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It is 1913. Peace assemblies in the American Colleges. Honeyed phrases for peace and democracy, judicious, eloquent, logical, passionate. Hope for peace....

It is 1917. Millions of men marching to death with "democracy" on their lips, "war to end wars". The most passionate defenders of peace now the most passionate defenders of war. Only a few men, the terrible Bolsheviks--Debs, Lenin in Europe--fight the war. The peace phrases are forgotten.

It is 1937. Another assembly. But we can't hear what the speakers are saying. Because we hear the whine of the bullets of imperialist war once again, so loud that they drown out the peace phrases.

Will we fall for the same hokum again? Collective security, Kellogg-Briand pact, League of Nations, National Defense, Support good capitalist nations against Fascist aggressors, Sanctions, --these are the same deceptive ideas dressed up in the fancy left phrases of the Stalinists. Put Roosevelt's Chicago speech next to one of Wilson's pro-war speeches and compare them. The same. And yet all the weaklings and fakers are lining up behind Roosevelt, whose Chicago speech was the first call for "war in defense of democracy". Roosevelt, slick agent of American imperialism, oppressor of the Cuban and Puerto Rican masses, father of M\*Day and of the greatest peace-time war budget in American history (for peace, no doubt) is supported by all--liberals, pacifists, "Communists". The "Communist" Party in its role of defender of collective security (the concept of supporting the satiated imperialist powers who would prevent the "dissatisfied" powers from redividing the spoils) prepares the way for its future repetition of the role of the Second International in the last war: support of war. Will we fall for the same hokum again?

NOT WORDS, BUT FISTS; NOT PLEAS, BUT STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM; NOT PIOUS INCANTATION, BUT REVOLUTIONARY BOLDNESS; NOT FAITH IN "GOOD" CAPITALISM, BUT STRUGGLE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM\*\*THAT IS HOW TO STOP WAR!

Well, so were holding an anti-war demonstration. Fine! We conceive of this meeting as serving the dual purpose of a demonstration and a forum. The former purpose it will serve to the extent that the OXFORD PLEDGE, the minimum basis for an anti-war stand, is emphasized. Certainly, however we consider the inclusion of the Spanish & Chinese ambassadors incorrect. Though we materially support the struggle of the Spanish & Chinese masses, we cannot give political support to the governments which so poorly mis-lead that struggle. Not to Chang-Kai-Shek, butcher of thousands of Communist workers for the last ten years; not to the Spanish people's front, murderer of Andre Nin (founder of the Spanish Communist Party) and jailor of Sam Baron, right-wing Socialist. But we believe that the inclusion of Schachtman, who represents the revolutionary point of view, and Laidler, despite the hysterical maneuvering of the Young Communist League, gives the meeting a sufficiently representative character to warrant our critical support.

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TO FIGHT WAR, FIGHT CAPITALISM!  
ABOLISH THE ROTC  
AGAINST THE ROOSEVELT WAR BUDGET  
FREEDOM FOR AMERICAN COLONIES  
HELP THE SPANISH AND CHINESE WORKERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM  
DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION BY BUILDING A WORKERS WORLD  
SUPPORT THE OXFORD PLEDGE: "I REFUSE TO SUPPORT ANY WAR THE US GOVT. MAY CONDUCT"