

The Special Job of the 'Communist' in the War

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The May issue of "The Communist" has as its main theme the opening of a second front against Hitler in Europe. It gives urgency, clarity and impetus to the rapidly rising sentiment of the American people for a decisive offensive now to smash the backbone of the Axis and achieve victory in 1942.

The contents of the current May issue of "The Communist," if widely spread, should go far toward awakening the good common sense of the people to the realization that the position of the Communists has a great deal to offer toward victory. I would group the articles and the special purpose they serve as follows:

1. For the immediate tasks: What needs to be done to unify the working class and all other classes of American society behind the strategy of a major offensive now in the form of a second European front? How can the American people be fully mobilized for it, and the defeatists and diversionist elements who are opposed to this policy isolated?

You'll Find The Answers

"The Communist" provides the answer with characteristic thoroughness. Read the May Day Manifesto of the National Committee of the Communist Party on the main immediate political tasks in relation to winning the war. Read Roy Hudson's excellent analysis of "Labor and the War Effort." Read John Wil-

liamson's penetrating analysis of the role and responsibilities of the Communists as front-rank fighters against the Axis whether in the armed forces, on the assembly lines or in civilian defense activities.

2. For historic perspectives on the present tasks: Marxism-Leninism helps us to understand the past and the future of the present world struggle, and to find the links between each successive stage of the struggle. The beautifully telling article by Robert Minor on "The Birthday of Earl Browder," and the moving tribute by I. Urisar to the heroic leader of the Spanish working class, Jose Diaz, recently deceased, brilliantly illuminate the role of these great leaders in preparing the masses for the present grave crisis.

3. For understanding the moods and aspirations of the masses: What are the German people thinking today? How would they react to news of the opening of a second front? The article by B. Hana, and the contribution by Hans Berger on "Earl Browder and Ernst Thaelmann" give illuminating answers to these important questions.

The articles cited above are only a partial list of the contents. But the brief citations provide a value to the special function of Communists in this war and in history. They think hard. They think scientifically with the weapon of Marxist-Leninist theory. They work to separate falsehood from truth. They fight hard.

It Isn't a Secret And Isn't "Foreign"

No serious person will understand this as conceit. Communists are ordinary human beings—but they are guided by a scientific theory, and they understand that the world cannot advance except through struggle. Marxist-Leninist science is not a secret. It is not "foreign"—no more "foreign" than the pasteurization of milk is foreign because a Frenchman discovered the process. It is public property. You can get a demonstration of its application for only twenty cents in the 96 pages of this month's unusually good issue of "The Communist."

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