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Columbia U. Dean Refuses to Assist Gov't Snoopers

In a forthright and courageous move, Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Columbia University School of Journalism last week withdrew cooperation from the witch hunters. His statement, published as an article in the bulletin of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said:

"After twenty-two years as dean, I am now discontinuing my practice of cooperating with Federal, state and police investigating agencies, except on written request and on advice of counsel." Dean Ackerman charged that the social and political views of students are investigated by Federal agencies who "follow up leads like prosecuting attorneys." He added that "Students are tried secretly without their knowledge and without an opportunity of explaining or defending their records before employment by any governmental agency."

Ackerman pointed out that he had justified his previous practice of cooperating with Federal investigators before his own conscience on the ground that the investigations were aimed at "uncovering Communists." But he found that not a single "communist" was turned up by investigations among his graduates.

In Ackerman's view, the issue at stake is not academic but political freedom. He said he feared that American journalism is reaching the end of the era of journalistic independence because "the freedom of individual independent expression of opinion on controversial subjects may be damaging and possibly dangerous to the individual's desire and necessity of earning a living."

He pointed out that neither a degree nor an "A" record are good enough recommendations for a college graduate looking for a job, because employers ask

Twin Cities Hold National Lead In Sub Campaign

By Dorothy Johnson
Campaign Manager

The Militant Subscription Campaign maintained a steady pace this week with a gain of 69 six-month subs and 38 one-year subs. The Twin Cities brought in the most sales and are still in the lead. Chicago is in second place, but this week New York narrowed the gap between the two cities by 422 points. The Los Angeles comrades moved from seventh to fourth place on the national scoreboard with the second best gain of the week. The Seattle comrades also made a good gain of 486 points, moving up from ninth to fifth place.

Paul of the Twin Cities sets the pace for subgetters. This week he advanced from third to first place with a score of 346. Ray, also of the Twin Cities, is a close second with a score of 316; and Howard A. of Chicago has 306 points.

Minneapolis Literature Agent Helen Sherman reports the latest news of the competition among the three Twin Cities teams. She writes, "The Classy Strugglers of St. Paul are out in front this week with a score of 1,136 points. The Marching Militants with 913 points and the Coover Scouts with 757 points bring the Minneapolis-St. Paul total to 2,806 points - 63 subs and 128 single-copy sales in three weeks time."

"One of the most gratifying results of this campaign has been the new subs. Helen reported with a new one-year sub this week obtained from an active CIO unionist, whom we originally met in the election campaign last fall. Another new sub from a university student was brought in by Dave and Bob. You don't need a fancy sales talk to sell the Militant: Give your friend a couple of introductory copies of the paper to read; go back for a visit and a sub. When we call their attention to The Militant, forward-thinking, conscientious workers today see in the paper a progressive and fighting program for the cause of labor and all American people. The Militant sells itself, given a good start and follow-up direction!"

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GIs to Stay "Quite a While" In Korea, Eisenhower Admits

Half Million In L.A. Hear SWP Views

LOS ANGELES, April 7 — More than a half million people here are estimated to have heard the Socialist Workers Party program against the Korean war and the witch hunt and for socialism in the election campaign of Myra Tanner Weiss for mayor and Robert E. Morgan for member of the Board of Education. The voters are balloting today.

Waging the most intensive election campaign in SWP history here, the party's candidates have talked before 32 labor and civic organizations, appeared on six television programs, five of them each an hour long, and spoken twice over the radio. Mrs. Weiss has appeared five times on KNBH-TV programs and last weekend on KLAC-TV. She has also presented her views over radio station KXN and KECA-ABC.

Among the unions which have heard the SWP candidates are the AFL Carpenters, Warehouse Local 26, AFL Sheet Metal Workers, Studio Carpenters, AFL Canners, CIO Shoeworkers, CIO Council Committee, Affiliated Teachers Committee, AFL Cabinet Makers, and CIO United Auto Workers Local 509.

Other organizations addressed include the Citizens for Better Schools, Community Service Organization, Culver City Democratic Club, L. A. Committee of Faculty Representatives, Republican Women, West Valley Homeowners, Laurel Canyon Neighborhood Club, Huntington Park Republican Women, Methodist Church Forum, University Women's Club, Florence FEPAC, YMCA (Negro-white), Eastside Southland Jewish Organizational Club, and the Independent Progressive Party.

SHE SETS THEM RIGHT

Two days before elections, the mayoralty candidates appeared on "Freedom Forum," a televised program. The two Republicans, Mayor Bowron and Rep. Norris Poulson, called each other "Red!"

Bowron smeared Poulson for attempting to prevent deportation of a woman accused of being "subversive." Poulson called Bowron's weak housing program "socialistic."

Mrs. Weiss denied both of them the honor of being reds or socialists and pointed out that a socialist program would use the wealth which now goes into war for such basic needs as housing.

The government has replied to the defense brief in the main, by raising a series of technicalities: the defense brief was filed "too late" etc. The Supreme Court is expected to rule soon.

(See page 4 for more about the SWP campaign in Los Angeles.)



PROPOSED POLICE-STATE LEGISLATION AROUSES PROTEST MOVEMENT IN OHIO

The attempts of witch hunters in the Ohio legislature to enact the Devine bill (House Bill 308), has touched off a protest movement headed by Ohio chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor.

The Devine bill, which has

previously been analyzed in The Militant, is an "anti-subversive" measure far more flagrant in its violations of the Bill of Rights than police-state measures such as the Truax law in Michigan.

The fact that union locals and other groups interested in defending civil liberties in the important industrial state of Ohio have begun to publicize the unconstitutional provisions of the Devine bill is heartening. In almost every state legislature numerous "anti-red" acts have been introduced. This disease began with the Ober law in Maryland and the Truax law in Michigan and has spread throughout the 48 states. Unless the epidemic is stopped, traditional American liberties must succumb to the dread infection of thought control, guilt by association and political proscription.

The March 1953 bulletin of the Cleveland Civil Liberties Union

carries a report on the more than half dozen "anti-subversive" bills before the Ohio legislature. It states: "Supposedly intended to protect our freedom, these bills in fact present a real threat to and would constitute a limitation upon that freedom."

The article goes on to analyze particularly the sweeping provisions and loose definitions of the Devine bill. Here the usual prohibition of "the overthrow of the government by force" — itself a loose and frequently misused formula — is widened to include the "attempt to commit any act intended" to "overthrow, destroy or alter constitutional government whether the acts were really committed or merely attempted."

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The Ohio Works Organizer, newspaper of Local 1330, CIO Steelworkers in Youngstown, in its issue of April 3 carries an

article entitled "McCarthyism Proposed for Ohio." According to this union paper, "Agents of McCarthyism are busy in the Ohio State legislature. They have proposed laws that would take great strides in the direction of establishing a police state. The law which most closely symbolizes this police state legislation is House Bill 308, introduced by Representative Devine, a Republican and former FBI agent."

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"A Brother Trotskyite Near Mount Ephraim"

By George Lavan

Professional anti-Semites in this country have been undergoing a very interesting change in line. The change dates from the emergence of anti-Semitism as an officially inspired part of government policy in East Europe and the USSR. Before that Communism and Stalinism had always been denounced by the professional race-haters as the fruition of the "Jewish conspiracy" against Christians. With the disregard for facts that distinguish this breed from the smallest up to and including Hitler, they described the Russian Revolution as the doing of "Jews" and the Leninist and then the Stalinist regime as the rule of the "Jews."

Then in the post-war period the expression of anti-Semitism in the Soviet press began to attract their attention. Finally the Slansky trial in Czechoslovakia, quickly followed by the arrest and "confessions" of the Jewish physicians in Moscow, made indisputable the fact of the Kremlin's anti-Semitism.

Overnight the Jew-baiting sheets changed their line. They became supporters of Stalin, making him out to be the defender of the Christians against the Jews. At this moment there must be much pacing of the floor in the editorial chambers of the anti-Semitic papers as their editors wonder, along with the rest of the world, just what is happening in Moscow. Does the release of the Jewish doctors and the arrest of government officials who framed them up mean the abandonment of official anti-Semitism? Or is it only a temporary move in a desperate fight between factions? Only future developments can give the answer. In the meantime the anti-Semites have their line.

Interestingly enough their line is the identification of the "Jewish conspiracy" with the Trotskyist movement. The Militant of Feb. 23 discussed the New Jersey race-hate sheet *Common Sense*. Here the Kremlin's anti-Semitism was hailed as a praiseworthy effort by the "gentiles" to throw off "the Jewish yoke." The editor wrote: "Trotsky a typical Jewish fanatic, lived only for the mass murder of white Christians. Stalin finally became disgusted at the continual blood-bath...."

Lest anyone thought that this line was peculiar to *Common Sense*, it is worth examining an expensively printed pamphlet of 52 pages, complete with maps, entitled "The Earth Sitteth Still" by John Henry Monk. This is published in Portsmouth, Virginia.

The title page proclaims that it is "An Exposition of the Formula of International Intrigue." The "Formula" it turns out is that world-infamous, long-discredited forgery, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

The Protocols of Zion forgery was issued at the beginning of the century. It came out of Czarist Russia where anti-Semitism was officially stirred up by the government as a "safety valve" for the people's discontent. When social or political conditions were dangerous the government would instigate "pogroms," i.e. massacres of Jews, or hold trials at which Jews would be accused of murdering Christian children in order to obtain their blood for religious rituals.

The Protocols purported to be the plan for world conquest drawn up by the leaders of the Jews. It was, the forgery alleged, a world-wide and diabolical scheme to corrupt, mislead the Christians and then to enslave them.

Though long since exposed as a crude fake, the Protocols continue to be the favorite "proof" of professional anti-Semites of a Jewish plot against the rest of mankind.

"The Earth Sitteth Still" is a partial reprinting of the Protocols with a running commentary and "historical illustration." Written in a pseudo-historical style, with unrelated quotations from ancient Greek, Latin and Hebrew literature, the pamphlet "traces" the "plots" of "Trotskyism-Zionism-Titoism" practically from the beginning of time.

Thus, commenting on a passage from the Old Testament where the Hebrews sent "five men... to spy out the land, and to search it" (Judges 18), the obsessed author says: "On their way northward, the five spies lodged one night in the house of a brother Trotskyite near Mount Ephraim."

In a section on the "Origin of the Pharisees," he writes: "... they were and are, dyed-in-the-wool Trotskyites, which was shown to be in the AP reports from Vienna, late in November, 1952, in connection with the announced intended execution of 11 subversive Jews and their three goya stool pigeons. Trotskyism being a term that is synonymous with Zionism." (Emphasis in the original.)

Social legislation in this country is labelled "creeping socialism" by Senator Taft and his ilk. But that is too mild for the anti-Semitic madmen: "We call Trotsky communism 'creeping socialism' and 'collectivism'! We do not have the guts to call it what it is — Trotskyism." Another favorite target of fascist groupings in the U.S. is UNESCO. According to the author, it, too, is part of the gigantic Jewish-Trotskyist conspiracy: "UNESCO (of the UN) submits to the hilt Titoism and Zionism, hence UNESCO is Trotsky communist one hundred per cent."

There is, of course, a lot more, just as vicious and psychopathic. What is the point in reporting such trash? Unfortunately in our crazy capitalist society the working class can't afford not to pay attention to what the professional race-haters are writing. Nazi Germany and its mountain of corpses prove that.

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Peasant Land Seizures Spark Guatemalan Agrarian Reform

By Harry Frankel
(Third of a series)

In last week's article, I described how the Guatemalan city workers, together with the agricultural laborers, have become the spearhead of the revolution since the overthrow of the Ubico dictatorship in 1944. Guatemala has changed in many ways since then, but it must not be thought that any of these changes have been of a fundamentally anti-capitalist nature. None of the reforms have broken through the capitalist framework. What has been true, however, is that the social reforms are being forced through by a working-class and petty-bourgeois coalition against the opposition of Guatemalan landowners and top capitalists and against foreign capital.

In his Feb. 28 speech quoted in last week's article, Dr. Guillermo Toriello, Guatemalan ambassador to the U.S., gave his view of the tasks of the revolution as follows: "Carrying forward the economic and social transformation of the country by seeing to it that the people are better fed, that wages rise, that agrarian reforms are effected, that agriculture is mechanized, that industrialization proceeds, that communications are improved and that capitalist methods of production are instituted."

Since 1944, some progress has been made along these lines, mainly under the impulsion of the labor movement. Foreign companies have been regulated more closely, currency reform and control instituted, a labor code promulgated and a social security institute established, other institutes like those devoted to Indian affairs, to the development of production and cooperatives, etc., have been created and as a result of these actions as well as of the conditions on the world market, wages have risen and industrial activity and foreign trade have grown.

AGRARIAN REFORM

Of all the social-revolutionary processes under way, the most important has been the agrarian reform. The Agrarian Reform Law was passed on June 16, 1952. Under the law, peasants organized into local committees (usually by the federations of labor and of agricultural labor) may denounce the estates of large landowners which are mostly uncultivated. These lands can then be seized, the owner indemnified with 3%

25-year agrarian bonds, and the land then distributed among the peasants either on a life tenancy or a 25-year purchase basis. This law was declared unconstitutional by the Guatemalan Supreme Court, but since this court is subordinate to the Guatemalan Congress, it was reorganized early this year with the removal of four judges who had voted against the law and the appointment of four new ones.

Landowners are shouting that "communists" run the Agrarian Reform department. They say that the Workers (Communist) Party dominates both the labor federation and the agricultural laborers federation, and that these two bodies control the local and provincial committees that are carrying out the expropriations. The landowners had been offered seats on the local and provincial committees, as well as on the Agrarian Reform Council, but they never filled these places.

BY THEIR OWN PETARD

Since compensation is based upon tax valuation, and since the landowners have set the value of their own lands very low in order to defraud the government of taxes, they now find themselves hoisted by their own petard. A dispatch in the Feb. 29 U.S. News and World Report complains: "Owners find that they take terrific losses on lands that are seized. It is the practice here for

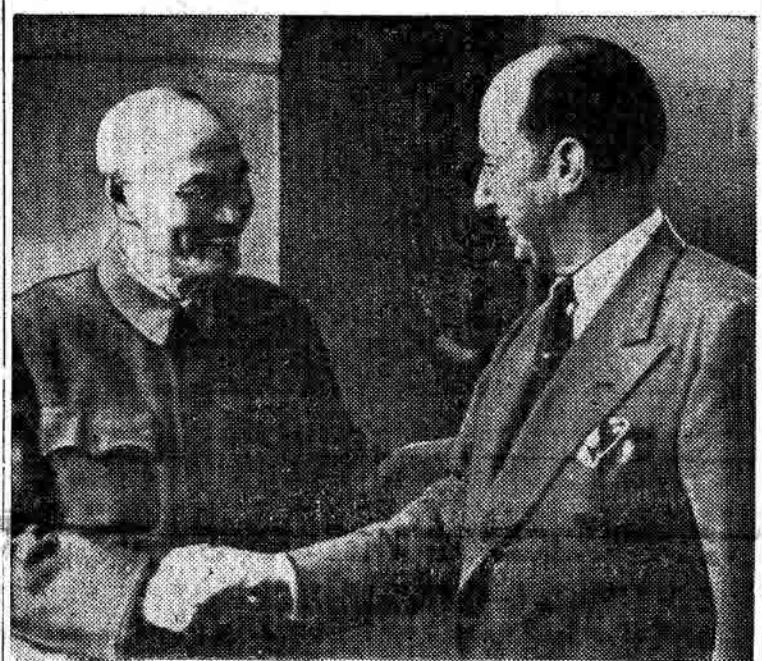
the owner, rather than a public assessor, to set the valuation of his land for tax purposes, and he always has set it low. A farm worth \$100,000 might be valued for tax purposes at \$5,000 or \$10,000. Now, under the Agrarian law, this valuation becomes the price at which the land is taken by its usual Wall Street tone, gives us nevertheless some slight picture: "Inflammatory speeches by national leaders have been carried to the back country by agitators, mainly Communists or Communist sympathizers, seeking to stir the Indians into forceful seizures of private property."

The Christian Science Monitor of Jan. 23 carried the following dispatch:

"Guatemala City — Police say knife-wielding peasants in southeastern Guatemala are taking the national land reform law into their own hands and are seizing plantation property. Some 400 farm workers armed with machetes were reported to have grabbed land in the Asuncion Mitla area near the El Salvador border. The police say they were led by a regional officer of the Confederation of Farm Workers, a Communist-dominated group. Guatemala's Communist Party, which is closely tied in with the government of President Arbenz, has agitated for forced partitioning of land. This has already led to violence in several areas."

Under the Agrarian law, the 300,000 acres owned by the United Fruit Company have been taken, and this company, its appeal refused by President Arbenz, is now appealing to the Guatemalan Supreme Court. At the same time, the assets of the International Railways of Central America, a United Fruit Co. subsidiary, were attached early in March because of non-payment

Stevenson Meets Dictator



Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate in 1952, is warmly greeted by Chiang Kai-shek, butcher of the Chinese people, on his arrival in Taipei, Formosa.

U.S. Troops to Remain 'Quite a While' in Korea

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exacting and stalling demands raised by the U.S. military negotiators. In fact, the concessions go beyond what the American generals and admirals had demanded. There can be no shadow of a doubt that if a truce is not achieved very quickly, the responsibility will rest completely on the shoulders of the bankers, war profiteers and generals.

"Voluntary repatriation" of war prisoners was never the real issue blocking the truce. This was an artificially contrived issue raised by the U.S. command.

A cessation of the fighting, even momentarily, puts on the agenda the big political questions that America's rulers want to evade. Recognition of the new government of China, the future of Formosa, the Indo-Chinese people's war of independence against French imperialism — these questions, so revealing of the reactionary aims of American Big Business' foreign policy, have been behind the reluctance of the ruling clique in Washington to agree to a truce.

But the indisputable readiness and eagerness of the Chinese and North Koreans to make a truce, even by making every concession so far demanded, has undercut Wall Street's pretenses for continuing the fighting. World sentiment places the onus for aggressive war designs on America's capitalist rulers. Eisenhower and his administration feel tremendous pressure for peace. They are under compulsion to attempt a diplomatic maneuver designed to shift the war on to the Soviet Union, China and their allies.

THEN SWITCH

That demand won, "the American idea would be to switch quickly to the other side of the world and ask Soviet Russia for a quickie peace pact in Austria" which "would pull out occupying Russian soldiers and officials."

But that won't end the demands. "The series of 'ifs' continues," the Journal says. And "if the Chinese or the Russians refuse any of these requests, it is contemplated that U.S. propaganda expert C. D. Jackson will organize a worldwide campaign aimed at convincing the world the Reds don't want peace, really, despite their talk of it. That would be intended to prevent a breakdown in the rearmament effort..."

Summarizing this plan for deliberately paving the way for a world war, the Journal cynically concludes that "the importance of this new policy — to American diplomats — is that heads we win and tails we win too."

PEOPLE WOULD LOSE

The American diplomats may win, to be sure. Their bosses, the Wall Street bankers, arms industrialists and generals may jockey and maneuver this country into a ghastly H-Bomb war. But the American people and the people of all lands will be frightful losers.

Against Eisenhower's design for war, the American people must organize and fight for a pattern for peace. We must not place a scrap of confidence in the capitalist government in Washington, its diplomacy and its fake "peace" maneuvers intended to screen bigger war moves.

First and foremost, we must demand the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Korea. That is the only guarantee that the White House-Pentagon gang won't "spring" some provocative demand or move, at any time after a cease-fire, that will precipitate bloodier fighting than ever in Korea.

We must call for an end to the blockade on China and for the recognition of the new Chinese government. We must oppose any support, material or diplomatic, to the fascist butcher Chiang Kai-shek now holed up on Formosa under the protection of the U.S. fleet.

Not a penny, not a gun to the Syngman Rhee dictatorship in South Korea. Let the Korean people settle their own affairs. Stop interfering in the internal affairs of others. These are demands the American people will have to press with all their power to block the step-by-step plan already set afoot to use the truce, if it comes, as a springboard to deadlier conflict.

MILITANT SCOREBOARD

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Twin Cities	2,806	Paul	Twin Cities
Chicago	1,817	Ray	Twin Cities
New York	1,284	Howard A.	Chicago
Los Angeles	926	Milt	Twin Cities
Seattle	652	Charlie	Seattle
Buffalo	520	Bob R.	New York
Flint	520	Bob H.	Chicago
Newark	432	Natalie	Los Angeles
Cleveland	390	Dee	Chicago
Milwaukee	371	Bill B.	Twin Cities
Detroit	365	Harry	Twin Cities
Boston	264	Heleu	Twin Cities
Youngstown	182	Clara	Seattle
Akron	70	Jacki	Chicago
Philadelphia	70	Winifred	Twin Cities
St. Louis	56	Harold R.	New York
San Francisco	26	Charlie	Twin Cities
Oakland	0	Dave L.	Detroit
General	130	Irving	Chicago
		John O.	Youngstown
		Sol	Flint

TWIN CITIES HOLD LEAD IN NATIONAL SUB DRIVE

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St. Paul Literature Agent Winifred Nelson sends in three subs obtained in their plant by two comrades who are packing-house workers. She writes, "We are particularly happy about these subs because they are brand new." Winifred describes the Twin Cities plans for their Militant celebration at the end of the campaign.

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London

reports that Boston also hopes to do better in the final three weeks. Bad weather has so far held back the work. Philadelphia and Newark plan to extend their campaigns an extra week to make up for a late start. Milwaukee reports plans for stepping up their drive with the selling of ten-week local delivery subs. The comrades have pledged an increase in other subs also.

Chicago Literature Agent Jacki Booth writes: "Things are still going well here, each comrade devoting much time and energy to the campaign. We plan to sell 100 copies of *The Militant* next week at Harvester, hitting all gates at different shift times."

CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY MOSCOW TO MASSES

(Continued from page 1)

Beria purge. We will indicate only (1) how it involves the party; the government, as well as the secret police; and (2) how this purge is a framework.

Stalin's

"nationalities" purge involved party, government and secret police circles. Many prominent figures fell victims, including the pre-Ignatiev Minister of State Security and pre-Tretiakov Minister of Public Health; Beria himself came under a cloud. Beria's purge of the purges follows of necessity the same framework. Already purged is a deputy Security Minister, one Ryumin, an obvious scapegoat; gone is Ignatiev, who by Malenkov's original decree was transferred from the post of Security Minister to "leading work in the Council of Ministers of the USSR." A cloud now hovers in Malenkov's vicinity because of his close association with Ignatiev. In any case, part of the mechanics of Malenkov's removal from the post of General Secretary becomes quite clear.

Had Malenkov chosen to retain, assuming he had this choice, the post of General Secretary, he would have come directly in the line of fire against Ignatiev, one of his secretaries in both the Stalin and post-Stalin era. Malenkov's position is weaker than might have originally appeared.

Conversely, Ignatiev's downfall strengthens not merely Beria but also Khrushchev, the new General Secretary. Khrushchev, for one, will work hand-in-glove with Beria in counter-purging the party ranks, if only to place his own agents in key party and government positions.

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Beria's framework covers up the real scope of Stalin's purge. Many other leading Soviet scientists, academicians, etc., were caught in the anti-Semitic, anti-minorities dragnet. There is, for example, the case of three other Soviet academicians, one a woman, another S. D. Gurevich by name, identified by *Pravda* on Feb. 6 as a "veteran follower" of Leon Trotsky, all three accused of sabotage, espionage, etc. What is their fate? What happened to Abakumov, pre-Ignatiev Minister of State Security? Where is Tretiakov's predecessor as Minister of Public Health and all those party and staff members purged along with him?

The list of such questions is indeed a long one. Let us conclude with two more: Why has Beria announced no public trial for these "adventurers" who have been arrested and brought to criminal responsibility? And

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Labor's Stake in Foreign Policy

Last week we published in full the bold front-page declaration — "We Shall Speak Up Now!" — in the March issue of *The Packinghouse Worker*. This voiced the recognition by the CIO United Packinghouse Workers leaders that "the military clique has lined up with the big business boys to usher in a new era of reaction" and that the attempt "to drive Americans into subservience to the wishes of the military and war profiteers . . . is the challenge facing labor today."

The statement denounces the "tragic waste of human life in Korea." It warns that the rulers of this country "are preparing the way for a bigger war on more fronts" and that "their blueprint calls for a divided and weakened labor movement."

We hail this as a sign of a growing awareness in the labor movement of the relation between American foreign policy and the fate of organized labor, of the connection between Wall Street's war program and its drive to intimidate, silence and, if possible, crush the unions.

From the tone of the *Packinghouse Worker's* declaration and the reports we have received of discussions and activities under way among the UPWA leaders and ranks, we get the feeling that they are serious and mean business. If so, they have the possibility of influencing the whole labor movement in the direction of an independent fighting policy aimed at halting the war drive and witch hunt.

One "Slight" Amendment on T-H

According to the April 3 *Wall Street Journal*, "A powerful drive is under way to add one short, simple sentence to the Taft-Hartley law — and thereby drastically change some of the rules governing labor-management relations in some places."

The *Wall Street Journal*, which is much interested in this question, says the "change looks mild enough, even non-controversial: It would say simply that nothing in Taft-Hartley prevents the states from writing and enforcing their own rules on striking and picketing."

But this innocent-looking change is loaded with dynamite, as this voice of Big Business makes clear: "Business groups are backing the change because they want the states free to enforce tighter curbs on union activity . . . it would put a crimp in unions' power in many states — open the way for new, tough laws in all 48."

Many states have already passed anti-labor laws exceeding the Taft-Hartley slave-labor measure in viciousness. However, the courts have held generally that the Taft-Hartley law has "pre-empted" the labor law field. It is true that T-H permits states to pass tougher measures on the closed shop, union shop, etc., but on other questions affecting the unions such as

what is most encouraging about the developments in the UPWA is not that the leadership has achieved full clarity on all the vast, complex and pressing problems of our times, but that they have recognized the responsibility of organized labor to fully and freely discuss these great fundamental problems and to carry out an independent program for their solution.

Alert and progressive elements in the labor movement will undoubtedly follow the developments in the UPWA very closely. We hope that the other unions will undertake similar discussion and evaluation of our basic problems of war, the witch hunt and the growth of military power in this country and develop a program of action to meet the "challenge facing labor today."

There is no power on earth which can halt the capitalist drive toward war and dictatorship except the organized workers. In their hands lies the fate of mankind. They alone, united and mobilized in action, can send the war-mongers and witch hunters scurrying. And the American workers, in the very citadel of world reaction, can play the decisive role in the titanic struggle that is shaping up.

Organized labor is the mightiest force in America, representing the interests of the overwhelming bulk of the populace. It is potentially irresistible. If it but will, it can become the unconquerable champion of the peoples of the earth in ending everywhere and forever the rule of the few.

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This is what Big Business wants to "rectify" by having Congress pass the one "slight" amendment.

Given a free hand by such an amendment, state legislatures will certainly follow up, the way they followed up Truman's "loyalty" purge order and the rash of Congressional measures that came later. The states picked up where the federal laws left off, going much farther down the road of police-state legislation. The infamous Ober law of Maryland, Trucks law of Michigan and proposed Devine law of Ohio are examples.

The new threat points up once again the inexcusable weakness of labor on the political front. The powerful American trade union movement, the strongest in the world, does not have a single spokesman of its own to stand up in Congress and fight the political representatives of Big Business on their own ground. And the situation is just as bad in the state legislatures.

Isn't it high time that the unions began organizing to put union men and women in office? Or must we wait until the shackles are forged and we are bound hand and foot before we wake up?

Apologists for the Kremlin

Apologists for the Kremlin's frame-up trials always fall back on the invariable "confessions" as proof that the GPU's victims have been "guilty as charged." Whenever irrefutable material evidence has been produced to show that these "confessions," however obtained, are false, the apologists fling the question that is supposed to be the stumper: "Why did they confess, if they weren't guilty?"

This stock argument of all whitewashers of Stalinist justice has been literally exploded in the face of the frame-up apologists by the admissions of the Soviet rulers themselves, in the case of the 15 leading doctors who were arrested last January and demonstratively denounced in the Soviet press as "foreign agents," "Zionist spies" and "assassins."

For reasons explained elsewhere in this issue, the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs has publicly disclosed that the 15 physicians were falsely accused. Most significant is the fact that their "confessions" had been obtained "by the use of impermissible means of investigation." This, as the Stalinist *Daily Worker* itself indicated, refers to the "third degree" — that is, physical and psychological torture. In short, the methods for extorting false confessions are no different in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe than they were in the Spanish Inquisition.

The American Communist Party has been put in a most embarrassing position by this disclosure. But as loyal and servile minions of the Kremlin bureaucracy, the American Stalinist leaders are doing their best to salvage what they can from the collapsed structure of the monstrous

frame-up system they have always shamelessly upheld.

The April 6 *Daily Worker* brushes over the significance of the disclosure of "why they confess." It darkly hints that anyway the whole business was the work of "foreign agents." There is "some plausibility," opines the *Worker*, to the idea of "penetration" of the Soviet security apparatus by the agents of foreign powers, resulting in a frame-up attempt" and it is "not unbelievable" that this was "an attempt to discredit the administration of justice in the Soviet Union as a part of a 'psychological warfare' plan . . ."

Only the most gullible, unthinking Stalinist follower will swallow this fantastic line. Moreover, the very source makes it suspect. We wonder, however, what explanation will be cooked up by the Stalinoid elements like Leo Huberman and Paul Sweezy, editors of *Monthly Review* magazine and professed "independent socialists," who in their March issue defended the Moscow frame-up trials of the Thirties as well as the more recent anti-Semitic trials in Eastern Europe?

The *Monthly Review* has the job of fooling people who cannot be taken in by the crude propaganda of the *Daily Worker*. Huberman and Sweezy present the GPU poison with a sugar-coating of "objectivity," "impartiality" and "independence." The latest disclosures reveal how little "independence" there is in their "thinking" on the Kremlin trials. We await with interest the *Monthly Review's* "fresh thinking" on the Kremlin's own answer to the magazine's contention that the "confessions" only "underline the total inadequacy of the frame-up theory."

Boycott, Strike Threatened If Malan Wins in Election

By Charles Hanley

What will happen if white-supremacist Prime Minister Malan is voted back into power in South Africa's April 15 election and South African native leaders carry through their plans for a new campaign of protest? Here is the answer of the April 2 *Wall Street Journal*: "Racial chaos in South Africa could spread like wildfire over all of Africa. That would weaken an important strategic hub of the democratic powers in any future war. It could shake the British Commonwealth to its very foundations."

There is good reason for this conclusion. The suppression of the colored peoples under the fascist-like Malan regime has reached extreme lengths. "Today, the dark-skinned man must carry a pass just to walk on public streets. He is practically barred from any work except the most menial kind. If he happens to be fired even from that sort of job, he can be forcibly deported from urban areas to semi-civilized tribal reserves hundreds of miles away," reports the *Johannesburg Correspondent* of the *Wall Street Journal*.

"While Malanism frightens much of South Africa's European population, it is driving blacks, Asians and half-caste coloreds to desperation." And desperation is driving these victims of Malan's dictatorship to action. "For the first time, South Africa's 8.5 million blacks, one million half-caste coloreds and 350,000 Asians, mostly Indians, are now joined into one organized band, dedicated to the uplift of the non-Europeans."

BOYCOTT AND STRIKE

The National Action Committee of the non-Whites is considering a big industrial strike and buyers' boycott against the white capitalists and merchants. About 500,000 of South Africa's 730,000 industrial workers are Negroes and Indians: "Non-white leaders think they can now pull out 30%

to 40% of these persons at a moment's notice."

In rural areas white farmers depend on two million natives for field labor. Many of these could be expected to strike at the same time. And although it's difficult to organize the 400,000 colored mine workers who are recruited mostly from far-away regions, Negro resistance leaders hope

they can encourage tribal members to reject employment offers of mine recruiting officers.

While new mass actions are

being planned by South African

Negro leaders ("non-violent")

actions so far, but liable to change

their character should provoca-

tion and violence by the dominant

white minority become excessive"),

open war between the Mau-Mau

partisans and the British is

developing in Kenya.

BRITISH VIOLENCE

Some 200 African "collabora-

tions" are said to have been

killed in a Mau-Mau raid north of

Nairobi, March 26. Another Mau-

Mau group seized 50 rifles, 12

submachine guns, carbines and

thousands of rounds of ammu-

nition in the town of Naivasha after

killings five African policemen.

British troops and native police

arrested 7,000 natives in one

great mass raid April 3, holding

300 after questioning. On April 5,

they arrested six members of the

staff of Government House in

Nairobi as members of the Mau-

Mau organization.

Dozens of Mau-Mau partisans

are being killed by British troops,

hundreds are being arrested. (For

example, 30 were slain and 86

captured in a fierce battle April

1-2.) Yet the war is only just

starting, and the British know

it. Easter leave for all security

forces was cancelled. According

to an April 2 Reuter dispatch

one high Army officer declared

the Mau-Mau were "every bit as

good" as guerrillas he fought in

Ethiopia and Greece during and

after World War II. "The terror-

ists' recent big raids were care-

fully and systematically planned

and carried out with astonishing

skill," he states.

After a century of oppression

culminating in the present South

African government's anti-Negro

fury, the peoples of Africa are

on the move, adding their weight

to the revolutionary ferment in

Asia, the Middle East and Latin

America. From Bolivia to Kenya

and on to China the masses are

awakening.

Robert Wishart had been singled

out on several occasions by the

the CIO tops and given wide

authority in the Minnesota CIO

movement. After the expulsion

of the United Electrical Workers

from the CIO he was put in charge

of the campaign in the Twin

Cities designed to win back ex-

pelled UE locals to the IUE.

From the first it was clear that

Wishart showed something less

than an acute interest in this

task. As a matter of fact it can

be said that his attitude facilitated

the passage of some minor

Beck Captures Large CIO Local In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, April 3 — On

Feb. 23 Local 1145 of the International

Union of Electrical Workers

withdrew from the CIO and

affiliated with the International

Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs,

Warehousemen and Help-

ers, AFL. In as transparent a

"deal" as has been seen for a

long time in the American trade

union movement, Dave Beck of

the Teamsters took over one of

the largest CIO locals in the

Northwest.

The pattern was much the same

as the "deal" through which he

gathered in some eight or ten

thousand wholesale and retail

clerks and warehouse employees

"Best Location"

By Jean Blake

Since liberals and reformers are so fond of using the old cliché, "Socialism won't work," we can't resist the temptation, every once in a while, to see just how well their solutions to recognized social problems work.

Their solutions are based on the contention that capitalism can and does work, with a few adjustments and reforms now and then. And they cite as examples of progress cities like Cleveland, "the best location in the nation," with its FEPC ordinance and human relations councils.

Let's take a look at one important aspect of this "best location" — its housing situation. An editorial in the *Cleveland Call & Post* last week summed up the main features as follows: The West Side of the city is "so tightly barred against Negro residence that less than 2% of the whole county colored population lives West of the Cuyahoga River." The Housing Authority "does not dare put Negroes in Federally-aided housing on the West Side for fear of having hate-mongers attack the whole public housing structure."

In addition, there have been numerous attempts — to tie up new building of low-cost housing projects in litigation, petitions and counter-petitions against specific projects and enactment of special city ordinances — all thinly-veiled moves aimed to bar Negroes from areas of the city consecrated to white supremacy.

And the Door-Key Kids?

By Joyce Cowley

An emergency meeting sponsored by the Day Care Council was held this week in New York to protest possible budget cuts affecting the city's \$3,775,000 contribution to the day-care program. This contribution helps to maintain 110 centers which are for 5,140 children of working mothers.

Dan Carpenter, Director of the Hudson Guild Neighborhood House, where 107 children are cared for, said that a reduction of the allotment would mean closing some centers or curtailing the school-age program under which older children are cared for after school and during school holidays.

In two-thirds of the cases dealt with in the day-care program, mothers are the sole or major support of the family. Mrs. Guggenheim, Chairman of the Council, said curtailment or elimination of the program would force working mothers to turn their children loose on the streets or put them in foster homes.

"Women and children first" seems to be the motto of every government official who wants to cut expenses by eliminating luxuries like human welfare. It's obvious a day-care program that covers only 5,140 children in a city of 8,000,000 is so inadequate that most of the children of working mothers are loose on the streets right now. Well — our city fathers ask — aren't they getting along all right? What difference is it going to make if we close a few more centers?

They might take a look at another part

Notes from the News

WALTER REUTHER told delegates to the recent Auto Workers convention that he would fight hard if there were any attempt made to increase his annual salary above the \$18,000 recommended by the constitution committee.

WASHINGTON OBSERVERS think that the current Congress, which is setting a new record for investigations, may well expend as much as \$10,000,000 on probes. This estimate is based on the amounts already appropriated in the three months since the new session began. Some conservative newspapers are already describing this Congress as "probe-happy" and wondering whether the Congressmen are legislators or detectives.

PAGING SENATOR McCARTHY! Dr. Ira Reid, professor of social science at Haverford College, told the annual conference of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars that to be good, education must be subversive. If educated people are to assume their social responsibilities, education must be subversive in that it teaches men to turn things over, to re-examine, to dissent, to disagree as they search for solutions to problems and a better way of doing things, the educator said. Dr. Reid may have thought that he was giving a different meaning to the word "subversive" than that usually used, but his definition comes squarely under what McCarthy calls "Communist thinking."

NEGRO HOME BOMBED in Kansas City, Missouri. This is the third bombing in the same block in less than a year. The occupants were not injured, but considerable damage was done to the house. The owner declared: "It will take more than a bombing to scare me out. The only way I will leave here is to be taken out feet first."

STALINISTS BAN MARX. On March 14, which was the seventieth anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism, the Stalinist Central Committee in East Germany banned his most important work, *Capital*. The unwitting Stalinist tribute to Marx ordered that *Capital* be banned from reading rooms of all public libraries, the book to be available only to persons showing a special "emergency permit" from schools, universities and similar institutions. The same measure applies to the sale of *Capital* in bookstores. The reason given by the

Finally, encouraged by the attitude of the respectable, law-abiding bigots, more violent members of the "master race" struck twice in the past month.

On March 13 a mother and two teen-age daughters narrowly escaped death from 2 bullets fired into their home. The reason: the Lowe family had recently put their house up for sale and the realty firm representing them showed the house to several prospective Negro buyers.

The second incident occurred April 2. Cleveland Hill and his wife worked five years to buy a house large enough to unite them with their four children, separated by the housing shortage. They spent all their spare time after work cleaning, repairing and painting the building, getting ready to move in.

Then, on April 2 the vandals struck. The freshly painted house was spattered with red paint and racial epithets.

The Hills are not intimidated, and still plan to move in, hoping they will not be molested further.

These things happen in the year 1953, in a northern city, Cleveland, "the best location in the nation."

All we can say to those who have faith that capitalism can be reformed to eliminate discrimination and segregation is that their methods don't seem to work very well.

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NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD, BRASS HAT CONFESSES

"There is a slightly bald, middle-aged colonel in Tokyo who is a great favorite with civilians. They say he is the only honest military man they ever knew." These attention-provoking sentences begin a news report that has the genuine ring of truth. It is by Ernie Hill of the *Chicago Daily News*.

"Folks," the unnamed colonel says, "I never had it so good. I spent 10 years in the Army back in the United States and I could kick myself."

Why should a dignified colonel take such an undignified action? "I didn't know what I was missing. But, boy, I've found out now. The Army'll never get me back to the United States until I'm ready to retire."

The colonel isn't talking about the mud and snow and filth and hardships and sudden death faced by the troops in Korea. He's talking about the life of the brass in Tokyo. "Here I got a 12-room house, four servants, an Army car, a chauffeur and membership in some of the fanciest officers' clubs in the world."

"I play golf three afternoons a week. I don't do enough work to

earn a corporal's pay and I still work harder than most."

In the homes of civilians who like to invite him over, the colonel says: "You poor dopes. You pay 200 to 300 percent more for all the food you buy in the stores."

"But, boy, you can't beat these commissaries — choice beef is cheap, cigarettes \$1.20 a carton, bourbon \$1 a fifth."

"If I'd known about this overseas gravy train 15 years ago, I'd be wealthy today."

"I was just stupid all those years. But now I see scores of young men around me who have caught on quicker than I did."

"Can you quote me? Don't say such a thing. If the Army saw my name on this, I'd be back in the United States in one week."

"And, man, would that be bad? My wife would shoot me dead. I'd shoot myself. Good heavens, man, it's my turn to get my nose in the trough. Let me lap this up in peace."

Chief Snooper

Rep. Velde, whose ouster as head of House Un-American committee is demanded in House resolution, got into hot water when he proposed investigation of churches.

L. A. Stalinists Aid Republican Mayor Bowron

LOS ANGELES, April 6 — Myra Tanner Weiss, the Socialist Workers Party anti-war candidate for Mayor in tomorrow's election, yesterday charged in a public statement to the press that the Communist Party here has committed a "betrayal of the interests of the working class" by lending support to the candidacy of pro-war and anti-labor Mayor Bowron.

While the Stalinists have not formally endorsed Republican Bowron, Mrs. Weiss explained, they have urged the election of "labor-endorsed candidates," which clearly refers to Bowron whose administration has been endorsed by CIO and AFL officials here.

"In Los Angeles this basic and overriding issue is posed as a choice between my candidacy for Mayor and the four capitalist candidates."

WHICH SIDE IS CP ON?

"Which side is the Communist Party on in this already drawn issue? Where do they stand? Not with socialism, but with the Republican incumbent."

"They say: 'The Communist Party endorses no candidates in the April 7 election.' This in itself would be a treacherous stand in view of their obligation to support the only working-class candidate. But in the next breath they add: 'We do say . . . the election of labor-endorsed candidates who are on the April 7 ballot, would constitute convincing demonstration that Americans want a halt to hysteria.'

"The election of labor-endorsed candidates includes Mayor Bowron, since AFL and CIO officials, instead of following an independent working-class political line in this campaign, have come out in support of the Bowron administration."

THE STALINIST RECORD

"In 1945 and 1949 I ran against Mayor Bowron on a socialist platform. In 1945 the Communist Party accused me of splitting the vote and endangering Bowron's election. They demanded that the FBI and the United States District Attorney should act at once against my party for its opposition to the second imperialist world war."

"They have since become the victims of the same persecution they incited against us. We defend the civil rights of our members on one hand, while on the other, light-minded persons like Robb propose a very wise solution: cure the patient with a big dose of revolutionary medicine."

D. Barry Richmond, Calif.

Letters from Readers**Why Youths Turn To Use of Heroin**

Editor:

An article in the March 4 Chicago *Herald-American* again drove home the point concerning the Korean war that The Militant labels "the most unpopular war in U.S. history." The article reveals that it has become a rather widespread tactic for young men of draft age to resort to the use of narcotics to avoid induction into military service.

The speaker further pointed out that the widespread resentment against McCarthyism was "not only" indicative of the desire to defend freedom of expression in America. It is also a channel utilized by the American people to show their distaste for the propaganda for war, which pivots its pitch around the so-called internal 'communist' menace."

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