

# The Kind of Leaders Labor Has in U. S.

An Editorial

The American union leadership is as narrow-minded a crew of petty bureaucrats as can be found anywhere including the ward clubs of the Democratic or Republican party. They have no stomach for a fight except when their personal prestige and privileges are directly involved.

The American Federation of Labor Executive Council meeting in Montreal last week illustrates this.

In the midst of the determined drive of U.S. Big Business and its government agents against the organizations and living conditions of the workers, these union moguls voted to recommend to the September AFL convention that the United Labor Policy Committee be dissolved. By this act they declare their insolvency as leaders.

The top AFL and CIO officers were originally motivated in organizing the ULPC by a desire for more prominent recognition in government posts. But by its very organization the ULPC became a potentially powerful weapon in defense of labor's rights. The bold attack against Big Business control of government, the united front shown by the AFL, CIO and independent unions, inspired hope in the ranks of the union membership.

But none of the top union officials who organized the ULPC had either the vision or the courage to effectively mobilize the united strength of organized labor. They did not carry through a fight either to maintain the workers' economic positions, or to lead a struggle for genuine political representation for labor against the reactionary two-party system.

After walking out of all government boards in protest against the profiteer-dictated Washington policies, the ULPC crawled back in. They did not win a single important concession. The ULPC representing 15 million workers stood helpless, paralyzed by an impotent leadership.

The formation of the ULPC was greeted with enthusiasm by rank-and-file trade unionists. In many cities local committees were formed to carry out united action on a local level between the CIO, AFL and independents. Many locals passed resolutions favoring organic unity of labor.

Many workers saw in the ULPC a chance for the great union movement to unite its forces on the political field so that it could strike as a unified force in election campaigns, winning genuine labor representation in Congress.

## Clique Interests of the Leaders

But neither the CIO nor AFL leaders carried through the wishes of the ranks. They kowtowed to Truman; they begged small favors; they served as "window dressing" for the wage freeze, the tax steal and the price gouge. They did not once speak out against the drive toward an all-out war economy which more and more loads its heavy costs upon the low-income groups.

Such leaders as Tobin and Green, Murray and Reuther, think of labor unity in a different way from the worker in the shop. They are concerned about their posts, salaries, personal advantages. Each of the top figures in both CIO and AFL is a small-time baron; he views the union as his own happy-hunting ground, and the private bailiwick of his cronies. Unity would necessitate the amalgamation of some unions and the elimination of some posts, or at least the sharing of power.

The AFL hierarchy, which now proposes to split the ULPC, may hope to be able to force the CIO into organic unity on the AFL's terms. That is, with the lion's share of the posts and offices going to the old craft union leadership. The CIO officers, on the other hand, will resist this kind of forced unity because they have no intention to give up a single position on the payroll of a single union. Clique interests will shape this struggle, as it has in the past.

What a picture of unprincipled and small-minded men! The tragedy is that such men of straw head the most powerful labor movement in the world.

But these leaders will not stifle the independent spirit and power of American labor. Should the AFL convention endorse the break-up of the ULPC it would strengthen the growing resentment in the AFL ranks against the dictator-officers who rule these unions. The recent outbreak of militant teamsters in Cleveland is a sign of things to come.

In the CIO, where the bureaucrats are nowhere near as firmly entrenched as in the AFL, a new militancy is slowly but surely producing a new leadership of a far different caliber.

The unions today are bigger and stronger than ever. Neither the combined offensive of the big corporations and the government, nor the attempts of the union heads, have succeeded in suppressing the fighting character of the organized American working class.

In the auto shops, on the trucks, in the steel mills and in the mines, new men of labor are arising. Workers determined to defend their conditions of work and life, are learning the lessons of experience with the old-line conservative union big shots. In the process of struggle they are forging new leaders with the will to fight. The clearer the treacherous role of the reigning bureaucracy becomes, all the sooner a left wing labor leadership will develop to lead and win.

## 3 More CIO Bodies Donate To Help Kutter Defense



Three more important CIO bodies last week aided the legless veteran James Kutter in his fight against Truman's loyalty purge. The CIO Council of New Jersey, Kutter's home state, voted \$25 as "a contribution toward the excellent work of the Kutter Civil Rights Committee." Carl Holderman, President of the Council, was one of the initiators of the national campaign for his defense when Kutter was fired from his job in the Newark Veterans Administration because of his socialist views.

**AN OUTRAGE**  
The Hennepin County CIO Industrial Union Council of Minneapolis, Minnesota, sent \$10 with a letter from its Secretary-Treasurer Arthur Hopkins saying: "We consider his victimization an outrage against Civil Liberties. We trust that an aroused labor movement will soon aid this veteran in securing justice."

From the steel center of Youngstown Ohio the Mahoning County CIO Council sent \$25 for Kutter's defense fund.

The funds raised will be used to defray the expenses of taking Kutter's case to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this fall.

JAMES KUTTER

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Workers of the World, Unite!

# THE MILITANT

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## U. S. Truce Team Seeks To Dictate Harsh Terms

### Illegal to Pray? Wis. Man Worried

The daily Capital Times of Madison, Wisconsin, which conducted the recent, much publicized petition circulation and which found that 111 out of 112 people approached refused to sign the Declaration of Independence or the Bill of Rights out of fear of consequences, got the following wire from reader A. J. McCulloch, Lancaster, Wis.

"Grant County subscribers Capital Times worried. Capital Times petition Declaration of Independence is violation of Smith Act, contempt of Congress and contempt of Supreme Court. If McCarthy throws you in the clink we are afraid to solicit bail money. We shall pray for you if that is not illegal too."

### New Bill To Let Employers Fire Militants

#### McCarran Proposes Broader Witchhunt

While Truman bemoans and tries to blame his Republican opponents, in particular McCarthy, for the spreading reign of terror in America, more repressions are being prepared in Congress to extend the witch-hunt deeper and deeper.

Senator McCarran (Dem.) has introduced a bill, which, if passed, will spread the purge into every shop in the country. This bill, which is a logical conclusion to the loyalty purge which Truman launched, will give unlimited powers to the corporations to fire any militant they choose.

#### FIRE ANYONE

McCarran proposes to empower employers to fire "without liability" workers whose names appear on any Federal or state list of "subversives," or who are charged with belonging to such groups.

In addition to this Senator proposes other open union-busting amendments to his notorious McCarran Act.

These will make it unlawful for any member of a communist or "front" group to hold office in a union. Furthermore, it decertifies as bargaining agent any union having an officer who is either a member of a Communist or a "front" group.

Still another deadly weapon placed in the hands of the employers is the authorization to fire any worker who refuses to tell a "duly constituted legislative committee" whether he belongs or has belonged to any organization on the Attorney General's subversive list.

#### A SHOCK

"Mr. Johnston's estimate . . . came as something of a shock to Board members," the N. Y. Times reports. If it was "something of a shock" to the Board, on which

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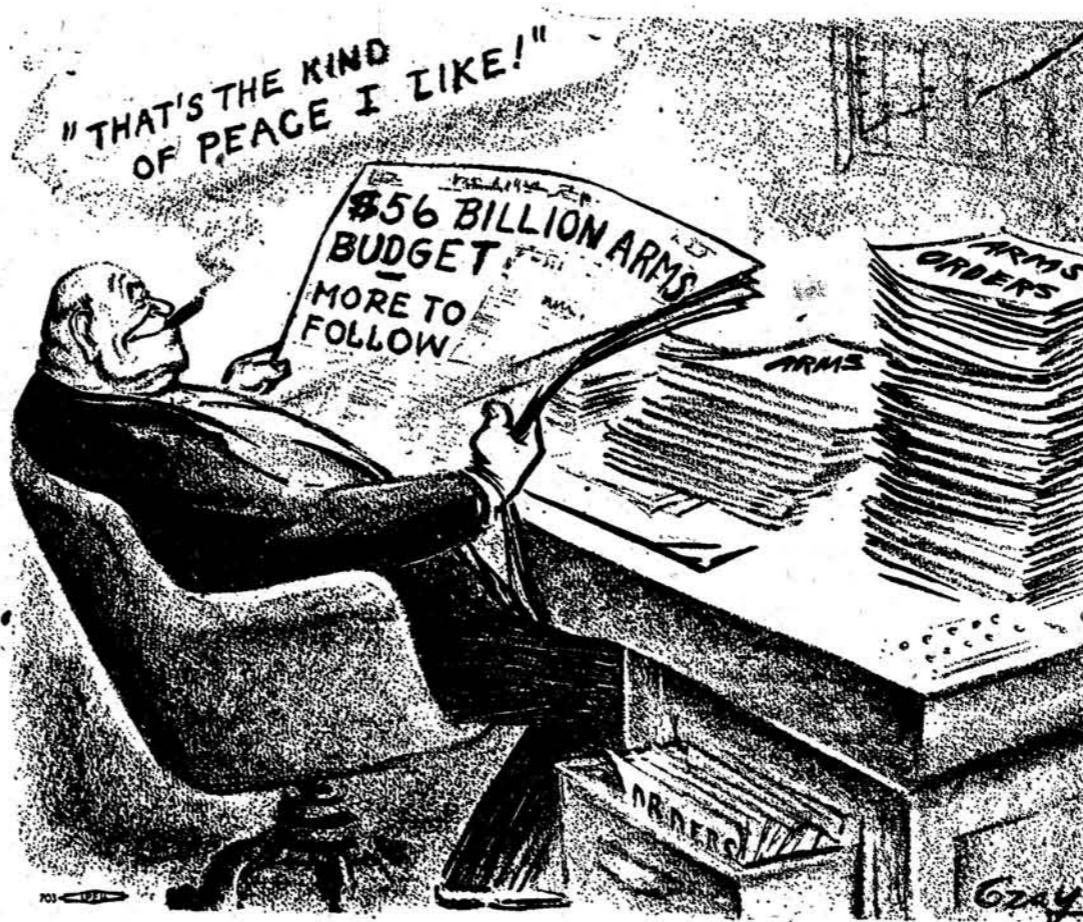
#### DEADLY ATTACK

Something new has also been added to the drive to destroy freedom of the press in America. The Justice Department in its indictment of the West Coast Communists, recently arrested, has included in the list of so-called crimes the writing of articles for the Communist press.

This is the first time since the Alien and Sedition laws of 1798 that writing for a newspaper has been outlawed in this country. The "democrats" in the Justice Department are now in effect saying, "But we are not suppressing a newspaper. We are merely arresting anyone who writes for it."

This widening of the attack on the labor unions and our democratic rights is still another warning to all sincere defenders of civil rights:

Stop the witch-hunt now!



## What Truman Cooked Up For Our Dinner Tables

By Murry Weiss

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# Notebook of an Agitator

## THE REVOLUTIONIST AND THE BUREAUCRAT

There is good sense in the old saying that two heads are better than one. The same thought can be profitably extended into the conception that the collective thinking of many, freely expressed, can yield better results in the long run than the arbitrary and capricious decisions of an individual who decides and rules without control or restraint. This is the argument for the practical efficiency of democracy in general, and in the workers' movement in particular.

It is true that democracy is a rather cumbersome process, while bureaucratic short cuts seem to "get things done" without delay. But the trouble is that things done this way are often done wrong. And without the corrective restraint of democracy there is no way of righting them; one error leads to another and things go from bad to worse to the detriment of the people whose interests are directly involved. This is the evil story of all uncontrolled bureaucracies — in trade unions, parties and governments.

The great teachers of the working class knew all about this. They were dead set against bureaucracy — everyone of them. They were confirmed democrats. I don't mean democrats in the sense of that fraudulent "democracy" by the mechanism of which the masses of the people have the illusion of deciding the conduct of affairs by voting for hand-picked candidates every two or four years; while all the mediums of information and communication remain in the hands of a small clique of money sharks who own all the industries and rule the country behind the parliamentary facade. No, our teachers scornfully exposed and denounced the fraud and deceit and general skullduggery of bourgeois "democratic" politics. They were democrats in the real sense of the word. They maintained that the people should freely discuss and participate in deciding all matters of the general welfare which concerned them — their methods and conditions of work, the affairs of their own organizations, and the government.

Marx and Engels proclaimed that "The emancipation of the working class must be the act of the workers themselves."

From this profound thought it necessarily followed that the workers would have to create their own organizations of combat and run them themselves. When the founders of scientific socialism said the workers must emancipate themselves, they meant that nobody would do it for them, and nobody could. The same holds true for their organizations, the instruments of struggle for emancipation. If they are really to serve their purpose, these organizations must belong to the workers and be democratically operated and controlled by them. Nobody can do it for them. So thought the great democrats, Marx and Engels.

## Genuine Democracy

The successors of Marx and Engels — Lenin and Trotsky — who executed their testament as leaders of the great Russian revolution, acted in the spirit of the masters. Lenin outlined the perspective of a really democratic workers' state where "every cook" would learn to take part in the administration of public affairs. Trotsky began his great struggle against the bureaucratic degeneration of the Russian revolution with the demand for the restoration of Soviet democracy. Genuine democracy is profoundly revolutionary, and all four of our revolutionary teachers — the masters, Marx and Engels and the great disciples, Lenin and Trotsky — were genuine democrats.

Indeed, if you take the trouble to consider the question theoretically and read the history of revolutions in search of what really happened, it becomes clear that the great revolutionaries were democrats precisely because they were revolutionaries. They had to be democrats in order to organize and lead revolutions. Social revolutions are made by the masses; their independent action is just what social revolution is, in Trotsky's classic definition. When the masses

rise up out of passivity and acquiescence and intervene in events and decide them — that is the time of revolution.

The conception of Marx and Engels, which was shared by their great disciples, that the workers must emancipate themselves, determined their approach to the masses and their attitude toward them. They were in no way disposed to "order" revolutions, as many superficial writers have said and some ignorant people have believed, if for no other reason than that they knew it could not be done that way. Their task, as Marx and Engels explained it, and as Lenin and Trotsky carried it out in practice to a superlative degree, was to bring the element of socialist consciousness into the labor movement; to organize and lead it, but in no case to try to substitute themselves for it. All their writings are permeated with this conception and this practice. They do not give orders to the masses. They inform, they enlighten. They try to explain and persuade. Reading them you can learn. That is why their writings remain ever fresh and new, the greatest treasure of the new revolutionary generation — the heritage of a hundred years of socialist culture.

## THE POLAR DIFFERENCE

The bureaucrats are the opposite of all that, and the polar difference sticks out of all their writings and utterances. There is nothing revolutionary about the bureaucrats. They fear the masses and distrust them and are always swept aside during periods of upsurge. Only when the masses quiet down do the bureaucrats have their day — the gray people of the ebb tide. You see this manifested in all workers' organizations in all mutations of the class struggle, from strikes to revolutions, and from trade unions to the organs of state power.

Stalinism, the supreme example in all history of a labor bureaucracy swollen to monstrous proportions, and multiplying in themselves all the negative traits of the ordinary conservative labor state, who is their blood kin and lacks only their opportunity and their power — Stalinism is the most misunderstood phenomenon of our time. Most ludicrous of all is the widespread impression that these representatives of reaction and strangers of revolutions are secretly plotting revolution on a world-wide scale. Just mention the word Stalinism to Social Democrats, for example, who fear revolution for their own reasons, and they take to the cyclone callers on the double, scared out of their livers and their lights. The United States government recently convicted eleven functionaries of American Stalinism for "advocating" and representing a "clear and present danger" of revolution, and the Supreme Court has upheld the verdict. This is a combination of misunderstanding and frameup.

The proletarian revolutionist is one thing and the Stalinist functionary is another. They are not only different in their aims and purposes. There is a profound difference in their mentalities and in their methods of expressing them. The revolutionist is a democrat, organizing opposition to the power of the present day, and striving to create a new power of the people.

The functionary is merely a bureaucrat, always and everywhere serving an existing power. The revolutionist is a thorough-going radical and is personally disinterested; he wants to change the social order in the interest of all, and considers it beneath his dignity to seek personal advantage. The bureaucrat, in all organizations, and under all conditions, is profoundly conservative and meanly selfish; he strives to preserve the status quo in the interest of his privileges. The revolutionist trusts the masses because they are the makers of revolutions. The bureaucrat fears them for the same reason. The bureaucrat gives orders like a policeman. The revolutionist tries to explain things like a teacher. The bureaucrat lies to the people. The revolutionist believes the truth will make them free, and tells it.

— J. P. C.

# What Truman Cooked Up For Our Dinner Tables

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ers who produce all wealth are stuck with a diminishing purchasing power, the corporations are making record breaking profits. Reports on corporation profits for the first six months of 1951 show that despite higher taxes there has been a substantial increase in profits over the peak profit year of 1950. These figures may give you some idea of why we are in Korea and why the mention of ending the Korean war sends shivers down the spines of the profit barons.

Indeed, if you take the trouble to consider the question theoretically and read the history of revolutions in search of what really happened, it becomes clear that the great revolutionaries were democrats precisely because they were revolutionaries. They had to be democrats in order to organize and lead revolutions. Social revolutions are made by the masses; their independent action is just what social revolution is, in Trotsky's classic definition. When the masses

when there was a bumper crop of key agricultural commodities. The shelves of retailers are groaning with unsold goods. Wholesalers complain of enormous inventories and a "soft buyers' market."

According to the famous theory they always throw at you about "supply and demand" regulating capitalist economy, prices should today be going down. But the truth is that the Truman administration, caught in the insane workings of the anarchy of capitalist production, lives in dread of the bottom dropping out of the market. The only alternative they know is to juggle the economy between inflation and depression and to see that the worker gets it in the neck in both cases. Their overriding consideration is to build a war economy that will ensure profits and markets to the capitalists and to make the workers pay for it with their blood and sweat.

## TRUMAN'S GAME

Every time they see the market slumping the administration pumps some more life into the dying organism of capitalism by new arms expenditures and their consequent inflationary effects.

They can't keep this game up forever, unless you believe in miracles. Already a great heat is being generated throughout the country on the price situation.

A day of reckoning for all, the dirty gouging and stealing of the profiteers while he's holding you so they can hit you?

## FEEDING INFLATION

Actually there is no secret about the fact that the policy of the government is to artificially feed the inflation every time it looks like prices are going to sag. How can you explain the upward zoom of prices during a year

when the trade union officials are also coming to the end of their rope on the shabby policy they have been following. How long can they continue to sell the

workers the line of supporting capitalist politicians who systematically aid and abet the war profiteers? With the 1952 elections looming, it's high time that labor made a clean and final break with all capitalist politics and politicians and entered the field under its own independent banner, with a fighting program against capitalist inflation and war.

Retail merchants throughout the country are still carrying heavily swollen inventories and are "going all-out" to reduce them, reports Women's Wear Daily, Aug. 13. Heaviest stocks are held by stores in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Boston. Cut-backs on orders have been prevalent. Inventories overloaded by some 30 percent are common. In some cases the overload runs as high as 50 percent.

# NAM SALES TAX WOULD COST POOR \$5 BILLIONS

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under \$1,000, and almost 10 percent of family incomes between \$1,000 and \$2,000. At the same time, families in the upper income groups, bringing home more than \$7,500 per year, only pay a little over 4% of their incomes in these taxes. That is one of the reasons why the richest one-tenth of the nation takes home a larger income than the whole bottom half; more than 50 percent of the nation's families!

The NAM tax program, while not yet adopted by the administration, may yet be pushed down our throats despite the fact that it hurts 90 percent of the people to help only 10 percent.

Very often in the past, programs which were originally advanced by the NAM and other business groups, and which were weakly "opposed" by the administration, became law despite overwhelming opposition. This was the case with the Taft-Hartley Slave-Labor Law, and with the present Defense Production Act.

## TAX THE RICH!

This "soak the poor" tax program is in direct conflict with the needs of the American people, who are rapidly being crushed under an increasing load of high prices, rising taxes, and mounting personal debts. Unionists everywhere should demand of their local and international union bodies that taxation on all incomes under \$5,000 a year be halted, and that Congress begin to take the money from those who have large quantities of it. The "soak the poor" tax plan must be turned into a "soak the rich" program.

## RICH GET RICHER

The present tax structure, already extremely inequitable, would be rendered more so. At the present time, sales and excise taxes, Federal, State and municipal, take almost 12 percent of every family income program.

# New "Revive Europe" Plans Used To Cover Marshall Plan Fizzle

By Thomas Raymond

Scared government officials and mendacious journalists are making feverish efforts to cover up the utter failure of the Marshall Plan with phoney statistics. They are making every effort to draw attention away from the miserable three-year past record of the Economic Cooperation Administration by blaring forth new fancy plans for the future.

Last week we showed how the Marshall Plan had failed to attain its hoped for objective of improving European living standards to beat off the spread of radicalism. Further news to this effect is reported in the bulletin of the International Monetary Fund for August 10, which confirms our assertion that living standards in France, typical Marshall Plan country, are at a similar level to the low depression year of 1938. The Monetary Fund publication sees this "low standard of living of workers" as a hindrance to long term improvement.

WHO BENEFITED

Time magazine for August 6th offers further confirmation: "In four years of Marshall Planning, Time neglects to point out that, while the Marshall Plan has not succeeded in giving the European workers any more to live on, it has compelled them to work longer for the same amount. Thus the French workers, who won the 40 hour week in 1936 with their magnificent 8-million-strong sit-down strikes, are now up to 45.2 hours, much of this increase having been the result of 'Marshall Planning'."

Time further neglects to point out that figures on the increase in "gross national product" are deceptive, and that it is necessary to separate out the part of the increase due merely to price inflation from that part which is

actually due to increased production.

## WAR ECONOMY AHEAD

And finally, Time neglects to point out that just about all of this increase in production is accounted for by the increase in steel, iron, munitions, chemicals, and other war industries, and therefore entirely useless in any plan for genuine economic improvement. The European economy is being fitted for war only.

In fact, so far is Europe from any genuine economic stabilization, that the most stable sector of Europe, economically, Britain and Sweden, is entering a new critical period. Both Britain and Sweden find themselves caught with a widening gap between exports and imports. Britain, which in 1950, had virtually succeeded in closing this gap, now finds that her imports are up to almost double her exports. This means that the British are going further and further into debt again, primarily to America.

But don't for a minute imagine that while Britain is going into debt, she is at least getting something out of it. The main reason she is caught with this ever widening gap is because American capitalists are charging so much more for every item imported by Britain. Britain is only getting 18 percent more goods now than a year ago, but she has to pay 43 percent more for this stuff. And the worst case of all is that of raw materials: Britain imports only 11 percent more raw materials now than a year ago, but for this increased amount she must pay prices that average 76 percent more!

Thus American price rises work in such a way that the American capitalist takes back from Europe much that the American taxpayer sends over there. Just as the figures we gave in last week's analysis show, the chief beneficiary of Marshall Plan aid is the American capitalist, the second beneficiary is the European capitalist, while the American worker pays in heavy taxes and rising prices, and the European worker is ground into deeper poverty.

## DISAPPOINTMENT

Michael Hoffman, writing in the N. Y. Times of August 12 reports from Europe: "It is a profound disappointment to Europeans to find that the upshot of the whole recovery drive has been to leave an insolvent Britain..."

It is these facts that are being concealed from the American public by a fake ballyhooing campaign for the "successes" of ECA, phony percentage statistics, and, last but not least, "new master plan" which ECA masterminds produce on a split second schedule.

This last item, the "new plans" which ECA comes out with every so often, are among the most fraudulent products of our fraudulent rulers in Washington. Take as an instance, the project recently reported out of Washington's ECA offices, and flaunted abroad under headlines: "ECA Prepares Master Plan to Revitalize Eastern Europe," etc.

First of all, we should take note that ECA, if it comes out with a sudden plan now to "revitalize" Europe, is likely bound to make some explanation of why a new plan must suddenly be launched to "revitalize" an economy that should already be "revitalized" according to ECA statistics.

## THE "NEW" PLAN

As a matter of fact, this "new plan" is brought forward at such a time and in such a way as to draw attention away from the past record of ECA and to obviate the necessity for explaining what has happened to the billions in the ECA treasury during the past months and years of ECA.

## STEP FORWARD

"Wherever we, the poor and the oppressed," she said, "come together and organize in order to remove any of the evils which the capitalist system is continually inflicting upon us, no matter what the nature of the evil may be, it is a step forward to Socialism."

"Your struggle," she continued, "is part of the struggle for a better New York; and the struggle for a better New York, a better Philadelphia is part of the struggle for a better world, a socialist world."

An excellent program of sports and entertainment was prepared by the camp management. The camp chef surpassed himself baking a huge birthday cake in honor of the League's fourth birthday.

Before leaving the camp Mrs. Alphonso Jenkins, wife of the League's president, thanked the camp management in the name of the officers and members of the League for a most enjoyable day of excellent food, fine entertainment and warm friendly atmosphere. "We are all looking forward to coming back to Mountain Spring Camp," Mrs. Jenkins said.

These "problems" that ECA proposes to deal with in Europe have a familiar ring to American workers. It is quite evident that ECA is preparing to export the Taft-Hartley Law if it can, and is going to do everything possible to encourage European employers to imitate the back-breaking speed-up now under way in American factories. Just as in the U.S., a few token slaps are taken, verbally, at "employer" and "cartel" practices, but real life practise shows that American officials will make no serious moves against capitalists.

Further aspects of the plan have been reported by Time magazine in the following words: "Above all, ECA insists, European employers must be willing to adopt one principle of U.S.-style capitalism: increased profits must 'filter down to the worker' in better pay or lower prices." The "better pay and lower prices" principle of "U.S.-style capitalism" that Time boasts about is to be exported to Europe as another Marshall Plan aid. But we have to suggest this fallacy: You can't export what you haven't got.

## GUNS NOT BUTTER

As a matter of fact, that is the whole secret of the failure of the Marshall Plan. They are trying to export to Europe the secret of how to get prosperity for a dying capitalist system, and they haven't got that secret. Nobody has.

The tipoff on the real meaning of the "new plan" to "revitalize Europe" that ECA is working on, comes in the notice that ECA gives to European capitalism: we will only give aid to those factories that make products which benefit "Europe as a whole." Time explains this by saying: "Example: a Dutch shipbuilder would probably qualify for aid, a French girdle-maker would not." Time could have explained this much more accurately by saying: a French tank builder would probably qualify for aid, a winemaker, or baker, or textile manufacturer would not.

In other words, what is ahead for European workers is more of what Hitler, Mussolini, and Petain gave them: more guns, less butter.

# Tenants League Holds Outing at Mt. Spring Camp

The Lenox-Fifth Ave. Tenants League of Harlem, N. Y. celebrated the fourth anniversary of the founding of this organization at an all-day outing on Sunday Aug. 12 at Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, N. J. More than forty members and friends of this Tenant's League with their children came to the outing by chartered bus.

In the course of the outing an address was delivered by Mrs. Clyde Turner, councilmanic candidate in Philadelphia on the Socialist Workers Party ticket. Mrs. Turner expressed her admiration for the tenacious fight the Tenants League has been carrying on since its foundation four years ago in behalf of its members, dwellers of the worst slums in Harlem.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

Socialist Workers Party candidates have now entered election in an hour and wanted to sell as many papers as possible, without taking the time to sell subs, so we didn't bother taking any subs along. However, when my friend was half way down the block, an AFL machinist to whom she had sold an individual copy came running after her. He had already read it and wanted to subscribe.

"In less than 45 minutes she sold the sub and 7 individual copies and I sold 11 papers — and this was on the same day as the FBI arrests and scare headlines in the local papers, so obviously the attempt to intimidate independent thinking is not succeeding completely by a long shot."

"Incidentally, in the same neighborhood in which we sold the papers, the main corner drugstore newsstand has been selling out its 10 Militants weekly and this week increased its order to 15."

Literature Agent Kat of Akron wishes to congratulate Jean Simon on her report of the Cleveland rank and file truckers' strike in the Aug. 6 issue of The Militant. "The need of the hour, a labor party, flows through her entire report, not just in the last paragraph," she writes. "With this issue we're really set up for some house to house canvassing with The Militant."

R. Q. of Pittsburgh writes to renew her subscription to The Militant. "It's due to expire some time this month and I don't want to miss a single issue." She is only sorry that due to the slowness of the mail she can't get each issue sooner, she says.

Many thanks to D. P. of Gary Indiana for the \$1 contribution sent in with his renewal to The Militant and Fourth International, magazine of Marxist theory. He also enclosed a \$5 donation to the defense fund for James Kutcher, legless veteran and victim of Truman's loyalty purge, who is fighting for reinstatement to his job. This contribution has been forwarded to the Kutcher Civil Defense Committee.

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## Hearst and the Free Press

On William Randolph Hearst's tombstone the following epitaph should be inscribed: "Here lies an evil man. He spent his whole life and the great wealth he was born to, building a gigantic empire dedicated to the lie. His hatred of labor was equaled only by his vile prejudice against every oppressed race and nationality. Whenever reaction triumphed he rejoiced; wherever the workers lifted their heads to fight oppression and tyranny he used his poisonous yellow press against them. He will be remembered as the proper symbol of capitalist 'democracy' and 'freedom of the press.'"

Hearst was probably one of the most hated figures in America. There is hardly a worker anywhere who does not associate his name with everything that is reactionary. He collected in his editorial stable a string of anti-labor poison-pen artists like William Pegler. But the big point about Hearst was always missed by the liberals who "deplored" this "blight on American journalism" as a peculiar phenomenon. But Hearst and Hearstism is the typical product of the capitalist system. He was no worse and no better than any of the financial sultans who run this country. If his life didn't prove that conclusively, his death certainly does.

In addition to the enormous wealth he squandered in a way of life typical of the

moneyed plutocracy in this country, he used his class privileges to acquire a chain of eighteen newspapers and nine magazines. These newspapers reached at least five million readers every day.

By what right could this feudal mind, steeped in ignorance and prejudice, wield such great political and propaganda power? The answer is simple; by the right of private capitalist property. In this respect there is not an iota of difference between Hearst and the rest of the capitalist magnates who rule the newspapers and other agencies of propaganda and information in the U.S.

Nor is there any other basic difference between Hearst and other capitalist newspapers. They all play the same game and spread the big capitalist lie. Each in its own way.

In accordance with the rules of capitalist "democracy," Hearst leaves his newspapers to his five sons who promise to carry on in the tradition of their father. We can well believe them. They have been properly trained.

In the meantime the real situation regarding "freedom of the press" under capitalism, is sharply outlined by one fact: This multi-millionaire family will continue to own and operate one of the largest chain of newspapers in the world — while the American labor movement with 15,000,000 members doesn't have a single daily newspaper.

## Shabby Rich Man

A shabby old man sat on the curb of a Brooklyn street and died last week. Investigation showed that he didn't have a dime in his pockets or in his \$7 a week shabby furnished room, but that he owned a half-a-million dollars of top-notch stocks. Further investigation showed that dividends for these stocks were regularly deposited in the Brooklyn Trust Company and the National City Bank. A ledger which recorded every penny spent by the deceased 73-year-old miser was also found.

A tragic story? Yes, but also an instructive one.

For in his own way, this demented man was a logical product of our society. Although he was an exceptional case, and very few others of the millions that live in poverty in the U.S. have fat bank accounts and hidden shoe boxes full of stocks, he was nevertheless the final end, the highest creation of capitalist culture.

What had capitalism taught this lonely man? It taught him that we must all live as beasts of the jungle: friendless, hated, taken advantage of, with only the protection of our teeth and claws to keep us secure. And what kind of teeth and claws do we have under capitalism? Why, money, of course.

What happened in the twisted mind of this modern Silas Marner is that the daily obsession of each of us with money became transformed into a mania. He became so maniacally obsessed with the collection of money that he even forgot what it is used for.

And is he so different from the big capitalists whom he is attempting to imitate? Not really. All of them are engrossed in the attempt to amass far more money than they can ever possibly spend, and in order to do this absurd thing they are ready to punish, cause suffering, deprive others of the necessities of life, and even cause the deaths of millions in wars that are profitable only to the capitalists.

Of course this miser was crazy. But he was shaped by a crazy system. He lived alone like a beast of the jungle, without kith or kin, endlessly sharpening his money-teeth and his money-claws which the capitalist system had taught him were his supreme safeguard and defense.

When they tell us that this capitalist system is the best of all possible systems, and that we must help them to save it, we tell them: No thank you! Give us the clean, free world of socialism where the disease of money-madness will be unknown.

## Michigan Farmers in Arms

By George Morris

Driving along M 15 in Lapeer county, Michigan you come upon Fort Ziegenhardt. The first impression made by this rather elaborate fort is that it is merely another tourist attraction but a few moments of conversation with the farmers involved will correct such an erroneous impression. The Ziegenhardt fort represents the militancy of the farmers. The have reacted and are reacting in the only way possible when face to face with the injustice of the capitalist system. They are prepared to defend their farm homes with force if necessary.

This dispute arose in 1935 when the Lapeer Mutual Insurance Company went into receivership. The receivers found a shortage of over two hundred thousand dollars.

On the company's books and assessed it on the farmers who were insured with the company.

### FRAUD VICTIMS

The farmers involved formed a committee and engaged C. C. Gilliland, an insurance investigator, to find out who was responsible for the shortage. In the course of the investigation during which Gilliland suffered a vicious physical attack by the treasurer of the company, he found that the company had operated without a license for the last two years. For 16 years the farmers committee — some 290 strong has waged a legal battle against this unjust assessment and have exposed the corruption in the Insurance Commission. During this time they met con-

stant rebuff from state officials and the Insurance Commission which refused flatly to hear their arguments. The capitalist press refused to publish the facts as the farmers' committee found them. The corruption unmasked was too embarrassing.

Recently several of the farms, including that of the Ziegenhardts, were sold at a sheriff's sale to a Mrs. Grace White. She attempted to have the Ziegenhardts evicted. They refused to go and the farmers have rallied to their support prepared to use force if necessary to prevent this legalized robbery.

### LESSONS

There are definite lessons to be learned from this struggle. First it shows that normally conservative Republicans such as most of these farmers are, when faced with such injustice will and must become militant. Secondly we can learn from the mistakes made. These farmers have failed to appeal to the unions for support and the unions with the exception of the Revere Brass Local in Detroit have failed to take interest and offer support. A perfect chance to cement a farm labor alliance is being passed up. With farmers and labor united the press and officials would find it hard to ignore the facts and at the same time an alliance could be formed that would be to the advantage of both farm and labor when battling for their common interests.

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# Cadet "Code" Alien to U.S.

## Franco Pact Hit by British Left Socialists

### Demand Withdrawal From Atlantic Pact

The passage of Washington from the behind-the-scenes wooing of Franco toward an open alliance with this Fascist dictator has sent a wave of revulsion through the ranks of labor in Europe. Among those greatly aroused have been the British workers. What the British Left Socialists, the most radical wing of the ruling Labor Party, think of Truman's new alliance with Franco is expressed in the August issue of *Socialist Outlook*, the publication of this tendency.

The text of the article, whose author is L. Gordon, follows:

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The American alliance with Franco has given a rude shock to those who have tried to disguise America's war policy as the "defense of democracy."

Everybody knows that Franco came to power by the bloody overthrow of the legally elected Spanish government. Everybody knows that this was made possible only by the tanks, guns and bombers supplied to him by Hitler and Mussolini. Everybody knows that he has maintained himself in power only by means of a police terror — under which trade unions are illegal and the penalty for strikes is death.

### LIBERALIZED

So the press has tried to spread the story that the regime is to be "liberalized." But the *Daily Telegraph* of July 20 gives the game away.

"Some attempt," it says, "will certainly be made by the new team to meet, or at all events to go through the motions of meeting the oft-repeated desire of the American government and people for the liberalization of the regime..."

And as an example of such "motions" the new cabinet contains as Secretary for War the former Secretary of the Falangist Party who commanded the Spanish Blue Division on Hitler's Eastern Front!

The *Daily Telegraph* concludes that "it is safe to say that no spectacular development of the rather vague signs of 'liberalization' is to be looked for, at all events in the immediate future."

### SAME FRANCO

Of course not! Franco dare not allow even the beginnings of democracy. To allow freedom of speech, to allow workers to organize and elect their own leaders would be to sign his own death warrant.

America will bolster Franco's regime — and if the Spanish workers try to overthrow Franco as they have every right to, they

## Truman's Ally



FRANCO

will — like the Chinese and the Koreans — have to fight Uncle Sam and his United Nations Organization.

For Britain and France to protest against this alliance without doing something concrete is sheer hypocrisy. To say they will not have an alliance with Franco and yet remain in the Atlantic Pact will deceive nobody. America can, and will, start the Third World War when she wants to. And we shall find ourselves dragged in and lined up with Franco, Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman Rhee, Nazi generals and all other enemies of the working class — to make the world safe — not for democracy — but for capitalism.

The working class movement must draw the logical conclusion from its opposition to an alliance with Franco, and insist that the government withdraw from the Atlantic Pact while there is still time.

This is indispensable for any organization where the leaders

will be to the top, not by the choice of the ranks, but by official, bureaucratic order from above. Since these men are not likely to possess the respect of the ranks, they must be given a substitute for respect in the form of fear. This is a Prussianized elite status, a military caste.

If we wanted to imitate the official controlled press, we could point our finger at West Point and shout: "This is an un-American institution, imported from Europe by subversives who try to undermine American traditions." But, for a change, this would be the truth. For it is a fact that early America was without the Prussian military tradition, and the early army officers were democratically chosen, even elected by the ranks, during the Revolutionary War.

Even West Point, first established in 1802, was permeated with this democratic tradition; so much so that the complaint was made that West Point lacked proper organization and discipline.

But in 1817, Major Sylvanus Thayer, a thickheaded, police-minded martinet of the Prussian type, subverted the early traditions of the U.S. Army and substituted the military caste notions that have come down to us in the form of the present codes and regulations at West Point, and the Academy slogan: "Duty, Honor, Country."

Where did Thayer get his ideas? Why, he traveled in a caste of Prussian martinet.

## PRUSSIANISM BROUGHT INTO NATION VIA WEST POINT OFFICER TRAINING

By Harry Frankel

The hubbub at the "Point" continues and gives us ordinary mortals a further glimpse of the life of the cloistered elite that is being trained up to rule over us in a militarized America and to direct the conquest of the rest of the world.

The cadets continue to give out with anguished wails. Like General Crawford, the gift-happy chief of the Detroit Tank Arsenal, they cry that "We only did the same as everyone else, only we were caught."

In the meantime, it is further revealed that the authorities in command of West Point, like all prison keepers, had extracted confessions from the cadets through the use of stool-pigeons, provocateurs, and threats of Leavenworth sentences. Still further, it was revealed that the Army football squad has been recruited and maintained by means of an extensive program of "favors" and exemptions similar to the means used by every football coaching staff in the dollar-happy colleges around the country.

So that by now, it looks like everyone at "the Point" can holler, along with General Crawford: "We only did the same as everyone else, only we were caught." That includes the football coach and the commanding officer, as well as the cadets.

The fake "honor" routine at West Point is designed, as we pointed out last week in *The Militant*, to convince everyone, including the future officers themselves, that there is something special about a West Pointer, about an officer and a gentleman in the U.S. Army, that places him above the ordinary mortals of the population, and especially above the enlisted men he is to command.

This is indispensable for any organization where the leaders

come to the top, not by the choice of the ranks, but by official, bureaucratic order from above. Since these men are not likely to possess the respect of the ranks, they must be given a substitute for respect in the form of fear. This is a Prussianized elite status, a military caste.

If we wanted to imitate the official controlled press, we could point our finger at West Point to a foreign enemy, only while Arnold betrayed the site of the future military academy to the British and failed in his object, Thayer betrayed West Point to the vicious military traditionalism of dictator-ridden Europe and succeeded. I know Benedict Arnold is not popular with Americans, but in my book, Major Sylvanus Thayer and his continuators are marked lousier.

The Prussian-type "honor" fakeroo at the Academy is all wrong, but that is not all that is wrong up on the reservation. We Americans don't need a special caste to rule over us, whether in the Army or outside it. There is no reason why the leaders of the Army can't rise right out of the ranks, and really reflect the population of this country. Let the ranks choose their own officers, as they did in 1776.

Of course, the 14,000 well equipped acres that lie 50 miles above New York can then still be used for leadership training. But the men who go there will be chosen democratically, and their "code of honor" will be democratic, and not autocratic; they will be real leaders, and not

General Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army Commander, said on Aug. 14 that in the event of a renewal of the fighting, his troops will "really clobber them," and he added: "I don't know anything that would get it over faster." Of course, if fighting is the fastest way to get it over with, then General Van Fleet presumably favors fighting instead of truce. All that must be pointed out here is that if statements such as those issued by Syngman Rhee and Van Fleet were being made instead by Chinese and Korean high officials, they would be blazoned forth on the front page of every American newspaper as evidence of "bad faith."

However, the continuation of the negotiations well beyond two dozen sessions shows that American imperialism still holds to the policy that a truce in Korea is its best bet at the present time. The main reason for this is that the Pentagon has learned that it is fighting powerful forces in the East, and that all American energies may not be sufficient to defeat the power of the Asian revolution.

U.S. tactics in the negotiations show that American imperialists hope to dictate the truce on strictly their own terms.

## Local Addresses Of Socialist Workers Party

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BROOKLYN—The Luxe Palace, 555 Howard Ave., near Loew's Pitkin. Meeting every Thurs., 8 P.M.

## After Cicero

By Bert Deck

The Cicero affair has entered a new phase. The Harvey Clarks, the Negro family recently driven from their apartment by force and violence in Cicero, Ill., have decided to move to Norwalk, Conn. They plan however to remain in the Chicago area until the completion of the Grand Jury investigation and the \$200,000 damage suit they filed against the Cicero officials.

Recently the Clarks were guests of honor at a United Nations Celebration in Norwalk. A banquet and a parade were part of the festivities. Their young daughter, Adelaide, age nine, was presented a scholarship in music. The family was given time on the Barry Gray radio program.

Previous to this, the family was in New York City, where they gave an interview at the headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples. The N. Y. Post reports that there was, "the largest array of television and newsreel cameras, radio mikes, photographers and reporters ever assembled at the office of the NAACP."

What is behind all this? Why is Cicero such big news when lynch mobs are certainly not new to America? Why the scholarships and parades? Why the television cameras? Thousands of Americans have suffered the brutalities of beatings and house burnings, but there were no banquets from the liberals. What's so special about Cicero? The explanation is obvious.

Cicero dramatically exposed the rottenness of American capitalism to the oppressed peoples of the whole world, thereby impeding the imperialist drive toward world conquest. Cicero was reported in all the major newspapers across the globe. So

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## Socialist Workers Party Candidates Open Their Election Campaigns in Six States

### SWP Enters Two in Frisco Election Race

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16 — The Socialist Workers Party announced today the candidacy of Harry Press for Supervisor in the November city elections. In addition the party will run a candidate in the Mayoralty race.

Mr. Press is an active trade-unionist, a thirteen-year member of the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

An experienced campaigner, Harry Press ran for State Assembly in the 20th District in 1948 and in 1950. In both elections he received 14 percent of the total vote cast. In the 1950 elections he spoke to 24 different local unions including the two big waterfront unions.

Every registered voter will receive by mail a statement from the Socialist Workers candidates. The campaign will be officially launched at an election rally and Trotsky Memorial Meeting on Sat. Aug. 25.

### Detroit Mayoralty Candidate Slams Cobo Backers



HOWARD LERNER

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 14 — Howard Lerner, candidate for Mayor of Detroit on the Socialist Workers Party ticket, today denounced the tie between unions and capitalist party politicians.

Lerner saw the endorsement of strikebreaking Mayor Cobo by leading Democrats as proof that the Socialist Workers Party is right in opposing any tie-ups by the unions with the politicians of the two old-line, capitalist parties.

#### BOOMERANG

Mr. Lerner stated: "Unity between the Democratic Party and the labor leadership has boomeranged against workers again. The announcement by three leading Democrats that they will support strikebreaking Mayor Cobo for reelection shows that the Democratic Party, like the Republican, is no friend of labor."

#### A HACK

Included in the trio referred to by Lerner is Charles Edgecomb, a former President of Motor Products Local 203, UAW-CIO, whom Mr. Lerner refers to as "a former union leader who is nothing but a Democratic hack today."

"Cobo is closely associated with Republican politicians," the SWP candidate for Mayor went on, "but that didn't stop these Democratic leaders who are supposed to be friends of labor, from endorsing him."

Lerner denounced the UAW union leadership for refusing to run candidates directly from the labor movement and responsible to it. He charged that the UAW heads are "proceeding quietly to give support to another Democratic politician, Ed Brannigan, for Mayor."

Following the speeches and discussion there will be food, dancing

On Ballot In San Francisco



HARRY PRESS

### Turner in Phila. Has Good Rallies; Others Scheduled

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11 — The Socialist Workers Party held its second successful street meeting of the 1951 Election Campaign here Friday night at 11th Street and Columbia Avenue. Clyde Turner, SWP candidate for City Councilman, Fifth District, was the principal speaker.

To the interested workers gathered around the sound truck, she pointed out that the current wave of Government anti-radical, anti-Negro terror was planned to "frighten off" those most likely to resist American capitalism's imperialist drive to lower the living standards of the American working people and destroy what remains of our traditional liberties in order to pave the way for the Third World War needed to preserve their decaying, outmoded system a little longer. She explained that the stepped-up pace of Philadelphia's police brutality was just another symptom of the nation-wide frenzy of the ruling class, which is having a difficult time trying to whip the American people into line behind the new war plans.

#### THE SOCIALIST PLEDGE

Comrade Turner promised that as a genuine socialist City Councilman, she would expose the crookedness and bad faith of the corrupt capitalist politicians. Whether elected or not, she pledged to continue a genuine struggle of the Philadelphia workers to help rid the world forever of degenerate Jim Crow capitalism.

A. Verna, who spoke next, gave a brief résumé of the problems facing American workers and minorities, and urging them to take matters into their own hands, counterposed the SWP's election platform, giving an indication of some of the changes and benefits which can be expected under a socialist society.

The chairman summed up the speeches and called on the workers to read *The Militant* and support the SWP campaign.

Sales of *The Militant* and other literature were brisk — all Militants on hand were sold out.

The next meeting of the series is scheduled to be held Friday evening, August 17, at 28th and Girard Avenue about 7:30 P.M. It will be followed by a meeting at 18th Street and Columbia Avenue on Friday, August 24 at the same hour.

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### Lawrence Trainor Runs for Boston School Committee

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 14 — The Socialist Workers Party announced today the candidacy of Lawrence P. Trainor for member of the Boston School Committee.

Mr. Trainor, an active leader in working class struggles for many years, is a well-known figure to Boston voters. He received over 4,000 votes in 1947 when he ran for the same post. He has gained a reputation for his uncompromising stand in the interests of the workers.

#### BARRED FROM BALLOT

Two years ago Trainor was barred from the ballot on the basis of a flimsy technicality. In order to forestall a repetition of this, his supporters have collected and filed 3,600 nominating signatures, though the legal requirement is 2,000.

A statement released today by the Boston Branch of the SWP said, "Although the election is hypocritically 'non-partisan' in character, Trainor will present the socialist answers to the problems facing the working class and minority groups."



LAWRENCE TRAINOR

### Pledges to Expose Trenton Frame-Up

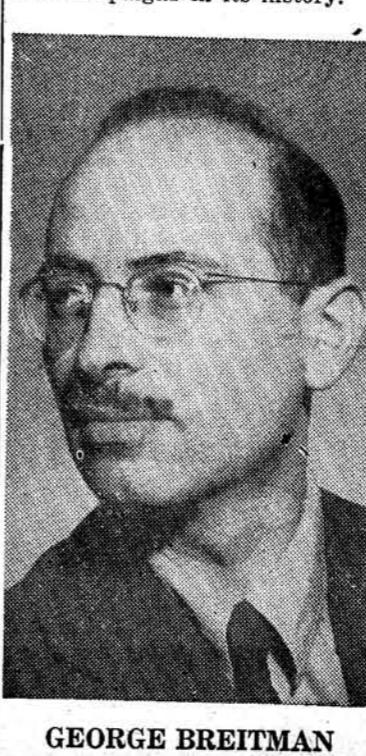
George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for New Jersey Assembly from Essex County, repeated last week his pledge, if elected, to introduce a resolution demanding a speedy investigation, trial and punishment of the perpetrators of the Trenton frame-up.

Breitman also singled out for immediate action the repeal of the vicious New Jersey Utilities Anti-Srike Law.

The candidate insisted, "No one, in Washington or Trenton, should be able to deprive the American workers of their right to strike."

A veteran campaigner for socialism, Breitman ran for U.S. Senator from New Jersey in 1946 and in 1948. He received over 8,000 votes in the 1948 elections.

For information on how you can help in George Breitman's campaign, write or get in touch with us at the campaign headquarters, 423 Springfield Avenue, Newark, N. J. The Newark party plans one of the most extensive campaigns in its history.



GEORGE BREITMAN

Socialist Workers Party candidates have opened campaigns for the fall elections in six states. Steps to launch effective and energetic campaigns have been announced by Socialist Workers Party branches in San Francisco, Cal., Detroit, Mich., Philadelphia, Pa., Newark, N. J., New York City, N. Y., and Boston, Mass.

Experienced Socialist Workers Party campaigners are planning to take advantage of every opportunity to place the program of Socialism before the voters. They want to reach more workers than ever before with the SWP slogans against war, and against the reactionary trends in the U.S.

All the SWP candidates will campaign for the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from foreign soil, for taxation of the incomes of war-bloated profiteers, against taxing workers' incomes, against Jim Crow and for a workers and farmers government.

### BARTELL PUSHES FIGHT ON RISING LIVING COSTS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 16 — Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers candidate for President of the City Council, will open his campaign officially at an election rally and Trotsky Memorial Meeting, Friday, Aug. 24, 8 P.M., at the Capitol Hotel.

"Living standards are being lowered in New York as drastically as elsewhere in the country," said Bartell in statement issued today. More than 150,000 families in the city have had their rent increased since March 15; the official estimate is an average increase of 18 percent. The real figure is almost double that since the poorest families are always the hardest hit.

#### TAX GOUGE

"The price and tax gouge in New York has in many respects outstripped the rest of the country and more price rises are ahead. Added to these hardships is a wave of joblessness. Applications for unemployment insurance during the month of July were double the official expectations."

Eight cold-blooded murders of innocent Negroes by the New York cops have occurred in the past two years alone. "The City Council, along with the Mayor,

must take its full share of responsibility for these atrocities," charged Bartell.

Not only has no cop been convicted of these brutal crimes, not one has ever been indicted. These "legal" killings continue; but the City Council refuses to lift a finger.

#### WHO WILL RULE?

"Who will rule City Hall in the next two years, the capitalists or the workers?" — that is the main question of this campaign according to the Socialist Workers candidate.

Bartell continued, "The present gang in City Hall serves only the interests of Big Business and race-baiters. They are not interested in defending the living standards of the New York workers. Bigger profits for the capitalists — that's their main concern.

"They are not interested in stopping the cop-killers of Negroes. They need them to protect their rotten system.

"Only a City Council run by and for the workers and minority groups in this city can put up a fight to halt the lowering of living standards, safeguard civil liberties and protect the lives of minority peoples."

#### The Negro Struggle

### Facts Show Army Jim Crow Goes On

By Jean Blake

The Iron Curtain of U.S. censorship of the views of GI's on the Korean War was partly cut through last week by the now famous letter of the courageous marine lieutenant to Truman damning the waste and destruction of human lives and money in the imperialist slaughter.

Similar sentiments have been expressed by numerous Negro soldiers throughout the Korean War, but have been reported cautiously in the Negro press, and not mentioned at all in the white capitalist dailies.

A typical interview reported in the Pittsburgh Courier on July 11, quoted returning Corp. Charles W. Barnes, winner of two Bronze Star medals:

"I can't see what anybody wants with that war-torn, disease-ridden country. I am glad to be back home."

More direct, because the soldiers quoted were protected from army disciplinary action by anonymity, were the reactions to the promises of ending segregation in the Far East command. As reported by Ralph Matthews, Afro-American newspaper correspondent in Tokyo:

"Men of the famed regiment (24th Infantry) are jubilant but skeptical." They are asking "What happens stateside?"

"Will we be separated from our buddies while traveling in the South?" and "Where will we be stationed?"

"Stop yapping about cease fire and let us come home."

Such sentiments should make it clear that if the administration thinks it can whitewash its phoney cease-fire negotiations and improve its record on civil rights by disbanding the 24th Infantry, Truman has missed again. It was too little too late.

The following statistics on segregated units in the various service commands, taken from last week's editorial page column of W. O. Walker, publisher of the Cleveland Call and Post, don't begin to give the full picture of Jim Crow in the armed forces. But they provide reliable figures that may be quoted the next time some Polyanna tells you discrimination is just fading away like an old soldier.

#### SOME RELIABLE FIGURES

"The Army, with 180,000 Negroes (12 percent of its strength), has abolished all segregation in basic training, but carefully divides its troops thereafter into white and Negro units.

"The Navy has about 20,000 Negroes — 3.3 percent of its strength; more than half of them are assigned to the Steward's branch (cooks, messmen) in which there are only six whites; there are but 27 Negro officers in the Navy, including one lone Anna-polis graduate.

"The Marines have also moved slowly: of the 200,000 men on duty, only 2,000 are Negroes, and only three Negroes are officers.

"The Air Force, which has the best record on abolishing segregation, has broken up its all-Negro squadrons." (This does not mean that discrimination has been eliminated.)

When we add to the Jim Crow in the armed forces the increased violence against Negroes, the home burnings and dynamiting that have occurred recently in the United States, we can understand the feeling of the Negro soldiers that cease-fire should mean withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and that their fight for democracy is back in America.

The GI's are deprived of their right of free speech by military authorities, but the folks at home, who still enjoy some constitutional rights technically, owe it to the boys to voice their demands for them.

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