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AN ANTI-WAR PROGRAM

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TO FIGHT WAR, UNDERSTAND WAR - Everybody's for peace. Its fashionable nowadays. But mere phrases no longer have any value. Phony anti-war phrases by the hundreds are being concocted - collective security, isolation, back to God, pacifism, etc.

But all these have the same fundamental fault. They all assume that capitalism and peace are compatible.

But war is the direct outgrowth of capitalism. The very nature of capitalism is such that it must continually expand to survive. Why is this so? The reasons are simple.

Each capitalist country produces a given quantity of goods. However, the sum total of goods produced must be sold at a price higher than the sum total of wages paid, in order to make a profit. That's the ABC of arithmetic. Thus the working class, i.e. the wage earners, cannot buy back all they have produced. Therefore the capitalists must sell their excess products and invest capital abroad. Hence, the necessity for foreign markets. And since the markets are limited, a fight between the rival capitalist powers is inevitable. The war breaks through!

ROOSEVELT - Woodrow Wilson 1938 Edition - Even our genial President has a "remedy" for war. The biggest army and navy in peace-time history! - that's his answer. M-Day (the military mobilization plans which turn the U.S. into a fascist dictatorship the day war is declared) - that's his answer. Pacific naval maneuvers, "notes" to Japan, cutting relief to pay for guns - that's his answer. But can we, like the Communist Party, accept that answer. Must we not recognize that American Imperialism Is Preparing for War.

A POSITIVE PROGRAM FOR PEACE - But we are asked - what is your program for peace today? Here is the answer. Capitalist war can only be forestalled while the government is afraid of a working class revolt. Just before the World War the capitalist politicians of Europe needed assurance that the working class movement would not sabotage the war. They got it. That must not happen again. That is why one militant workers demonstration against imperialist war is worth a thousand "Peace" leagues.

We are for united fronts on specific issues. Against the Roosevelt war budget, for All War Funds to the Unemployed, Against the M-Day Bill, for the withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from China, for the support of Chinese and Spanish workers, against Collective Security, for Independent Labor Action against Fascism such as strikes and boycotts of ships bound to Franco (remember that it was the strikes of the French and English workers that stopped intervention in Russia in 1919).

And finally, there is only one permanent solution - a socialist society. The example of the Russian workers in overthrowing their war-making government stands as a guiding beacon to the anti-war fighters of America.

**RALLY ROUND THE SLOGANS
OF THE MILITANT ANTI-COLLECTIVE SECURITY CONTINGENT!**

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