

# PROCLAMATION

To All Young People of the City of New York:

ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, the thoughts of America return to the memory of those who have fallen in wars fought by our country. It is especially desirable that the youth of America commemorate these dead in a fitting manner.

COVERED with wreaths, the youth of another generation lies in everlasting sleep. For them there are no more uniforms and rumbling cannon; no poison gas can wither their lungs, or machine guns pierce them. All of this was theirs not so long ago. Today it is our unhappy heritage—and future.

IT IS ALSO our heritage to know that these dead perished in wars fought for the gain and profit of a small, greedy minority. The financial interests, the munitions makers, the industrialists of 1898 and 1917 are today putting their vampire mark on our generation.

WHETHER it be in the burning deserts of Africa, the blizzard-torn steppes of Mongolia, or the beautiful Rhineland, the God of War rules today. Under the guise of defense, alliances and counter-alliances are being formed

for war. Germany links itself with Japan for the common avowed aim of attacking the Soviet Union from the West and East. France and England attempt to use the peace sentiment of the masses and the machinery of the League of Nations for their own imperialist interests. Italy, speaking through fascist dictator Mussolini, threatens to fight until every Ethiopian is annihilated. And our own American industrialists have taken the infamous role of feeding the battling armies of Europe, Asia and Africa with oil, steel and cotton, ready to repeat the fiasco of 1917 and drag the American people into a war to protect their profits.

AS IN OTHER parts of the world, so here, those forces which are intent on the suppression of the labor movement and of all civil rights are the most militarist and warlike. They have induced America of 1936 to spend over a billion dollars for the army and navy. America of 1936 has decided to double the C.M.T.C., increase the R.O.T.C. and introduce the Junior R.O.T.C. into high schools. America of 1936, too poor to feed its hungry youth by adopting the American Youth Act for jobs and adequate educational facilities, has found sufficient wealth to enter the race for death and lead us to the battle fronts.

## INTO ACTION NOW!

The American Youth Congress, representing hundreds of organizations with a total membership of over a million and a half youth active from coast to coast calls upon all youth—regardless of race, creed, color or political opinion—to join in one united youth parade.

*Jobs, not cannon—Pass the American Youth Act!*

*Abolish the R.O.T.C.!*

*Stop the shipment of war materials!*

*Take the army out of the C.C.C.!*

*War anywhere means war everywhere!*

*(Recall American gunboats from foreign waters!)*

## P A R A D E

**May 30 - UNITED YOUTH DAY**  
FOR JOBS—THE AMERICAN YOUTH ACT!  
FOR PEACE, FREEDOM AND PROGRESS!

ASSEMBLE AT MADISON SQUARE 11 A.M.

*at East 23rd Street*

MARCH TO WASHINGTON SQUARE

*Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street*

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