

N.Y. Killer-Cops Slay Two More In Cold Blood

NEW YORK, May 31 — New York's killer-cops have chalked up two more victims in their terror campaign against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups.

Edwin Gonzales, 17-year-old Puerto Rican youth, was murdered in cold blood May 23. Patrolmen Walter Stubbs and Richard Lowe chased the unarmed youth to a cellar doorway. They pumped three bullets into the body of the helpless boy, who died at once with his 30c. worth of "loot" — three chocolate bars — clutched in his lifeless hand.

Young Gonzalez' older brother bitterly asked, "Why didn't they use their flashlights before firing? The cops ride us kids in this neighborhood."

New York's "finest," who have stepped up their beatings and murders of defenseless citizens in the recent months, committed their second homicide within a week on May 26.

SECOND VICTIM

The victim was Henry Fields, 26 year old Negro father of three children, who was suspected of a hit-and-run auto accident. As he jumped from his car at Liberty Ave. and Osborn St., Patrolman Sam Applebaum shot him through the head, killing him instantly.

A crowd of indignant citizens gathered at the scene of the brutal crime, and, reports the N.Y. Daily News "were muttering about the cop's haste in opening fire."

Only after 60 or 70 patrolmen were brought to the scene, and two Negro pastors pleaded with the crowd, did the horrified witnesses disperse.

DEMAND ACTION

A group of 150 Negro and white residents of Brownsville, where the murder took place, marched on City Hall to demand action against the killer-cop. But Capt. Joseph Malina stated Applebaum was not being charged with murder, nor relieved of his duties.

The Brooklyn Branch of the National Association for the Ad-

vancement of Colored People has taken up the Fields case, demanding arrest and prosecution of the cop. Norman Johnson, vice president of the Brooklyn NAACP, reported at a meeting called to protest the murder, that the national NAACP would back the fight to avenge the murder of Henry Fields.

Fields was guilty of no crime. He was only "suspected" of being a hit-and-run driver. But witnesses have testified that he sideswiped another car when he swerved to avoid hitting a child in the street.

Both cases show the complete ruthlessness and insane brutality of the cops. The young Puerto Rican was seen running down the street. The cops did not know he had committed any crime. But they murdered him. Field had done nothing wrong, but fell a victim of the trigger-happy cop.

LONG LIST OF CRIME

These are only two recent instances of a long list of similar cold-blooded slayings in the Negro and Puerto Rican neighborhoods. The communities of Harlem and Brownsville are aroused. Youths fear to walk the streets in the evening for fear of the killers in uniform.

In the case of John Derrick, Negro veteran slain by killer-cops, the NAACP conducted an investigation and protest movement. But all that was achieved was the temporary transfer of the murdering patrolmen.

Promises by Negro leaders to march on City Hall were betrayed for a compromise deal with the city administration in the Derrick case. Now it is clear that such compromises do not intimidate the sadistic police.

Avenge Fields and Gonzalez! Organize a mass protest march on City Hall. Demand the arrest and prosecution of Patrolmen Bradley on May 24 before the Senate hearings on the ouster of MacArthur.

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as they wish of their own natural resources.

In the case of Korea, Washington fraudulently claimed "foreign aggression." In the case of Iran, no one, either in Washington or London, has dared to raise the bogie of "Russian" or "communist" aggression. In Iran, economically and militarily the aggressors are the British. They have no more right to the natural wealth of Iran than they had in days of the colonial struggle of independence in this country to the wealth and resources of the United States.

The British today are seeking to dictate in Iran, just as their corrupt and brutal forerunners sought to dictate in 1776 to the oppressed American colonies. Supporting the British today are the capitalist rulers of America. All the more reason why the American people should firmly support the oppressed Iranians and to demand that Washington keep its hands off Iran.

Militant Campaigner

N.Y. Takes Lead In Sub Campaign

By Joseph Hansen, Business Manager

New York took the national lead this week in the Big League Militant Circulation and Sales Campaign. The Twin Cities stayed in front for the entire first half of the drive sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party to increase the circle of Militant readers, but finally had to move over for the determined New Yorkers.

Up to now, 1,007 subscriptions have been chalked up nationally and 14,948 single copies sold.

As they passed the Twin Cities, the New York contingent sent their rivals a "vote of thanks for lighting the fire under us that got us moving." However, this did not express over-confidence. The New Yorkers have tremendous respect for the capacities of the Twin Cities comrades and they also have their eyes on the potential threat from Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago and the other branches hot on their trail. They know it will take everything they've got to keep the lead until July 1, the closing day of the contest.

In the Kuja League, too, an upset put Oakland in the lead. Akron dropped down to third place.

In the Konikow League, the only change was in the basement section, which Youngstown handed over to Cleveland.

Paul of the Twin Cities still held his national lead among the individual scorers as he started rolling toward 3,000 points. (One point for every paper sold, whether singly or as a subscription.) But Don of Buffalo was not far behind and Mary of Chicago is putting in a strong bid for top place.

With many subgetters finding their second wind, the big prize in each league of a week's vacation and trip to New York, expenses paid, is still open.

More about campaign in "Militant Army" on page 2.

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Individual Scores	
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New York	10,157
Twin Cities	8,943
Detroit	6,585
Los Angeles	4,461
Chicago	4,060
Buffalo	3,772
San Francisco	2,019
Seattle	1,679
Konikow League	2,540
Flint	1,278
Philadelphia	1,223
Newark	830
Milwaukee	620
Youngstown	572
Cleveland	510
Kuja League	700
Oakland	274
Pittsburgh	256
Akron	178
New Haven	135
St. Louis	130
West Virginia	104
Toledo	39
Allentown	468
Konikow League	775
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Bill	427
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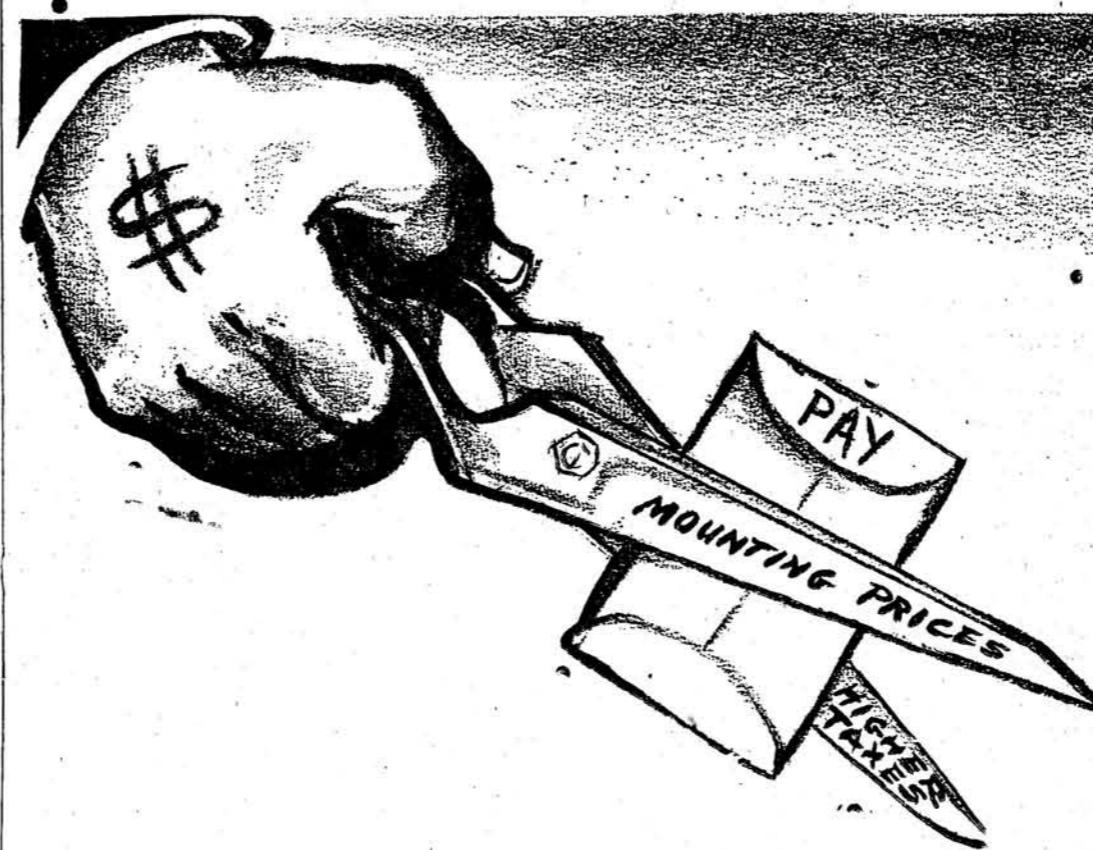
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Bradley Spills Truth About U.S. Losses

Total of Casualties Nearly 150,000

The April 23 Militant charged that U.S. casualties in Korea are "more than double the misleading figures given out by the Defense Department." This is now fully confirmed by the testimony of General Omar Bradley on May 24 before the Senate hearings on the ouster of MacArthur.

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place in Teheran the morning of the murder was rendered ironclad by the testimony of Holmes G. Perrine, general manager of the Dilatash Farm Co. The company official produced records proving that Wilson worked that morning until noon for the big farming company. Company records also showed that Wilson had worked the preceding day when the prosecutor claims he was in a Trenton barroom plotting the murder.

THE "MURDER WEAPON"

A devastating blow to the police frame-up was dealt by Lloyd Eisenhart, plant foreman of the Royal Crown Bottle Co. of Allentown, Pa., manufacturers of the bottle introduced into evidence as the "murder weapon." From company code marks on the bottle Eisenhart stated that the lot to which it belonged had not left the company warehouse before June 1950. The Horner murder occurred in Jan. 1948. This testimony definitely shows that the prosecution is guilty of faking evidence.

COPS' COURTESY

Gratifying to the audience was further demolition of the testimony of Chief of County Detectives, Naples, one of the chief perpetrators of the frame-up. He brazenly testified that he was a

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This Is the Kind of Foreign Policy The American People Really Want

1. Stop the war now. Don't let it spread!
2. Withdraw all American troops from Korea!
3. Recognize the government of New China!
4. Let the American people vote on the issue of war and peace in a national referendum!

on May 29, the eighteenth anniversary of the original signing of Iran's concession to the British oil monopolists.

Homer Bigart, special correspondent of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, reported from Teheran that the dilatory tactics of the incumbent Mossadegh government are leading to another crisis.

The chief remaining danger, he cabled, "is that Premier Mossadegh may be overthrown and supplanted by some one even more fanatically determined to take over (the oil fields) in a hurry. There are persistent rumors that several Cabinet ministers are on the verge of quitting."

As for the British, they are still conspiring to install, if possible, a "strong regime." "Judging from here," said columnist Joseph Alsop from London on May 28, "a firm suppression of the Persian Parliament, ruthless martial law, and dictatorial rule by decree constitute the minimum

price of any new government in Iran." The naked imperialist stand of the British, which is being backed

New Bill to Hit Labor Hard; War-enriched Corporations Permitted Unchecked Profits

Blocked in their attempt to freeze wages to 10 per cent above the Jan. 1950 level, Big Business and its government are moving to slash mass purchasing power with a huge tax-knife. Congress is preparing to slice another six billion dollars from the people's incomes with a flat 12½ per cent addition to everyone's income tax bill.

This same measure, already approved by the House

Ways and Means Committee, would nick the war-enriched corporations for not more than \$730 million in additional excess profits taxes. Corporate profits before taxes, in the first three months of 1951 ran at a yearly rate of \$48 billion compared to a \$28 billion rate in the same period of 1950 before the Korea war.

The drive to boost taxes of low-income earners to pay for the war costs has gone into high gear with the failure of the Truman administration's wage-freeze attempt.

The united stand of the CIO, AFL, railroad unions and machinists against the old Wage Stabilization Board and the strikes of the railroad operating unions, packinghouse and textile workers have forced the government to retreat by scrapping the 10 per cent wage-ceiling formula. The new WSB has granted the CIO and AFL packinghouse workers a 14 per cent raise over the Jan. 1950 wage scales.

Leading monopoly executives and the Truman administration had foreseen the possibility that the power of the unions would compel a more flexible wage policy. They long ago planned to use taxation and "regulated" inflation as a means of diverting mass purchasing power into the war machine.

In his letter to Senator Byrd last January, Truman said he was for taxing the people "until it hurts." The president of General Motors, Charles E. Wilson, in a statement on Jan. 4 warned that it would be "naïve to think" that labor would not force wage increases "to make up for the increases in the cost of living." He proposed to make the workers accept lower living standards to pay for the war by means of taxation. "They will do so more willingly," he said, "if their nation's necessities in the form of taxation force them to do so than they would if they were forced to the same condition by employers holding down their wages."

Wilson's program for squeezing labor through taxes is now being put into operation with a vengeance.

British Maneuver to Keep Iran Enslaved

By John G. Wright

Temporarily dropping the threat of occupying the nationalized Iranian oil fields by military force, the British imperialists, backed by the U.S. State Department, resorted last week to behind-the-scenes diplomatic and economic pressure to maintain their stranglehold on Iran's oil and to keep that country under subjection.

Foreign Secretary Morrison announced in British Parliament that the Laborite government was agreeable to "some form of nationalization" provided a "satisfactory settlement" was agreed upon, with

Notebook of an Agitator

WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED?

The Big Wheel by John Brooks paints a devastating picture of literary work reduced to a mere commodity in the magazine market. Writers are bought and sold like meat on the hoof, and scant consideration is given to the artistically squeamish. The conscience of men and their dignity, the highest things they have attained to in millennia of upward striving from primeval times count for no more in the mass magazine market than the hair colorings and markings on a steer bred for beef.

"It is axiomatic that we can replace a writer more cheaply than a typewriter," said the memorandum of the Board of Directors in commenting on the protest petition of staff members over the firing of one of their number, the critic, Herb Katzman, who had been pretentious enough to say openly that he didn't believe in the stuff he wrote or the books he recommended. Burnside, the sub-editor who incidentally bore the burden of no beliefs of any kind, said: "The trouble is, you're a bunch of prima donnas! You think you can indulge your intellectual pretensions up here! You think you can express your asinine, egocentric, immortal souls! Hell, we're in business."

The staff members couldn't answer back or dispute the plain talk they were subjected to. As one of them said to another, "You know how easy we all are to replace. They could have an entire new staff up here by tomorrow morning, and a good one. Ever see the lines waiting down on Thirty-Seven, in personnel?"

Where do they get the people to man the staffs of the great magazines where news and culture are processed and squeezed into slick, neat packages for the masses? From what ranges and feed lots are the literary cattle rounded up and shipped to the market? Quite a few of them, especially on such publications as Present Day, regarded as "probably the leading force against communism in this country," are graduates of the radical movement which had offered the compensation of working for the truth, but where the pickings otherwise were slim.

"You know," said Masterson — who was an old "ex-radical" himself — "you know we still take some of our best men from the little magazines." Such publications as Present Day are crawling with one-time radicals and dissenters who have "learned their lesson" that opposition to the existing social system is tough going, and now devote their talents, and the smattering of knowledge on social questions they picked up in the radical movement, to opposite ends.

COLLAPSE OF A MAN OF TALENT

I once knew a man, a writer with an exceptional style and considerable reputation, who was better acquainted with Marx than most people who think they have "read" him. He knew all the ins and outs of the labor movement, and even wrote understandingly about the Moscow Trials of the Thirties from the revolutionary standpoint of their victims. It seemed, for a time, that the good cause had found a powerful new champion. He soon tired of that, however — it wasn't getting him anywhere in his profession. When I argued with him that his writings could have a great influence on the younger generation, and urged him to write more on the great theme of socialism — indeed, to devote his whole talent to revolutionary journalism — he answered me wearily: "Where am I going to publish it? No magazine or paper of large circulation will take such writings."

Soon after that conversation, he turned around and began to write on the other side of the social question. He had no trouble finding publishers for that kind of stuff. The more he prospered the more conservative his writing became. He finally ended up as a publicist in the right wing of the Republican Party, and died there not long ago. I knew him well, and sometimes wonder where he went when he died.

Renegacy has become a paying profession in the United States in recent years, especially

among the intellectuals. But what do they get for it after all? According to the testimony of the characters in The Big Wheel, they get bigger apartments than they really need, and more money to spend on other superfluous things which a writer with a "mission" — if he really has a mission — would disdain even if he could afford them. Thoreau did all right in a one-room cabin he built himself.

"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" This is a fair question, but it hardly applies to the minions of the public opinion makers.

THE TRADE IN MEN'S SOULS

It is understandable that a man — if he is sick enough — should be willing to exchange his soul to gain the whole world; for the whole world is a great prize and no doubt tempting to ambition grown into megalomania. But even in this exchange we are told there is no profit. It is understandable if millions of ordinary people, hemmed in on every side by pressures and sanctions, feel constrained to keep their opinions to themselves, or even formally to profess contrary opinions, as the price of daily bread for their families. People feel that they must live and bide their time until they get a fair chance to assert themselves and proclaim their own truth.

But what of men of talent and education, such as those The Big Wheel portrays — writers, no less — who trade off their souls, if one grants for the sake of argument that they came into the world endowed with such attributes, not for the whole world and not for daily bread — but just for a few extra comforts and trappings which they don't really need and which serve, rather, to complicate their lives and bog them down? The very best you can say for such people is that from a moral standpoint they belong to the lower orders of life, whereas one who has been nominated to the high office of writer should be bound by his calling to the strictest artistic scrupulousness and personal disinterestedness. In other words, to the truth.

Under present conditions in the world a man should disdain material advantages for himself at the expense of others. Superfluous comforts and display, and soft living in general, at this moment in history, are for the slothful, the self-indulgent, the people with a pig-like mentality, who have no mission and no purpose in life, and are content to fill their own bellies while others, who make up more than half the world's population, go hungry. Such people are not fit to lead and to shape public opinion.

CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OPINION

Yet — and this is the terrible misfortune of America, the curse of America — it is just such people who are today in full charge of the business of forming and shaping, that is, poisoning and corrupting, public opinion. In the service of the privileged few, they monopolize all the great channels of public information, of which Present Day is only one example, and use them to serve the special interests of the privileged; while the truth-tellers, deprived of adequate mediums for lack of material means, are voices crying in the wilderness, obliged to restrict their utterances to little, poorly-circulated papers and magazines and small meetings, unnoticed by the great agencies of publicity and advertising.

The people, seeking light and leading, are up against this monstrous monopoly of all the sources and instruments of information and instruction, manipulated in a great coordinated conspiracy for the defense of the present condition of affairs. The "news" and argument issuing from this monopoly are all the people get. The great majority probably don't even know there is another side to the story. But there is another side just the same, and the people are going to find out about it, and then there will be some changes made.

— J.P.C.

(Next week: The Writer and the People)

and Haywood Patterson's appeal against a 75-year sentence would be withdrawn on the understanding that he would be released in five years.

Now Chalmers (and the rest of the committee) knew that none of the Scottsboro boys was guilty of any kind of "assault," sexual or otherwise. To agree to the deal, therefore, would be an act of plain betrayal, no matter how it was covered up. But that didn't stop them. The SDC "cannot be a party to that agreement," said Chalmers in a letter explaining his views. "... I recognize, however, that we, as a Defense Committee, had been overridden by the boys' attorney in this matter."

In other words, Chalmers was for the deal, wouldn't criticize it, wouldn't advise the defendants against it; all he wanted was the right in public not to take responsibility for it. The SDC had only one modification to make

they changed his phrase "overridden by the boys' attorney" to "yielded to."

But Liebowitz was no fool; seeing that they were capable of putting the whole blame on him if things went wrong, he demanded their agreement in writing. And so the Scottsboro Defense Committee formally drew up and signed a document stating that "the undersigned do not offer any opposition to the acceptance of the above proposal." This included the Stalinist member of the SDC as well as Norman Thomas, Walter White, Roger Baldwin, etc.

Then, after this disgusting display of willful treachery and moral cowardice, came the payoff — a doublecross by the Alabama authorities. Four of the defendants were convicted and sentenced to death, 99 years, 75 years, and 20 years; the charges against four others were dropped and they were released; and Patterson's 75 year sentence was upheld by the Alabama courts.

This was the acid test for the

Will More Babies Prevent Depressions?

By Harry Frankel

It has often been noticed that the viciousness of the capitalist system finds its fitting counterpart in the foolishness of its apologists. An excellent example is offered by Sylvia Porter, the newspaper "economist" in a column originally published in the N. Y. Post and other newspapers, and reprinted at the expense of the International Latex Corporation in an advertisement in the N. Y. Times of May 23.

Babies equal boom! says Miss Porter. "Take 3,548,000 babies born in 1950. . . . What do you get? Boom. You get the biggest boom ever known in history. . . . Just imagine how much these extra people, these new markets will absorb — in food, in clothing, in gadgets, in housing, in services."

VAST IMPLICATIONS

"Without anyone's aid," Miss Porter boasts, "I can see these vast economic implications." Before we are swept away by this enthusiasm, however, it would be well to examine this matter a

little more closely. A new baby born into the capitalist world may be looked upon both as potential consumer and potential producer. If each addition to the population is treated solely from the standpoint of consumption, as Miss Porter treats it, then there is every reason to believe that the high birthrate would give a great impetus to the market.

According to this view, 3,548,000 babies come into the world, already equipped with the means of purchasing "food, clothing, gadgets" without the necessity of working as producers. As Miss Porter puts it with bouncing exuberance: "Gazing into my crystal ball, I can see the babies of 1950 getting married to each other in 1970, and then going out to buy everything from autos to zippers — and boy, what a boom!"

Since the working people, in distinction from Miss Porter, live in the real world, it would be best for them to take into consideration these further facts: Of the crop of new babies of this or any other year, the largest proportion of them will be producers

as well as consumers. Moreover, in accordance with the laws of the capitalist system, each of them will be required to produce as producer more wealth than he or she consumes as consumer. This surplus furthermore steadily increases because the productivity of labor is increasing, and also because an ever larger proportion of the population is being transformed into wage workers. Of course, one might assume that all of the surplus produced by the additional workers will be consumed by those few among the new babies who come into the world already equipped with purchasing power, those who do not produce, but only consume. But even this favorable assumption does not add up to any "boom" or even provide assistance for the solution of any economic problems. It leaves us right where we started.

In actual fact, however, the surplus of wealth produced by any new population would not be entirely consumed, any more than the present annual product is entirely consumed. A portion of that

wealth remains in the hands of the capitalist as new capital, over and above his own consumption needs.

A FLY IN OINTMENT

During the crisis of the Thirties, a portion of the population amounting with their families to one-third of the people of this country, were unemployed. At that time, every new increase in population, every school graduating class, was viewed with extreme horror by the capitalist class. The new additions could not serve as paying consumers; therefore, the newspaper economists found no comfort in the increasing population. On the contrary, the birth rate, low as it was, was viewed with apprehension by them. They were all mournful neo-Malthusians at that time, holding fast to the lugubrious tenet that, for some inexplicable reason, the population of the world is always "too large" to support itself. None would have dreamed at that time of hailing a growing birth rate as a solution to the difficulty.

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The fate, not only of the 3,548,000 new babies of 1950, but of the unborn millions, will be determined, not by the mere fact of their birth, but by the future course of the capitalist system and the rapidity with which this system is everywhere replaced by socialism. Should the capitalist system manage to drag out a degrading and violent existence until the new generations come to maturity, they will serve as the recruits for the capitalist armies, the victims of atom bomb explosions, the subject matter for ever intensified exploitation in the factories, and the armies of unemployed.

ONE WAY OUT

The only assurance that the new generations have of a rich and secure existence is the abolition of capitalism by the socialist society that is everywhere struggling to be born. The present insane so-called population "laws," both Malthusian and "market-expansion" alike, will then appear as delusions. Nothing will then appear more foolish than to proclaim that the population is always "naturally" too large to support itself, even though each individual produces more than is required for his own support, or on the other hand to jump with joy, like Sylvia Porter with every population increase, on the theory that too many goods are always produced, and we must look to an increase in the numbers of mankind to help us out of our troubles.

THE MILITANT ARMY

As the Big League Militant Circulation and Sales Campaign passed the half-way point, we can say that it is already a big success. The one thousand subscriptions marks a substantial achievement and the some 15,000 single copies that have been sold are bound to win new sympathizers and adherents to the cause of socialism.



They find that some families who are very poor can't quite make up their minds to try The Militant for six months but are willing to get more than a single copy. In delivering the paper each week, members of the Militant Army get better acquainted with these families and often end up with a full year's subscription and sometimes a new recruit to the ranks of socialism. Try it, if you haven't done so up to now.

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Truman's "Peace" Talk

By Tom Conlan

On Thursday May 24, during a regular White House press conference, President Truman made some revealing comments on the probable consequences and horrors of another world war and then took the unusual step of authorizing the assembled reporters to quote these "informal" remarks directly.

His entire program, Truman assured, was based on "world peace" and aimed to avert "another — a third — world war which would, I believe, destroy freedom and everything else in the world."

The resulting destruction would be so vast that "we would probably go back to the Dark Ages if we have another, third world war," Truman explained.

The position of the U.S., he added, would not be the same "position that we have been in in the other two (world wars)." This time the arena of military hostilities would include this country: "We will be a battlefield. We can look forward to destruction here, just as the other countries had in the second world war," he said.

It is unquestionable that freedom is doomed in the event of war. To realize what will take place in the course of the "hot war" one need only observe what has already happened to democratic rights in this country, since Truman initiated the witch-hunt at the outset of the "cold war." As for the destruction entailed, there is the preview in Korea, where an entire country has been laid waste from one end to the other, without resort to any of the "more perfected" weapons of warfare.

The falsehood is that Truman is aiming toward peace. He simply finds it expedient to assume the pose of a guardian of peace as against the openly war-mongering MacArthur.

The very next day after Truman decried the horrors of the next war and, naturally, what he had in mind, first and foremost, atomic warfare, the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission issued a joint announcement

to the effect that "progress" has been made toward perfecting the Hell-Bomb, a thousand times more destructive than any atomic explosive thus far designed. Work was started on this super-bomb, sixteen months ago by Truman's personal directive.

This "guardian of peace," along with the rest of his capitalist colleagues, has been working might and main to assure the greatest possible destruction which he himself fears can lead to the return of the "Dark Ages."

Truman's "informal" remarks were, of course, delivered with an eye to the 1952 presidential elections. All this is part of the cynical game where the Democrats and Republicans are each seeking to picture themselves as preservers of peace and the other side as the war-party.

Meanwhile both sides agree in rushing at break-neck pace to convert this country, Western Europe and every other area on our globe where the American imperialists have a foothold into military encampments on a scale far beyond anything on record. Enough armaments, atomic or of the "ordinary" variety, are already piled up to ensure a global catastrophe. But the cry continues, with Truman shouting the loudest, for more and more weapons of destruction, for bigger and "more efficient" explosives; larger conscript armies, ever expanding stockpiles of munitions, planes, rockets, guided missiles, poison gases, bacteriological sprays, radio-active dust clouds, etc.

Global violence, global destruction, a return to the Dark Ages — this is the height of reason from the capitalist standpoint. Rather than surrender an iota of their power and privileges, the billionaire monopolists are prepared to blow up civilization and mankind itself. And these are the people, and their apologists, who accuse us, revolutionary socialists, of being starry-eyed "dreamers" and "unrealistic" because we point to the need of abolishing capitalism and reforming the world on a socialist basis to assure world peace, world plenty, world equality and freedom.

The Vatican and Labor

By Joseph Keller

It is well known and recorded in official documents that the Vatican made concordats with every fascist regime in the world, including Mussolini's and Hitler's, backed the Axis powers in the last war and supported fascism's destruction of unions, murder of labor leaders and bestial suppression of the workers.

Since the post-war alliance of the U.S. State Department and the Vatican for the defense of capitalism everywhere and the "containment of communism," there has been a vigorous campaign to whitewash the stains of fascism on the Papal State. This campaign is directed particularly at the workers, who cannot forget the Vatican's services to the butchers of German, Italian and Spanish labor.

Conforming as usual with the policies of the State Department, certain union leaders in this country for the past several years have been acting as transmission belts for this pro-Vatican propaganda and have been trying, in addition, to open the way for interference by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the affairs of the American trade unions. Until recently, however, they have not dared to proclaim their views openly.

Now this step has been taken by the top leaders of the CIO, Philip Murray and James B. Carey, president and secretary-treasurer respectively. They have used the pages of the May 21 CIO News to publicize highly laudatory comments on the alleged "pro-labor" policy of the Vatican. This is the first time, to our knowledge, that any official publication of a legitimate union in the United States has been used as a vehicle for propaganda on behalf of any special church, particularly the Roman Catholic Church.

The occasion was the joint anniversaries of the two papal encyclicals which are supposed to be the fundamental documents of the Papacy on the relations of capital and labor. One is the proclamation of "Rerum Novarum" by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. The other is Pope Pius XI's "Quadragesimo Anno" issued in 1931.

The CIO News reports that Murray, who was prevented by illness from speaking at a Chicago celebration of the anniversaries of the encyclicals sponsored by the Catholic Labor Alliance, said in a telegram that "all the laboring men in Amer-

ica, and indeed of the world, owe a debt to the memory of the two great Popes." Carey, speaking in Toronto at a meeting presided over by James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, said: "I believe that the programs of our great labor organizations on this continent reflect the teachings of the papal encyclicals."

Murray's and Carey's statements will be swallowed only by those who don't know what these encyclicals contain or the circumstances which inspired their issuance. If the principles of these encyclicals had been enforced in this country — as they were in fascist Italy and still are in fascist Spain and Portugal — there would not even be any independent labor unions in the United States.

The famous encyclical of Leo XIII was issued on the occasion of the establishment of the Second (Socialist) International. It was specifically an enjoiner against Catholic workers supporting the ideas of socialism or affiliating with labor organizations which advocated class struggle or socialist principles.

Leo XIII was concerned with protecting the inalienable wealth and property of the Vatican whose material existence rested upon the capitalist system. Therefore, the central point of his doctrine was: "Our first and most fundamental principle . . . must be the inviolability of private property." The encyclical that Murray and Carey hail is nothing but a proclamation of capitalist property rights over human rights.

Pope Pius XI, who signed the concordat with Mussolini in 1929 which restored the Papal State, reaffirmed Leo XIII's anathema against socialism, even socialist groups that "have abandoned class war and no longer attack private property," because they "do not repudiate the basic socialist idea, merely repudiate it in practice."

His encyclical was a specific endorsement of the corporative state as established by Mussolini in Italy. It supported the so-called "syndical and corporative organization" of government-controlled labor bodies of the Fascist regime and the prohibition against strikes. This encyclical was the blue-print for the later clerical-fascist regime of Franco in Spain.

(To be continued.)

Short Subjects

BELL SYSTEM SPIES ON UNION — The CIO Communications Workers Union stated last week that it had positive proof that the Bell System was tapping the private telephones of union officers. The company at first denied the charge, but later stated it had ordered the tapping "to protect the service."

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DRAFT OF GIRLS — According to Senator Jenner of Indiana, the Universal Military Training bill contains a hidden "kicker" in that it will enable Truman to draft all eighteen-year-olds, including girls, for any type of work that he may "deem necessary for national security." This bill, if passed in its proposed form, would go a long way toward imposing Nazi-like "compulsory labor" on the youth of this country.

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JIM CROW MURDER IN GEORGIA — A police chief in Warner-Robins, Georgia, murdered two Negro soldiers in cold blood on May 11. He had picked up the two GIs on suspicion that they were AWOL. He handcuffed them so that they were helpless. Despite the fact that they were handcuffed, the cop claimed the two soldiers, from Fort Bragg, N. C. had attacked him.

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INDONESIA NATIONALIZATIONS — A program for the nationalization of important industries, banks and large estates, many foreign-owned, was announced on May 28 by Indonesia's new government headed by Premier Sukiman Wirjosandjo. The government's first policy statement to Parliament also called for "neutralism" in the "cold war" between western imperialism and the Kremlin-controlled countries, reconsideration of existing relations with the Netherlands and continuation of Indonesia's claim to sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea.

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CLOTURE HEARINGS — Under pressure of the civil rights conference of 31 national organ-

izations called in Washington by the NAACP on May 22-23, the Senate Rules Committee announced it will hold open hearings on proposals to change the present cloture rules that have made possible the filibusters which have blocked anti-poll tax and anti-lynch bills.

MAKING MONEY ON TAXES — Here's one way the corporations beat the tax laws. They pay more than they owe, then collect interest from the government on the refunds. By delaying a refund of \$1.7 million in income taxes to Lackawanna Railroad since 1942, the government rolled up interest on the money to \$820,000. Lackawanna then paid \$385,000 tax on this additional income, made a clear profit of \$435,000.

THE RENT SITUATION — Advance, publication of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, reports that low income families are paying rent increases that range from an average of 25 to 64 percent — and higher — in nine of the larger decontrolled cities surveyed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Vacancies are almost non-existent. In army towns, such as Waynesville, Mo., six families are paying \$180 a month for six-room cottage. There are 14 people in all in this cottage. Some four-room shacks in Fort Leonard Wood are renting for \$100 a month although they have neither toilets nor hot water.

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THE FINAL RAP — The truth on a rare occasion does find its way into the halls of Congress. The other day Sen. Malone of Nevada said the following: "There must be, and I am sure there is, a realization at this time that the workingmen are at the bottom of the pyramid. We can raise our salaries by a vote. (They not only can, they did.) But the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Martin) knows that after we get down to the workinggirl and the workingman there is no further source to tap. They take the final rap."

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Detroit Victim Of Jim Crow Gets Life

By Dave Lands

DETROIT, May 27 — Charles Gordy, Sr., Negro victim of police brutality, stands convicted this week of first degree murder. He had dared to defend the sanctity of his home against illegal police entry. That is his crime.

Last November, after his home was invaded by Detroit cops without a warrant, his son manhandled, himself shot at, Gordy had fired back in self-defense and killed one of the police officers. For thus protecting his constitutional rights, he is now branded a murderer; the penalty in Michigan is mandatory life-imprisonment.

The daily press for months used every trick in the book to stir up hatred for Gordy and sympathy for the cops. They described the police as protecting "law and order" and charged Gordy and his family with being crooks, slurring their characters without a shred of proof.

LABOR LEADERS SILENT

The city's Negro and labor leaders were, with few exceptions, silent about the case. Local 600, UAW-CIO passed a motion in defense of Gordy. The NAACP did the same. But that was all that was done to defend Negro civil rights and a man's freedom. This despite the fact that the Negro community was aroused against the local police "storm troopers."

The do-nothing policy of the city's Negro and labor leaders made it difficult for the Gordy Defense Committee, set up to gain aid for the defense, to win the necessary support.

RETRIAL DEMANDED

While a retrial is being demanded by the defense, it is not likely it will be granted. Against the forces lined up against the Negro minority, an effective campaign can be waged only if the populace of the city is alerted. This requires the energetic intervention of the labor leaders and the Negro leadership in a united effort.

To do this, mass meetings explaining the civil rights issues involved must be organized; the whole community must be informed of the facts through a widespread publicity campaign.

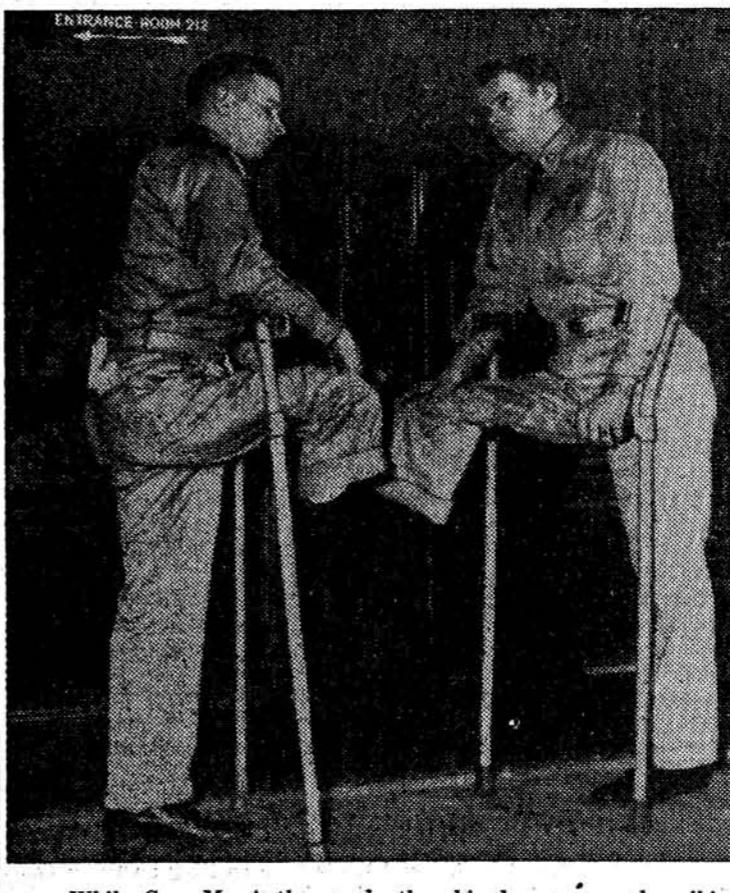
Only an aroused citizenry can stop this brutality practised against people because their skin is dark.

Gordy is not the only victim of the vicious "racist" police force in this city. He is one among many. Before him there were Beverly Lee, Leon Mosley, and others. The latest is Costello Hickson, beaten brutally last week by three cops after he had had a slight auto accident.

These cases will go on and on until the public is aroused, and with one voice says, "NO."

Need for Labor Party Confronts Michigan State CIO Convention

Only Generals Allowed



While Gen. MacArthur and other big brass were describing their schemes to continue and spread the Korean war, these crippled Korean veterans stood outside the closed doors of the Senate hearing room in Washington waiting for reports of the testimony. They are Pfc Richard Snyder (left) and Pfc Donald Winters, amputees from Walter Reed Hospital.

CIVIL RIGHTS FLOUTED AT M'CARRAN HEARINGS

The three-man panel of the Subversive Activities Control Board set up under the McCarran Act, recessed May 24 when Charles M. LaFollette resigned as chairman in

board. Thus, the board which is supposed to sit as an independent and impartial tribunal, is held by the subcommittee, as it were, on the end of a leash."

ILLEGAL PROCEDURE

Prior to LaFollette's action the Washington Post, strongly conservative newspaper, stated, "In the course of the hearings now in progress before the panel of the Subversive Activities Control Board, it was brought out that Benjamin Gitlow, a witness for the government, was making regular reports to Benjamin Mandel, research director for the Senate Judiciary Internal Security subcommittee. This subcommittee . . . will determine . . . whether to recommend confirmation or rejection of the recess appointments of members of the . . .

Gitlow, and witness Joseph Zack Kornfeder, renegades from the CP, both admitted regularly conferring with members of the McCarran subcommittee. They were obviously under the protection of this subcommittee, which meanwhile was holding the whip hand over the panel by postponing their confirmation.

Aside from the general unconstitutional character of the McCarran Act, the panel is obviously illegal since its appointment has not even been passed upon.

BILL OF ATTAINDER

The McCarran Act provides for a legislative substitute for regular judicial procedure in the case of "subversive organizations." An organization is ruled subversive by the Attorney General and the Congressional subcommittee, and members of the organization stand condemned by legislative fiat.

Such procedure violates that section of the constitution which outlaws "bills of attainder" — by which people could be ruled guilty and punished by legislation or government edict, instead of by judicial process.

Although the victims of this slave-state law can appeal the board's finding to the courts, they go into the courts with the brand of guilt upon them. The courts cannot rule upon the facts presented by the government. These must be assumed to be true.

The panel hearings on the case of the Stalins will be re-convened June 4. Although he objected to the procedures, LaFollette has not resigned from the panel. He is a member of the Americans for Democratic Action which had opposed the McCarran Bill as a violation of civil rights and the constitution. He nevertheless accepted the appointment to the board, at a \$12,500 salary.

DETROIT, May 31 — The 14th annual convention of the Michigan State CIO will be held June 4 to 6 at the Masonic Temple in this city. The primary problem to be discussed and acted upon will be political action.

Delegates to the convention will have an opportunity to review the balance sheet of CIO political policies in the light of the results during the past year.

The state CIO, led by Walter Reuther and August Scholle, has followed a program of close cooperation and support of the Democratic Party in Michigan, as well as nationally. On the national scale, the Truman administration has failed to carry out a single one of its "Fair Deal" campaign promises made in 1948. In the state, the Democrats, headed by Gov. Williams, have also failed to produce results for labor, although they owed their election entirely to the efforts of the CIO.

When Sen. Vandenberg's death left open a senatorial seat, the State CIO requested Gov. Williams to appoint George Edwards. But the governor, who had posed as labor's friend, appointed Blair Moody, Washington representative for the anti-labor Detroit News. Moody's contempt for labor is revealed by the fact that he is not even a member of the Newspaper Guild.

What about "labor's friends" in the Mich. State Legislature? The utility of expecting Democrats to line up with labor is again proved to the hilt by the vote of four CIO-endorsed state representatives from Wayne County on the gasoline tax levy of 1½c. per gallon.

This vicious tax aimed primarily at the low-income groups was

vigorously opposed by the CIO and all labor. But the four Wayne County Democrats lined up with the Republicans to pass the tax over the veto of the governor.

The Democratic politicians are part of a machine dominated by and allied with the big corporations. They talk pro-labor before elections, and vote for the capitalists after the elections. This is an old story.

The combined political strength of the CIO, AFL and independent unions, allied with the small farmers, professional workers and independent business men, whose interests all coincide, could sweep any election in this state.

But to mobilize this potential political power an independent labor party is necessary. Such a party, based upon the union movement, would elect men from labor who are directly responsible to labor. They would not be "friends of labor"; they would be a part of the labor movement, functioning on the political field.

The debate on this question at the Cleveland convention of the CIO-United Automobile Workers April 1 to 6 showed clearly that there is great sentiment for a labor party among the auto workers. This is also true of workers in other unions. All that is needed is a beginning.

The State CIO convention can lead the way by calling a delegated conference of all CIO, AFL and independent local unions and central bodies, to lay the groundwork for a Michigan Labor Party.

The Negro Struggle

Unconditional Defense of Frameup Victims

By J. Blake

Why didn't the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People participate actively in the defense of Willie McGee? Or the Communist Party in the defense of James Hickman in Chicago?

Whatever reason the NAACP leaders may give, they didn't support Willie McGee because the Stalinists did. And the Communist Party didn't support James Hickman because the Socialist Workers Party did.

No excuses can justify such actions. A Negro victim of Jim Crow frame-up deserves unconditional support. That is the position of the Socialist Workers Party and that is the position of the Negro masses.

The Socialist Workers Party is firm in this stand because it never forgets that the main enemy in any defense case is American capitalism — the system that maintains discrimination and segregation to keep the working class divided. We have no illusions that the government is a fair, impartial agency that will see to it that all citizens get equal justice. We know that it is a body of people representing the ruling class of white supremacists and prepared to go to any lengths in the use of force and frame-ups to keep the workers down and the Negro workers even further down.