that from 1927 to 1933, workers' wages have been reduced from 39% to 45%, while the cost of living went down 15%. The productivity of labor has increased 27%. The Ciano report further states that "while in 1927 only 706 factories were working under the (Hitler) system of efficiency, the year 1933 witnessed 1332 plants working under this system."

BERLIN—The palace of David has made a "Germanized" appearance under the title, "Dixie Songs for Germans." The text of Psalm LXXXVII ("The Lord loveth the gates of Zion," etc), for instance, now reads: "The

Lord loveth the heights of Germany more than all the places of the foreigner."

NOWAWES—One of the four men taken out of prison by the storm troopers on January 31, and then shot, "while attempting to escape," was Erich Scharf, veteran leader of the Berlin militant railwaymen's union.

ROME, Italy—Gorgio Anselmi, well-known anti-Fascist and member of the illegal Communist Party, was severely wounded by a band of Fascists and interned at the Island of Ponza, one of the deportation camps established by Mussolini for anti-Fascist agitators.

BERLIN—In the *Stenograph's Journal* appears a notice to the effect that one large establishment is discontinuing its line of extra durable socks. This sacrifice of business, announce the manufacturers, is for the common good of German showmen, and is in line with the new German spirit.

HAMBURG—At the beginning of this year it was estimated that 114,000 persons had passed into concentration camp, 119,882 wounded, and 4,000 murdered by storm troops.

BERLIN—The official figures of unemployment show an increase of 343,000 for the month of December. This gives extra significance to the new "Law for the Defense of National Labor" promulgated soon afterwards. It abolishes all labor unions and creates a feudal relationship between employer and employee, in which the former is legally recognized as the "leader" and the latter constitutes his "following." Strikes become an offense against the National State.

HAMBURG—The number of female students at the medical school here has been limited to 75 per year. "A woman physician is a double-cross creature repugnant to the natural, healthy instincts of the people," says the *Medical Journal* in reporting the new law.

BERLIN—The former total of 2763 German journals has been reduced to 1128, by October, 1933. The number of copies printed

—one billion in 1922—has sunk to less than a third.

SONDRIO, Lombardy, Italy—A leader distributed here via the underground train read: "Since the advent of Fascism the condition of workers and peasants of the Val Sesia Valley have become disastrous. Taxes have increased tenfold. The prices of livestock and agricultural products have tumbled to unheard-of levels. A system of barter is the only possible way of exchanging goods. The peasants risk their lives daily by smuggling in order to earn a few lire."

BRUNSWICK—This city reports one of the most modern gas warfairs schools in the world. Some 150 students have been sent here from all parts of Germany. All sports, including tennis, football, soccer, gymnastics, shooting, etc., are carried on while wearing gas masks.

MUNICH—City authorities announced today that 20,000 young workers have been found work as "land helpers" (casual agricultural laborers) and that 2,000 of these workers refused to be sent on these terms to the rural districts, forfeiting thereby their unemployment benefit.

CASSEL—The local Nazi newspaper, *Hessische Volkszeitung*, announces that it will print the names of any "Aryan" girls found in the company of Jewish men.

POSSATI, Italy—More than half of the force on the cotton mill here was dismissed, and replaced with young girls who are working for 3 to 4 lire a day (21 to 25 cents). Two weeks later some of the older workers were rehired at half the wage they formerly received.

BERLIN—The German Air Defense League is now one of the very biggest organizations in Germany. There is one of its officials in every German house, usually in the person of the janitor. The head of this organization is Göring himself.



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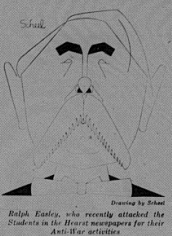
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It is interesting also to discover that the trucks newly designed by Chevrolet, Chrysler, and Dodge, for which they have received large orders, meet the requirements of the War Department very nicely.

Another significant movement under way in Detroit is to make this district a steel center, although the auto industry used only 15% of the steel and iron produced in the U. S. in 1932.

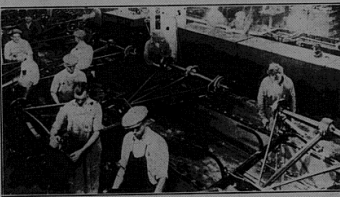
And again it is Ford who makes the first move. While he preaches publicly his theory of decentralizing industry, he is at the same time expanding his operations at River Rouge with the addition of a 10 million dollar steel mill, complete with all units for the making of sheet steel. The addition of this equipment

their "educational orders" from the War Department, read and directed them with some anticipation and pleasure. Now they are putting these orders into effect.

This is their solution. Faced as they are by the growing and militant demands of the workers, battered by five years of crisis, hunger, and misery, they offer their solution—War!

The workers accept this solution?

To quote the Auto Workers News: "In every factory in the automobile industry there are signs of rising resistance of the workers to the worsening of their conditions. Mass strikes have paralyzed the workers in the entire industry. . . . This action, if the workers show the increased mass indignation and resistance to the growing attack of the auto companies against the auto workers."



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will mean that Ford will be able to produce 30% of his requirements instead of only 15% as heretofore.

General Motors is organizing for the acquisition of Corby, McKinney Steel Co. and its affiliate the Newton Steel Co., operating at Monroe, Mich. Only last year, the Rotary Electric Steel Co. poured in a new type of steel production, erected and started operations in a new plant in Detroit. And now, the American Rolling Mills, which holds control of the common rolling patents, is getting ready to acquire a plant in the Detroit River front.

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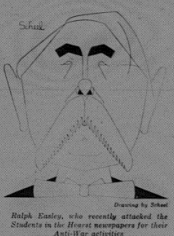
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# THE AUTO INDUSTRY

By LOUIS LIMKER

Judging by recent developments in the automobile industry and its allied manufacturers, the prophecy of "War in 1934" does not seem entirely without reason.

It is generally known that the automobile industry played such a decisive role in the contest to swing into the production of military requirements on very short notice. Most of the important plants now operated by the industry were laid out specifically for War production.

In fact, a study of the records shows quite plainly that the industry got its greatest impetus during the War years and grew tremendously into a basic factor of the nation's economy. Capital invested during that period greatly exceeded the ratio of earnings to capital invested. In 1929, the estimated net profit, which were already substantial, increased tenfold.

### A Capitalist Peace Leader

The greatest share of the War booty, of course, was captured by Henry Ford's Motor Company. (Remember the "Peace Ship") As the leader in the industry, this company alone, during the War period, practically tripled its invested capital and paid out dividends in stock and cash of approximately \$400,000,000. Thus, while 10 million soldiers were killed during the War, Henry Ford became a billionaire. (The same Ford who on Monday, January 7, 1932, ordered his gunmen to shoot down workers in the Dearborn demonstration, killing five.)

With these facts in mind, together with the (hoagbanging of profits in the industry during the last few years, and the recent "educational" of the War Department on requirement allocations for military purposes, it is not altogether surprising to find the auto manufacturers and their bankers once again skulking greedily for a share of Roosevelt's second War pot of profits.

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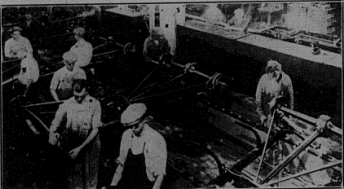
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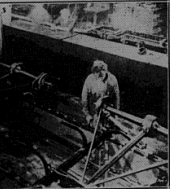
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their "educational orders" from the War Department, read and digested them with some satisfaction and pleasure. Now they are putting these orders into effect.

This is their solution. Faced as they are by the graving and military demand of the workers, battered by five years of crisis, hunger, and misery, they offer their solution—War!

Will the workers accept this solution? To quote the Auto Workers News: "In every factory in the automobile industry there are signs of rigid discipline of the workers to the worsening of their conditions. Mass strikes have disgraced the workers in the entire industry. . . . This situation has resulted in a very rapid movement of the workers toward organization. For the first time in the auto industry there is a sign of mass joining of unions by the workers in practically all the shops. . . . This action of the workers shows the increased mass indignation and resistance to the growing attack of the auto companies against the auto workers."

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# When War Is On

By ROBERT WHITAKER

The World War brought me a triple experience, a brief recital of which may be of profit to those who are today tracing in intellectual and moral foveas for their program in the new World War which threatens our day.

As a sequence of my outspokenness against War during the first four months after we had entered upon our War with Germany in April 1917, I was sent as a delegate to the People's Council for anti-War organization formed during the World War meeting at Minneapolis, at the end of August of that year. By the time the California delegates arrived there, the People's Council had been driven out of Minneapolis by mob manifestations, and had adjourned to meet in Chicago. There the meeting was held on the first Sunday in September. The Mayor of the City, Mayor Thompson, refused to interfere, whereupon the Governor of the State, properly named Small, called out the State troops to disperse the gathering. Before the troops could get to Chicago for action, the People's Council had transacted its business and adjourned. This was late on Sunday. The meeting was held on the next morning, but found the delegates of the Council still there. Seven meetings were held, under conditions of efficient secrecy, in private rooms in a certain hotel where many delegates were guests in the office of a prominent Socialist attorney, afterwards candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States on the Socialist ticket; and in the rooms of a South Chicago home, where lived the wife of a professor at the University of Chicago. I was called upon to act as Chairman at each of these seven "rummy" meetings. The conditions under which we met were reminiscent of the experience of early Christians in the catacombs of ancient Rome. Later, the People's Council adjourned to New York City, where I took a few congressional part, and where decisions made under the pressure of the political leaders in the assembly designated all effective action, and practically ended the work of the organization.

### "Free Speech"

From New York I returned home by way of Los Angeles, where it had been arranged that certain of us would hold a Christian Pacifist Conference, covering the three days of October 1-3, 1917. We had expected to hold this Conference at Long Beach, but were denied a hall there, likewise at Big Red, so we accepted Los Angeles as the place where we were to try to arouse the tract of violent attention. But the hysteria of the press, and the Rev. Billy Sunday, who was to preach World War, led the police to announce that we would not be allowed to meet. In fact, the hall we had hired was locked against all meetings for the three days named above, and the police arrogantly refused to move on when we sought

admittance. But we had hired another hall, without publicity, divided our forces, quietly passed the word around, and had our meeting in full swing before the police found us. As Chairman of the meeting, because I would not disperse, I was arrested, with the Secretary and a young Quaker, who was the speaker of the hour. We were promptly hauled out, and we carried on the Conference for the full three days, in private houses, followed from place to place by the police and the reporters, those last playing us up on the front page of the Dallas as ordinarily only murderers of sensational fame are played up. The last evening, in South Pasadena, we were mobbed. In a private home, and some of our number magdood by the respectables of that ultra-respectable town, who sang "American" while they were dragging us out of the house. Our case was brought to trial in November, the trial lasted from November 24 to December 2. We were convicted, sentenced to heavy fines, and to an long term in jail as the law would allow. The Supreme Court of the State turned it out, after we had served ninety-four days in the city jail, and laughed the case out of court when it came up for final decision in October 1918. "Unlawful assembly" was the main indictment.

### Old Methods Ineffective

The third item in my experience covered a larger range of time. My church in Los Angeles, with the exception of the ten most radical members, stood by me, though I had offered to resign for their release. My wife and I were dismembered of a considerable property within in San Jose, threats of safe and feathers were held over us, the program of hanging me was viciously applauded in the leading clubs of the town; but we escaped actual physical attack. I continued my work in Los Gatos till June of 1921, when, following an attack of pneumonia, I was advised to make a change, and the church at my request released me. But the ill-will of the community followed the church to the end, and after three brief attempts the remnant of the congregation resolved to turn the property over to another church which was in need of larger accommodations. The town, now that we have returned to it without official connections of any kind, is almost enough toward us, most of the people unaware that we are here, no doubt, as the community has characterized in general of a recent town. But the community, like most communities of its size in America today so far as I have had opportunity to judge, is more conservative, more wedded to the things that make for War, more potentially powerful to sweep away all opposition



1917-1931. (LEFT) General Hugh S. Johnson, who drew up the Conscription Act, during the World War. (RIGHT) Still on the job—the Head of the N. R. A.

to the next War with active ruthlessness, than it was twenty years ago when the World War began.

### New Times—New Methods

The time to oppose War is before War gets under way. Opposition following the opening of the next War will be more impotent than was ours of 1917, unless we organize now—more costly to those who undertake it, more impossible to the masses of the people. Now will my opposition to War avail us much until War is set on the hands of the profit-takers, and their henchmen, and in the hands of a revolutionary proletariat? It is not by shaming force that we shall lessen its use, but by transferring the control of force to the side of those who speak the common interest. I was never an absolutist, even when in jail as a pacifist. I was, then, as I am now, against all inalienable, imperishable, Wars. But War will cease to be War, actively, only when the power to make War is in the hands of a society that knows no owning class as against a class of the disinherited. Special interest compels contention and War. The common interest, once in the saddle, lies in the fact that it is the interest of all to maintain it, and this is therefore the only way out of War.

BERLIN—Hitler's prevention campaign against department stores has evidently been without effect since he came into power. Woolworth's reports a 25% increase in licensed capital in Germany and a growth in the number of branch stores from 70 to 81 over last year. Many small business houses have closed their doors during the past 10 months.

# WHITE SUPREMACY

By JOHN WEXLEY

In my play, *They Shall Not Die*, I have tried to give a dramatic portrayal of the Southern "Theory of White Supremacy." This theory concerning and proving the racial superiority of the white man and the innate inferiority of the Negro has thrived and is thriving in this country through the active efforts and deliberate policy of America's ruling classes. We saw this policy manifest itself recently in the Board of Education of Nyack, N. Y. We remember the Chicago race riots. No, the North is not immune from the purrall and pogroms of this theory. Therefore it is that I do not say "Southern ruling class," but include all of those free and democratic United States in my accusation.

How do the superior white theorists proceed to prove their thesis of the Negro's inferiority? They demonstrate that the Negro lives in "nigger-towns," that he holds inferior jobs, such as create-baby, laborer, porter, newsboy, etc. They say he is illiterate, squalid, naturally thieving, and a rapist. They say in the South that Saturday night is "nigger-night" and that, when a Negro gets drunk, the first thing he entertains is the rape of a white woman. Let us pause a moment and examine the facts.

### How the Negro Lives

"Nigger-towns" is always the dump on the other side of the railroad track. There are no paved sidewalks or streets, flanking and adequate sewerage is foreign to it. Schools are few, and where they do exist, (hardly) through the personal philanthropy of Chicago millionaires) they are segregated from those of the whites. The Negro is forced to live in squalid and degradation and then the white theorist accuses him of being inferior. Southern states have laws issued by their white legislators, segregating Negro schools and residences from white ones, and yet we hear the accusation that the Negro prefers to remain in his "nigger-towns." What hospitalization does the South afford its Negro population? What hygiene education does it seek to instill in the Negro child? What job or position is open to the average Negro? But on the other hand what steps do our police and legislatures take to curb the prostitution that exists and is not only overlooked but actually sponsored?

Lithium? Thieving? Rapist? Who says so? The white ruling class of the South. Is the Jew naturally a usurer? The Fascist Nazi says so. The Prussianism a pervert? The nationalist German and Englishman say so. Is the Russian a bewildered bomb-thrower? The Hamilton, Faber and Matthew Wells say so. It seems to me that this sort of argument, is too stupid even to attempt to answer. Suffice it to say, assuming all these accusations are well-grounded, let us demand . . . who made them? Who is the cause of it? Who forces them into theory? Who raped and rapes black wives and daughters, so that to

what was intended: a "nigger-bait." The white strikers' attention and interest were drawn away from the strike with its real grievances and turned into a channel of imaginary and illusory grievances. They were misled into being illusory enemies and into forgetting the identity of their genuine opponents. Who noted this and activated it? Who stood to gain by such Machiavellian methods?

We can answer this question best by examining certain figures given by the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Census, concerning a northern Southern state, notorious for its illiteracy, Lynch-rotation, and general backwardness. This state boasts a population of 3,000,000 human beings and a wealth of \$3,000,000,000. Its Negro population is 32 per cent of the total. These Negroes contribute 80 per cent of the basic labor supply. That is, 80 per cent of the labor done in this state is created these five millions of dollars and is being done by Negroes. Yet, it seems, only one and one-quarter per cent of this wealth is held by Negroes. Another five per cent is held by poor whites, and ninety-three and three-quarters per cent is held by the land-lord class.

### Dividing the Fruit

Let us go a bit deeper into the problem. We have it on the word of an extremely intelligent person who resided in the capital city of a Southern state that, during a period of three and a half years' residence in that city, he had never once heard the charge of rape raised against a Negro. However, one day a strike broke out in the cotton mill nearby, involving both Negro and white labor, a strike for better conditions and a little more pay. Cost of living had been increasing and wages constantly decreasing. Immediately, a charge of rape was trumped up against a Negro, and he was held by Negroes. Another five per cent is held by poor whites, and ninety-three and three-quarters per cent is held by the land-lord class.

### Who Is Responsible

It is now necessary to ask who contributes to this false "Theory of White Supremacy"? Is it at all obscure to anyone that a small parasitic class feeds on the interest and profit to keep alive this theory and to maintain the distance between white and black, workers, and thus to keep them weak, divided, and full workers. The net result, of course, was exactly



The tree near the Court House at St. Louis, Mo., which a 19-year-old Negro was hanged on after being



# THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE

By HENRI BARBUSSE

The situation in France is marked by the most profound gravity, in the sense that it is entirely characteristic of political tendencies and positions which are becoming more and more clearly defined.

The situation can be summed up in the expression "two-Fascist phases." It cannot be said, as some biased persons will dare to do, that "France is a country in which Fascism cannot conquer." It cannot even be said that France is a country where Fascism would be able to assume the summary and brutal forms it has taken in Italy and Germany.

In the first phase, we must state that, after sixty years of a so-called progressive republic, the government is entirely reactionary. The government of Daladier, which preserved the appearance of democracy, has given place—or taken flight—before a ministry dominated by proved representatives of reaction and social conservatism. In the face of the first budgetary difficulty which presents itself, this ministry will obtain "full power."

**The Prelude to Fascism**  
A large section of the population of France

—aside from the working class—is becoming a prey to misery, uncertainty concerning the future, discontent, and anger. This unrest is coincident and methodically directed towards Fascism and reaction: the "Tasparay" League, the confederal "Vermeil" League, the Young Patriots—that is, the most clearly defined of the peasant and middle-class elements—are stirred by nationalist and Fascist agitation. Misery and fraud, the mad increase in taxes, scandals and corruption—in short, all the evils and the consequences of the capitalist system—are exploited in order to consolidate the capitalist system itself by means of violence, and to convert a distortional government of the Right.

Crises on the score may be, but the fact is that a large part of the population is deceived by it. This terrible illusion, which endures the system with the permission of the government, and which uncritically holds the condition of affairs on a "democracy" which in reality never functioned, is greatly increased by patriotic and nationalist sentiments, which are unusually strong in France. It is difficult to estimate properly the emotional motive and explosive power of this traditional sentiment in a

country like France. A single concrete event involving a national question would be enough to arouse and precipitate three-quarters of the French population into the most frenzied reaction.

In this stupid and illogical confusion—just protest against impossible living conditions, just bitterness against waste, fraud, and patent abuse, together with the least distrust of the only clear and logical social change—internationalism and socialism are identified with elements of disaster, while anti-Semitism and the race question may be involved at any time.

These are precisely the fermenters of the arrival of Fascism, which we have seen developed to the final revolutionary parody in Germany and Italy.

**Speed United Front**  
And the working class? The working class is more conscious and better organized than ever before, but it suffers from the splits which the conservatives and the betrayers of social democracy have generalized and crystallized. The efforts which we are making, on

the other hand, to obtain a united front of the working class despite the pressure of unworthy leaders towards reformism (which means consolidation of the bourgeois regime and therefore social conservatism), have yielded appreciable results.

But they are relatively slow, and at the present time we must act with desperate and intense energy, in order not to be overtaken by the demagogic sophisms of the enemy in our midst (that is, the coalition of bourgeois elements with all nationalist and reactionary elements of every character).

**The General Strike**  
On February 12 there was a general strike in France. It was quite impressive. But we must admit that in the development of this workers' demonstration there were a certain number of doubtful circumstances which make it impossible for us to regard it as a purely revolutionary movement. The initiative in this strike was taken by the reformist CGTU, whose leader, M. Juchoux, has many connections with the bourgeois power. It was declared after conversations and dealings be-

tween Juchoux and the government, and this lent it a quasi-official character which ought to give us pause.

As a matter of fact, the working class in France does not seem at the moment capable of conducting by itself a revolutionary struggle of even an anti-Fascist movement, with any chance of success. Although it has in itself a strong organization, and the revolutionary unions and the Communist Party represent a powerful and inspiring vanguard, it is numerically too weak in comparison with the population which the crisis is beginning to shake, and whose unrest is being exploited by the powers of reaction. It will not be able to hold out alone in France any more than it did in Italy, in Germany or Austria, against the combination of Fascism, the nationalist masses, and the power of the state. The great strength of the working class (and, indeed, its certainty of ultimate victory) rests on the immense and distinctly successful conquest of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. But the mere fact that such success does not at once inspire triumphant revolutionary struggles elsewhere proves how completely the adverse campaign and the reactionary blocs have been able to travesty the

truth and have led astray the masses outside of the working class.

**Only Two Formulas**  
It is therefore extremely urgent for us to expand the working-class front by a defensive and offensive alliance with the middle classes, the peasants, and the War veterans, and for this purpose we must forcefully work upon the great undecided masses, to show them the similarity of their interests with those of the working class. The chances are still on our side and there is still time to undertake this on a large scale. We must show all those who are exploited and oppressed that there are only two formulas to follow from now on: Fascism or Socialism; that the formula of Fascism leads to nothing, economically and can only result in W.P. and ruin; that only the formula of Socialism is beneficial for each and for all.

We have begun to work assiduously on this conquest of the broad masses by means of the women and the young people; it is the most powerful and living device that can be given to a struggle, which is becoming more momentous and significant with every instant.

# HITLERISM IN HOLLAND

The emphasis of bourgeois patriotism is never more strikingly illustrated than when profit interests within a nation conflict. Holland, it would seem, has every reason to oppose Hitler. For one thing, the Nazis have open designs on the coal mines in South Limburg and ultimately hope to swallow Holland whole. For another, Dutch imperialism policy is more closely allied with that of France and for that reason opposed to Hitler imperialism. Yet we find that, while the Dutch government, on the one hand, fights Hitlerism in the profit interests of one group, it aids Hitlerism, on the other, in the profit interests of another.

**Dutch Munition Makers**  
Thus, at the same time that it opposes Hitlerism imperialistic policy, it facilitates the execution of those plans by permitting the manufacture and shipment of large quantities of ammunition to Germany. The newspaper "Metropool," published in Antwerp, discloses that eight Dutch factories are working in close cooperation with German plants and German capital in turning out War material. The *Economist* writes in Germany, for example, "in making a new type of double-barreled machine-gun and new monster anti-aircraft gun operating with five rotating barrels firing 1,600 shots a minute," while the *Neuland* fac-

tories at Venloo, Holland, in developing precision instruments for these War machines in close cooperation with Heinkel and in employing exclusively German help. The "Keppel Company" maintains similar cooperative arrangements with Dutch munition makers.

Of a similar character is the collaboration between the official stand on Nazi activities in Holland and the way that stand works out in practice. On the surface, the government is against the Nazis. Following disorders in frontier towns caused by uniformed Nazis, the authorities forbade all Germans wearing brown shirts or other Nazi emblems to cross the border. About the same time, two Nazis were expelled from Holland for political activities in the Heerlen mining district and a police order was issued prohibiting foreigners living in that section to cross the Dutch frontier to take part in Nazi exercises in Germany. Violations were subject to deportation. Konrad Tjebbes, a recent leader of the Nazis, was expelled from Limburg. Of the twenty-two Fascist groups in Holland the only one tolerated by the government is the Mussert organization, and here is the hitch.

Historically, the Mussert organization is very close to the Hitler movement except that it places no great emphasis on anti-Semitism. Though government officials are forbidden to be members of any Fascist or Communist organization, the one notable exception is Mus-

sert. A. A. Mussert, himself, until a month ago held a government post, and many mayors are members of his organization. Because it enjoys a monopoly of legal protection, the Mussert organization is serving as a receptacle for disintegrating Fascist groups of various complexion including many Nazis who consider it more expedient to operate from within a larger group to which they are in any case related.

**Fascism World Wide**  
There is strong evidence of complicity on the part of Mussert followers with Nazis in Berlin in the apprehension and deportation of anti-Fascist workers in Holland. It has been definitely established, for example, that one Gennicke, who played a leading role in the Mussert movement and was at the same time an official in the Amsterdam police, acted as contact man in Berlin. Although it was known that he had been in Berlin, Nazi headquarters on a Mussert mission, he continued to hold his police post. It is an open secret that Mussert had tried to get financial subsidies from the Nazis, and it is very likely that he has succeeded. For his part, the *Neuland* *Graciete* has been recently enlarged. Also operating in collusion with the Nazis are the Black Shirts led by an Englishman named Highton. This organization, which joined

hands with the Nazis at the Schlegter memorial in Dusseldorf, receives its support from under the personal supervision of Dr. Hans Neuland, then chief of the foreign department of the Nazi organization. He visited last year at the Hague and was the principal

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# POETS and War

By BABBETTE DEUTSCH

shown quite clearly that it is not opposed to Fascism but in fact encourages the Mussert organization. So it finds itself lined up on the side of the Nazis in opposing anti-Fascist. The following incident seems to bear out this view: When the government was petitioned recently to curtail provocative Nazi activities among the colleges, Dr. F. Deuser, Minister of Justice, replied by declaring: "Fascists must refrain from any political activity in this country if they do not wish to be expelled." And only a month or two ago the Dutch government cancelled a boycott of German goods pronounced by the city of Zandam, an important shipping center, explaining that a "subliminal municipality could not be allowed to maintain a hostile attitude toward a friendly nation." It is clear that the same reasoning might well impel government action against Dutch citizens by any nodding of foreign powers who maintain a hostile attitude toward the Third Reich.

**Jailing Anti-Fascists**  
This is clearly shown in the case of Heinz Leppmann, noted German-Dutch novelist who escaped from a concentration camp at Westmoor to Paris and three years of his harrowing experiences in a book called *Martin—Martyr* in Germany. Coming to Amsterdam to arrange for the German edition of the book, he was arrested on a charge of having made defamatory statements about Hindenburg and Hitler in his book, thereby "wounding the head of a friendly state." He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, according to the *Manchester Guardian*, the German government is bringing great pressure on the Dutch government to extradite him, in which case he will be put to death. The *Guardian* further reports that "after his arrest Leppmann was treated like a criminal and given only bread and water and, though the prison doctor wished him to be taken to the hospital, as he is still suffering from the effects of his treatment in the concentration camp, the court refused to allow this."

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A Federal Service Bureau, Daily Heart papers print endorsements of this plan from prominent Senators and Congressmen. David L. Walsh, of Massachusetts, and our own Hamilton Fish are the first of what we hope will be an impressive list. What are today considered the best-brained schemes of these mad-battlers of reaction may tomorrow be the accepted policy of our national government.

Kesley and Heist are doing no more than their bit to further the War preparations of the Roosevelt administration. It is no wonder that their chief target of attack is the student fight against War. Mr. Kesley has at last discovered the explanation that the Student League of the American League Against War and Fascism is making for a Student Anti-War Week from April 6 to 13, for demonstration and a one-hour strike on April 13. He is dismayed when the National Student League maintains that "The student fight against War must be closely associated with that of the



Japanese War made out of war...  
Keen Tak, in full Military Uniform on the day of his conversion of thinking, Man-shuaku

**Poets and Courage**  
With remarkably few exceptions, the poets feared the facts of War with courage and intelligence. They were not bothered about the question of art and propaganda. They wrote with the passion of men seeing all that they loved done to death, with the conviction of men who knew that we become the image of the thing we hate, that slaughter breeds slaughter, that the victims are the fifth and sixth of tomorrow's land has a meaning phrase, Wilfred Owen, who went on fighting simply that of the end his word against the name of it might be taken seriously, and who was killed before it ended, with dreadful foreboding.

*New men will go content with what we speak.*  
*Old content, but things will be pulled.*  
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**The Students Are Coming Awake!**  
Tens of colleges throughout the country are preparing anti-War conferences. At the College of the City of New York the administration, a bit more subtle than Fish and Bailey, made an interesting legal point. Its spokesman pointed out that all students on college grounds sign the Epible Oath of loyalty to the institutions of the college, the city, the state, and the nation. He wished the arrangements committee to assure him that the Oxford pledge—of non-cooperation with the United States government in case of War—would under no circumstances be passed. The students stood pat. The conference is going

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# THERE IS ALWAYS A 1917

By W. R. RICHARDS

Down at the Army and Navy Club they've been having an argument. General Triple-Star says it was tanks that won the War. Colonel Triple-bottom credits "superior staff-work" with the victory. Captain Triple-rakoff, Legion commandant, shouts the claims of Yankee grit.

The answer is simpler than that. The "Generals who weren't driven out by their own men were 'victorious.'"

It's no news that during 1917 the Russian soldiers drove the Tsar and his generals from power and put an end to the fighting on the Eastern Front.

nearly as great as those of trench life. To the tune of the "International" the soldiers declared the War at an end and started home to provide for their families.

The greatest mutiny of all had begun. Poets wrote in his diary "... collective madness. ... Has general disorder arrived? ... Would the War collapse, and the War-system with it? Or would one group of generals manage to survive the others, to perpetuate the War-system?"

**The French Mutinied, Too!**

But what was happening in France in 1917? Read Premier Poincaré's diary: "The soldiers are shooting. Down with war! and Long live the Russian Revolution. ... Mutiny in the 21st Army Corps. ... Men refuse to go into the trenches. Next day another division of the 7th Corps refused to go into position. ... Five corps almost entirely infected. ..."

In May 1917, relates Minister Painlevé in his memoirs, the soldiers on the Somme were holding open-air meetings, demanding that the War be stopped immediately, and stating their willingness to follow the revolutionary example of the Russian Army. In Bouillon, in 1917, two regiments occupied the railway station and seized trains, to move on Paris and dissolve Parliament. On July 7 the situation at the front was so serious that Marshal Foch demanded the restoration of field courts-martial. Along the whole front only two divisions of the French army were considered reliable.



British Soldiers Strike for Peace

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In 1917 "... on both sides of the Straits of Dover, secret and discreet had commenced," rounded the Englishman Churchill in his War memoirs. "As a single week we received information from various points of more than thirty cases of insubordination among the troops. In some cases considerable bodies of soldiers refused to recognize any authority for several days."

English troops elected committees (committees) to take control. Churchill states that these units held control in the towns of Louin and Calais for several days.

Within the German line a parallel movement developed in 1917. Major political strikes against War were started in important centers in Austria and Germany. A mutiny broke out in one section of the German Navy.

**Verden Troops Start Home**

Then the "They Shall Not Pass" troops at Verdun decided to end the War. 1917 had brought letters from home telling of hardships

Division. Our casualties in the 27th at this time were heavy because we had no support on our left from the British. The excuse was afterward that there was rebellion in the British ranks and they had refused to fight."

**German Workers and Soldiers**

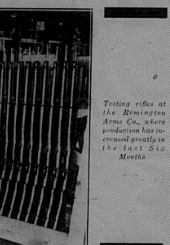
Stop the War

Though the position of the Allied generals was increasingly unfindable, the Entente generals were to be kicked out first. A general strike for peace was called in Austria on January 26, followed on January 27 by one in Germany. At Cattani, February 1, a part of the Austrian Navy rebelled. On August 7 the German ships at Wilhelmshaven were in mutiny. The workers of Austria-Hungary rebelled in October. And in November the German workers seized power.

The first World War was at an end. But WAR was not ended, for the War-system, deep enough. In Germany the work-

**The Red Cross Breaks the Strike**

American gold "saved the day." But it was NOT the gold Morgan loaned the Allies. Red Cross funds sent to France in 1917 were used—not for the wounded—but as special bonuses for the starving families of the disaffected French troops! Nickels and pennies and dollars collected all over America, given to address the blows of War, were used, unknown to the donors, as a bribe to prevent the soldiers from leaving the battlefield!



Trying to ease the Remington Arms Co. where production has increased greatly in the last 5 1/2 months

1918: American troops, full of raw enthusiasm, repelling the mutinous Allied veterans. Even then it was an open question as to which side would revolt first. Brigadier General C. E. Deboer, U.S.A., tells a typical incident: "One unit went in with 148 men and sixteen guns and came out with twenty-eight men and one gun. ... This was in the 27th

were betrayed. The generals, representing the War-system, were soon back in power. We have. The present anti-War movement, centering about the American League, views the soldier and sailor, as workers who happen to be in the army or navy to be won as allies in the struggle against War.

There is always a 1917.

# NAZI RACE THEORIES

By BERNHARD J. STERN

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Nazi race theories must be judged not as scientific hypotheses but as propaganda devices to incite intense national and racial chauvinism. With pretentious pseudo-scientific phrases, the German Fascists seek to arouse violent hatreds against those who are not of "Nordic" stock and thus to pit worker against worker and to develop a War psychosis.

Their official race doctrine is based primarily on Count de Gobineau, who was not an anthropologist but a counter-revolutionary publicist; his Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races which first appeared in 1853 was written as a polemic against the revolutionary sentiment then arising in Europe. The work of Houston Stewart Chamberlain, who popularized Gobineau in Germany before the World War, is also permeated with scorn against the masses.

From the very beginning, therefore, concepts of race dominance in the race psychology of Nazism have been intimately associated with objectives of class dominance. Among the cries of horror against racial intermarriage there have been freely interpreted warnings against the passing of old stocks and the rise of the proletariat. Grandiose claims of innate superiority of the German people

ties which are always found marking out Nordic man. It is by a certain mastering of his nature that he comes by his power of judgment and keeps it. ... His inclination is always toward prudence, reserve, steadfastness, calm judgment. Just as he himself quickly grasps the idea of duty, so he is inclined to demand the fulfillment of duty from those around him as he does from himself; and in this he easily becomes hard and even ruthless, although he is never without a certain knightliness."

Can one be expected to take this pop seriously? Yet it is on the basis of such absurd reiteration that the German masses are being urged by passionate exhortation to rid themselves of the "evolutionist disease" as a means to public German racial stock. As they whip up hate against their victims, the Fascist rulers of Germany deprive hundreds of thousands of Jews of the working and middle classes of their jobs and of their legal and social rights and subject them to brutal tortures and humiliations. These campaigns for racial purity, conducted with the same terroristic methods as are the drives against Communists and Socialists, are to raise smoke screens to conceal the economic evidence in which Fascist Germany finds itself. They seek to distract the masses from the realization of their ever deepening economic exploitation at the hands of the large

**Sterilizing Workers**

The Nazi emphasis on race purity has led them to adopt a sterilization program. They have announced that they are going to sterilize not only those whom they classify as feeble-minded, insane, and criminal types (the interpretation as to who fits in these categories permits reprisals against revolutionary workers) but also the children of Negro mothers who were quartered in Germany during the World War, when they breed as biologically inferior. But the present status of the Negro is due not to racial factors but to the crimes of the white ruling classes who shattered Negro culture and economy in Africa by slave traffic and whose exploitation of the Negro people has been infamous. Whenever the Negro people have been able to get release from the social and political discriminations which have held them down, whenever they have been able to take advantage of economic, educational, and cultural opportunities, the claims of white chauvinists have been disproven.

Nazi Germany is serving as a focal point of infection for an increase in racial antipathies throughout the capitalist world. All ruling groups who will profit from imperialist Wars are participating in nurturing these passions. The struggle against War and Fascism therefore demands a fight against all forms of chauvinism as an inherent part of its program.



Germany, Hitler's minister, and one of the chief propagandists for pure blood Aryans

have served as a rationalization for imperialist aggression in the colonies and for the maintenance of the ruling group at home.

**The Nordic Knight**

The spurious nature of the race theory of Hitlerism is well illustrated by the following citation from a much quoted work of Hans F. K. Günther, one of the most prominent of the Nazi anthropologists: "We may take judgment, truthfulness, and energy to be the equal-

and in other capitalist countries. To argue superiority from present cultural dominance is to ignore the facts of history. No one race can be associated with the simplest cultures, for the surviving primitives belong to different races. The cultural advances of members of the same race differ decisively when considered over long periods of time. A people may lead in culture, as did the Arabs in the Middle Ages, only to lose their hegemony without any change in their racial composition. The entire cultural orientation and place in world events of the Japanese have been transformed in a few decades without the infusion of different racial stocks. It was not a change of race but an historical event, the Bolshevik revolution, that marked the beginning of an era in the Soviet Union that turned many who had been meekly defeatist into active creators of a new social order. All present races are the results of intermarriages of previously distinct races brought together by migration and conquest; history supports the generalization that none of these is incapable of sharing in, advancing, and perpetuating any culture."

When the Superintendent of Schools in New York City, William J. Oshea, retired in January of this year, he expressed the belief that his most important work as an educational official had been done during the World War. This belief was recorded by the Board of Education when it adopted a resolution of praise for the retiring official, making special mention of his wartime activities. What are these activities that are thought so gratefully by the school officials?

Under the supervision of Oshea hundreds of high school students were tired, rallied, or gawked into the army. Every high school now has a bronze plaque listing the many students who died to protect Morgan's millions.

Under the supervision of Oshea the hands, the eyes, the energy of the children in the schools were conscripted for the manufacture in school and at home of wartime accessories.

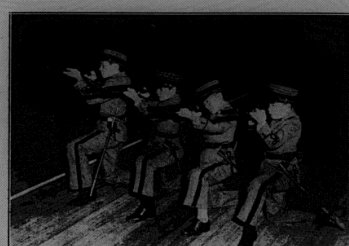
A "Wake Up, America" parade of 30,000 school children was organized.

Text-books were destroyed or re-written to give them the proper chauvinist anti-German bias.

Through the action of Oshea, in short, the schools were used to chain the bodies and minds of New York's children in this respect New York is very much like the rest of the country) to the War aims of American imperialism. This is the action of which the Board of Education is so proud!

**Imperialist Poison**

While Oshea looks back upon his War service of the past, his successor, Harold G.



Preparing Children for Imperialist War at the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York City

## Warping Minds for War

By IRVING ADLER  
Secretary, Teachers' Anti-War Committee

Campbell is preparing to repeat this service in the next imperialist War.

A new text-book used in the elementary schools (*Readings for Fifth Year*, by Craig and Klapper) includes the following significant quotations:

Part II, page 121: "There is an old Latin proverb which says: 'It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country.' America's sons have shown spirit and spirit throughout America's history how deeply they feel the truth of the old proverb."

Part I, page 168, quoting Henry Cabot Lodge concerning the flag: "It was to be ready to defend it, and the men of '76 and '91 pledge to it our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The connection of this chauvinism with the aims of American imperialism is revealed in the description of the flag on the same page, as "the emblem of the power on earth which it is to defend and to which it is to add the sun never sets down."

Text-book propaganda is supplemented by the weekly "pledge of allegiance" to the flag by the "civally pledge" required for high school graduation, and by the presence of BATES, in some of the schools. All three are retained by Campbell in spite of open opposition by many students and teachers.

Although the school supervisors have already embarked upon the War campaign, they are not averse of the support of the classroom teachers. They are therefore preparing concrete measures to keep the teachers in line. A bill is now being rushed through the state

legislature requiring all teachers to subscribe to the following oath:

"I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of New York, and the laws of the United States of America and the State of New York, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the duties of any position to which I am now assigned or may hereafter be assigned."

The last phrase especially reveals the War purpose behind this bill.

### Teachers Organize

The teachers have responded to this threat by launching a struggle against the passage of the bill. Hundreds of teachers are now rallying behind the Teachers' Anti-War Committee to eliminate War preparation in the school and support the struggle of the working class against War and Fascism.

Note: In response to the call of the Teachers' Anti-War Committee, the Classroom Teachers' Groups, the Teachers' Union, and the Connecticut Teachers' Association have announced their opposition to the bill described above. On March 2nd, at a mass meeting in a high school auditorium, 600 teachers and parents unanimously endorsed the program of Anti-War Committee. As a result of this activity, the eleven "Read Schools, Not Battle-ships" has become an integral part of the present struggle against intervention in Vietnam.

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Erst Pflanz, although even then not too clear about the forces that would destroy these evils, looked up from his Cactus long enough to see how his fellow

Without eyelids in hell believing in his own's hell, then undelivered once home, home to a hell,

and to cry out:

There died a martyr. And of the best, among them. For an old bird, gone in the teeth, For a fabled collection.

And that reluctant writer of eulogies, Fabert Frost, and with words truthfully

War is for everyone, for children too.

### Workers Can Stop War

I am not so happy as to believe with Shelley that the poets are the heralds of the world. If they were, the world might be a saner,



