Friends and Fellow Americans:

Our country is supposed to be going through that supreme process of American democracy, the election of a President. But this is the most peculiar election campaign in the history of our Republic. An illuminating aspect of this peculiar character is the nature of this, my speech, and its manner of delivery to you. I am forced to speak to you through a phonograph disc, because a Federal Judge, Mr. Knox by name, granted the demand made by the representative of another candidate, Mr. Roosevelt by name, that I should be forbidden to travel over the country to make speeches for my own candidacy and Party and against Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy and Party. I was threatened with immediate imprisonment if I should dare to come to the Pacific Coast to speak to you in this election campaign. Therefore I am forced to speak in this unusual fashion, which is unsatisfactory, but at least serves to point a moral.

Judge Knox, in granting Roosevelt an order to silence a rival candidate, used as an excuse that I have been convicted of a crime, in a case which is now before the Supreme Court. But neither he nor the newspapers will tell you, although it is a fact they well know, that the Roosevelt Administration was more than willing to forget that supposed crime, as the Hoover Administration had done in 1930, if I and my Party would only continue to support Roosevelt in 1940 as we had done in 1936, 1937 and 1938. They used the charge against me as political blackmail. They thought they could whip the Communist Party into line, in spite of their war policies, in spite of conscription, in spite of their Sherman Act prosecutions of the trade unions, in spite of the scuttling of the New Deal, in spite of their renewed alliance with the "economic royalists." They thought they could handle the Communist Party as they handle Tammany in New York, or the Kelley machine in Chicago, or the Hague machine in New Jersey. But they made two mistakes: first, they had no charges against the Communist Party or myself involving moral turpitude, or any damage to individuals...
or government, as they have been forced to admit-
officially, nothing in fact like the Regulars in the
of the Democratic Convention and nothing of
which we are ashamed; and secondly, the Com-
mon. This is particularly true of the men who are
blacanominated or coerced into the slightest support,
direct or indirect, of policies or candidates against
the interests of the working people who make up a
majority of any presidential or congressional ele-
steps with these words:
"But yesterday committed an act of
war. He also became America's first dic-
tator.
And concludes that:
"And all this is done in utmost contempt of
democratic processes and of the Constitution of
the United States."
"If this secret negotiated deal goes through,
the fat is in the fire and we all may well get
for a full-dress party in the European war.
"If Roosevelt gets away with this, we may
as well say goodbye to our liberties and make
up our minds that hitherto we live under a
dictatorship.
"If Congress and the people do not rise in
solid wrath to stop Roosevelt now—at this
moment—the country deserves the stum-
ning tragedy that looms right around the
corner."
This is the Roosevelt whose agents cry about
the Communist Party's alleged seizure of the key
positions of the government, and who now
outlawed, because for-

The Roosevelt-Wilkie
Conspiracy
It is not only the Communists who are
being disfranchised in 1940. The New Deal masses
and the labor movement are left politically homeless.
The Republican Party has been in power in the Senate
and House of Representatives—ever since the arm
war, and the majority parties of all political rights.
A. Roosevelt is following the Hitler formula with
the danger that the masses may transform
the Roosevelt dictatorship into a channel with
its head and motive force in the upper
classes, and among the workers has only degen-
erased Socialist leaders, Trotzkyites, and such-
hkciss, and among the workers has only degen-

The "Fifth Column" Camouflage
To cover up their real fears of the workers, the
majority of the people, the Democratic-Republican coalition justifies its persecution of
the Communist Party by a wild newspaper cam-
paign branding us as part of a "Fifth Column" of
the enemies of the country. That also has
the aim to hide the operations of the real Fifth
Column, which in every country has been proved
to have its base in motivic force in the upper
classes, and among the workers has only degener-
ated Socialist leaders, Trotskyites, and such-
like riff-raff. Such real Fifth Column elements
are flooding into the United States now, they
say, that we, the people, are being deprived of
the right to vote because we are more ready
or in operating freely when here. We even see U.S.
Army officers purchasing arms and munitions
for our shores. We are entitled to begin
asking what sort of new surprises they are hitching up
the American people in collaboration with our native
reactionaries.
For Peace, Jobs and Security—Vote Communist!
connection, the horde of British agents, of whom only Sir George Paish received dishonorable mention in the Senate.

**Wall Street's Real Aim**

The mystery that surrounds these high-placed Fifth Columnist visitors, is equalled by the mystery of aims that guide the White House. Where is our country being headed? Roosevelt has been less than frank with the country, ever since he proclaimed neutrality last September and then systematically proceeded to break down that neutrality. But not all high sources are so evasive about the future perspective. Allow me to quote some little known declaration from those "in the know."

The Army and Navy Journal, of August 24th, declares:

"The inevitable conclusion to be drawn from these developments is that the United States has moved to the point where it is committed to assist the British Empire in the war against Germany. . . . Only the blind can fail to see that the United States is rapidly moving toward participation in the world struggle. . . . (for) an Empire greater than any which history has ever known."

That is the bald and unadorned truth underlying the sickening propaganda about the defense of democracy and civilization. Wall Street is on the march toward "an Empire greater than any which history has ever known." Roosevelt is leading the march, and scattering the wreck of even the limited democracy of the American Constitution along the way. Willkie is his first assistant in the conspiracy against the well-being and very lives of the common people. Of all organized political bodies in the United States, only the Communist Party exposes and combats this gigantic Imperialist counter-revolution. That is why Roosevelt and Willkie, and all their helpers, are determined to crush the Communist Party first of all. That is why Oscar Wheeler, a West Virginia farmer, was sent to prison for 15 years for the crime of soliciting signatures to put the Communist Party on the ballot. That is why the Communist candidate for President was sentenced to prison on an ancient and trumped-up technical charge, and is now refused the right to travel to address your meeting, although the case is before the Supreme Court. That is why the hysteria against the foreign-born workers, and against the labor movement which opposes conscription, is being whipped up to a typical fascist fury. But that is also why the great majority of the American people, regardless of their opinions about a future socialism or Communism for America, must rally to the defense of the Communist Party as the only way they can fight for their own rights and aspirations in 1940. Only the Communist Party provides the opportunity in the 1940 elections to register the sentiments of the people against the imperialist conspiracies, against the war policies, against the black reaction that has risen to power in the Roosevelt dictatorship.

The economic royalists and their servants are riding high, and gleefully congratulate themselves that the masses have been hog-tied, that nothing can now spoil their plans for a great imperialist speculation with the blood and lives of the American people. But the fight is only begun. Notwithstanding all difficulties and hardships, the American people cannot forever be tricked, bulldozed, and suppressed. They are fighting back with increasing numbers, energy, intelligence, and determination. And the final victory will belong to the people.

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**YOU HAVE JUST READ Earl Browder's crushing indictment of the unprecedented court ruling which denies the Communist candidate for President the right to campaign for his own candidacy. This illegal act of political blackmail is a challenge to the rights of every individual and all minority parties.**

**What are YOU Going to do about it?**

- Save your own liberties; demand full election campaign rights for Earl Browder.
- Wire or write your protest to Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, Washington, D. C. Insist on the immediate rescinding of Judge Knox's ruling.
- Carry the fight for free elections to the people. Contribute to the Communist Party election campaign fund and help spread Earl Browder's message of the fight for peace which reaction is trying to stop. Write for a copy of the Communist National Election Platform.

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City ................................................ State ..........................

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