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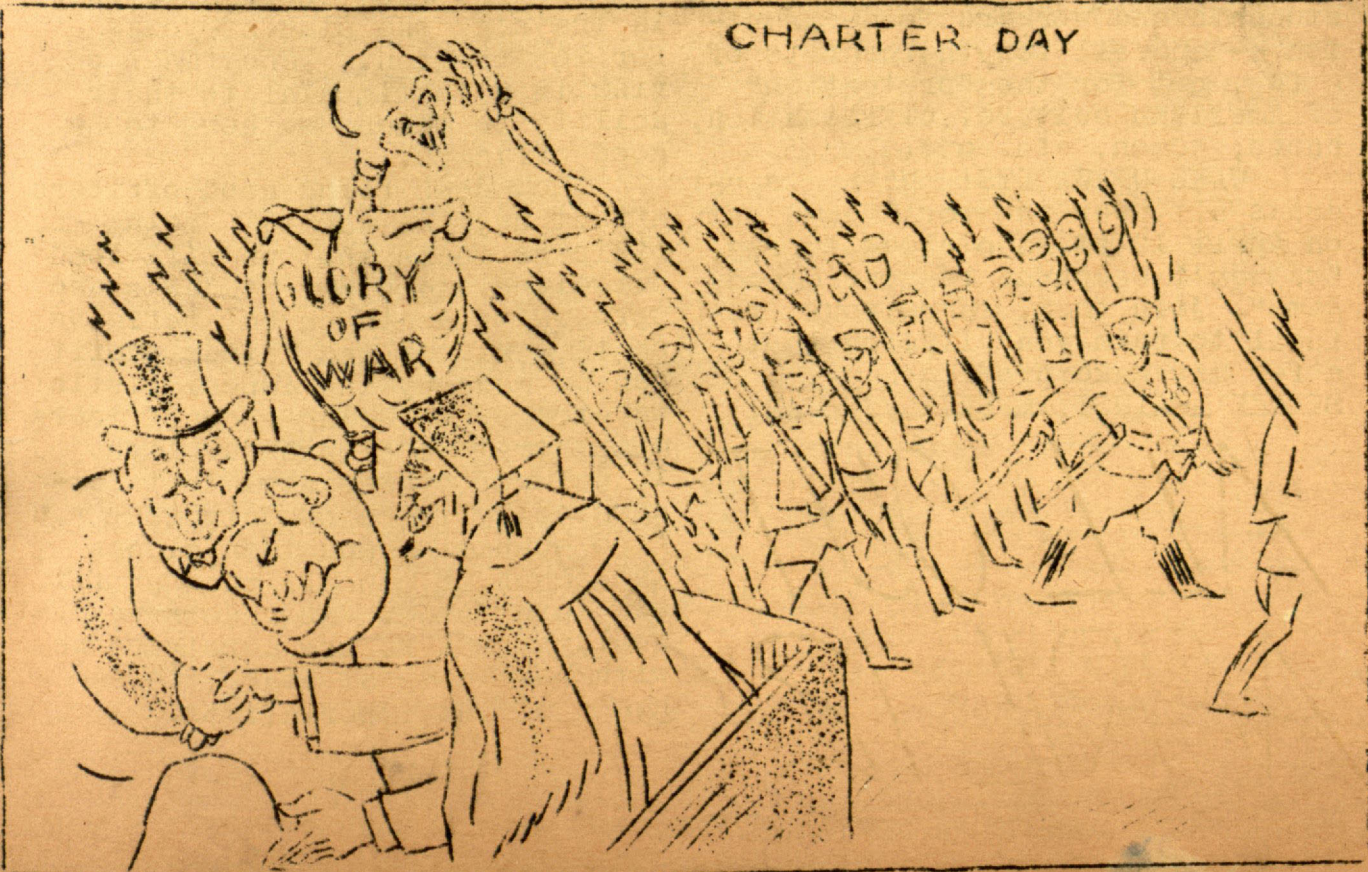
## RED CADET VS. LAVENDER CADET

This, the first issue of Red Cadet, official organ of the City College ROTC unit of the Young Communist League, marks a new era in the history of the ROTC. Hitherto, the only organ in the cadet corps has been the Lavender Cadet, supposedly the organ of the Cadet Club but in reality the organ of the mili sci department and its staff of war songers and jingoists. The Lavender Cadet was definitely proven last term to be financially subsidized, editorially controlled, and technically managed by the mili sci department.

It is needless to add that all material contributed to the "Lavender Cadet" had to first undergo a rigorous censorship by the Mili Sci Dept. It was also proven that the editorial board of the "Lavender Cadet" was composed of fellows who were no longer taking the basic course or who were officers in the advanced course, although the "Lavender Cadet" was supposed to be the organ of the basic students.

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### CHARTER DAY





# STRIKE APRIL 12 PARADES CADETS

Every term City College witnesses some mass anti-war demonstration by large numbers of students. Equally as regularly, the colonel, about this time of the year, in all of his rotund dignity is wont to tour the military sections to speak at great length on war, patriotism, and sundry related topics.

One of the colonels favorite pearls of wisdom is the statement that war is like pulling teeth -- it is necessary to get rid of the pain. He never fails to add that this tooth-pulling is the normal state of the nation that PEACE IS ABNORMAL.

"The colonel is all wrong!" That is the answer of many cadets who feel that war on the part of the United States is NOT in their interests -- cadets who have to fight the war cannot casually toss off such slaughter as a tooth pulling episode.

WAKE UP CADETS! You are being trained to accept murder as an acceptable pursuit for civilized men! You are being prepared to lead yourselves and fellow-students and workers to destruction -- and all for the profits of a few, not for the "protection" of American culture, civilization, babes, women, etc. etc.

WAKE UP CADETS! When students all over the world come out on April 12 at 11 o'clock to say, "we won't be pawns in your bloody game", join them. Show your refusal to ruin your life so that a few may make profits.  
STRIKE AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR!

Until 1933, Charter Day characterized by military exercises by the ROTC. In 1933 militant student protests forced the administration to cancel the ROTC Charter Day review. However, in keeping with the fascist tendencies of the administration, another day was set aside for the ROTC exercises. This day is appropriately known to all of us as Jingo day.

To most cadets the Jingo day parade merely means an opportunity to escape a farcical final exam. To the Cadet Club it means an opportunity to organize a special drill platoon so that they can glory in added military honor. Jingo day has a far greater significance; the excuse from the final is only a bribe to induce us to march. Jingo day is a part of the war preparations of the Roosevelt administration. It is the culmination of a year intensive preparations of cannon fodder. The parade is a demonstration of the administration and the system it represents of how well they have succeeded in training the student-youth for destruction. The final review is a testimonial to their ability to teach us how to be good officers.

How does being good officers affect us, the cadets? Being good officers means that we will lead ourselves and other students and workers to death on battlefields so that bigger and better profit can be made by the imperialistic war-mongers. Being good officers means that we pledge our lives in defense of a system that demagogically talks of universal free education and then closes thousands of schools when profits are threatened. As cadets we must realize that we are merely pawns, with our lives at stake, in the hands of the imperialists.

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## COMMUNISTS AND THE ROTC

On reading the prospectus of the ROTC, we learn that it exists to train students to be army officers. In doing this, it is stated, the cadets profit by the physical, character, and citizenship training given by the ROTC. These, we are to believe, are the only reasons for the existence of the ROTC. However, the physical, character, and citizenship training of the ROTC has been proven to be worthless and even injurious. Military drill has no recognized place in physical education. The character training of the ROTC attempts to instill the habit of blind obedience to orders. The citizenship training follows the line of the War Department definition of citizenship as stated in its manual of citizenship; - Democracy: ..Results in mobocracy .... results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, and anarchy. Thus it becomes obvious that the only purpose of the ROTC is preparation for war; the other attributes are only demagogical camouflage.

Let us now consider the war training of the ROTC. The technical training of the ROTC has been admitted by high military authorities to be equivalent to about three weeks of camp. In his report for 1930, the Secretary of War states that graduates of the advanced course will need further training before they would make passable officers. However, technical training is not the true cause for the existence of the ROTC. The essential purpose of the ROTC is to provide adequate ideological training. Without the ideological training the technical training is of no use. People must be led to believe that they are right before they will fight. As stated above, the technical training may be given in three weeks, but the ideological training of two years ROTC cannot be given in two months.

Consequently, throughout the basic course we are constantly subjected to barrages of speeches, articles, and pamphlets extolling the two penny patriotism similar to the sort ladled out by Hearst. The ideological training takes many varied forms. Here in City College we find it manifested in bulletin boards, and officer-dominated publications and cadet clubs.

As Communists we are not opposed to all wars and forms of military training. We believe that at times it is necessary and essential that people take up arms and fight for their liberation, as the workers of Cuba and Germany, or even in the United States. The ROTC, however is an integral part in the apparatus of the capitalists, who seek to protect profits by imperialistic wars. These capitalists by their control of the state and the armed forces, subject the working class to untold misery and starvation in order to increase their profits, which are created by the workers. Were we now living in a Soviet America we would favor the ROTC for then it would be an agency to protect the workers, who constitute the vast majority of the population.

Consequently, when Communists enter the ROTC they have in mind its abolition. The ROTC exists only to teach student-youth to protect with their lives the profits of capitalism which enables a few to live in splendor while millions starve. The Federal Trade Commission reports that 12% of the population owns 88% of the national wealth. 17 million are unemployed while the Woolworth heiress, Barbara Hutton, gives parties costing 15 thousand dollars. Communists enter the ROTC to expose to the cadets the ideological training which seeks to make supporters of such a damnable system. Cadets must realize that when the slogan, "Abolish the ROTC" is raised, it is not aimed at but at the system which the presents.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE OFFICERS CLUB

--- CADET OFFICERS; ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS

You have taken an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. You have sworn to protect the liberty and the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution. Today, these liberties are being threatened and menaced by the forces of fascism.

That this menace of fascism is real, that its horror is imminent, needs no extended proof here. In the last few days it has become more open than ever. In two states a party has been declared illegal, and a place on the ballot denied it, thus disenfranchising thousands of citizens. More significant is the fact that this party is the Communist Party. In every country where Fascism's slimy coils have taken a strangle-hold, this was the first step against all human rights and liberties, the first in Fascism's destructive march has always been the illegalization of the party that fought the most bitterly, the Communist Party.

This step has been taken here in the United States. Further steps **MUST NOT BE TAKEN. FASCISM MUST BE DESTROYED.** You must join that fight against Fascism.

The fight against Fascism is also the fight against war. The same forces that instigate the rise of fascism are behind every imperialist war. That Fascism and war go hand in hand, we can see from the Italian and German examples. Students do not want war; none of us are so bloodthirsty that we can look forward to the wholesale slaughter of millions of their fellow students and workers so that a few may reap profits. We should feel toward war as the physician feels toward diseases. Prepare, not for its arrival---but against its coming. Fight against the carriers of this horrible plague, and it will not become endemic.

Destroy fascism and its menace and your help cripple the apparatus of war.

As a club, an organization of intelligent students, you should go on record as against war and fascism. Arrange to join as a group the **WORLD WIDE STRIKE** against war and fascism on April 12. Demand that your president, Marvin Abromowitz, call a special meeting for this purpose.

Remember your oath to defend freedom and liberty.

**FIGHT AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM  
THE TWIN ENEMIES OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.**

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The Army Day parade, which the Mili Sci department offers an excuse from a drill as a bribe to induce the cadets to march, is another occasion for the war-mongers copiously weep crocodile tears over the bodies of the ten million dead and the 20 million wounded of the World War and then turn about and by means of martial music and parades, play up the romantic side of war.

We must fight the war-mongers with every means at hand. This term we have an effective weapon, the weapon of boycott. Jingo and Army Day parades must be boycotted in defense of our lives. Plans are being formulated for a counter-demonstration on Jingo day. Watch the RED CADET for further details. We will no be bribed by an excuse from a drill or a farcial final exam. Our slogan must be--

**BOYCOTT JINGO AND ARMY DAY.  
PARADES AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR REFUSAL TO BE CANNON FODDER FOR IMPERIALIST WAR.**

READ "WHY COMMUNISM" BY M.J.OLGIN FOR A CLEAR UNDER-OF COMMUNISM. PRICE FIVE CRNTS



## THE CADET CLUB

Fundamentally, the Cadet Club is a weapon of the Mili Sci administration through which they disseminate their jingo propaganda among the basic cadets. By high membership dues, and by having rigid entrance qualifications, the Mili Sci department is assured that its policies will be accepted by all the club members. This policy has been so successful to date the Cadet Club has acted as a collective stooge to the army administration. In issuing the Lavender Cadet, in forming drill platoons and in every phase of its activity, the club has without exception followed the dictates of Col. Lewis. At a recent meeting not a murmur of protest was heard when it was announced that the Colonel contemplated combining the Lavender Cadet with a prospective officer's club publication.

This term a noticeable opposition to the officer domination is developing. Liberal elements have gained an influential voice in the club affairs because the membership has recognized their leadership in opposing the steam-roller and fascist tendencies in the club. However their position is very weak as the membership can still be intimidated by a visit from the Colonel or a pompous speech by Capt. Kotzebue.

The Club members must refuse to be intimidated. They must fight the steam-roller tactics of the club administration. At the recent elections the liberal candidate was really robbed of the presidency by the refusal of the chairman, who was also a candidate, to recognize a motion for a closed vote.

They must not allow Capt. Kotzebue to openly gain control of the club on the basis of the plea that factional strife is ruining the club and that a "benevolent despot" is better than any form of democracy. The captain is only the mouthpiece of the jingoistic Col. Lewis.

To really safeguard their interests the members must turn their club into an anti-war and anti-fascist organization, for in case of war they suffer first. Fascism is as great a menace to them as to the other students. A uniform does not alter their status as students of working-class origin.

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Despite the reorganization of the "Lavender Cadet", it is STILL financially subsidized and technically managed by the Mili Sci Dept. The rigorous censorship of the Mili Sci Dept. IS STILL IN FORCE.

The "RED CADET" will fulfill the crying need of the Cadets for a publication that will really support their needs and demands. Since its conception the "Lavender Cadet" has never considered the problems of the cadets. Instead it has futhered the false patriotism of Hearst and the "preparedness" propagandists. The RED CADET unlike the "Lavender Cadet" will initiate campaigns in the interests of the cadets, as against drilling in stuffy tunnels, and against the militaristic propaganda of the Mili Sci Dept.

The RED CADET wants to be the voice of the broad mass of the rank and file of the cadet corps. Therefore it asks for contributions and articles from all cadets. All names will be held strictly confidential.

As Moscow, unlike the Mili Sci department, does not subsidize publications, The RED CADET is financed solely by students. It will be a financial struggle to have the RED CADET appear regularly. If you want a publication that will really represent the interests of the cadets, send in your contributions. Address all communications to the:

City College ROTC Unit  
% Young Communist League  
50 East 13 street NYC



CAPTAIN SMITH - "CHARACTER-DEVELOPPER"

As freshmen we were constantly subjected to many speeches extolling the manifold virtues of the R.O.T.C. One virtue was constantly emphasized; namely, that the R.O.T.C. was an aid in developing character and morals. Captain Smith, it seems, is more fortunate than we, for it is apparent to anyone who has had him for any length of time, that the captain has not heard of this virtue of morality which the R.O.T.C. is instrumental in developing.

It is understood that in a male school there is a proper place for an occasional off-color joke on the part of the instructor. However there is no place for the crude filth ladled out so generously by our "character-developper" Captain Smith.

Captain Smith is noted for his stereotyped remark to cadets who talk to him with their hands in their pockets, "Get your hands out of your pockets when you talk to me! You can't do two things at the same time." Another favorite of his is to compare the automatic rifle with a mademoiselle and then urge the boys to strip it with greater haste adding, "Don't keep the mademoiselle waiting boys." Or in replacing the recoil spring he would say, "Push it in the hole boys and give the little twist the mademoiselle likes."

This term the captain has constantly used the following analogy to help explain the five paragraph plan for giving orders: His analogy consists of orders in planning to seduce a girl by taking her to the hollywood Restaurant and then to a room in the Hotel Astor. He gives all the lurid details, as stopping off at a drug store to buy "disease preventives."

These fragments are typical of Captain Smith's methods of teaching character-development. Possibly the Mili Sci Department believes that if the cadets think more about women, they

they will not pay any attention to people like the Communists who "subversively" point out that tens of thousands of ROTC cadets gave their lives in the last war so that Capitalism & Co. could make more profits.

Capt. Smith has often said that the Communists are "excited over nothing." To him it is nothing that over 15 million are unemployed, or closer that the prices of books and kits are constantly rising. What does he care? He is being well paid to teach us how to be "monkey meat" for the next pinochle game" as he calls it. Besides, he is even doing pleasantly. Don't the boys laugh at his jokes? Students usually look up to their instructors; were we to look up to Capt. Smith we would be looking up to the gutter.

Editor's Note:

The above article is not meant to be an attack on Capt. Smith as an individual; but in considering ROTC character development we must consider the individual who is teaching it.

TAKING THE PROFITS OUT OF WAR

The largest war budget since 1921 with an appropriation of 400 million dollars was passed by Congress.

600 million dollars was from PWA funds for building battleships and other armament.

The U.S. Supreme Court has approved compulsory military training for all students in the land grant colleges, 4 million appropriated by Congress for this purpose.

The standing army is increased from 118,750 men to 165,000. The air fleet is being increased from 1,500 planes to 4,000 planes.