



Words and Deeds

March, 1933
 "Plenty is at our doorstep, but a generous use of it languishes in the very sight of the supply. Primarily, this is because the ailers of the exchange of mankind's goods have failed through their own slothfulness and their own incompetence. They know only the rules of a generosity of all-makers. . . . Yes, the money changers have hid from their high seats in the temple of our civilization. We may now restore that temple to the ancient truths. . . . From President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933.

March, 1935
 Federal funds to bankers, industrialists, etc.: \$2,121,659,104. War budget calls for 1,412.6 percent increase. Retail food prices up 28 percent in two years (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Government figures show real wages have fallen over 3 percent since low point of March, 1933. 11,000,000 unemployed. In the temple of the large "money changers" (Chase National Bank, Bankers' Trust Co., Corn Exchange Bank, Guaranty Trust Co., etc.) the reports for 1934 show "satisfactory" profits and large "earnings."

U. S. COURT GOING FASCIST

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THE FASCISM of Fuhrer Hitler assumes that the State has a right to command every man in every respect in peace as well as in War—that even in times of peace no individual, family, or church has any reserved rights whatsoever. In contrast to this, consider the Constitution of the United States and the traditions of our government. Amendment IX recognizes rights "reserved" by the people, and Amendment X "reserves" to the people, to the States, and to the respective States of the Union. The Supreme Court gave a good example of what this means when it decided some years ago that the right to decide what a child shall be taught resides only partly in the parents and partly in the State. In as just as fundamental as any right that the State

of national defense it is the Congress that calls on citizens what is the will of God! The parallel with Hitler is unmistakable. He, too, on behalf of national defense, guides the whole people in the ways of his God. A dissenting opinion written by Mr. Chief Justice Hughes claimed that this majority decision reversed an old principle of American government. With emphasis he pointed out that many unquestionably loyal citizens always have made reservations with respect to obedience to the State, and that the Congress itself has recognized the propriety of such reservations by granting to religious conscientious objectors immunity from military service. That is, the American State, though it has the power to compel every citizen as to War, has chosen not to exercise this power. He named Mr. Hughes and his three associates of the liberal minority.

defence? No right of conscience was invaded, says the Court, because these students were still able to believe what they liked and to tell what they believed! The State respects conscience, it appears, so long as one thinks and talks—but does nothing!
 Not even a minority of the Court—on even a handful, a Stone, a Hughes, or a Cardozo—stands squarely and unequivocally against military control of the civilian populace in peace time. The U. S. Supreme Court is going Fascist!

In the Past

The First Amendment, which provides for that is popularly called "the separation of church and State" likewise recognizes that what individuals or groups do within the sphere called "religious" is strictly their own affair. In England and in some of the American colonies church and State had overlapped, with consequent confusion and friction. Historically the separation of the two powers meant that, just as the church was henceforth to be excluded from the area that we now call "political," so the State was to be excluded from that which had hitherto jointly occupied with the church. That is, the First Amendment restricts the State just as truly as it restricts the church. But since the term "religious" lacks precision, the courts have taken a hand in determining certain limits of State action—for example, with respect to the use of the Bible in the schools.

Liberal Justices Join Reactionaries

But less than four years later, in the case of two students kicked out of the University of California at Los Angeles because they wouldn't doff their hats to any of the courts. In fact, the supposedly "liberal" Justices join the others in a still further restriction of the rights reserved by the people. The question now was not what immunities a conscientious objector is to have in time of War, but in time of peace. The effect of the Court's decision is to authorize compulsory service in time of peace in a branch of the Federal military establishment, namely the R. O. T. C. Rather oddly, the opinion rendered does not squarely face this issue, but instead falls back upon the "well known limitless extent of war powers" and "national emergency" and the propriety of "national

FROM A GERMAN SEAMAN

TO THE EDITOR:
 A friend smuggled a copy of FIGHT on board, so I write to you that you may know how it is on a German ship.
 About two years have passed since the war ended for the seaman of my ship. It should have been a sign that things turned to the better, but what is the real situation? Our wages have been lowered through so-called voluntary "donations" and compulsory demands to join fascist organizations. Our hours are now nine hours instead of ten hours in port—and no overtime paid us and ten hours in port—and no overtime paid us and ten hours in port—and no overtime paid us. I am going six years to sea and I'm still an ordinary seaman, because the ship company has cut down on expenses by being nearly all A.B.'s, signed as O. S.

I get only 28 marks a month. My wages are supposed to be 60 but 28 is all that is left after deductions (taxes). When we came to a French port (name I don't like to give because they will know the name of our ship) the longshoremen refused to unload the ship. Police came and scabs did the work.
 We saw, with grim anguish, how the capitalists of all the world ticked over when it goes against the workers.

The captain told us shamelessly to go down and not to show our faces on deck. Hitler promised us plenty and has kept none of his promises. Us workers he cannot catch with such national phrases instead of bread. Even his own men say that if Adolf will not show something better soon we will show him something.

A few of us have gotten together. We study and work very carefully on the rest of the men. A few times we went to the Captain to complain about the rotten food, and we had the support of all men in the cockpit. Most of the German seamen don't believe in the Hitler regime, and even prepare for the day when we will make a clean job of it.
 Fraternalists yours,

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Militarizing Personnel
 In December, 1934, hearings were held in Washington by the Federal Communications Commission preparatory to a more or less final report soon to be issued. It quote at length from a N. Y. Herald-Tribune account of these hearings:
 After passage of the act in the U. S. Senate, the New York Times pointed out: "It empowered the President in time of war to take over radio and wire offices in the interest of national defense," while the New York Trust Co. in its monthly publication, *The Index*, January, 1935, admitted that "the problem of overseas communications in relation to national defense" figured largely in its message.

COMMUNICATIONS READY FOR WAR

By HY KRAVIF
 An odd and hungry man passing before the window of a restaurant in Milwaukee
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National defense is a vital factor in the mobilization program. . . . The Army and Navy want that in time of national emergency there should be a coordinated communications organization that could be taken over in emergency as existing by the government. In the Communications Act, and all previous laws covering radio, there is a proviso giving the President power to commandeer these facilities in time of national emergency of any kind.
 At the recent hearings Colonel Walter Kravitz, senior member of the joint planning board of the Army and Navy, took the view that "the Communications Act should be developed subject to the needs of national defense" and "the communications companies operators should be treated as military requirements and the personnel should be in the military or conscripted reserve." The same view was reflected by Mr. Sarant and Colonel Behn (Colonel Behn, President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. of which Postal Telegraph is a subsidiary—H. K.) Both reserve officers of high rank. (My emphasis—H. K.)

The Communications Act is definitely a part of the War machine set-up in the United States. That it has been watched over so carefully by the Administration and passed at the present time bodes no good for the friends of peace.
 A youth Congress Against War and Imperialism has just been held in Columbia, South America. At present there is a struggle for control of the oil deposits on the Colombian-Venezuela border. The contestants are the Standard Oil and the British Royal Dutch Shell. In order to recruit soldiers for the Colombian Army (backed by Standard Oil) squadrons of soldiers surrounded and kidnapped all young men physically fit for army service. Special taxes to pay for the War preparations must be paid by those born since 1907.
 The writer of this article is at present at work on a pamphlet on "Labor and the Communications Industry" which will be published in the *International Workers Order*, under direction of the Labor Research Association.—EDITOR
 THE GREAT significance of the Communications Act approved by President Roosevelt on June 19, 1934, has been almost lost in the alphabetical shuffle of "New Deal" legislation. And yet the act is of the utmost importance to all sincere opponents of War.
 Briefly, this act sets up a Federal Communications Commission of seven, with power to regulate interstate and foreign communication whether by wire or by radio. At the present moment an effort is afoot to merge Western Union Telegraph Company with Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation. Furthermore the Bell Telephone System, that gigantic telephone monopoly with assets of nearly five billions—the largest business enterprise in the world—and the Radio Corporation of America, through its 760 radio-telegraphic subsidiaries (R.C.A. Communications and Radiophone Corp. of America), are also involved in what has been termed by the press, "the most gigantic combination monopoly under government supervision."

An Important Link
 Although there had been for some years talk of merging Western Union and Postal

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Look at this chart! Study it! Read the figures carefully! Then buy a paper to listen in on Father Coughlin, Hearst, Huey Long. Compare what they say with what Hitler said before he took power—and with what he is doing now.

It all sounds very familiar. Why? In Germany there's a crisis. We have a crisis. And in crises, leaders like Hitler, Huey Long, Coughlin, Hearst come forward with talk pretending to favor the common people, but their concrete proposals favor only the bankers and Big Business.

Look at the chart. Hitler abolished the trade unions so that Big Business could have full sway. And the result—(Look at the chart)—low wages and higher living costs for all the common people. Hitler could not solve the unemployment problem, so he marched some of the unemployed into forced labor camps, where

they work for bread and potato peelings. Hitler took other unemployed workers and put them into munitions plants. Hitler threw women out of their jobs, driving many to the streets where the Nazi government receives part of their earnings. Hitler killed thousands of his working class opponents, and placed tens of thousands in jails and prisons.

Study this chart! Read these figures carefully! Then listen to Coughlin, Huey Long and Hearst. Compare what they say with what Hitler said before Fascism came to power and with what Nazi Germany is doing now.

We must understand these forces AND WE MUST ACT. We must organize and fight for our rights—or slavery, too, will be our lot!

5,152,232 ORGANIZED WORKERS BEFORE HITLER. NOW, UNIONS ABOLISHED.

WAGES DOWN 33%. VITAL FOODS UP 75%.

6,000,000 UNEMPLOYED.

174,000 ANTI-NAZIS JAILED. THOUSANDS KILLED.

COMPANY UNIONS
NO HELP WANTED
DRAWING BY JOSEPH REPLIN



What sedition legislation and terror means to the workers. (Left) Age and sex does not stop the National Guard (under orders) from arresting this woman when she passed the "bulletin" at the Electric Auto-Lite Plant during the recent strike in Toledo (Center) San Francisco police beating and kicking up workers' headquarters. (Right) Police shoot and stab Denver workers who strike for higher wages and better conditions.

FEDERAL DRIVE ON LABOR

By ROGER BALDWIN
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THE "PATRIOTS" They are scared. Not in years have they united on so virulent a campaign against Communists, left movements in general and particularly the propagandists against War and reaction. I have seen all the antiradical campaigns of the last fifteen years rise, run their course and die. Few of them left much behind except scattering prosecutions, a new local gag law here and there, and black-listed workers.

But now their purposes are mounting because directed to a sweeping program of federal bills which would outlaw Communists, revolutionaries, Socialists, militant opponents of War and left-wing labor. The net being has again been drawn across the real of industrial unrest to divert attention from the collapse of the promises of the New Deal to labor and consumers. It seeks to mark the huge program of militarism behind the drive are raised the forces making for a Fascist suppression of the left—the only source of militant opposition.

Who are the "defenders" of American institutions who proclaim this new campaign, who cry out their fears of the reds? Their leadership is the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion, with Hearst as their chief propaganda agent. Clustered about them are the lesser fry of patriotism—the D. A. R., the army and navy crowd, the National Civic Federation and Bernard McFadden. The files trot along in the rear with a monstrous petition.

This is a formidable array. It has influence both on public opinion and on the administration. While the legislative proposals have

not yet been introduced in Congress, the way is being prepared for them by a perfect avalanche of literature, petitions, editorial, pamphlets.

What this campaign proposes is: First, a federal sedition law under which it will be a crime for any person privately or publicly to advocate what may be construed as the overthrow of government by force and violence. Anyone who is familiar with such prosecutions under state sedition laws knows how any strike, speech or radical campaign may be crushed.

Second, an act to bar from the mails all publications of any organization which is held to advocate such a doctrine. That is aimed, of course, at the Communist Party; but under pressure such a law would be used to reach any group with a militant antipatriotic program.

Third, an act making it a crime to distribute any material intended to cause dissension among soldiers and sailors. This is aimed at such propaganda as is conducted by militant anti-war organizations. In practice it would certainly be used in times of strike to jail strikers fraternizing with the National Guard.

Fourth, and more important in its effects than all the others, is the establishment of a political secret service in the Department of Justice, similar to that of the regimes of Mitchell Palmer and Harry Daugherty, when the world's greatest detective, William J. Burns, headed the bureau of redhunters. Such a political police in the Department of Justice would put hoodlums and spies into practically every working-class and radical organization in the country. They would tie up the very officers they were supposed to prevent. They would inspire

wide-spread free speech prosecutions and lawless raids.

And finally, it is, of course, a proposal to tighten up on radical aliens by making deportation easier and admissions harder.



Clearing the Road for Fascism

There is an easy assumption among trade-unionists and liberals that these proposals haven't got much chance, or if they did get written into law they would not be used, except possibly against a few Communists. Nothing could be more false. Legislation like this is not promoted for fun. It would put new weapons of terrorism into the hands of those wishing to use them.

Its backers announce that they mean to suppress absolutely, as has been done in other countries, the whole radical movement. In it they see the rallying-point around which greater forces will organize to resist Fascist reaction when faith and hope in New Deal promises have collapsed. They will not stop with attacking Communists. They will strike at the throat of anti-capitalist power wherever it arises—in the trade-unions, the Socialist Party, the middle-class, among the farmers.

Such laws are always stretched in times of crisis and fear to cover all opponents of the ruling class. Suppression of the left clears the way for the organizations of reactionary power masquerading under some such phony popular programs of a Huey Long or a Father Coughlin.

These laws, if passed, will be applied as they always have been, not against any advocates of the prohibited doctrine, but against radicals.

Determined Opposition

This drive for new federal gag laws can be beaten only by the strongest possible unity of every opposed force—organized labor, the farmers, middle-class, religious organizations and the radical political parties. Every reader of FIGHT should get busy in the campaign at once by:

- (1) getting material and sample resolutions from the national office of the American League Against War and Fascism and putting them up to local groups;
- (2) by writing to local paper letters of opposition;
- (3) by addressing letters and telegrams to every Senator and Representative as soon as bills are introduced. Determined and united opposition can beat them.

Students on Strike

By SANFORD SOLENDER

The writer of this article was the New York University representative at the recent World Student Congress Against War and Fascism, of Brussels. There were a total of ten American students at this international gathering.

THAT MANY students in America are aroused against War and Fascism is now an established fact. Most important, however, is the unqualified militancy which their opposition has assumed. An ever-growing mass of students in the United States are becoming increasingly aware of the significance of War and Fascism and of the threat these offer to modern civilization. As never before, students of this nation are becoming alive to these dangers, and are crystallizing their awakening into determined and aggressive activity.

On April 13 of last year, American students gave their first concrete warning to the War-makers. Over 25,000 young men and women, representing high schools and colleges throughout the nation, remained away from classes in a most astounding anti-war demonstration. Students in U.C.L.A., Oklahoma, and Wyoming, in Chicago and in many colleges in the New England and New York areas, all participated in this nationwide manifestation against War. Nor was the strike confined to left-wing adherents. Students of all shades of political opinion took part, and in Vassar College there was held an impressive anti-war parade, led by the President of the college. Of particular importance was, first, the participation in New York City especially, of several thousand high school students; and second, the encouraging number of instructors who gave their active support. The strike signified the first tangible achievement in the efforts to evolve a powerful and effective movement against War in America.

Since Then

Since April 13, 1934, great strides have been seen in the development of student opposition to War and Fascism. Not only has the spirit spread throughout the nation, but the resultant form of activity has been one of unprecedented militancy. The movements have devoted themselves to two general aims: first, to oppose and struggle against all forms of militarism, both within the college and without; and second, to expose and fight all evidences of Fascism in America. The first of these tasks has shown the most widespread activity. In this connection students have vigorously opposed the R.O.T.C. and all other forms of military training. They have fought against utilizing the facilities of the colleges for War preparations. This has been particularly true in the case of the scientific laboratories, which, in many cases, are carrying on experiments for the War department. Students have consistently opposed the pre-War policies and activities of the

government. They have rallied to the Oxford oath, the foremost slogan in the April 13, 1934, strike, and have pledged themselves "NOT TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANY WAR IT MAY CONDUCT." They have sought out, exposed, and fought against all efforts at the facilitation of American youth. They have indicated categorical opposition to Fascism, the movement which today leads the world in the direction of War.

The fall months of 1934 saw regional and college anti-war conventions throughout the nation. Armistice Day was also the occasion for innumerable student demonstrations. The significance of War and Fascism and the struggle against military training in the college was intensified. In the universities of Ohio, Maryland and California, students were suspended for these activities. However, the anti-R.O.T.C. activities have not gone for naught, for student opinion was successful in obtaining the abolition of compulsory drill in such colleges as Minnesota and New York University, and in the Navy University military training was entirely abandoned. Student opposition to Fascism, while it has not been as widespread as that against War, has gained a constantly increasing number of adherents. Formidable anti-Fascist demonstrations were held throughout the nation on the occasion of the visit of the delegation of Italian students. In the College of the City of New York twenty-five students were expelled for their participation in such a demonstration.

Following American Students

On December 29 to 31, the World Student Congress Against War and Fascism was held in Brussels. 375 delegates, representing students in 31 different countries, participated in this significant meeting, and enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed a program designed to promote a universal and united student struggle against War and Fascism. Following the example set by the successful anti-strike in America, the World Congress declared an international student strike against War and Fascism to take place on April 5, 1935.

Last year's strike was initiated through the American League Against War and Fascism, Student League for Industrial Democracy, National Student League, etc., etc. Though these organizations have initiated the movement for the approaching strike in America, its scope has already been considerably widened. This may be attributed to the international character of the strike, to the acceptance of the War danger, to the alarming growth of Fascism, and to the increasing student realization of the significance of these developments. Already such organizations as the Michigan Students League and the Michigan Teachers' Association have indicated their support.

April 5 is Our Day

That an increasingly great number of American students are on the march against War and



Jiro Minami, Commander of the Japanese Imperial Army, now invading Manchuria

Fascism can therefore no longer be questioned. Constantly growing in size and militancy, this student movement is an ever-present threat to the War-makers of the nation. On April 5 the students of America will join with their fellows the world over, and, with unprecedented boldness and determination, will demonstrate their absolute unwillingness to submit to destruction and reaction —to War and Fascism.

San Francisco, Cal., branch of the American League reports a lecture attended by 275 people, over the most vicious Fascist opposition. The Faculty League adjourned their meeting held on the same night and attended the League's meeting in a body. The sentiment among them, after the meeting, points to early affiliation. The CCC authorities at Capitola did everything in their power to keep the boys from coming to the meeting. Menus were shown both the night before and the night of the meeting to distract their interest. Trucks were not allowed their usual trip into town. The authorities personally saw down the road barriers from the walls. In view of all this, twelve CCC boys made their way into town to the meeting. The speaker was Dr. Whittaker, who spoke on War and Fascism.

PRELUDE TO CASTOR OIL

By LOREN MILLER

ALREADY NOTORIOUS for the severity of its formal syndicalism laws, California will take its place as the first Fascist state in the union if a series of so-called anti-rad, in reality anti-labor, bills now before the state legislature are passed. The proposed statutes are so all-inclusive in their scope and so vicious in their intent that outside may marvel that they could even have found sponsors. Those who know the history of the McNamara and Mooney cases and who have followed events in San Francisco and Imperial Valley strikes will understand.

It is obvious that the bills are only the legal expression of the editorial policies of the reactionary Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle and the Hearst papers. Back of them lies the determination of California employers to crush the labor unions that give them so much trouble in the agricultural and water front areas last year. Virtual control of the judiciary has already been secured by taking away from the voters the election of supreme and appeals court judges. A reactionary interpretation of the proposed laws or only the few of them that may pass will assure employers a free hand not only to break strikes but also to choke off all open manifestations of sympathy in future strikes.

Preparing to Slaughter

A well organized campaign to pass these laws is being developed. Not only are local

reprinted. Hardly a week passes without attacks on Filipino, Anti-Oriental, feeling is a wellspring of hatred that can be tapped almost at will. James E. Davis, Texas born Los Angeles chief of police, tells all who will listen that radicals are forcing white women to cohabit with Negro men to win them to the cause. Martin Luther Thomas, political preacher, broadcasts that Los Angeles Negro section is a hotbed of Communism. Formation of Mexican labor unions has been seized upon to incite racial prejudice against foreign

Nor is the formation of potential storm troopers neglected. There are skeleton groups everywhere. Victor McLaughlin heads a Troop of Lancers for the upper-crust playboys. Vigilante organizations exist all over the state, and there are Camps American for the college boys. The American Legion is in reactionary hands, and it is significant that Frank Dikeman, its banker president, and Homer Chailloux, Americanism committee chairman, are both Californians. Police officers were recently exhorted to use their spare time to collect signatures on anti-radical petitions. Michael Shannon, another Californian and national head of the ELKS, has called for a "crusade" against ill-Americans.

A Concentration Point

Caroline Decker, one of the 28 defendants, facing a 31 year sentence in San Quentin, Calif., on charges of criminal syndicalism.

This state is spending thousands of dollars in an effort to convict union leaders of criminal syndicalism in the state capital. Long Beach Masons refused their hall to Harry Elmer Barnes. It is evident that the reactionaries have selected California as the focal point in their drive against Civil Liberties. Maxwells new strikes are brewing in the agricultural sections, and the water-front troubles are by no means over. An unexpected wave of terror will sweep over the state if labor trouble does come. That's the real reason behind the latest orgy of red baiting. There is some danger that all safeguards of freedom of speech and assembly may be wiped out in the height of the next struggle unless anti-Fascists rally on a national scale to meet their California foe. Our triumph of reaction here would mean its extension elsewhere.

employers determined to rid themselves of labor "agitators," but the constant reiteration from Washington that radical propaganda is permitting naval personnel on the west coast shows that national support is being given. Anti-Fascists may not be aware of it but the War makers are alive to the fact that the Pacific coast must be thoroughly "pacified" to prepare for the invasion of trouble in the Far East. Above all things it is necessary from their viewpoint to abolish worker control on the water front. Mutinies leading may become necessary.

The present Fascist campaign still lacks the necessary mass support. That deficiency is being remedied. Max Socha, prominent banker whose wife is a Los Angeles city official, is in control of the German-American groups. These are rapidly becoming centers of Anti-Semitism, and Socha issued a statement hailing the Saar vote that was widely

The Iron Heel

One provision of the bills would set up an elaborate espionage system under which police officers would be required to submit weekly reports on all radical suspects to a central police authority. Possession of subversive literature—an elastic term in this state—would be a felony.



Attending meetings under police ban would incur a prison sentence. Buildings used for such meetings could be seized as nuisance while those who rented them would be charged with a crime. Citizens who advocate changes in governmental structures would be deprived of the right to vote or hold office. Teachers in private or public schools who instruct pupils in a manner inconsistent with modern thought would face jail. Minority parties would be driven off the ballot by requiring them to secure a larger percentage of the vote. And one of the most remarkable features of the proposed laws is that which defines as a "misdemeanor" distribution on the grounds of any school or college of any literature advocating opposition to faculty rating!

This series of laws has the open endorsement of the American Legion, the ELKS, Daughters of the Golden West and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. It

More to Worry About



From The Baltimore Afro-American: What Fascism means to the American Negro

militant trade unions, did the Fascist government return to its ideas about the syndicate state. The first significant act, was the organization of Fascist syndicates exclusively as representatives of the workers. This was in August, 1925, and the agreement with the employers, at the Palazzo Vidoni in October, 1925, definitely established the new system. It had been theoretically evolved by Alfred Rocco, then Minister of Justice, who has since stated that he had not pushed the reorganization, in a logical evolution but had merely provided a postscript explanation and perhaps a justification of the ultimate economic situation.

A Slave State

The tendency for action to precede doctrine is an essential and very significant part

THE ITALIAN STATE

By CARMEN HAIDER

Author of "The Way West Fascism," "Capital and Labor Under Fascism"



From The Sun: 'Big Bertha'—The Lady for whom he yearns

TODAY, when there are persons who claim the philosophy and structure of the corporate state as the ultimate solution of the problem of capitalism, it is important to remember that Mussolini himself adopted this program only as an expedient, and attached no theoretical value to it. In his speech at Udine in September, 1922, which prepared the way for the March on Rome, he stated: "We had to adopt syndicalism; we have done it." In 1925, after three years in power, he confirmed this at the time of his early days. "Fascism, having become a phenomenon of the masses... saw the problem of syndicalism burst forth in its entire vastness."

In fact, between 1922 and 1925 the proponents of Fascist syndicalism received scant attention from Mussolini. He was then still trying to win to Fascism, through the support of labor leaders, the masses of the people. Only when that failed, and when the employers pressed for the liquidation of the

capitalist democracy, workers may gain a hearing for their claims: First, through representation, political as well as economic—that is, through legislative bodies and through trade unions; and, secondly, by utilizing the



Imperialism at work! He plows. He sows. And then he reaps.



From Izvestia

WHAT CHOICE?

By AL HAMILTON

The U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision that laid grant colleges can expel students who, because of religious and conscientious objections, refuse to exhibit to military training, was based on the case of Al Hamilton and W. Alton Reynolds of California. Mr. Hamilton is Chairman of Social Action, National Council of Methodist Youth.—Editor



From A. J. Z. Miller arrives in the Saar

FOR SOME TIME certain true spiritual forces in present day society have been moving in opposite directions. And to the extent that these religious groups move along the road toward a just economic system, toward true democracy of those who produce, and toward a Warless world, by so much will they find themselves coming into more direct opposition with the state. Sincere and intelligent Christians are faced with a choice—support of the church's struggle for social justice and peace, or a militant state speaking for the dominant economic group in a capitalist society.

The Struggle for Markets

To understand more fully the reason for this alternative one must understand exactly the direction in which the state is moving. A state under the profit system inevitably finds itself coming into economic conflict with other nations. As private industry finds the internal market decaying and no longer able to consume what is produced, it utilizes the mechanism of the state to support its attempts to sell abroad. Tariff manipulation, currency control, and all the other devices of modern economic conflict are resorted to. With this, goes an increasing tendency toward militarization. A similar tendency in regard to the various national entities added to the psychological forces at work tend to make the situation cumulative. What happens in one nation is reflected in all, and thus the race toward complete militarization grows ever keener.

America today, under the economic drive of a decaying profit system, and with the consequent play of psychological forces, is entering into evident preparation for a Warlike state, in which all socially-minded groups and ideas will be subject more and more to the domination of the state. Today we can see very real preparation for a Warlike "totalitarian" state. Such preparation is being reflected by the position into which the church is being forced.

Supreme Court in Action

The true religious impulse is not something separated from life. It must be felt in everyday affairs. As the protestant church begins to place itself in opposition to War, it is finding itself in opposition not to some abstract principle, but to the state itself. The

result of an attempt to exercise conscience on the matter of War training, may be judged by the recent decision of the Supreme Court upholding the right of a state university to compel students to take military training regardless of their religious or personal beliefs.

In this decision, the ideological basis of the "totalitarian" state from the standpoint of the military position was made clear by Justice Butler in his repetition of his words in the Schweitzer case. He said that:

... the duty of citizens by force of arms to defend our government against all enemies whenever necessary arises as a fundamental principle of the constitution... whatever tends to lessen the willingness of citizens to discharge their duty to bear arms in the country's defense detracts from the strength and safety of government.

Further he stated:
... get ye (he conscientious objector) might be compelled by force of need to against his will and without regard to his personal wishes or his pecuniary interests or even his religious or political opinions to take his place in the ranks of the army of his country and risk the chance of being shot down in its defense.

In the Macintosh case Justice Hughes had delivered an emphatic statement upholding the right of conscience, but in this case he was silent. Support of the War psychology and the denial of freedom of religious belief was given by the concurring opinions of Justices Brandeis, Stone, and Cardozo. Thus the Supreme Court now rules that the state shall dominate all.

With this latest and unanimous decision of the highest court in the land to the position that religious freedom and conscience are subject to the domination of the state, the church may well begin to realize its position. The church may still believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man, but if it attempts to exercise the brotherhood of Man in response to higher duty, it will find itself in opposition to the religion of nationalism. The brotherhood of nationalism means the right to slaughter those who work and live under the domination of the same process of exploitation, responsible for the precipitation of the slaughter in which you may be

engaged. The triumph of nationalism in the courts has placed the Christian in the position where he no longer has the right to practice his religious beliefs unless these beliefs include the practicing of military service.

What does this mean? Perhaps it means that the struggle for freedom and the struggle for peace must be realized outside the arena of the courts. If the courts as well as government have become merely the voice of nationalism, and the process of "human exploitation" existing today, then the realm of constructive accomplishment appears to be in the field of economic change, combined with organization to hinder and stop the workings of the War machine. If this is true, the Christian must begin to aid in the organization of workers, students, and intellectuals for fundamental economic change and for effective action to stop the functioning of the "totalitarian" state.

The Final Choice

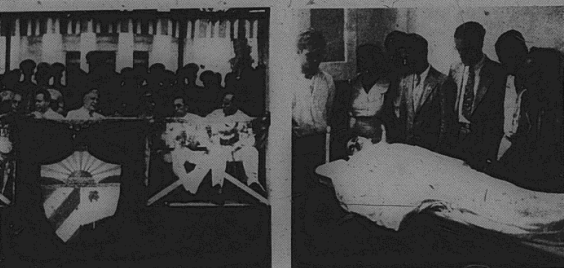
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To an American Workman Dying of Starvation

(Take Physic, Pemp)
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Did you have fun?
I guess I know you worked.
I guess I saw you.
I got you just the same.
Say it with flowers.
So long. We got the breaks. But we'll be seeing you.
There's a little job we got to attend to up here first.
GENEVIEVE TAGGARD



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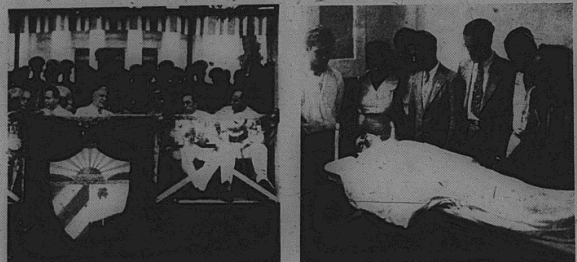
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A LETTER

Santa Cruz, Cal.

Dear Friends:

A meeting under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Branch, American League Against War and Fascism was held at Hackley Hall, Friday night. Dr. Whitaker's talk on the issues of War and Fascism was splendid. His remarks on "radical agitators," etc. received tremendous applause. This was decidedly not a radical audience.

The Painters Union adjourned their union meeting (which met on the same night) at 9 o'clock, and arrived at our meeting in a body. Most of the Epic Club members were there. The sentiment among them, after the meeting, points to affiliation with the American League in a short time.

The CCC authorities at Capitola did everything in their power to keep the boys from coming to the meeting. Movie slides were shown to the boys the night before, and the night of the meeting—trucks were not allowed their usual trip into town. The authorities personally tore down the pasted leaflets from the walls. In spite of all this, 12 boys made their way into town and to the meeting. . . . Every seat in the hall was filled. . . .

Considering our times, it is not at all surprising to find in our daily mail letters like the one above. In New England, Michigan, Florida; in California, New York, Ohio; workers, farmers, professionals and middle class people are initiating the movement to safeguard their rights and liberties. Fascism and War! Slowly but surely the common people of the U. S. A. are beginning to gather their strength for the conflict which is threatening our lives and the lives of our children.

"It is our job to mass that historic force in this crisis in the history of mankind."—DR. HARRY F. WARD

In your community, in your trade union, in your church, in your grange, in your office, in your shop, in your school, in your political party, bring this issue to the front.

We shall gladly forward any information you may request on the activities of the American League and show you how to make your work against War and Fascism more effective. Write today.

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