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WAR ^{PP} ~~the~~ AMERICAN WAY ⁹⁹

A great hoax is being perpetrated on the American people.

Utilizing the recent wave of anti-Fascist sentiment that has swept America for its own imperialist interest, the US government has introduced, in the name of "defending" democracy", a military budget of over \$2,000,000,000.

Every moth-eaten cliché about "defending democracy", a "holy war against Fascism," "suppose Hitler or the Mikado raped your sister" is being trotted out to line up the American workers behind the war preparations of American imperialism. Wasn't one war for democracy enough for us? Can't we learn from our experience?

"The world must be made safe for democracy. We have no selfish ends to serve."
 ---Woodrow Wilson war message to Congress, April 4, 1917.

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"Is there anyone who doesn't know that the seed of war is industrial and commercial rivalry? The World War was a commercial and industrial war; not a political war." ---Woodrow Wilson, Sept. 5, 1919.

We're told armaments are needed for defense. DEFENSE OF WHAT? The Democracy of Hague? The Freedom of the Sharecropper? The Morality of Coster-Musica? The Culture of the NY Board of Censors? The imperial possessions of the Sweatshop worker?

No! AMERICAN CAPITALISM CANNOT FIGHT ANY WAR FOR FREEDOM! It will fight to defend its interests in the Far East (that's why Roosevelt says he's against participating in any war on "EUROPEAN soil"). It'll fight to keep its trade in South America Democracy in South America? Belly-laughs are in order. Batista, Vargas, Trujillo, Ortis, Buenevides--all "democrats!"

"You know, I've had something to do with ruminating little republics. I wrote Haiti's constitution myself, and if I do say it, I think its a pretty good constitution." FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, at Butte, Montana--1920.

TO fight for the foreign policy of large armaments means to propose a reactionary domestic policy as well. Armaments can only mean increased protection for the bosses and decreased relief for the poor.

"Wall Street liked Roosevelt's budget speech today and expressed its feelings by buying stocks in sufficient volume." --World-Telegram, Jan 4, 1939	"The employment given by armaments is false. It creates no consumers goods for the maintenance of lasting prosperity." --FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, Buenos Aires, 1936.
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No more wars for "democracy" A new war means M*DAY--military dictatorship. Capitalist democracy leads, but cannot fight against fascism.
 Only the workers can fight fascism.
 No support to Roosevelt's war plans.

NOT ONE CENT!

FOR WALL STREET PROFITS!
 TO BUILD CAPITALIST ARMIES!
 FOR BOSSES WAR!
 TO MILITARIZE AMERICAN YOUTH!

FOR a popular referendum on war. For allwar funds to the unemployed.
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