

# OUR LIVES at STAKE

The Second World War has already begun. Italian invasion of Ethiopia fascist attack in Spain, imperialist conflict over the Mediterranean, Japanese war against China, the Italo-Japanese-German pact against the Soviet Union, the four power conference of the democratic imperialists and fascist imperialist powers (England, France, Germany, Italy) - - What are all these but an indication that we have already entered the stage of the second World War.

Capitalism as an economic and social system - now in the stage of imperialism - is responsible. Responsible for attacks upon colonial peoples and conspiracies against the Soviet Union, conflicts with each other over the division of spoils. Imperialist powers be they democratic or fascist, interested only in the defense and advancement of the interests of their own particular capitalist classes are ready to plunge their workers, farmers, students, etc. into another and worse World slaughter.

British democratic imperialism, as German fascist imperialism, is speeding the rearmament program. Roosevelt, the "liberal" spokesman of American capitalism, rallies the American masses for hatred of Japan, thus laying the basis for American Imperialist mobilization against its Japanese rival; for the protection of American imperialist interests in China and the Far East. That is one of the reasons for the biggest military budgets in American history and for the militarization of the Philippines. And the American Communist party applauds and indorses these war preparations of Roosevelt and American Wall Street democracy

Fellow Students, the war-mongers will make us and the workers the cannon fodder of the coming slaughter for the protection and increases of their imperialist plunders. The only way to fight against the coming Imperialist war is to line up with Labor, the decisive, progressive force in Modern Society. It, too, hates war and suffers from it. It can be gotten to understand the need of international solidarity. It can be won for the fight to abolish Capitalism, the cause of wars. Progressive students must align themselves with organized Labor on the economic and political fields. We cannot rely on peace pacts and collective agreements - the products of Capitalist maneuvering.

We call upon all students to support the Oxford pledge--refuse to support the U.S. government in any war it may conduct. Though opposed by the Young Communist League, this has been the stand of the A.S.U. since its inception. Not a soldier, not a gun, not a cent for Imperialist Wars. We call upon you to fight - not with Capitalism and War- but for Socialism and peace.

- ABOLISH THE R.O.T.C.
- FIGHT THE ROOSEVELT WAR BUDGET
- SUPPORT THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS OF SPAIN AND CHINA IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM
- DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION THE WORKERS COUNTRY
- DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAR \*ALL OUT IN THE GREAT HALL AT 12 NOON

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