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# PROCLAMATION

To All Young People of the City of New York:

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**O**N MEMORIAL DAY, May 30, the American people pay their respects to those killed in past wars. Their sentiments are against war. However, these feelings will be again perverted by the militarists for the purpose of whipping up a war spirit, especially among the youth.

**I**N STRIKING CONTRAST to the purpose of the day, great preparations are made for a new war, a war in which millions of youth will be drafted to die for the benefit of those who made millions from the last war and hope to make millions more in a new war.

**T**HIS YEAR, we must not permit the bankers, munitions manufacturers, and industrialists to dig our grave while they desecrate the graves of those already dead. Instead let us honor the dead by showing our opposition to the forces that make for war. Let us transform Memorial Day into a day for massing our strength in powerful demonstrations against a new world war now being prepared.

**W**AR IS NOW RAGING in many places throughout the world—in South America, China and Africa. Hitler prepares a bigger army. Italy starts training its youth for war at four years of age. Hitler openly calls for annexation of

Memel and the Polish Corridor. Italy mobilizes troops to invade Abyssinia. Fascist Germany and Japan make no secret of their plans to attack the Soviet Union whose peace policies are known to the entire world.

**I**N THE UNITED STATES, while millions are undernourished and underclothed, the biggest peace-time military appropriations in our nation's history have been made. The government plans to recruit thousands of C.C.C. boys directly into the army. The fleet maneuvers of the Navy in the Pacific will be the greatest and most extensive ever held. It is evident to all that today the world stands on the brink of another holocaust such as the world went through from 1914 to 1918.

**O**NTO THIS STAGE, already set for war, the oppressive menace of fascism further unleashes the forces of war. Fascism threatens here as well as in Europe. The open shop drive to destroy the workers' trade unions; the lynch drive against the Negro people; the vile campaign of the Hearst press to suppress civil liberties and rights; the denial of students' rights; the introduction of bills in various state legislatures to crush workers' organizations; and the increase in criminal syndicalism trials—all point to the fascist campaign to smash all groups opposed to war for profit.

**WE MUST NOT WAIT!**

**T**HE AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS, representing hundreds of different organizations with a total membership of over a million youth active from coast to coast, CALLS UPON ALL YOUTH—REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR OR POLITICAL OPINION—TO JOIN IN MIGHTY UNITED DEMONSTRATIONS IN ALL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

*The New York Regional Continuations Committee of the American Youth Congress, representing 150 organizations of 150,000 New York youth, calls upon all young people's organizations to*

**DEMONSTRATE**

IN UNITED RANKS

**May 30 - UNITED YOUTH DAY  
AGAINST WAR and FASCISM**

Assemble at 10th Street and 2nd Avenue—11 a. m.

**MARCH TO MADISON SQUARE**

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