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Hint McCarthy Blackmail in Hunt's Suicide

One of the reasons for the unholy fear which both Republicans and Democrats display toward McCarthy comes from their dread that the fascist Senator will blackmail them. The Militant has pointed this out many times in explaining why neither of the two parties can be expected to put up an effective struggle against the would-be Hitler of America. Fresh confirmation of this is provided by the well-known columnist Marquis Childs in his July 1 column.

"The conviction is spreading," he reports, that McCarthy "is using funds voted by the Senate to investigate other Senators. Nothing like that has ever happened before. It came out in McCarthy's hint that he was considering charges to be made against an unnamed Democratic Senator."

Who this "unnamed Democratic" is Childs does not reveal. But he followed what he said about McCarthy's investigating activities by disclosing some hitherto unpublicized facts about the recent suicide of Democratic Senator Hunt of Wyoming.

Hunt's friends believe, says Childs, "that the threat of a smear contributed to a shocking tragedy." A few months ago a member of Hunt's family was involved in a police action that caused great anguish to the Senator and his wife.

PROMPTLY EXPLOITED

This family tragedy was "promptly exploited." Friends of Hunt claim that Sen. Walter (R, Idaho) "let Hunt know that the facts about the incident would find their way into every mail box in Wyoming if Hunt should run for re-election this fall."

Childs does not report what Hunt's reaction was. But he notes that "shortly afterward" Hunt announced "he would not seek a second term." Later he killed himself.

Before this, the re-election of Hunt had been considered a virtual certainty. "By eliminating him, the Republicans, or more accurately the McCarthy-Welker faction of the party, could feel they had greatly enhanced the chances for picking up another seat in a Senate almost evenly divided."

The Hunt case is not an isolated episode, according to Childs.



McCarthy

In fact, "it threatens to become a pattern."

He gives some other instances. Sen. Symington (D, Mo.) as a boy engaged in an adolescent prank with other lads and as a consequence a neighbor charged them with taking his car. McCarthy several times threw this up at Symington during their heated interchanges in the course of the McCarthy-Army controversy.

Another Democratic Senator "has been told that he is likely to be confronted with facts showing that a secretary in his office was at one time a member of the Communist Party. Furthermore, it has been suggested to him that evidence can be developed to show the secretary influenced his voting record."

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DIRTY POLITICIANS

Among capitalist politicians whose personal lives are often in startling contrast to the pious front they maintain in public, lurid incidents can easily be gathered.

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Block Attempt to Limit Fascist Senator's Role

By L. P. Wheeler

Is McCarthy's Senatorial power on the skids? A whole number of anti-McCarthy moves, initiated by Republicans and Democrats, are now in the hopper:

(1) The resolutions of Senator Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt.) and Senator Herbert Lehman (D-N.Y.) to strip McCarthy of his committee chairmanships. Both these resolutions are bottled up in the McCarthy-dominated Senate Rules Committee. And both resolutions are opposed by the Republican and Democratic machines in the Senate.

(2) A majority bloc of three Democrats and Senator Potter (R-Mich.) on McCarthy's own sub-committee are threatening to "house-clean" the staff. For the time being McCarthy is blocking action against his staff by not calling a meeting of the committee. There is talk of passing new rules in the Senate to enable committees to meet regardless of the chairman's wishes.

(3) Herbert Hoover's Government Organization Commission has been thrust into investigating the Central Intelligence Agency. This is an obvious move to block McCarthy who has made it known that the CIA is high on his list of "Communist infiltrated" government agencies.

(4) The Republican Policy Committee in the Senate unanimously adopted a "code of conduct" July 1 that purports to "assure the rights of witnesses" in Congressional investigations and prevent "smears." A number of reforms, such as curbing the power of investigating committee chairmen and placing sub-committees under stricter control of parent committees, are proposed in this "code." It is clear from an examination

Dulles' Puppet Regime Opens Reign of Terror in Guatemala

Govt. Sues United Fruit In Cheap Publicity Bid

The anti-trust suit filed by the government against the United Fruit Company on July 2 is a fraud. It is designed to cover up the collusion between the U.S. State Department and the banana monopoly in violently overthrowing the democratically elected government of the Guatemalan people.

Who is going to swallow the banana oil that the Justice Department has suddenly discovered that United Fruit is a monopoly?

The give-away is in the timing. The truth is indicated in a terse Associated Press dispatch, July 2, which indulges in some tongue-in-cheek irony: "The Justice Department announced the United Fruit Company suit a scant forty-eight hours after Secretary of State Dulles had declared the Communists were trying to obscure the real issue of Communist imperialism in Central America, by charging that the United States was only interested in protecting United States business."

Thus even the capitalist press cannot conceal the fact that the suit against the United Fruit Company is a carefully timed publicity stunt.

KEY QUESTIONS

What is United Fruit charged with? Certainly they have committed plenty of crimes. And they should be brought to justice for each and every one of them.

Are they being charged with inhuman exploitation of the people of Central America? Are they being charged with draining the wealth out of these countries and returning poverty, disease and terror in exchange? Are they being charged with setting up dictatorships?

The American Way of Life

Let's Keep It Out of Our Mail Bags

Once upon a time America was a beacon light for all who believed in freedom. That was in the distant past. Today the light is going dim.

Take reading for instance. Should you feel free to read whatever you want? Not if the Philadelphia Inquirer has anything to say about it. You might read some of the "Red propaganda" being shipped into this country.

How real that danger is can be judged from the fact that "tons and tons" of propaganda is being "mailed directly to editors, clergymen, labor officials, libraries, research students, servicemen and other American citizens."

The Inquirer (July 2) offers some powerful arguments for quick action against the threat.

First, it says that this propaganda "openly advocates the use of force or violence to bring about the overthrow of our Government." Now that simply isn't so. The Stalinists openly advocate "peaceful co-existence." Chalk up a point, consequently, for the integrity of the Inquirer. Obviously, it practices what it preaches — that no American should read anything from behind the Iron Curtain.

Next the Inquirer draws a frightening picture of the countries sending literature "dealing with political policies." They include "Russia, Poland, France, England, China, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and other countries." That proves that the Inquirer doesn't know precisely where the Iron Curtain runs. There could be no stronger reason, therefore, for letting the Iron Curtain coincide with the boundaries of the United States in any law passed to protect us from printed words coming from the other side of the said Iron Curtain.

A move is now under way in Washington, the Inquirer reports approvingly, "to deny second, third and fourth class mail privileges to Communist propaganda." That, however, even if it goes through, will not solve everything. The worst problem is how to stop the reading material from reaching us by "first-class mail."

The Inquirer doesn't suggest censorship of the U.S. mails in police-state style. But it does do a first-rate job of laying down the premises for it. As an intelligent reader, you can be trusted to draw loyal conclusions.

Censorship of the mails, I respectfully suggest, will likewise not solve everything. It happens that all this "Red propaganda" from England, France, Switzerland, Russia and other countries associated with the Iron Curtain is being beamed by short wave to America night and day.

That means, doesn't it, that we must help the Voice of America by jamming the air waves to prevent us from hearing any reply? If the new American way of life is to protect our thoughts by wearing a blindfold, shouldn't we also put cotton in our ears?

And perhaps the Inquirer should set another good example in keeping with the spirit of the times by changing its questionable name to the Witch Hunter.

— Jack Bustelo

The Fifth Amendment -- Bulwark In the Fight for Free Thought

By Daniel Roberts
(First of two articles)

The labor movement must be clear about the Fifth Amendment if it is going to fight McCarthyism effectively. The unions must defend those who invoke the privilege against self-incrimination. The labor leaders must encourage its use. They must spike McCarthy's pernicious doctrine that those who refuse to answer his questions are "Fifth Amendment Communists" — people who confess by their silence that they are "traitors" and "spies."

The labor movement has now come under the guns of the investigating committees headed by Senator McCarthy and Representative Velde respectively. In Seattle, the Velde Committee recently conducted witch-hunting operations against radicals in the unions. Velde launched a campaign of intimidation that strengthened the fascist forces in the city and weakened the unions. He touched off a witch-hunt in the labor movement itself.

McCarthy is out to do the same thing on a larger scale. He announced at the conclusion of the Army-McCarthy hearings that the investigation of "Communists" in defense plants was next on his order of business. He wants to go after militant unionists and hound them out of the plants and the labor movement. He wants to soften up the unions for a later fascist drive to crush them.

The standard operational procedure used by both Velde and McCarthy was given by Roy Cohn, the fascist Senator's chief aide, in his testimony in the Army-McCarthy investigation.

"The way to get results," he said, "is to hold our hearings, get these people in public session, have them claim the Fifth Amendment, have the witnesses name them as Communists, have them fired from the defense plants."

McCarthy has turned use of the Fifth Amendment into a means of smearing and victimizing people, hoping thereby to scare others from using it. However, it is still an acknowledged way of defying the witch-hunt. That is why the McCarthyites want the Fifth Amendment nullified, and why Eisenhower and Attorney General Brownell demanded legislation that would in

Labor Hater



Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) has introduced two bills on behalf of Attorney General Herbert Brownell which would give Subversive Activities Control Board life and death power over unions and allow employers a free hand in firing. The unions are officially opposed to the bills, which the Eisenhower administration is trying to blitz through Congress.

effect strike it out of the Constitution.

The militants who are fighting McCarthyism must defend the Fifth Amendment. The right of a person not to have to accuse himself is a weapon in the fight against tyranny.

Dean Erwin N. Griswold of the Harvard Law School recently stated that "the privilege against self-incrimination is one of the great landmarks in man's struggle to make himself civilized." (Speech before the Massachusetts Bar Association of February 5, 1954, published as a pamphlet by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.)

The privilege against self-incrimination came into English Common Law in 1641. It arose out of the case of John Lilburn, one of England's great radicals, who became a prominent leader in the English revolution of 1640-49, which abolished the absolute power of the king. Lilburn was leader of the plebian Levellers, the most consistent champions of democracy at that time.

In 1637, Lilburn was haled before the Star Chamber under Charles I on a charge of having imported certain heretical and seditious books. "He refused to take the oath to answer truly," says Griswold, "and the Council of the Star Chamber condemned him to be whipped and pilloried for his boldness in refusing to take a legal oath without which many offences might go undiscovered and unpunished." In 1638, the sentence was carried out.

With the overthrow of the absolute rule of Charles I, Lilburn appealed his conviction to Parliament, which voted that his sentence was "illegal and against the liberty of the subject" and voted Lilburn heavy damages. "This event," says Griswold, "seems to have been enough to establish the privilege against self-incrimination as a part of the common law."

What is significant in the Lilburn case is this: The privilege against self-incrimination arose out of the struggle of a fighter against royal tyranny to win his right to read and think what he pleased. (That is how the Fifth Amendment is used today in the fight against McCarthyism.) The principle that a man need not testify against himself was confirmed by one of the greatest revolutions that brought modern democracy into being.

In the further development of

English common law, the principle was established that a person is innocent until proved guilty. The privilege against self-incrimination is closely related to this principle of law. According to English common law, says Griswold, "neither torture nor an oath nor the threat of punishment such as imprisonment for contempt should be used to compel him to provide the evidence to accuse or to convict himself." Nor can silence on the part of the accused be made proof of guilt.

In another passage in his speech, Griswold states, "the establishment of the privilege (against self-incrimination) is linked historically with the abolition of torture."

These principles of English common law were adopted in the American colonies and became part of the legal system of the United States. The more important of them were written into the Bill of Rights — the first ten amendments to the Constitution — which workers and farmers in 1788 demanded be added to the document to protect their liberties. The Bill of Rights includes the privilege against self-incrimination as part of the Fifth Amendment. It is there for the labor movement to use in the battle against McCarthyism.

For the last few years the Kuomintang agents in New York's Chinese community have been holding subscribers, distributors and advertisers who continued to associate with the China Daily News.

Here is a letter from an advertiser: "Several times I have been approached by persons asking us to discontinue our advertisement in your newspaper. Up to now I have refused to comply with their demand. Recently I was approached again, but this time by an organization of which I am a member. The chairman of this organization feels it is better to comply and take the advertisement out of the newspaper. The chairman suggested that if I do not take out the advertisement, someone might picket my shop. I have no choice but to comply."

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And here is the way the pro-Chiang Kai-Shek paper, China Tribune reported one incident in the violent campaign to suppress the China Daily News:

NEWS DEALER BEATEN

"Then the youngsters who had broken up the newsstand of Chan 'the dog' (a news dealer who wouldn't quit selling the China Daily News), went to the newsstand at Canal Street and warned the news dealer, who in turn said something carelessly, whereupon he was beaten by one of the youngsters and, as a result, his nose was bleeding. All those who have heard the news are very, very happy."

This campaign of terror dates back to the beginning of 1951. In the meantime the federal police, in collusion with Kuomintang agents, were preparing a "legal" case — China Daily News was accused of "trading with the enemy."

The editor of the China Daily News was indicted April 28, 1952, on 53 counts under the Trade with the Enemy Act. And

PINCH OF LEGAL SPICE IN A POISONOUS BROTH

How would you like to stand trial before a court on condition that if you plead "not guilty" it would prove that you are guilty? Unbelievable? Not at all.

The witch-hunting officials of the N.Y. State Bar Association met June 24 to work out plans for driving out of law practice "members of subversive groups and lawyers who invoke the Fifth Amendment before authorized agencies investigating subversives."

The big-wig legal minds proposed a law to wit: "where a lawyer refuses to answer questions... by invoking the constitu-

tional privilege against self-incrimination, the attorney's statement would be taken at its face value. His claim that his answer would tend to incriminate or degrade him would be deemed prima facie evidence and his suspension from practice promptly effected until he clears himself."

You see what can be cooked up with a little Latin, a pinch of legal spice and a poisonous witch-hunting broth? The plain meaning of the Fifth Amendment can be changed into its exact opposite; use of Constitutional protection against self-incrimination becomes "prima facie" — self-incrimination.

Playing the dominant role is the South Deering Improvement Association, an organization composed of property owners from the South Deering section of Chicago, in which Trumbull Park is located.

Louis P. Dinnocenzo, president of the Association, described the activities of the SDIA this way:

"We are requesting our aldermen and our representatives to do everything possible to get them out," he said, referring to the Negro families. "We're parading around and milling around at night — within the law, like we're entitled to do — to picket."

A reporter from the Chicago Daily News asked Dinnocenzo, "Doesn't parading tend to incite violence?"

"Yes," Dinnocenzo answered, "Sometimes it does." And later he added, "I hope there's no violence, but these people aren't going to sit home and watch TV."

When Donald Howard, the first Negro to live at Trumbull Park, moved out of the project, Dinnocenzo hailed the Howards as moving as victory for the "people of South Deering." And he said, "The people haven't begun to fight. When the weather breaks there will be a lot more violence."

Working with the SDIA is the National Citizens Protective Association. NCPA puts out a sheet called the White Sentinel. John W. Hamilton, NCPA president, was once a lieutenant for Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious bather of Jews and Negroes. SDIA has members in the NCPA, and the NCPA in turn has members in SDIA.

The Daily Calumet, pro-McCarthy newspaper in South Deering, openly supports the fascist groups operating in that area. It gives prominent space to "citizens" committees which urge an end to police protection for Negro tenants. Dinnocenzo and the fascist groups get favorable publicity. Needless to say, nothing is written in Daily Calumet columns defending the rights of Negro Americans to live like other people.

Joseph Beauharnais, founder of the White Circle League, another white supremacy group operating at Trumbull Park, is an old timer in the race-hate game. A few years ago, he was convicted under the Illinois Group Libel Law as a result of the racist literature his group was distributing. Beauharnais helped pass the hat for contributions at the November NCPA meeting and spoke at an SDIA meeting in November.

In addition, the White Circle League has distributed white supremacy leaflets and sent a challenging telegram to the NAACP. Threatening — and unsigned — postcards received by Trumbull Park Negro families are believed by the NAACP to be White Circle inspired.

These are the groups promoting and backing violence at Trumbull Park. But they are not the only guilty ones.

(Continued next week)

PAPER FINED \$25,000, EDITOR JAILED, FOR OPPOSITION TO CHIANG

Freedom of the press was burned at the stake in a New York courtroom on June 17. The China Daily News, an anti-Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese language paper, was fined \$25,000 and its editor, Eugene Moy, was sentenced to jail for two years.

Three laundry workers, Chin You-Gon, Tom Sung and Chin Hon-Ming, were convicted of sending money from their meager wages to relatives in China. Tom Sung received a suspended sentence but the other two were sentenced to a year in jail.

The court decision was made by Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan, after a seven-day trial without a jury. The sentences and fine are being appealed by the attorneys for the China Daily News.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Militant routes are being expanded and new ones started in the current series of Anti-Fascist Militant Mobilizations. Salesmen report many new friends of the Militant made in the last few weeks.

Literature Agent Gordon Bailey writes, "San Francisco had its second Militant mobilization Saturday afternoon. Seven comrades went out and sold 33 papers, five anti-McCarthy pamphlets and three copies of the Fourth International. We were well received and asked to call back again. So we now have a route of some 30 people who can be regularly visited by a couple of comrades. Joan was the star performer selling seven Militants, three anti-McCarthy pamphlets and three FIs."

Clara Kaye reports the results of Seattle's weekend sales. "Ann and Leon sold four Militants on their regular route. George and Clara sold 10 copies of the paper on their routes. Jack sold five papers to new buyers. George sold three copies to new buyers and Clara sold two, also to new readers.

"Jack and Clara sold a six-months sub to a young woman student concerned with the problems of Negroes and women under capitalism. And Frank sold three copies of the Kucher book. Sum total: one new six-months sub, 24 single copies of the Militant, and three Kucher books. All the Militant sales were made going house to house in working-class neighborhoods."

Comrade Ed Shuman writes, "Fred and Sherry sold at the Dodge meeting here in Detroit with a score of 25 Militants. Kev covered his route and sold nine copies of the paper. John and Rudy got another six-months sub from a call-back and are the best campaigners so far."

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The Stalinist Role in Guatemala

The Guatemalan events provide another bitter lesson on the treachery of Stalinism. Once again the Stalinists have marched the workers into a death trap. Once again their policy of opportunist deals with capitalist liberals has resulted in tragic defeat.

Only last summer the Stalinists followed the same line in Iran. In the face of a growing counter-revolutionary threat, the Iranian Stalinists kept the powerful workers organizations in check. They told the workers to rely on Mossadegh to stop the counter-revolution. The struggle for workers power, the only possible way to secure and safeguard democratic reforms, such as distribution of the land, the right to vote, etc., was subordinated to maneuvers and deals with Mossadegh — the national capitalist liberal.

Finally, the Iranian counter-revolution struck. They toppled Mossadegh from power with ease. In the absence of a mass mobilization of armed workers and peasants, the army was divided, and sections of it swung over to the counter-revolution.

The workers organizations were taken unawares. They were routed and demoralized, left in the lurch by their leaders. The workers were terrorized, the militant rank and file leaders thrown into dungeons, tortured and executed. The whole struggle for democracy in Iran was hurled back.

Now we have a fresh example of the Stalinist line in action in the tragic defeat in Guatemala. Why did the Stalinists rely on Arbenz? How could Arbenz stop the counter-revolution without summoning the workers and peasants to mass action? And yet this is exactly what Arbenz, the capitalist liberal, feared most of

all — the armed action of the workers and peasants.

Thus, the Stalinists maneuvered with Arbenz; Arbenz maneuvered with the "loyal" army generals; and the army generals maneuvered with the counter-revolutionary task force headed by Armas and financed by United Fruit.

And finally, as it did in Iran, the whole wretched line of the Stalinist leaders came crashing down like a house of cards. All their clever maneuvers collapsed and the workers were left to face the counter-revolutionary butchers bashed and leaderless.

These two examples, Iran and Guatemala, are not unique. The Stalinist line had led to defeat after defeat ever since the rise of the Soviet bureaucracy and the transformation of the revolutionary parties all over the world into instruments of the Kremlin's foreign policy.

But Iran and Guatemala do serve a unique purpose. The tragic defeats refute the arguments of those turncoats, who became tired of building revolutionary parties and promulgated the theory of a "new" and revolutionary Stalinism which was supposed to have come into being since the end of World War II.

But the history of Stalinism during the last year alone has refuted this pretentious and false theory. The counter-revolutionary and treacherous line of Stalinism has been demonstrated in one event after another: East Germany, France, Bolivia, Iran, Guatemala — just to mention outstanding cases.

The workers must absorb the lesson of Stalinist treachery — and they must work with all their might to rebuild genuine revolutionary parties of the working class in every country.

The Witch Hunt Takes Oppenheimer

By a 4 to 1 vote June 29, the Atomic Energy Commission denied security clearance to J. Robert Oppenheimer, chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the AEC and one of the nation's top atomic physicists. This means that Eisenhower's temporary suspension of Oppenheimer is made permanent.

The AEC labelled Oppenheimer a "security risk" although he never divulged any secrets. The Commissioners made their ruling because of Oppenheimer's past alleged Communist associations and his continued (though admittedly infrequent) relations with people deemed "subversive" by the witch hunters. But his "crime" went beyond this, according to the Commissioners.

Oppenheimer decided for himself whom he wanted to visit and talk with regardless of "security" regulations. He "placed himself outside the rules which govern others," said the AEC majority.

Commissioner Murray went so far as to label Oppenheimer "disloyal" on that account alone.

Commissioner Zuckert expressed the warped outlook of all witch hunters when he declared that "every human being is to some degree a security risk." And while he wanted to see security requirements "harmonized with such basic concepts as personal freedom," he voted to oust Oppenheimer, showing that he really believes scientists had better toe the line and forget about personal freedom.

The Commissioners admitted that Oppenheimer's opposition from 1945 to 1949 to building the H-bomb and his "lack of enthusiasm" for the project afterwards were not proper grounds for dismissal, although these were the reasons given by the Gray Commission for ruling against Oppenheimer last May.

This admission was a sop thrown to the majority of scientists, who opposed Oppenheimer's ouster and were especially indignant over the fact that he was victimized for expressing his views. The AEC declared that in the debate over making the Hell bomb, "Dr. Oppenheimer was, of course, entitled to his opinions."

The insistence that scientists abide strictly by the "security" code was a warning to them to keep out of labor politics. It was a threat that any atomic scientist who seeks or maintains friends in the labor movement can be made a "security risk."

Even worse punishment can be inflicted on him. Oppenheimer's security clearance was originally suspended last September when William Borden, former Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, told the FBI in true McCarthy fashion that "more probably than not" Oppenheimer was a "Soviet spy" because of his associations.

Oppenheimer's judges stopped short of that kind of verdict. But there is no telling how monstrous a frame-up the witch hunters will concoct against the next scientist who chooses to think for himself.

Stoopingon Pay Off

The department of Justice is now investigating three of its paid informers who were caught redhanded in committing perjury. This is something like the McCarthy committee's "investigation" of McCarthy. At any rate, the Alsops don't seem too optimistic about the result. The well-known team of columnists, conclude:

Attorney General Herbert Brownell's right hand is now, in effect, investigating what his left hand has been doing. Great departmental interests are fighting on the side of the left hand. Is this sound practice?

Legally speaking, it's not. But "sound practice" cannot be expected of a government that hires and pays professional stoopingon to lie under oath.

The public exposure of the three informers as perjurers is highly embarrassing to the Department of Justice. Scores of Americans have already been hounded into jails, deportation and unemployment through the "testimony" of these three. Their official discreditation would tend to discredit most of the witch-hunt verdicts and decisions of recent years.

Thus, there is not much likelihood that these three will be indicted and punished for their crimes. Brownell may have to dispense with their services in future cases, but it is doubtful that he will take any punitive measure against them. (They could retaliate by telling too many tales about the inside workings of the witch hunt.)

The three under investigation are Paul Grouch, who swore at the 1949 Bridges trial

that he did not know David Davis and who swore at the 1954 Smith Act trial in Philadelphia that he has known Davis long and well; Manning Johnson and Leonard Patterson, whose false testimony against Dr. Ralph Bunche was unanimously rejected by a loyalty board investigating Bunche.

According to the Alsops July 4, these three represent one-quarter of the stoopingon stable used most regularly by the Department of Justice during the last two years.

In this period Crouch has received from the Justice Department \$9,675, or just under \$420 a month; Johnson got \$9,096, or almost \$40 a month; and Patterson got \$3,775, or about \$160 a month.

Before getting these jobs, Crouch worked for 85 cents an hour, Johnson was unemployed and Patterson drives a taxi in his spare time.

"Although the payments are not large," the Alsops point out, "it can be seen from the three cases noted that they are often quite large enough to be meaningful to the recipients."

Large enough to attract renegades, opportunists and human vultures willing to swear to anything and to testify against anyone on the witness stand.

Stoopingon may not be "sound practice" but it is a cornerstone of the witch hunt. Even if Brownell is forced to bounce these three employees, he will replace them with others of the same stripe. As long as the government continues to frame people in this way, they will have no legal recourse but to make use of their rights under the Fifth Amendment.

This may sound confused. The stoopingon reforms are not to be

decreed that the fundamental characteristic of an authentic democracy included suffrage by responsible citizens."

And who is "responsible"? Naturally the landlords and the capitalists and all those who do not live by working. The irresponsible are 73% of the country — those who toil and sweat on plantations and in factories and who don't even get the right to an elementary education. This is "authentic democracy." Could the Southern poll taxers in the U.S. ask for a better definition?

The July 3 Business Week said: "But it will take time to restore even a semblance of democracy in Guatemala. Rebel leaders claim they'll have to purge the schools, the army, the police, trade unions, and government offices of party-liners before they can risk national elections." Now the junta has taken one more step to "prepare" the elections. It has purged the overwhelming majority of the electorate of their right to vote. That narrows down the "risk" considerably.

SUSPEND REFORM LAW

And how are Meany's "fervent hopes" for the maintenance of the social gains of the 1944 revolution faring? Here the voice of that authentic democrat, the counter-revolutionary plotter Colónel Castillo Armas is heard. "Armas denied emphatically reports that social security, agrarian reform and other social advances had been cancelled by the new Government" (Times, July 6). So democracy hasn't been completely undermined, Meany can say. But alas, the dispatch goes on to say, "It was explained, however, that the agrarian reform law had been suspended pending further study of its administration."

This may sound confused. The agrarian reforms are not to be

touched. But the agrarian reform law, so painfully achieved by ten years of revolution is to be suspended at once. Undoubtedly Armas intends to explain this contradiction to the Guatemalan peasants in the firing-squad language of "authentic democracy."

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TRYED TO STRADDLE

Unable to resolve these contradictions, both Truman and Eisenhower have tried to straddle. Eisenhower in particular found himself forced to draw back in both Korea and Indo-China, to permit the Allies to relax trade barriers with the Soviet block and even begin talking about "peaceful co-existence." At the same time, unwilling to give up the advantage of years of pounding the war drums, he has kept up the witch hunt and the war-mongering.

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The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

Modern Slavery and Segregation

Portuguese Angola provides an almost classical example, in 1954, of how capitalism modernizes the slave system of production, and introduces racial discrimination and segregation to maintain capitalist rule by keeping the workers divided.

In an article titled "Africa's Modern Slavery" in the July issue of Harper's Magazine, Basil Davidson, a British journalist, vividly describes forced labor conditions in Portugal's colony on the southwest coast of Africa.

Despite the reporter's attempt to picture the slave conditions as historically against the interest of Western capital, the facts reveal:

(1) "Contract labor" is a "system of veiled slavery" which "has continued ever since full and formal slavery was abolished" and is still "the principal method of providing labor in Angola." It differs from pre-capitalist slavery in "two points of form, but none of substance . . . slavery is permanent while 'contract labor' is periodical; and 'contract labor' is usually paid a wage, though far below any reasonable minimum."

(2) Despite slightly more humane treatment of the forced laborers today, brutality and violence are still used to maintain and extend the "medieval, pre-industrial" system of exploiting the native population.

"If my wife likes to accuse one of our servants of being rude to her, and I like to take him up to the police station," a white resident of long standing told Mr. Davidson, "they'll slash him mercilessly — hands, arms, face, everywhere. And if any native gets political ideas in this colony, they beat them out of him right away."

"Sao Thome is a cocoa-growing island which the Portuguese use as a penal settlement," Davidson reports. "A year ago Sao Thome was the scene of a brief and bloody revolt when the governor . . . issued a decree that all Sao

Looking for a Job

By Joyce Cowley

In the last few days I came across some cheerful reports on economic conditions in the U.S. "1954 should go down as one of the best years in economic history," says Babson's Salescaster, and Sylvia Porter heads one of her columns: "Lucky class of 54."

Since there hasn't been any upturn (it's now expected around the end of July), they base their optimism on conditions that exist right now. In spite of a little unemployment, they say, things are pretty good. As Miss Porter puts it: "Today's youngsters have a fabulously easy time of it."

But the New York Employment service reports an acute shortage of summer jobs. I've been job hunting myself the last two weeks in the drab, crowded industrial agencies of downtown New York where you can buy a job if you have cash in advance.

I talked to workers who were offered \$45 to \$50 a week for jobs that required top skills and years of experience. I talked to waitresses up from Florida where thousands of girls were jobless this last winter, and others worked 10 to 12 hours a day for wages of \$9 a week, plus tips — tips that grew smaller from week to week.

I checked through the Help Wanted columns. I didn't see any high-paying summer work but I found one job that paid nothing at all: "Wanted, matron, hotel powder room. 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. About \$25 tips. No salary. Phone: mornings only."

This is obviously not such a good year for more than five million unemployed workers and, according to the Babson report, it is not even a particularly good year for many employed workers.

"The retailer will have to remember," they

Notes from the News

WHEN THE ELASTIC GIVES OUT. The National Association of Brace, Belt and Suspender Manufacturers is being pinched by the recent trend in Britain toward elastic waistbands, according to a July 2 AP dispatch. The suspenders industry complains it can't be self-supporting if trousers are; that it is unhealthy to constrict one's waist; and anyway, what will happen when the elastic gives out and a citizen is left with no suspenders?

A MODEST PROPOSAL for Pacification of the Public Temperance" is featured in the July 3 issue of the Nation. Briefly, the Proposal is that every Citizen of the United States at 18 years of age shall present himself to the nearest U.S. Marshall to be placed under Patriotic Arrest or National Detention. Said Citizen shall then be classified either as a Conceptual Traitor or an Action Traitor, and given the Proper Jail Sentence. Those not classified as Action Traitors or Conceptual Traitors shall be classified as Unclassified and shall include, among Others, members of the FBI, Investigating Committees of Congress, officers of the Chamber of Commerce, etc. The Aim of the Proposal is to provide Positive Proof of one's Loyalty by serving a Patriotic Sentence in Jail, thus allaying the universal suspicion of disloyalty now disrupting America's peace of mind.

STORM WARNINGS. You can bet your bottom dollar that the rental situation in Chicago is really serious when Representative O'Hara (D. Ill.) is forced to admit it. Speaking before the House June 17 he said: "I hope that the ad-

ministration will heed the storm warnings. With unemployment and diminished family incomes due to stoppage of overtime and other causes, this certainly is no time for telling tenants to cough up another 20 percent or get out . . . If nothing is done, the administration must answer to the people come November." O'Hara refrained from going into the record of the Democrats on housing when they were in office, probably in order to avoid raising any storm warnings about the people making both boss parties answer come November.

CAN'T TELL A SCHOOL OF FISH FROM A SCHOOL OF CHILDREN. Race-minded representatives of the Southern Bourbons are getting together in an effort to make a dead letter of the Supreme Court ruling that racially segregated public schools are unconstitutional. A UP dispatch of June 26 quotes Gov. Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia as saying: "I shall use every legal means at my command to continue segregated schools in Virginia." The same dispatch reports that Atty. Gen. Richard Ervin of Florida "warned county school superintendents not to admit any Negro pupils to white schools this fall." In an interview with Max K. Gilstrap of the Christian Science Monitor (July 1), Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina voices the hate-poisoned outlook of this flock of bigots. He intends to fight the court ruling, he says, because he "doesn't feel there should be a mixing of the races since it will lead to mongrelization." He has found in nature that schools of the same type of fish keep to themselves and that birds of a feather flock together. He thinks the same should apply to the human race . . ."

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Mrs. Meyer Hits Fascists in Congress

By Dorothy Johnson

McCarthy was nailed as one of "our Congressional neo-Fascists" by Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, in her July 1 speech to the convention of the National Education Association in New York. Mrs. Meyer, wife of the publisher of the Washington Post, is a recognized national figure in educational affairs.

At one of the meetings of the convention, which was attended by 20,000 teacher delegates, Mrs. Meyer charged that "neo-Fascist Republicans" were organized in a "concerted effort at thought control." She asserted that this attack was being led by "Senatorial demagogues" and "Congressional ignoramuses" and their satellites.

Mrs. Meyer described this movement as "a nation-wide conspiracy of alarming proportions" which is aimed not only at our "freedom to teach and to learn" but at "all of our freedoms."

PLOT TO SEIZE POWER

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, she declared, is "only one of many diverse elements" in government, in the press, among new pressure groups and among "a very few but very wealthy business men" who are "plotting to seize this country by fair means or foul."

The attacks of the Congressional inquisitors upon the educators and clergy is only a necessary preliminary step to the crushing of all freedom by eliminating the criticism of intelligent and moral opposition," she said.

At a similar meeting reported in the Militant over a year ago, Mrs. Meyer denounced the witch hunt in strong terms and characterized McCarthy as "our modern grand inquisitor," "a dangerous and ruthless demagogue," "political adventurer" and a "psychopathic character."

MUST BE STOPPED

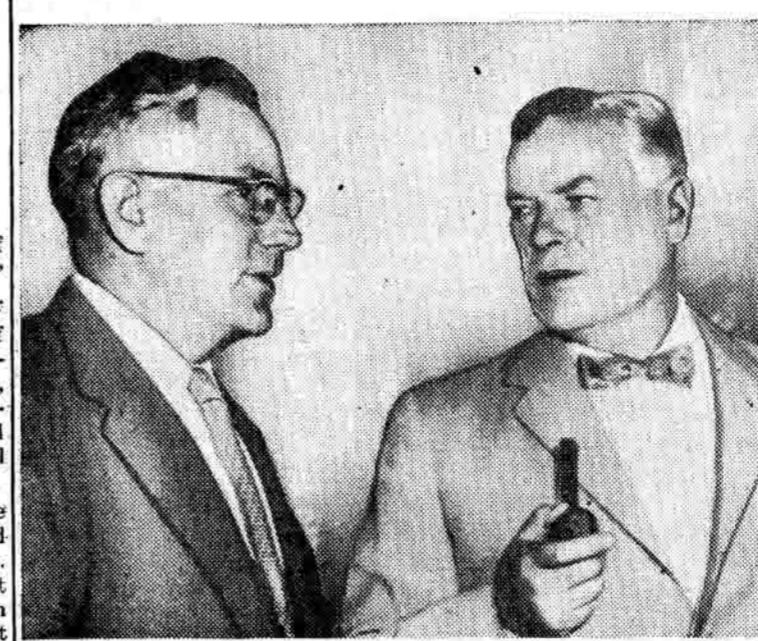
At that time, speaking to a national convention of educators who vigorously applauded her address, she warned that Velde, Jenner and McCarthy must be "stopped in their tracks before they get under full sail."

She described McCarthy as "another Huey Long with different tactics but with the same lust for power."

Mrs. Meyer's July 1 speech is another indication of the growing recognition of McCarthy as a dangerous fascist menace in this country. Her awareness that the attacks upon the educators and clergy are only a step to the crushing of all freedom is significant, even though it does not point directly to the real aim of McCarthyism which is to smash the organized labor movement.

A lively question and discussion period followed. Art Sharon was chairman.

New Steel Pact



David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers (CIO), right, discusses with Secretary-Treasurer I. W. Abel the new two-year contract signed in Pittsburgh with the U.S. Steel Co. The agreement, accepted by the rest of the industry, grants 9c to 12c. an hour package increase. The agreement said nothing about guaranteed annual wage. That McDonald previously said he favored.

Denounce State Dept. Knifing of Guatemala

NEW YORK, July 1 — The State Department's counter-revolution in Guatemala was strongly denounced tonight at protest meeting held under the auspices of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party. The meeting followed three public outdoor rallies in defense of Guatemala held by the SWP in East Harlem.

Joseph Hansen, editor of the Militant, was the main speaker at the protest meeting, held at Adelphi Hall. Ripping to shreds the imperialist propaganda lies against Guatemala, and ridiculing the efforts to present that country as a military threat to the United States, Hansen traced the counter-revolutionary campaign of the State Department from the time of Guatemala's action against the United Fruit Company through the installment of the regime approved by Peurifoy.

Hansen also condemned the Stalinist leaders of the Guatemalan labor and peasant movement for keeping the masses to the capitulatory Arbenz regime and for leading them into a bloody trap. He also branded the U.S. labor and liberal leaders for their "shameful and criminal" support of the State Department.

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By Louise Manning

LOS ANGELES, July 2 — Robert E. Morgan, former Socialist Workers Party candidate for the Board of Education, tonight called for solidarity with the work-

Fundamentally, the inability of the Republicans and Democrats to cope with McCarthy lies in the fact that McCarthy has mobilized a fascist machine that is out to destroy the old machines, that doesn't depend any longer on the OK of the old machine leaders to survive, and that has deep support in the crazed and bewildered sections of the middle class.

If labor holds still and accepts the Democrats and Republicans as leaders in the fight against McCarthyism, the struggle will be won by McCarthy — and the workers will pay for a fascist victory in torrents of blood. The situation is already advanced beyond the stage where McCarthy can be stopped by even serious action of his Congressional opponents. The fascist movement already has a network of power in federal, state, and local agencies of government, including the military and police. It already has the nucleus of a mass combat organization.

Therefore, every day the labor movement continues to rely on the capitalist politicians to take care of McCarthy, is a day of preparation freely handed to America's would-be Hitler.

The time to realize that is now. When McCarthy has become powerful enough to launch a frontal attack on labor and the minorities it may be too late.

Profits Up — Wages Down

According to the CIO, average weekly earnings for production workers in manufacturing during April was \$70.20 as against \$71.40 in April of last year. However, first-quarter dividends on the New York Stock Exchange totaled \$1,517,852,920, a record high for the period. — International Woodworker, June 23.

Reveal Torture By N.Y. Cops In Pfeffer Case

How many Americans are railroaded to jail or the electric chair each year on the basis of "confessions" extorted from them after they fell into the hands of the police?

No one has ever been able to compile the figures. But every once in a while, largely by accident, enough information appears about such frameworks to cast suspicion and doubt on all legal proceedings involving "confessions."

One such case involves Paul Pfeffer, 21 years old, who was found guilty this year of the second-degree murder of Edward Bates and sentenced to prison for 20 years to life. Thanks to the arrest of another man, John Francis Roche, who confessed killing Bates along with several other victims, Pfeffer may now regain his freedom.

TRIAL BY VIOLENCE

But the point is that Pfeffer should never have been convicted in the first place. He wouldn't even have been tried by a jury if he had not been subjected to a "trial by violence at the police station" which got him to confess to a murder he never committed.

So such cases as Freddie Wertham, noted psychiatrist, author and director of the Lafarge Clinic in New York, who was asked to examine Pfeffer by his lawyers and who

discusses the case in the July 3 Nation.

A wayward youth, Pfeffer played hooky, did not learn to read in school, was arrested a few times for minor charges that were dismissed, and was sent to a reformatory at 19 for passing false checks. "There he really learned to read for the first time and got a grammar school diploma."

Released on parole he got a \$45 job as truck helper, but was rearrested for failing to report twice. Having a "record," he was a likely candidate for cops looking for a conviction in the Bates case.

POLICE TORTURE

A "confession" was wrung from him in short order. Wertham was brought in to examine Pfeffer before the trial to determine how voluntary it was. This is what he learned:

"He was questioned by three detectives from about 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. They gave me a shellacking on my face and body. He said they squeezed his neck but what hurt especially was when they continuously tried to influence his answers by twisting his wrists with a 'twister' or manacles.

"They threatened him with a rubber hose which they showed him but did not use. He said his mouth was so cut up from the punching he received that he could not eat properly for days afterwards.

"During his questioning, he told me, the detectives kept repeating, 'You know you did it!' Pfeffer said to me: 'I couldn't take it any more. I felt nauseated and confused and miserable. I just couldn't take it.' He said the 'reenactment of the crime' took place in a space alongside the police station. They opened the back of the car and said, 'Show me the lug wrench.' They said, 'that's the lug wrench you hit him with.' Finally Pfeffer broke down and 'confessed.' It seemed to me that pain and the fear of more pain to come made him do so."

NEVER READ CONFESSION

Wertham learned from Pfeffer that he had never even read the "six-page" "confession" he signed. "I asked him to repeat to me some of the sentences in the text; he could not do it."

Wertham became convinced that he "was beaten and frightened

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