

Legless Vet Case Is Taken to U.S. Court of Appeals

WASH., D. C., Sept. 7 — The government's loyalty program was challenged as unconstitutional in a suit filed today by the legless veteran James Kutterer in the U.S. Court of Appeals here. Kutterer's attorney, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., appealed the decision of District Court Judge Curran on June 28 upholding Kutterer's discharge from his clerk's job in the Newark Veterans Administration. Kutterer, who lost both legs in battle at San Pietro, Italy, in 1943, lost his job in October 1948 under Truman's loyalty purge solely because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

Kutterer's appeal contended that he was wrongfully discharged and deprived of his constitutional rights. His discharge was based exclusively upon the fact that he belonged to the Socialist Workers Party which had been arbitrarily

Minn. Foundation Sends Donation to Aid Carl Skoglund

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 — The Irving D. Blumberg Foundation of Minnesota has contributed \$100 to the defense of Carl Skoglund, the well-known 68-year-old Northwest union leader whose deportation order was upheld last week by the U.S. Assistant Commissioner of Immigration. This donation was given in recognition of Skoglund's services in labor's cause and in protest against his victimization under the unconstitutional McCarran law.

The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin Cities, Irving D. Blumberg, for the purpose of assisting victims of racial, religious and political persecution.

The decision upholding Skoglund's deportation is being appealed by the Civil Rights Defense Committee which has undertaken a national campaign on behalf of this veteran labor leader. The Committee intends to test the McCarran Act by taking his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary. Further contributions for Skoglund's defense should be sent to 19 West 10th St., N. Y. C. 11, N. Y.

The argument on Kutterer's plea will very likely be heard by the Appeals Court judges in October.

Several thousand dollars will be needed to defray the expenses of taking the case through the higher courts. Contributions for the legless veteran's defense should be sent to the Kutterer Civil Rights Committee, 19 West 10th St., N. Y. C. 11, N. Y.

MYRA TANNER WEISS ON TV, RADIO IN NEW HAVEN

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 10 — A one-half hour interview on the radio and a brief interview on television were the main highlights of Myra Tanner Weiss's two-day visit here on her coast-to-coast speaking tour under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party.

Mrs. Weiss appeared this morning on a women's program conducted by Ellen Switzer over a local radio station. The free and unrehearsed discussion that followed dealt chiefly with the state of civil rights in this country, with Mrs. Weiss clearly getting the better of it in the dispute that ensued.

KUTCHER CASE

The SWP representative gave a revealing report on the case of James Kutterer, the legless veteran who was purged from the Newark Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Miss Switzer, who was evidently already familiar with the Kutterer case, noted that the Communist Party has refused to extend any support to the legless veteran's fight against the "loyalty" purge.

Mrs. Weiss then related the story of the Minneapolis case, involving 18 SWP and CIO leaders who were the first to be persecuted and imprisoned under the Smith Act. Noting that the Stalinists here too had refused to aid the witch-hunt victims and had even aided the prosecution against them, she developed the position of the SWP on civil rights — namely, the defense of the Bill of Rights and traditional democratic liberties for all groups and individuals, no matter how strongly the SWP differed from them politically.

Miss Switzer attempted to fog the issue and to justify the current persecution of the Stalinists by noting there is a difference between "talking about robbing a bank and actually robbing it." But Mrs. Weiss showed the hollowness of this analogy by making it clear that the Stalinists are being prosecuted not for any overt acts but for their ideas.

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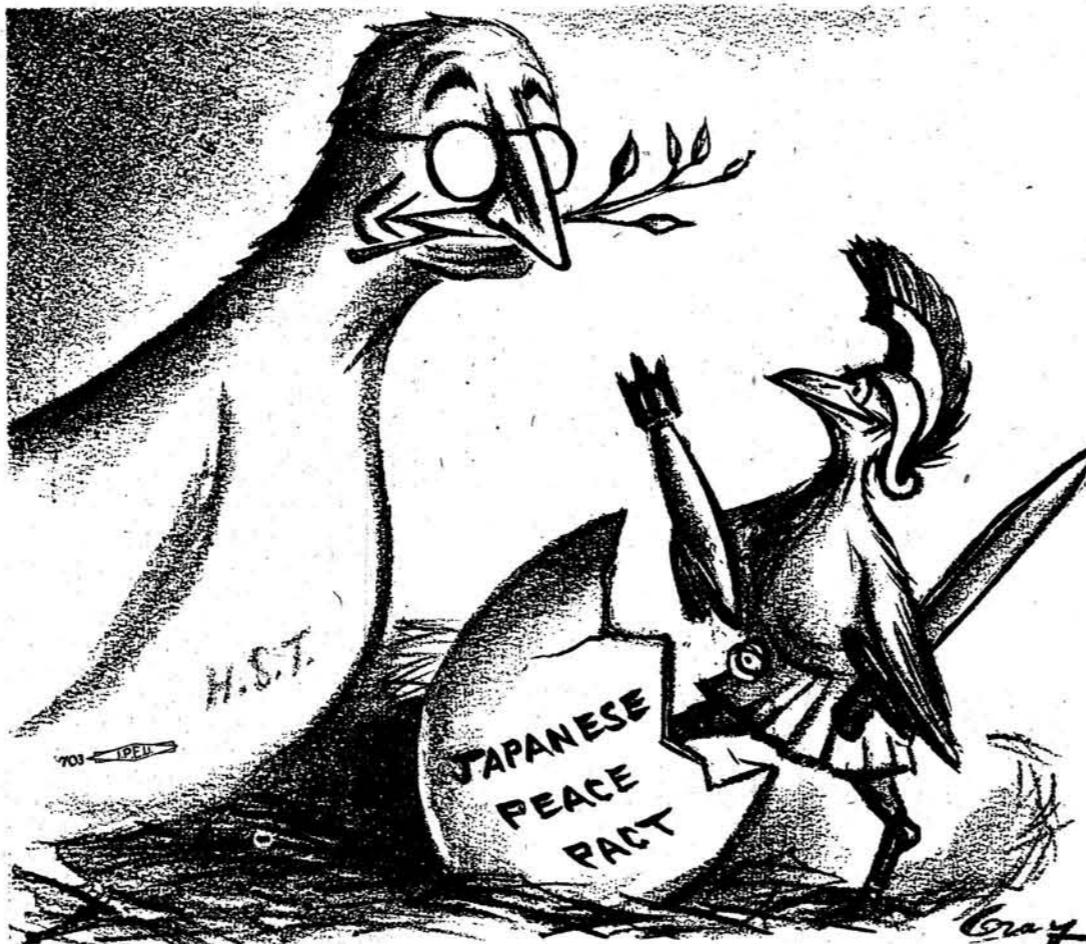
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Was Adamic's Death Suicide Or Murder?

By George Breitman

SEPT. 12 — New Jersey local and state police have indicated that they are almost certain to issue a verdict of suicide in the mysterious case of Louis Adamic, the noted author who was found shot through the head at his farm home near Riegelsville, N. J., on Sept. 4.

The cops, who don't like to have "unsolved" cases on the records, may think this will "close" the Adamic case. But it is safe to predict that the verdict of suicide on the basis of the evidence thus far made available will not be thus far made available by informed public opinion. The suicide theory has been adopted by the cops, and stubbornly maintained by them despite all kinds of contradictory facts, has too many holes to stand up against a serious investigation.

Naturally, without additional definite evidence, all possibility of suicide cannot be ruled out. But, on the basis of information already made public, a considerable number of reasons for strongly doubting it can already be pointed to.

WHY NO NOTE?

1. No note, explaining why Adamic should take his life, was found, or apparently written.

This fact strikes those who are well acquainted with Adamic's writings as especially strange. He was the kind of writer who is in a very close, personal and even intimate relation with his readers; who explains everything to his readers about himself and his ideas and how he came to hold or change them; who evidently feels a compulsion not to be misunderstood, even at the sacrifice of so-called author's privacy. His closest collaborators find it impossible to believe that he could kill himself without leaving behind any motivation for the benefit of those he loved and worked with.

2. There were no identifiable fingerprints on the rifle he is supposed to have shot himself with, or on the handle of the axe he is supposed to have used in prying open oil cans with which to set fire to, two of the three buildings on his property.

The police have still not attempted to explain the coincidence that no prints were on either rifle or axe-handle.

3. What reason could Adamic have had for wanting to burn down his home — something that would be detrimental only to his relatives and heirs?

One speculative answer is that he had come to despair over the difficulty of completing the book on Yugoslavia he had been working on for two years, and that he wanted to destroy the manuscript, which was found strewn around the oil-soaked room where his body was found. But Adamic knew that carbon copies of virtually the whole work were

Escalator Pacts Undermined by Tax Grab

By C. Thomas

Real wages for factory workers have remained frozen since January 1950. Price rises and tax increases have drained off purchasing power created by higher money wage rates. The new tax measure now before Congress will soon cut real wages again. Bounding prices, punitive taxes, frozen wages, and more of the same — such is the inflationary trend charted in a statistical study published in the Aug. 31 issue of the AFL Weekly News Service.

The survey covers only the earnings of factory workers, a large part of whom are covered by union contracts. The inflationary squeeze on other sections of the working population is undoubtedly worse.

REAL WAGES

Real wages as distinguished from money wages is a matter

of vital distinction to every wage earner. It is take-home pay translated into terms of what the dollar can buy in the way of goods and services. With rare exceptions it is the sole source of income for the wage earner. With his paycheck the worker must provide food, clothing and shelter for himself and family. Schooling for the kids, recreation and medical care, groceries and rent, and a host of other obligations must be met out of the wage earner's pay envelope.

It is not difficult to understand, therefore, that the standard of living of the worker and his family is immediately and directly affected by what happens to his real wage. Rising prices and higher taxes, unless offset by a corresponding increase in wages, mean a lower standard of living for the wage earner and dependents. An increase in money wage rates which does not correspond

to the increased cost of living means a cut in real wages.

In an attempt to offset the worst effects of inflation a number of unions have included cost-of-living (escalator) clauses in the union contract. Approximately 3 million organized workers are now covered by some form of escalator clause. Although a small minority, the tendency is for this section of the labor movement to set the national wage pattern inasmuch as the escalator clause is pegged to the cost-of-living index put out by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLS INDEX

The survey covers only the most serious flaw in existing cost-of-living clauses. The validity of the BLS index has been repeatedly challenged by both the CIO and AFL. The BLS method of compiling cost-of-living data re-

sults in a spurious index rigged against the wage earner.

Taxes, for example, are not included in the BLS cost-of-living index. Yet taxes, federal, state and local, bite a huge chunk off the take-home pay of the wage earner. Current tax deductions and the threat of still higher taxes, unless compensated by increased wage rates, can result only in a drastic cut in real wages with its inevitable lowering of living standards.

Union militants are beginning to realize that the power to tax is being utilized by the agents of Big Business in Washington to cut the heart out of their escalator clauses. To ward off this flank attack on labor's standard of living they are raising the demand that taxes be included as a factor in the determination of the BLS cost-of-living index. This is an absolute minimum protection without which the whole pur-

pose of the escalator clause will be negated.

Taxes are paid out of wages. Taxes, therefore, are a part, and an ever increasing part of the wage earner's cost-of-living. To ignore this factor, as the BLS index does, amounts to a blatant fraud. The escalator clause can function as a safeguard to the worker's standard of living only if ALL factors affecting the cost of living are included in any cost-of-living index to which it is pegged.

The demand to include taxes in the BLS cost-of-living index is a step in the right direction. It must be recognized that so long as the time-servers of Big Business in Washington retain the power to decide what constitutes a proper index, the escalator clause, potentially the sharpest weapon in labor's fight against the ravages of inflation, will be blunted.

"Big 3" Plot War Pact With West Germany

Pact With Japan Revives Reaction And Militarism

By John G. Wright

There is undisguised gloating in Washington over the signing last week at San Francisco of the pact with Japan. Publicly the pact is being painted up as notable for its "generosity," its "humaneness," its "enlightenment," etc. On this there is remarkable agreement between Gen MacArthur and the Truman administration.

In his Cleveland speech on Sept. 6, MacArthur, while attacking the Truman administration, went out of his way to laud the pact with Japan as the embodiment of "much of human justice and enlightenment." This would be conqueror of Asia has every reason to gloat. For the real architect of the Japan treaty is neither Dulles nor Acheson but none other than MacArthur.

BEST 1948 VOTE

In New Jersey, where requirements for getting independent nominations on the ballot are relatively liberal, it is felt certain that the SWP ticket will appear on the ballot next year. In 1948 more votes were credited here to Dobbs and Carlson than in any other state.

WHO BENEFITS

The chief beneficiaries of this pact are the American imperialists and militarists; and next to them those who benefit the most are their military and imperialist counterparts in Japan.

The true meaning of the pact

is that it paves the way for reviving what was formerly the strongest reactionary power in Asia, the power of Japanese imperialism and militarism.

To be sure, Washington has written many "restrictive" clauses into its pact with Japan.

For example, the military forces of Japan are to be limited to

ground troops. "The naval and air arms will be inhibited and will remain the province of the U.S.," assured the N. Y. Times editorial of Sept. 10.

REARMING UNPOPULAR

This is intended not only to reassure jittery European allies, especially Britain and France, and small Asian puppets, like the Philippines, who view with dismay and fear the prospect of a resurgent Japan. It is also intended for home consumption where the rearming of Japan is still just as unpopular as the projected rearming of Germany.

The main task of this "sovereign" Bonn regime would then be to carry out full-scale German rearmament. "Some officials," according to the N. Y. Times, "hope that West Germany could be brought into the general Western Europe defense program within two months."

German economy, the most advanced and powerful sector of European economy, is, of course, capable of playing a decisive role in raising the living standards not only in Germany but throughout Europe and the world. But such a revival is the last growth envisaged by Washington.

Their aim, in Germany as at home, is not an increased flow of consumer goods, but an ever greater flow of arms at the expense of civilian needs. As in the days of the Kaiser and Hitler, Germany economy is to be revived as a war machine. German man-

power is to be mobilized as military power.

Plans for this military revival have been laid by Washington long in advance. That is why, for years now, Capitol Hill and the Pentagon have extended such zealous protection and patronage to Prussian generals and officers. That is why the notorious Krupp and other German industrialists have been released from jail and their industrial empires — key branches of arms production — restored to them.

Nor is it accidental that under the "democratic" sponsorship of the U.S., reactionary forces have been gaining in strength. As the last elections have shown; the neo-Nazis in Germany and the neo-Fascists in Italy have doubled their strength in the last two years.

However, Washington will not be able to ram through the projected "contractual agreement" with Germany as easily as it did its pact with Japan. As the sole occupying power in Japan, Washington could and did dictate the terms on "a take it or leave it" basis both to the Japanese ruling class and to its European allies. In dismembered Germany it is impossible to proceed without previous agreement not only with France and Britain but also with the German capitalists — an agreement which, as the entire past experience has shown, has not been so readily forthcoming.

There is not a single European government that can move either toward war economy at home or toward promoting the revival of the German war machine, without reckoning with the reaction of their respective labor movements. In this respect the Bonn regime itself is as vulnerable as any of the others.

It is this resurgent labor movement in Europe and within Germany that remains the biggest single obstacle in the way of Washington's plans to turn Western Europe, including Germany, into a vast armed camp.

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CIO and the Witch Hunt

Speaking to the recent New York State CIO Convention, Frank Rosenblum, national CIO vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said:

"Our civil rights are insidiously being impaired, restricted and curbed. A wave of legislation, beginning with the Taft-Hartley Act and the Smith Act, and embracing the McCarran Act and similar measures, has created in effect a parallel legal system superseding the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and our traditional body of law. This is a dangerous movement toward fascism, representing a real threat to labor and liberal elements in the community. This reactionary movement is deliberate, and is being engineered by those who would substitute fascism for democracy, even though they seek to create the impression that it is being directed against the Communists."

Rosenblum's statement, and the implication that the CIO should do something about the conditions he describes, will be welcomed by every fighter against the witch-hunt now sweeping this country. Everything he said on this score was true; all it lacked was the naming of names, which would show that the Trumanites (whom the CIO leaders helped to elect) are just as responsible for this situation as the McCarthyites.

Perhaps the other CIO leaders recognize, along with Rosenblum, that labor

is the chief target of the rabid anti-communist drive. They used to in previous years, when they and the AFL leaders denounced the Smith Act and similar repressive measures. But in recent months, especially since the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Smith Act, they have not put it in the unequivocal terms used by Rosenblum and they have not acted in accord with the urgency of the issue. General statements of mild protest or doubt, which is as far as they have gone lately when they were not altogether silent, are of little avail against a powerful "threat to labor."

It is to be hoped that Rosenblum's remarks at the New York CIO Convention were not meant merely for the record, and that they signify the beginning of an understanding in labor circles of the need to combat and stop the witch-hunt now, before it becomes more powerful. Rosenblum should raise this issue in the national CIO Executive Board, and urge a free and frank discussion of this danger and how to overcome it at the coming national CIO convention. Labor has the duty of mobilizing the American people to defeat the conspiracy of those who would substitute fascism for democracy, and it can accomplish this only by organizing an independent Labor Party to challenge the political monopoly of both parties of capitalist reaction.

Imperialist Plans -- Asia and Europe

Gen. Ridgway's admission that a U.S. plane strafed the truce area at Kaesong would seem to imply that American imperialists plan to resume cease-fire negotiations. This would be in line with Washington's overall strategy.

It is not likely that the Pentagon planners have changed their view, expressed by Chairman Bradley of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that war with China is "the wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, with the wrong enemy."

The two and a half months of on-again off-again cease fire parleys have shown that while U.S. imperialism does not favor allowing the Korean war to spread to an all-out war in Asia at this time, it is no less determined to maintain its military bases in Asia.

The Japanese treaty provides the U.S. with its major military base of operations in Asia.

Thus, with its hold on the Southern half of Korea, Formosa, the Philippines, etc., U.S. imperialism retains a widespread chain of bases from which to attack the Asian continent.

But the build-up of these military outposts does not necessarily mean that the Big Brass is ready to launch all-out war in Asia — that is, on China. Such a war would hold out the prospect of a protracted conflict against the revolutionary Asian peoples, which as the Korean war showed, would consume a great part of

The stalemate in Korea has enabled Eisenhower to draw upon increasing numbers of newly trained troops for European militarization. Under present conditions Korea, has required only replacement troops. But should the war spread in Asia, the Pentagon would be faced with an immediate crisis: under conditions of all-out war with China it would have to shift its main forces to the Far East.

The great problem for U.S. imperialism, as it emerged in the "Great Debate,"

was whether or not to leave Europe "unprotected" while an all-out war of conquest was launched against the Asian peoples. The rapid increase in U.S. troops concentration in Europe indicates that Wall Street does not intend to yield the industrial power of Europe in exchange for the uncertain prospects of an imperialist conquest of Asia in revolt.

Its preparations for World War III are still concentrated on Europe as the main battleground.

Leaders Challenged at Minnesota CIO Parley

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 9 — The 14th annual state CIO convention adjourned today with a very modest record of accomplishment.

A labor party resolution, submitted by Local 722, was not even reported out by the resolutions committee, but was instead returned to the union. This high-handed tactic does not often occur even in the hide-bound American Federation of Labor. Many other resolutions submitted by various unions suffered similar treatment. They were referred to the incoming executive board for future action.

The business of the convention was almost a side issue compared to the very generous treatment accorded the speakers from national CIO. For two days the restive delegates listened to speeches and then on the third and last day were given the issues with which the delegates were most concerned.

DUES INCREASE

A proposal to increase the per capita tax paid to the state CIO Council by 5 cents was defeated by a close margin, as was a compromise proposal to increase it to 3 cents. The small locals pleaded poverty as the reason for their non-support, and several of the large locals voted likewise, although for different

reasons, one of which was — no confidence in the state CIO administration.

There were 29 local unions too poor to send delegates to the convention, and yet the state CIO administration proposed to raise the already heavy per capita tax — one of the largest among the 44 state CIO councils.

The proposed dues increase was scheduled to go to the state CIO department of research, headed by Robert Gannon, former secretary to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. This department had operated on a voluntary contribution of 10 cents per member among state CIO members. Gannon's work consisted of compiling the voting records of state legislators and lobbying for CIO-supported measures in the state legislature. His record in the latter was almost nil.

There were a few gleams of light in the darkness as witnessed by the fact that Secretary-Treasurer Rodney Jacobson chided Senator Humphrey for sponsoring an amendment to the hated Taft-Hartley law, in conjunction with Taft himself. Jack Kroll, Political Action Committee Director for the national CIO, gave lip service to "independent labor political action," independent of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party as well as the Republican

Report from British Trade Union Congress

By T. Burns

BLACKPOOL, England, Sept. 7, 1951 — British labor hates war, and its attendant evils. That was the lesson of the Trade Union Congress which has just concluded its sessions here. The Congress results show the leftward movement of the British workers. In spite of the considerable mobilization of the right wing machine, and its block voting and procedural trickery, nevertheless the warmongers in Washington and London can derive little satisfaction from the results.

A gentleman by the name of Richard Gray, who came as a fraternal delegate from the American Federation of Labor, said much of his time telling a sympathetic Congress about the injustices of the Taft-Hartley Law. In winding up his speech, however, he astonished everyone including some prominent right wingers, by telling us that he believed sincerely in the two-party Gompers political theory, as practised by the trade unions in the United States. He sounded like a man from another world to people who understand the importance of a Labor Party, and

there were many noticeable smiles, even on the platform.

There were three main debates: defense, budget charges on teeth and spectacles, and the wage issue. General Secretary Tewson opened with the usual stuff about the "free" world being attacked by the "Russian aggressor."

After a long harangue compiled from notes which more than likely passed through the hands of the Labor attache at the U.S. Embassy, Tewson called for an all-out rearmament effort.

During the discussion it was obvious that the conference was in an uneasy mood. When one considers that the delegations from the big right wing unions number sometimes as many as 150 per union, and that these delegates constitute a special team of cheer leaders, it was noticeable that on this occasion there was a relative quiet about the proceedings.

Even the thickest blockheads could recognize that rearmament means a lower standard of living, and in terms of a rank and file union member, it signified a very uncertain future.

The right wing of the Congress lauded Washington; the Stalinists lauded Moscow, while in be-

tween some old-time centrists such as Bob Edwards from the Chemical Workers Union, made the usual pleas for conscience, God and pacifism.

The Stalinists as usual acted stupidly even from their own point of view. Armed with quotations from the speeches of the mineworkers leader Lawther, who had led delegations of workers to the Soviet Union in the Twenties, the Stalinists set out to prove that the bureaucrats position was against war on Russia then, and in favor of it now.

Without the slightest hesitation Lawther took the floor and said that it was all right to quote from his speeches of the Twenties, but the majority of leaders who were prominent in the Soviet Union at that time had since been liquidated. This finished the Stalinists. They made no reply.

The debate ended with two and a half million votes cast against the General Council (Pro-Government) report, out of a total vote of about seven million.

Had President Tanner of the Amalgamated Engineering Union voted in accordance with the mandate of the last meeting of the national committee of the union, he should have cast his vote against, and this would have brought the minority vote to well over three million. This is a substantial vote when the bureaucratic character of the Congress set-up is understood.

The debate on the budget cuts in the health service was the highlight of the Congress. The right wing held its position by a vote of approximately 3,700,000

to 3,250,000. Unfortunately, Jim Fliggen, secretary of the National Union of Railways, mislaid his voting card, which carried 320,500 votes. Since he would have cast these votes against the official policy, the right wing majority would have been reduced to something in the region of 100,000, which is in effect a left-wing victory.

With the votes of the constituency parties (local Labor Party organizations), there can be no doubt that the government will be defeated on this issue at next month's Scarborough Labor Party conference.

There was great uneasiness also on the issue of wages. The General Council was forced to effect a compromise in its own ranks by accepting a resolution admitting the validity of wage demands, which is a long way from wage freezing, (last year's policy). A resolution openly demanding wage increases sponsored by the E.T.U. received over two million votes, in spite of some vicious right wing tirades. This once again demonstrated the unmistakable leftward trend.

The Trade Union congress is always the forerunner of the Labor Party Conference. (It usually takes place one month earlier.) There can be no doubt that this year, the Labor Party conference will go much further to the left as a result of this spurt from the Trade Union Congress.

Father of Grace Carlson, vice-presidential candidate of the SWP in 1948, and of Dorothy Schultz, who has run on the SWP ticket in this area, Mr. Holmes was a boilermaker in the Great Northern shops until 1946.

"He always tried to do something for working people in trouble," the speaker continued, "but his last 5 years were the most satisfying period of his entire life. He became an active partisan of the anti-war movement and a staunch supporter of the idea that oppression of colonial peoples is unjust — he had a hatred both definite and clear for the actions of imperialism."

Pointing out that Mr. Holmes understood that a better life is possible and that working men and women should organize and struggle for that attainable goal, Comrade Dunne said: "The notable fact is that this wrecked and outmoded capitalist system, causing misery and death to so many, makes so little provision for staunch men like James Holmes — to give them an opportunity to really have time to think and work for the causes they believe in."

The investigation into DeLamelielle's suspected hidden ownership, revealed that the bar has been managed by the detective's wife, Marie, and is listed in the name of her brother. Mrs. DeLamelielle was given power of attorney for the bar three months after its purchase, and only she was authorized to sign checks for the establishment.

DeLamelielle is scheduled to appear before a police trial board Sept. 11. Nineteen witnesses will be called. His interest in the bar and a beer store, also listed in his brother-in-law's name, violate State laws and Police Dept. regulations. Police Commissioner Boos hurriedly stated that no evidence had been uncovered to support the charges that the plots resulting in the Reuther shootings were hatched in the Canton bar.

At the time it became known that the police probe had been ordered, DeLamelielle had the gall to attack the UAW-CIO, holding the union responsible for

surplus." (What a word to describe human beings!) This "lack of funds" persists in spite of the Marshall Plan. Billions of dollars were taken from the American taxpayers for the supposed purpose of providing Western Europe with the money needed for reconstruction of its economy.

SERVES CAPITALISTS

The Militant explained from the start of the Marshall Plan that it would not serve reconstruction, but would only enrich European capitalists.

Today, after several Marshall Plan years, many capitalist politicians have to admit that it did not really give European economy a shot in the arm. Those American billions flowed into the bank accounts of the European industrialists and their go-betweens. They did not help the toiling masses, whose misery remains appalling. American economic aid to Europe helped the profiteers but not the workers.

Morse's statement is an implicit admission of the Marshall Plan's failure. European capitalism is so rotten that real prosperity cannot be restored without changing the social and economic structure of the continent. But that is precisely what Wall Street and the State Department want to do.

The system must be wrong, if it cannot put the unemployed to work. But the capitalists and their publicists tell us that World War II has impoverished the Old World, and that a lack of money prevents the employment of the

Culture Workers and the United Rubber Workers, were unable to send delegates, doubtless for financial reasons.

One of the delegates, known as a strong administration supporter, moved toward the end of the convention, that the committee in charge of next year's convention arrange for fewer outside speakers so that the business of the convention need not be delayed to the last day. This motion received a noisy ovation.

"Sad Sack," the poor simp who made so many GI's happy by proving that a bum soldier can also be funny, has turned out to be a socialist in disguise.

If you don't believe this, listen to Senator Homer Capehart (Rep., Ind.). He has the following comments to make about a Sad Sack comic book intended to encourage soldiers to re-enlist:

"This alleged comic book looks to me like socialistic propaganda, aimed at discrediting American industry. It relates the experiences of a soldier discontented with Army life who gets out and finds civilian life even worse. He finally draws his paycheck — five cents after all the deductions have been made and the nickel turns out to be a counterfeit one, so he goes back in the Army."

Senator Capehart plans a Senate speech denouncing poor Sad Sack. He has it in for the Army because it spent \$17,544 to buy 500,000 copies of the book. Socialists will gladly admit, before Capehart blows his top, that workers still draw more than a wooden nickel in their pay envelopes. But the fantastic rises in the cost of living and in tax deductions that come out of workers' pay envelopes before they ever get to see them, gives the Sad Sack cartoon enough basis in fact to make it funny.

If Capehart thinks that the falling standard of living of the working people of this country is "socialistic propaganda," he ought to put the bee on himself and his Senate colleagues who are voting the tax rises that have all of us Sad Sacks so worried.

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Senate at Work

By Tom Conlan

Our readers may glean a faint idea of how the public treasury is being raided by the military "strategists" from the following scene which actually took place on the floor of the U.S. Senate on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Present at the time was a grand total of nine Senators, seven Democrats and two Republicans.

Business before the body, the passage of H.R. 4914, authorizing "certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes." Money involved — a sum of almost six billion dollars. (The original requests amounted to "more than 12 billion dollars.")

Senator Russell of Georgia took the floor as reporter for the Armed Services Committee. He was brief, saying among other things:

"This is a bill of great proportions, Mr. President. There have been times when it would have startled the American people if their representatives in the Congress of the United States had submitted a bill of this magnitude. . . . Of course, the committee cannot vouch to the Senate for every facility which is included in the bill. . . . I know of nothing we can do, Mr. President, but to authorize these construction authorizations. I hope that the defense agencies will proceed as efficiently and economically as possible in the construction of these projects, indeed, I insist that they do so."

"Of course, there is a considerable sum of money in the bill for the construction of overseas bases. Those projects are highly classified (read: "top-secret"). The committee inquired into them as best we could and concluded in the light of the evidence submitted to us, that they were justified."

In reply to a hopeful query that perhaps the bulk of the billions authorized may never be spent, Sen. Russell assured that they would: ". . . I am compelled in all candor to say that in my judgment most of the money authorized in the bill will be expended."

The committee amendments to the bill were then read into the record by the clerk. Without

On Tour for Socialism

By Myra Tanner Weiss

At last my tour has started. I have looked forward to it eagerly. I have not had an opportunity before to get acquainted with the Eastern branches of the Socialist Workers Party, and to meet the comrades about whom I have read in *The Militant*, but have never known well personally. I have met some of these socialist militants at conventions, but on my tour I expect to be able to get far better acquainted. It is also a real pleasure to visit the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party.

Waiting for my train to Boston I looked around the railroad station for something to read. My eye caught a book called "Crime in America," a report of a tour of this country made recently by Sen. Kefauver. His tour included many cities I shall visit. But what a difference. He visited the capitalist politicians and I am getting acquainted with the revolutionary socialists. Believe me, it's quite a contrast.

Kefauver saw corruption, bribery, gangsterism of the worst sort in every city he visited, and I meet the honest, devoted and intelligent fighters against all these things. His reports were "shocking and depressing." Mine can only be full of enthusiasm and optimism for the future of this country.

For example, in Newark my meeting was chaired by George Breitman, the SWP candidate for the New Jersey Assembly. The workers of New Jersey couldn't have a better champion than

Ohio Feelings on Korea

A letter in a Cleveland paper calling for repudiation of the administration's foreign policy and the withdrawal of troops from Korea has been followed by a large-scale expression of approval by the people of the Cleveland area. The letter, which was published last Dec. 13, was written, curiously, by the president of the Lincoln Electric Company. Mr. J. F. Lincoln, apparently, differs strongly with his brother-capitalists, who have been in the forefront of the war drive.

Mr. Lincoln's letter, one of the most sharply worded denunciations of American-capitalist policy to appear in print since the start of the Korean war, evoked more than 500 responses. The overwhelming majority of the comments supported him.

The full text of the letter follows:

Editor
Cleveland Press
Cleveland, Ohio
Sir:

There is much question at the present time as to what should be done about the mess in Korea. Has anyone thought of approaching the matter in a perfectly honest and straightforward way?

First, admit that we are the aggressors and that we have no business invading Korea or any other country. Second, bring back our army to America. Third, pay for the damage that we have done in Korea.

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Crime Tie-up to Capitalist Parties Hit by Socialist Election Opener

By Harry Ring



MICHAEL BARTELL

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 — The trial of the eighteen cops indicted for "conspiracy to obstruct justice" will try the lid from the sewer and release a little of the stench of capitalist politics in this city, declared Michael Bartell, candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, as he actively entered the race for President of the City Council.

"Nobody even bothers to pretend any more," Bartell said,

"that the charge of accepting bribes to protect gambling leveled against these cops, who range in rank from Inspector down to Patrolman, is something unusual. Harry Gross, New York's bookee-in-chief, asserts that he's been paying a million dollars a year for official protection, and that he has the receipts to prove it. The lion's share of this payoff doesn't go to the cop on the beat but to the higher ups. This is amply demonstrated by the fact

that Costello's boy, O'Dwyer, is cooling off south of the border, and by "racket busting" Dewey's curious reluctance to explain why he pardoned 'Lucky' Luciano.

"Every new scandal," Bartell pointed out, "proves that graft and corruption are the principal stock in trade of both parties.

However, in all fairness to Costello and Gross it should be said that their take on the deal is strictly chicken-feed compared

to that of the 'big boys' down on Wall Street. They're the ones

who get the real protection from the government, and make the big

slaughter for the sake of their bloated pocketbooks."

The Socialist Workers campaign for Bartell opened this week with a series of open air rallies organized in working class districts by the Brownsville, Downtown Manhattan and Youth branches of the party. The response to these rallies will be reported in next week's *Militant*.

Bartell's campaign committee has also announced plans for a number of meetings to be conducted in Spanish in the Puerto Rican neighborhoods of the city. During the course of the drive to secure the petitions necessary to nominate Bartell it was noted that the response of the Puerto Rican workers to a militant socialist candidate was unusually favorable. In addition to the open air rallies the committee is planning to issue a number of leaflets in Spanish and is exploring the possibility of purchasing time on a local radio station with a Puerto Rican audience.

Killer-Cop Whitewashed By Chicago Grand Jury

By Bert Deck and Marjorie Rains

CHICAGO, Sept. 8 — Cold-blooded murders and inhuman beatings by a degenerate police force are not new to Chicago. But more often than not information concerning them is suppressed. However, the recent case of Killer-Cop Moretti was too shocking to conceal.

Michael Moretti, a policeman assigned to the state's attorney's office, shot and killed two unarmed youths, Edward Salvi, 21, and Arturo Gaminio, 15, and wounded a third, Leonard Monaco, 21. At the time the cop was supposed to be on a furlough.

The shooting took place at 4 a.m., Aug. 24, about four hours after Moretti was involved in a tavern brawl and lost his .32 revolver. During the skirmish the revolver was thrown into a vacant lot.

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According to the wounded Monaco, he, Gaminio and Salvi went to the lot to search for the gun. None of the three had been involved in the tavern brawl. They wanted to return the gun to Moretti in order to save the tavern owner from trouble.

"I picked up the gun, and along came Moretti," Monaco reported. "He asked me for the gun and I handed it to him. Then he ordered the three of us to get in our car."

"One of the men with Moretti told him not to hurt us," the wounded man continued. "Moretti mumbled something, I guess he promised." The men walked away.

Moretti then blazed away at the boys. Salvi and the 15 year-old Gaminio were killed and Monaco wounded. *

FREE MORETTI

On Aug. 31 the Grand Jury, after only twenty minutes deliberation, presented a "No Bill," freeing Moretti without indictment. Collusion between the police department and the state's attorney's office was so obvious as to provoke a storm of protest as to the city.

In an editorial the Chicago Sun-Times claimed that "he (State's Attorney Boyle) and his assistant, James A. Brown, have protected Moretti and influenced the Grand Jury against indicting the policeman with a political drag."

Moretti and five members of his family are on the public payroll. Contrary to previous Grand Jury procedures, Moretti was

In doing this, we will not lose face, we will not kill our sons, and if we are fearless in our honesty, we will achieve a lasting peace with all the world.

Yours very truly,
J. F. Lincoln

While Lincoln's letter does not mean much by itself, the response of over 500 people in support of it is additional evidence of the opposition by the majority of the American people to the Korean war.

This cringing letter is addressed to the mayor who broke the DSR strike led by Martel himself.

The boos of thousands of CIO and AFL workers which greeted Cobo at the Labor Day rally represented the feelings of the majority of Detroit's workers against the anti-union Cobo. The boos were also directed against the union officials who sat on the same platform with the strike-breakers.

Cobo, stiff-necked to the end, did not reply "graciously" to Martel's letter. He replied that the real reason he was booted was "misstatements made by union leaders about my administration." The union leaders could learn a little about stubborn sticking to the people you represent from Cobo, who doesn't hesitate to attack the union in the interests of his bosses — the big money interests — every chance he gets.

"We regret any embarrassment caused to yourself by this demonstration."

he still would have faced trial in an open court. According to the Sun-Times, "The state's attorney is supposed to make all of this clear to the Grand Jury. It is evident that he did not."

THREATEN JURORS

Two of Moretti's brothers are park district policemen; they sat and talked with witnesses waiting to appear before the Grand Jury. A reporter stated, "I saw one of the brothers, who emptied his revolver of shells before he went into the grand jury room, come out, stand directly in front of the witnesses and slowly twirl the cylinder of his revolver and put one bullet into the cylinder at a time."

Jules Schwartz, foreman of the Grand Jury, said "It was the foulest thing I've ever seen. . . . It was a travesty on justice." Virgil Peterson, managing director of the Chicago Crime Commission, said "this certainly is a gross miscarriage of justice."

Several independent probes are now being conducted in an attempt to place the case once again before the Grand Jury.

Moretti claims to have been investigating a dope case at the time of the shooting. When asked why he was working during his furlough he replied, "I've worked several times on my furlough. There's nothing I'd rather do than police work."

The Chicago workers and minorities have long been victims of just this kind of "police work."

This killer must not go unpunished.

SEARCH FOR GUN

The administration of Mayor Cobo, incumbent candidate, has a particularly bad record on the housing problem. In the name of slum clearance, Cobo evicted homeless people in the midst of the city's most drastic housing shortage, with no provision for their housing.

SLUMS UNCLEARED

Although these workers were evicted many months ago, the slum areas have not been cleared to this date. Many families still live in the houses with "condemned" markings on them, because they have no other place to go.

As one worker at the rally put it, "There's no effort being made to clear these areas."

SWP candidate Lerner pointed out that the housing problem could be eliminated within six months by utilizing some of the war plants in Detroit's area for the mass production of homes.

The feelings of the workers who attended the rally were shown when several in the crowd shouted out in protest against lynchings and racial discrimination.

PHILADELPHIA SWP Candidate Blasts Profit Gougers

PHILA., Sept. 4 — "The workers' pay envelope is being pilfered every week by profit-greedy Big Business." In these words Mrs. Clyde Turner, 5th District Councilmanic candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, called attention to increasing profiteering.

"There never has been such a profitable period for Big Business. They are making so much money they are finding it hard to find places to spend it. This they openly admit. Yet they fight like jungle beasts against even mild controls over prices and succeed in making these controls a complete joke."

OUTRIGHT THIEVERY

"On the other hand working people are finding their pay envelopes shrinking every week. Out of every worker's pay envelope a sneaking capitalist hand takes its cut. The great mass of people stand helpless before this outright thievery. While Senate committees hunt down the tin-horn gamblers, and racketeers and solemnly inquire into the extent of their ill-gotten loot, no politician dares question the thieves who take billions."

"There is a way to check them and it is a way that must come from those who feel this stealing the most. The trade unions of this city must take the initiative in organizing housewives committees which together with the unions can start to police prices. Organized action will show the profiteers that they cannot continue to sheer the people."

The young Negro candidate concluded her statement by pledging the active assistance of the Socialist Workers Party in such an action.

BOLD AND INSPIRING LEADERSHIP

Moreover, it was not following the trend of the witch-hunt in mass organizations by bureaucrats acting as agents of the imperialist government that Negroes dropped away from the CP. They left the CP in droves during the war because they wanted militant struggles against Jim Crow and the CP was opposed to them. They wanted the truth told about the lack of democracy in the country leading the "war for democracy" and neither the capitalist nor the Stalinist press was telling it. As a matter of fact, thousands first subscribed to *The Militant* in this period because it was the only paper telling the truth; hundreds joined the Socialist Workers Party in this period because it alone supported, and in many cases led, Negro struggles for equality without reservation.

Mr. Hill is right when he characterizes the current drive of the Communist Party to win Negro support for its various campaigns as just another maneuver in the interests of Stalin's foreign policy, while "the fight for Negro rights demands a consistent program under bold and inspiring leadership."

But the conclusion, Mr. Hill, must be that the NAACP should provide such leadership — not serve the interests of American white imperialism and the Administration by concealing their aims, white-washing their crimes, keeping the struggle against Jim Crow "respectable" at all costs, and using anti-Communism as a basis for silencing internal criticism, honest differences, and militant policies in the NAACP.