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## "DON'T PLOUGH US UNDER!"

*"Lend-Lease" Bill Will Bring War to America; Youth Must Rally Now Against the War-Makers*

Our Future Is Being Prepared!



The people of the entire country are listening to the debate on H.R. 1776 (the President's "lease-loan" proposal) with anxious attention. For, whatever their point of view may be, they realize that the fate of an entire generation—the youth of America—are the stakes which are being gambled.

Never yet in the history of America has there been an attempt to so centralize powers in the hands of the President, not even in times of war. Even ardent supporters of the Administration's foreign policy admit that it means a "semi-

totalitarian status" (Arthur Krock), a "temporary eclipse of democracy at home," (N.Y. Times) and "dictatorship" (Dorothy Thompson).

The proposal is startling: it gives the President practically unlimited powers to dispose of war materials in any way he sees fit, to be able to actually indulge in acts of war without even a formal declaration of war from Congress. The aim is clear: final preparations to drag America into the war on the side of the British Empire.

It is more than useless to argue the constitutionality of the Bill. Article II, Section 8 says that "the Congress shall have power to declare war." Yet under the "loan-lease" bill, the President would be empowered to commit acts of war, tantamount to a declaration of war. But no one is interested in the legal aspects; least of all, the cynical politicians.

### Who Is the Criminal?

NEW YORK—Joseph Bellavia, 16, was arrested on assault and robbery charges after police said he had tried to rob a grocery store. The boy said his mother was expecting a baby and he wanted the money to pay for the medical care for her.

### Bosses Plan Hitler-Like Book Burning

In line with the nation wide drive to enflame the American campus with war hysteria one of America's most reactionary institutions, the National Association of Manufacturers, has begun an inquisition into all social-science textbooks used by high schools and colleges.

The NAM has hired Professor Ralph W. Robey of Columbia University to compile "fair and comprehensive" abstracts of every social science text-book used in America. Professor Robey is a well-known reactionary, having served as an advisor to Alf Landon, when the latter ran for President on the Republican ticket in 1936.

The NAM declared that the investigation was connected with the belief that "our high school and college students are not being given a fair and impartial presentation of our form of government and the private enterprise system." In other words, that the text-books are whooping it up in the latest hysterical style for the boss system.

It is expected that the very few text-books which have any sort of liberal ideas (most are reactionary enough to even satisfy the NAM) will be the first victims of the attack. Thus, for example, a text-book written by the mildly liberal Harold Rugg, has been viciously attacked for discussing a theory of evolution as the basis of man's historical development.

We can just imagine what would happen to any text-book which said anything "dangerous" about more immediate and vital problems. The National Associations of Manufacturers is determined to preserve the American "democracy" of the bosses even if they have to have a few book-burnings a la Hitler in order to do it.

### Declaration of War

It is clear enough what this is all about. The President is asking for the right to drag the country into the war without even having to get the consent of Congress, or the right to commit so many acts of war that the Congress will have no alternative but to vote for a Declaration of War.

All the responsible leaders of American capitalism have rallied to the support of the proposal. Winthrop Aldrich, chairman of the tremendous Chase National Bank, and spokesman for the Rockefeller interests, declared himself in favor of giving the President the "flexible and far-reaching authority" which is embodied in the bill. Wall Street has united with the hysterical "liberals"—and all together, they are shrieking that the "war for

### WHO GETS THE MONEY?

It cost about seventy-five cents to kill a man in the time of Julius Caesar. The price rose to about \$3,000 during the Napoleonic wars; to \$5,000 in the American Civil War; and then to \$21,000 per man during the World War of 1914-18.

democracy" requires the suspension of democratic rights at home—even before that war is formally begun.

Even Wendell Willkie, the "bare-foot boy from Wall Street," who campaigned for the Presidency on a platform advocating the limitation of executive powers, is yelling himself sick for FDR's bill. He at least is more frank than most and admits that what is involved is "the trade routes of the world" and not some nonsense about democracy (which more fiction than reality.)

## Stalinists Control AYC "Town Meet"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Youth Congress has announced its plans to hold a "Town Meeting of Youth" on February 7, 8, and 9 in this city. The purpose of this Town Meeting is announced as being a desire for common discussion among American youth of

their problems in relation to the war crisis.

No one interested in solving the problems of working, student, and unemployed youth could possibly object to the youth getting together and discussing their problems. The first pre-requisite for such discus-

sion however is that... a genuine cross-section of youth be present. Otherwise, the thing is a farce or a falsehood. In this case, it is both.

The American Youth Congress, despite the considerable number of genuine youth delegates present at each congress, is basically a

"holding company" for the Young Communist League (Stalinist) and the various "innocent" and "front" groups of the YCL. It is, as a wag once put it, the biggest bubble the YCL ever blew.

It is of course true that the various delegates present at the Town Meeting this February who are not Stalinists actually believe that they are participating in a genuine congress of youth where differences of opinion are expressed and tolerated.

One need but take a glance at how such congresses are run in order to understand what we mean when we say that they are Stalinist dominated from top to bottom. This year, any youth who is willing to chunk down fifty cents for his registration fee, will be able to participate in the sessions. What a set-up for the YCL! They need but ship down several car-loads of YCL'ers who can then pose as "independent youth" who don't even have to worry about whom they're "representing" and can follow out the party line faithfully. The fact that no organizational backing will be needed this year in order to participate in the sessions also indicates that the number of non-Stalinist organizations participating in the AYC has reached the zero point and that the Stalinists are trying to hide this by the dubious device of "individual" representation.

Throughout the past period, the AYC has wiggled along after each change of Stalinist party line. When, in 1935, as a result of the desire of Stalin to cement alliances with the democratic imperialist countries, the local Stalinists went "respectable" in a big way and began to give left-handed support to

## A NOTE TO OUR READERS—

DEAR READER;

Maybe this is the first issue of the *Challenge* you've read; or maybe you're a constant reader. In either case, we think that you must be impressed with the job our paper is doing.

Do you know of any other youth paper in the country which month in and month out, conducts a ceaseless struggle against the drive to drag the youth into the war; which fights for the interests of, and offers a fighting program to, the union youth; which exposes every attempt made to regiment youth into the war machine; which so continually champions the interests of Negro youth; which exposes the role of the Stalinists in misleading the youth?

Despite our handicaps and financial strains, we have decided with this issue to **DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PAPERS PUBLISHED EACH MONTH** so that twice

as many young workers and students can get our paper.

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# Student Union Continues to Serve as Campus Charley McCarthy for Stalinists

Students throughout the country who are interested in campus political trends will desire an accurate, left-wing analysis of the recent American Student Union convention held in New York over the Christmas week-end. Consequently, we print below a few notes summarizing the important aspects of the ASU convention:

**WAR POSITION**—On this basic question, which is always the touchstone of any student organization, the ASU continued its support of the present line of the (Stalinist) Communist Party. It will be recalled that when the Stalinists came out for support of capitalist democracies, collective security, FDR, peoples front, etc., the ASU obediently followed, despite left-wing and liberal opposition. More recently, when as a result of the Hitler-Stalin alliance, the local Stalinists suddenly about-faced to anti-war talk in America, the ASU again followed, wagging its tail behind it.

### Russia in the War

Thus, in the resolution adopted at the ASU convention the only mention of Russia's role in the war is a demand for better U.S.—U.S.S.R. relations (which state of affairs would no doubt bring the ASU right back into the camp of the American imperialists.) Not a word is said about the real role of Russia in the war: Finland, Poland, Rumania, bloc with Hitler, etc. Only if the ASU had condemned both sides of the war, the Allies and the Rome-Berlin-Moscow Axis, could it really call itself a genuine anti-war force. By its whitewash of Stalin, it is shown as an objective supporter of the Rome-Berlin-Moscow Axis.

In addition, the ASU came out for a Moscow-Chunking-Washington alliance. This slogan, representing both an unofficial feeler from Moscow to Washington as well as a bit of wishful thinking on the part of the American Stalinists, raises the interesting question: Would the ASU support America's imperialist war if such a bloc were consummated? Would it again turn over top-sided?

**OTHER POLICY**—The only other important political question facing the ASU convention was the drive against academic freedom by such groups as the Dies Committee and Rapp-Coudert Committee. It quite correctly attacked these committees and pointed out their connection with the war drive.

There is, however, a typically ruinous policy which the ASU is following in one or two schools which may become widespread. In these schools, the ASU makes as a virtual pre-condition for united student activity against the Rapp-Coudert committee a common analysis of the war drive in its relation to the committee. While it is correct to point out the relation of the drive against academic freedom to the drive towards war, it is false to make agreement on the war question a pre-condition for a specific, limited campaign in defense of academic freedom.

**ORGANIZATION CONTROL**—The Stalinists had complete control. The number of non-Stalinist delegates had greatly diminished

since previous conventions to the point where at least 90% of the delegates were Stalinists. Joe Clark, YCL leader, directed the whole thing from behind the scenes. There was little attempt made to hide the Stalinist character of the whole affair. Only one delegate from North-western dared to attack the Stalinists for acting as agents of Hitler, and she was quickly squelched.

**FUTURE OF THE ASU**—The organization has little support among non-Stalinist students. The pro-war students are antagonized by the pseudo anti-war position of the

ASU. The small minority of genuinely anti-war students likewise oppose the ASU. It is probable that the Stalinist character of the organization will become increasingly open; this could be seen, for example, in the endorsement by the convention of the Stalinist project in Great Britain, the "Peoples Congress." The organization will soon serve as a legal cover for the Stalinist youth to the exclusion of almost everything else. Progressive students will find even less than at present to attract them to the ASU—which is little enough.

## He Only Wanted a Fair Return

Once upon a time there was a young Socialist—named Joe Lash.

Joe Lash was a very sincere fellow and rather capable. In fact, he had a number of virtues.

There was however one unfortunate drawback in Joe's character—a drawback which seemed to flow from the general direction where human spines are ordinarily expected to be found.

Lash had a terrific yen for—jumping on bandwagons. Whenever he saw a bandwagon, on which one could reasonably expect a . . . fair return, Joe, after much internal doubting and hesitations, would jump on.

Thus, for example, when Joe was still hanging around the Socialist student movement, he began to play ball with the Stalinist youth. They had adopted a line of support to the Roosevelt war moves, they had decorated their lousy politics with the Woolworth tinsel of Popular Frontism and Collective Security and were all set to win people to a reactionary pro-capitalist point of view on a verbose and thrillingly "radical" basis. And so for a while Joe functioned as a member of the National Committee of the Young Communist League (although he remained "innocent" to the outside world.)

But then came the Hitler-Stalin pact. The Stalinists began to attack FDR—because, in their opinion, he should have lined up with the Hitler-Stalin gang of robbers instead of the Churchill gang of robbers. Joe however retained his uncanny ability to see which way the wind was blowing. He knew damned well that the Stalinists weren't going to be so popular anymore.

### THE WHOLE HOG

So he broke with them, much to their chagrin. And now he went the whole hog. He stopped jumping on bandwagons—in order to begin driving them himself. He became the Little Lord Fauntleroy for Eleanor Roosevelt—who was trying to line up left-wing causes for her husband's imperialist war plans. Joe began to spend more and more of his time in the White House.

In fact, he found both the cuisine and the service quite enchanting. As a result he began to work on a book explaining the social philosophy of FDR.

Coincidentally, he got a job as a director of an Independent Committee to Re-Elect Roosevelt.

But Joe was not to give up on the youth movement. He had been mooning on successive generations of college students for so long, he had confused so many would-be radical minds, that he just couldn't break from the habit.

In addition, there is always the possibility of a . . . fair return. So he got himself a new organization. Together with a wheezy gang of society ladies (who—er, naturally—supplied the cash) he began to form a new student organization, the Student League for Progressive Action. He held himself a convention, with a gang of hand-picked "student leaders" but the thing was so phoney that even some of the "student leaders" had to hold their hands to their noses.

The new organization is in favor of aiding British imperialism in its war and is also in favor of the rotten scheme of work camps for youth.

The paid leader of the group is . . . one Joe Lash.

The salary he receives entitles him to file income tax returns. And so Brother Lash, who is gradually beginning to look back at the merry days when he was a mere 30 years old, is once again a youth leader—the Judas Goat of Frankie and Eleanor on the campus.

And that, dear children, is the end of the story of a political prostitute. Or is it merely the beginning?

I. H.

## The Majesty And Omnipotence Of the Law

**ITEM ONE:** Jack Swanson, a 15 year old lad living in Buffalo, has been sentenced to a 3 year term of imprisonment for stealing an apple.

**ITEM TWO:** Howard Hopson, swindler extraordinary and Wall Street magnate whose shady financial finagling involved hundreds of thousands of dollars was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment because of the financial swindles in which he was involved.

Thus, do the rich and the poor alike stand equal before the majesty and omnipotence of the law!

## Army Life Still Tough

The rate of rejection of draftees continues to decrease. Of 461 men examined at Fort Dix and Camp Upton only 74 have been rejected for physical reasons. The army is getting less and less particular as the war comes closer and closer. Anyone who isn't blind, deaf or dumb is good meat for the slaughter machine. As long as you can pull a trigger, you're good enough. What do they care? Its your life that'll be lost to protect their profits.

Chaotic and often bad conditions continue to exist in the army conscript camps. It is clear that the government is in such a hurry to get American youth into uniform foting guns that it isn't even waiting for decent camps in which to place them.

At Fort Dix alone, over 4,000 men have been quarantined in the last month. There were a number of cases of hospitalization—664—which required more extended treatment. In large measure, the situation is due to overcrowding and hence an extremely rapid spread of disease when it first cropped up.

In Fort Dix, for example, every possible space was used for sleeping quarters, until it became necessary to use the receiving room for sleeping purposes. The results in terms of health is easily conceivable.

If the war-makers weren't in such an infernal hurry to get us into a war to save the chestnuts of the American imperialists, they would not think it necessary to take such "emergency" measures. But that would mean that they would think primarily of the interests of the working people and not the bosses—and no one could expect that from them.

## New York School Budget Is Cut Again

**NEW YORK**—Striking still further at the opportunities for prospective teachers and the educational facilities of the city's youth, the budget submitted by Mayor LaGuardia calls for the dropping of 1,151 teaching positions.

Probably the biggest single cut is in the elementary and junior high schools, which totals \$1,985, 507. For the first time a substantial reduction is recommended for the day academic high schools. A total of 225 classes are to be dropped in the school system this term.

It seems that the government has money to spend on everything—except what the people need.

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"red" by such questions and others asking him if he ever helped striking workers.

Another indication of the reactionary nature of this inquisition is the fact that the Board Attorney even asked Dr. Rockwell if there were any **COLORED PEOPLE PRESENT AT HIS HOME** when he once gave a party for some strikers. Dr. Rockwell indignantly attacked this Jim-Crow insinuation and proudly admitted that he never draws the color line.

The trade union movement is up in arms on this case and intends to fight it through.

## Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxemburg Their Flame Burns Bright

The toll of the years since Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg were living historic figures, rather than merely memories in the hearts of the revolutionary workers, slowly mounts. We live in the darkest period of modern history, when the ideals of these three great revolutionists meet defeat after defeat.

In their place arise new names, new heroes of the decadent capitalist world. In place of Lenin, the genius of working class liberation, arises the name of Stalin; in the place of Liebknecht, the orator and spirit of revolt, arises the name of Hitler; in the place of Luxemburg, the firebrand of freedom, arises the name of Laval. These are the new heroes of a society in complete decay: the names of oppressors and charlatans, of dictators and demagogues of both the Fascist and "democratic" variety.

With each new defeat of the working class, with each victory of Fascism or reaction, the names of Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg sink further and further away from the consciousness of our times.

And yet, today on their joint anniversaries, we live in greater need of them than ever before. Never before has mankind, and most of all the working class, needed their revolutionary guidance and spirit as much as it is needed today.

To follow the example of Lenin—unyielding fighter for Socialism, strategist and master of revolutionary politics—is to blaze the way to freedom.

To follow the example of Liebknecht—who dared to speak up alone against the capitalist war hysteria, who suffered humiliation, torture and murder because of his faith in the working class—is to stand up bravely and defy all the powers of reaction.

To follow the example of Luxemburg—titanic personality of Socialism, profound student of Marxism, prototype of the free and developed woman—is to gain the greatest meaning and dignity which life today can offer: participation in the struggle for human emancipation.

Let us, then, take a moment to repeat these names of freedom. Let us dip our flag in reverence and honor to our teachers and leaders; and let us renew our solemn, unbreakable pledge—With Lenin and Liebknecht and Luxemburg we shall yet build the new world of Socialist freedom.

## Avukah's Infatuation With Democracy . . . In England

In the last issue of the **Challenge** we printed an article analyzing the position taken by certain leaders of Avukah, the Zionist student organization, in relation to the war. The article described the turn made by these Avukah leaders from an anti-war position to a stand in favor of support of the imperialist war and particularly stressed the idea that support of the imperialist war would mean abandonment of defense of democratic rights from the attacks of reaction. An interesting illustration of this fact was recently given by Avukah itself.

There to present to the Avukah delegates the article analyzing the organization's new position on war. But such was not to be the case. For the Avukah leaders called the authorities of the campus on which they were meeting and had them kick our two comrades away. The Avukah leaders did not seem to want the annoyance of allowing our two comrades to exercise their democratic right of selling the **Challenge**.

At a recent New York Avukah convention (at which, by the way, the above-mentioned pro-imperialist war stand was made official) there appeared two young sales-

men of the **Challenge**. They were there to present to the Avukah delegates the article analyzing the organization's new position on war. But such was not to be the case. For the Avukah leaders called the authorities of the campus on which they were meeting and had them kick our two comrades away. The Avukah leaders did not seem to want the annoyance of allowing our two comrades to exercise their democratic right of selling the **Challenge**. Is it not peculiar that those who develop a belated infatuation for British imperialist "democracy" manage to be so—shall we say—neglectful of democratic rights in their own environs?

## To LEON SEDOFF—COMRADE AND FIGHTER

This month it will be two years since the death of Leon Sedoff, the son of Leon Trotsky.

Sedoff, like his father, was the victim of the Stalinist GPU. This brilliant son of a brilliant father had become a powerful figure in the European revolutionary movement and had been a constant thorn in the side of the Stalinist GPU. His investigation of the Moscow trials was a splendid expose of the Stalinist judicial frame-ups. Sedoff, though still quite young, was proving himself as a revolutionary Socialist in his own right.

He was, however, not to be allowed to mature and develop his full powers. The mysterious conditions of his death were shown to be the work of the GPU, as proven by the investigation conducted by Leon Trotsky.

Leon Sedoff was the first great figure bequeathed to the revolutionary movement by the Fourth Internationalist youth. He possessed all the devotion, courage and ability which are the goal of young Socialists everywhere. His name is inscribed on the banner of revolutionary youth; his memory lives secure in their continued aspiration towards freedom.

## Lend-Lease Bill—

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Only a few last-ditch isolationists, who represent those capitalists whose primary investments are in America itself, and who therefore aren't concerned about those whose investments are in foreign areas, are opposing the bill. Thus, for example, Senator Wheeler, who declares it a proposal to plough under every fourth American boy.

Regardless of how the bill may be amended, one thing is certain. If the President gets even a fraction of the powers he is allowed by the bill in its present form, it will be a long step towards moving the country one step further along the road to war.

American youth are to be asked to fight for "democracy" just as they were in the last war. They cry was spurious then; it is spurious today. What is at stake is not some vague ideal; what is at stake is: Which group of imperialist powers shall rule the world? With all the babbling about "democracy" it is the capitalists who still run the show in Britain; and latest decrees such as the outlawing of the left-wing press and the conscription of labor (but not of wealth!) indicate that there is precious little democracy left there anyway.

If America is dragged into the war, as seems extremely likely, the same thing will happen as last time: the munitions makers, the

airplane manufacturers will coin fabulous profits (even at 7 per cent!) and the young workers will lose their lives.

We don't believe it's worth while. We believe that our main job is to fight here at home for security and freedom. We believe that the fight against Fascism begins, here, at home. If we follow the lead of the capitalist class of the present administration, we shall find that we shall have to give up our lives in the name of a "war for democracy" while some variety of Fascism will be creeping up at home.

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## Hysteria In Minneapolis Education

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Another in the now numerous list of cases where the war hysteria is hitting at free education in America has recently taken place here in the case of Dr. John Rockwell, formerly state commissioner of education. Dr. Rockwell has been suspended from his office by the state Republican administration, headed by Governor Stassen.

So raw has the procedure been in this case, that while Dr. Rockwell, acknowledged by all educators to be one of the most competent men in the field, has already been suspended from office, the nature of the charges against him is not yet known. Even at an open hearing of the Board of Education, the prosecuting attorney did not deign to make clear on exactly what grounds Dr. Rockwell is being suspended.

The real reasons for the action can be seen in connection with the questions asked of Dr. Rockwell at the hearing. He was constantly asked of his relations to Grace Carlson, who ran for office on the "Trotskyist Anti-War Party" in the recent state elections, and who worked in Dr. Rockwell's department. The Stassen political machine has tried to smear Dr. Rockwell as a

# Newsreels Hide Truth About NYA

If you're one of those people that go to the movies, you probably saw a newsreel, the other week, that showed the "excellent advance" the government training program was making. The newsreel showed a group of girls (pretty ones, of course) welding, at the Astoria Workshop of the NYA.

And if you also heard a few snickers and horselaughs at the time, we hope you didn't yell "Fifth Columnist", because it was just a few of the fellows from the NYA workshop who knew the set-up was as phony as a Woolworth diamond bracelet. Phony because what they had done was to bring a few girls down from the cafeteria, put aprons and some dirt smudges on them and let the cameras roll.

This story illustrates in another way just what is wrong in the Astoria Workshop. There is very little training going on. Most of the fellows who signed up for NYA did so because they expected to learn a trade, and that is just what is not happening. The fellows in the Carpentry Shop, sandpaper all day long; the workers in the cafeteria are getting to be experts in picking up dirty dishes, washing them, and cleaning vegetables.

### Don't Learn Much

In the Sheet Metal Shop, the closest they come to learning is doing the heavy work, as carrying the metal from the table to the brake and vice versa, or perhaps a little bit of soldering and riveting here and there. There are only two shops where one can actually get somewhere—the Welding and Machine Shop Departments. And even in the machine shop there are guys who do nothing but tote lumber from one place to another.

In the past two weeks, new men have been coming in by the dozens, and quite a number have been sent into the welding and machine shops, while workers in the other shops, who have been requesting transfers for months are being turned down. This has caused a lot of resentment and rightfully so. We think that the fellows who have worked longer have the right to first call, especially when a lot of them signed up for other shops because they were given the impression that it was easier to transfer than to wait for openings. (More on this next issue.)

We intend to start a regular column for NYA workers beginning next month, in which we will publish news from the Workshop in Astoria and throughout the country.

## PROTECT YOUR UNION RIGHTS

# CIO Needs Real Youth Conference

The Conference of CIO youth which met at Transport Workers Hall, Brooklyn on Saturday, January 25, proved the need for a real conference of that kind, because this meeting was very disappointing.

It was obvious to the non members of and followers of the Young Communist League present at the conference that it was a staged affair, not at all representative of the youth in the CIO unions in New York City and which did not deal with many of their problems.

Representation was very loose, anyone willing to attend as an observer being permitted to sit and vote with the delegates. This, coupled with the fact that very few locals of the CIO sent delegates gave the conference the appearance of a mass meeting rather than a delegated body. The fact that every single resolution was carried unanimously including one against the Lend-Lease Bill proved that the meeting was not representative of the mass of CIO Youth. (I wish all the CIO youth really were opposed to the Lend-Lease Bill.)

More than half of the delegates there were from Local 65, United Warehouse Employees. Large blocks of representatives came from the United Office and Professional Workers, the State, County and Municipal Workers and the Fur and Leather Workers Union. There was no credentials report and no official seating of delegates. Consultation with the unofficial members of the Credentials Committee who were sorting delegates blanks at the end of the conference brought the reply that no information about the number of delegates or unions represented was available or would be to the delegates.

Despite the controlled nature of the conference the continuations committee, it was announced, would be hand-picked by the Youth Committee of the Greater New York Industrial Council from among the delegates attending the conference, and would have only "advisory powers". The conference was not even permitted to elect its own continuations committee.

The most serious failing of the conference was its failure to recognize the lack of representation from other unions and its lack of proposals to enlarge the representation.

## PHILLY UERMWA SQUELCHES BOSS FINGERPRINT BLACKLIST

Two important gains were won for Philadelphia youth this week by Local 155 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO. An attempt to establish a fingerprint blacklist at the plant of the United Specialty Co. (Mitchell Division) was squelched. A renewed agreement with the Atlantic Mfg. Co. secured small wage increases, seniority for all youth of draft age, and vacation pay for drafted youth. The United Specialty Co. tried

### Local 65 Wins Closed Shop

A new closed shop contract, covering over a hundred young people employed by the Grant City Container Corp., 622 W. 57th St. won an \$18 per week minimum for the youth in the shop and general \$2 per week raises for the 148 workers of Grant City. In addition to raising the minimum from its original low of \$14, Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees won the right of hiring through the union, job guarantees to draftees, and other concessions.

For more than thirty years, unions have tried to organize the plant. Attempts were made recently by a business agent of Local 338 of the same union to organize the shop in agreement with the employer, but the young workers suspected any local which had the support of the boss, and stayed with Local 65.

The tactics of Local 338, Grocery Clerks, which has no jurisdiction over the Grant City Shop are part of the fight between Samuel Wolchock, president of the parent union, who supports President Roosevelt's foreign policy and the leadership of Local 65 who are accused of supporting the foreign policy of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union by Wolchock followers.

The youth of Local 65 must not allow their union gains or organizational drives to be disrupted either by the Stalinists in their own local or the red-baiting, boss stooges of Local 338, but must at the same time support a genuine anti-war policy.

to take advantage of fingerprinting clauses in government contracts for war industries to fingerprint its own employees. After a meeting at which the union voted unanimously against submitting to the fingerprinting demand of the company, members of the shop committee together with a business agent visited the management. "Who wants us fingerprinted?" they asked. "Great Britain," answered Sec

# Uermwa Wins Youth Rights In Ford Inst.

Eliminating the "advanced learner" category set up by Ford Instrument Co., Local 425 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, took a step toward abolishing discrimination against youth in the machine tool industry. The bosses of Ford Instrument had been hiring experienced young fellows as "advanced learners" in order to avoid the union classification which sets a minimum starting rate and a compulsory raise at the end of a certain period for four categories agreed upon in a recently signed contract.

The categories are, "learner", "helper", "second class" and "first class" mechanics. The "learner" category was set for young fellows with very little or no experience and high school or technical school training in the trade. The "advanced learner" category was never agreed upon by the union and was an invention of the boss.

### Hit Discrimination

The grievance committee of Local 425, anxious to avoid discrimination against younger workers and to prevent the lowering of wage scales in the shop, spiked this practice before it could get under way.

This must be followed by efforts to raise the minimum wage for youth starting as "learners". Forty cents an hour is still too low for youth in a union shop. In addition the union must see that the youth are not just "stuck" on one machine and taught very little so that they remain production workers. Unless the youth is really given a training in machine shop practice, he is not a "learner". After a few months on a bench lathe doing production work, for example, he can learn to do that particular job as well as any worker in the shop, even the mechanics. If he is kept at one kind of work, he should receive equal pay with the more advanced workers. Otherwise he should be given the kind of apprentice training which International Projector gives to its apprentices as a result of an agreement with Local 475 of the UERMWA. (See column elsewhere on this page.)

The union must prepare to gain these concessions for the youth when its contract with Ford Instrument Co. expires in September.

Treas. Davidson of the company. The workers expressed surprise at this opinion, but President Beedie of the United Specialty insisted that according to the President's speeches Great Britain is not a foreign country and the interests of both England and the U.S. coincide on this matter.

However, upon the union's insistence, the fingerprinting and photographing proposal was dropped.

# Youth in the Unions AN APPRENTICE SYSTEM THAT TEACHES YOU SOMETHING

By EUGENE VICTOR

An apprentice training system which actually teaches the young worker how to become a mechanic and pays him a decent wage during his training period is worth knowing about. A New York Local of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers recently signed an agreement with the International Projector Corp. for such an arrangement.

Here is what the contract provides for:

1. The company is required to hire one apprentice for every ten mechanics. (This creates immediate openings for twelve apprentices.)

2. Special seniority is established for the apprentices. Their hiring and layoff is to be controlled by a committee consisting of two representatives of the management and two of the union. A Dept. of Labor member is the fifth member of the committee.

3. The plan provides for training of all apprentices on every machine in the shop. After learning to work on one machine the apprentice is moved on to something else so that by the end of his training period he will be a full fledged mechanic. Outside training in blueprint reading and shop mathematics is provided.

### LEARNER BECOMES PRODUCTION WORKER

This is a great improvement over the practice of many machine shops which are now hiring "learners", putting them on one machine, and making production workers out of them on the same machine at lower rates than those paid to first class men.

4. All apprentices will start at forty cents an hour and receive a five cent increase every six months for the first two years. During the third year they will get two seven cent increases and in the fourth year two ten cent increases. At the time of becoming full fledged mechanics they will have reached the 94 cent an hour scale and will come under the regular union wage rates.

Although the wage rates are a step forward in apprentice wage levels, the starting rate is still very low. If the trade union youth can win agreements like this they can also win a starting minimum of sixty cents an hour.

Two provisions of the agreement are unique. The first part of the contract provides that ten percent of the employees shall be apprentices. The slogan "one apprentice

for every ten mechanics" can be carried into the unionization drive in all of the war industries, which are now hiring at a tremendous rate of speed. Young people who have been kept out in the cold so long by industry should be given the right to a job and to learn a trade.

The second unique provision grants the union the right to pass on all apprentices taken in. This is very progressive but it may become dangerous. The right of the union to pass on applications will provide excellent opportunities for its own members who have no trade. But in the hands of a union leadership which is controlled by reactionary groups, it may prove a dangerous weapon.

Young workers in Local 475, the local involved, must see that this right is used in the most democratic way. Youth in all industries should fight for such agreements, always striving to play a leading part in the government of such hiring committees so that they may become the instruments of the youth themselves.

### YPSL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH IN THE TRADE UNIONS

1. A minimum wage of \$24 for a forty hour week.

2. The machine facilities in the shops shall be available to the union after working hours for the instruction of young people in skilled trades.

3. All war industries shall be required to hire at least ten percent of its additional employees from the ranks of unemployed youth (in the trade unions and outside) between the ages of eighteen and

twenty four. "One apprentice for every ten mechanics."

4. Equal Pay for Equal Work. We oppose cutting of wages because of "learner" status or because of sex; employees doing the work of the normal employee should receive the regular wage, regardless of conditions of employment. This regular wage should have as its minimum \$1 per hour. Apprentices, who do not do equal work, should receive at least sixty cents per hour.

# Will American Youth Be Shunted Into Work Camps?

## What Are Gov't Plans?

By HOWARD IVES

The problem of youth is the problem of a society in crisis. The failure of our society to absorb youth into a healthy economic organism is merely an index, in most pointed form, of the general failure of our society to function adequately.

It must be emphasized at the outset that there is no specific "youth" problem of any consequence which a rational social order could not solve. The various problems of adjustment in which professional psychologists dabble are primarily results of an economic system which never gives the youth a chance to live.

It is in light of the above that we must analyze the current campaign being conducted in the capitalist press, among certain student organizations, and originally suggested by the President himself, to solve the problem of youth unemployment by the construction of youth work camps.

The proposal for youth work camps received its first real impetus in this country from a proposal which President Roosevelt made last summer. The amount of opposition, and the desire of the administration to concentrate on what was, for it, the main objective: forced military conscription, re-

sulted in the abandonment, for the time being, of these proposals.

### Eleanor Pipes Up

Lately, the cry has been raised again to segregate youth into voluntary or forced work camps. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt—a source not too distant from the White House and often used as a feeler for Administration proposals—recently came out in favor of compulsory work camps.

There can be no more damning admission of the complete failures and uselessness of capitalism than the desire on the part of its upholders to shunt youth into work camps. By so doing, they admit that their system is incapable of solving the problem of youth; they can provide no normal method to absorb youth into the economic organism.

They find it necessary to isolate the youth from the rest of the popu-

lation in work camps which seldom have any genuine and constructive purpose. They, thus, think they can solve two problems: 1) To psychologize and adapt the youth to the war hysteria which is being created in the country and to knock out the "cynicism" which many young people have with regards to the war drive; and 2) to pay the unemployed youth practically no wages for a year of labor, which removes the necessity of providing

some support for them in the cities.

Nor can much credence be given to the claims of the work camp enthusiasts that such camps will provide a healthy opportunity for youth to live in a rural atmosphere. The present separation between country and city is one of the worst aspects of capitalism. The poorly constructed slum cities are the result of a process of hectic industrialization which took into account the needs of the manufacturers and not

## Report Shows CCC Camps Don't Help Youth

The drive to regiment American youth into voluntary or compulsory work camps results in throwing the spotlight of youth interest onto the CCC camps once again.

There has recently been issued a report by the "American Youth Commission" which describes the history of the CCC and gives us some valuable information on the status of these camps.

In the 7 years of their existence there have been over 2,500,000 boys enrolled in the CCC. This itself is eloquent testimony of the impossible plight of American youth—that so many had to join the CCC for \$30 a month proves that there was nothing else for them to do.

At the beginning of the drive of the Roosevelt administration to prepare the country for war (which began on October 1936 with the President's famous "quarantine" speech) the Administration started

to militarize the CCC camps. The press, led by the sterling New York Daily News, agitated for giving guns to the CCC boys.

But that idea seems to have been shelved. As the report admitted "it has become clear that CCC work camps are not well adapted to serve as special military training centers." It is clear now that the Administration intends to use the CCC camps as the embryo for future, enlarged youth camps. It will be easier to use the Conception camps for military purposes; the CCC camps will be used for pre-military training.

### No Real Help

It is clear, in addition, that the CCC camps have not really succeeded in helping the youth in any appreciable way. This was most clearly shown by the fact that of

the 2,500,000 fellows who enrolled into the CCC, over 500,000 have deserted. Surely, if there were any real benefits to get, the fellows would never quit.

The so-called educational programs are shown by the report to have mainly compulsory, due to the fact that they were insufficiently interesting to attract youth on a voluntary basis.

The training of which the government boasts so much is also largely fictitious, since very few of the enrollees are shown to have picked up any basic skills.

And still another bad feature of the camps is the anti-Negro bias which is admitted to exist in them. Several hundred white enrollees have been promoted to positions above the rank of leader enrollee, but not more than five or six Negro enrollees have been so enrolled in even the Negro camps.

## Camps Have War Use

the workers. The present inability of the city workers to spend more of his time in the country is the fault of an economic system which cannot even provide the necessities of life to millions of people, let alone luxuries.

### Why So Sudden?

And since when have the capitalists and their politicians become so worried about youth needs, about sending the youth to the country? They never displayed such interest before. If anything, they didn't even care whether youth could get a job and keep alive. Their sudden interest can be explained only on the basis of the war preparations.

The eventual plans of the administration include not merely forced conscription for all youth above the age of 21, but also, and almost as important, work camps for youth under the age of 21. These work camps are to prepare the youth under 21 in "basic disciplines" and "health adaptations" for future military training.

At the present time, when American capitalism becomes more and more openly geared to war, the plan to send youth to work camps is merely a part of the general plan to militarize the entire population in preparation for an imperialist war!

## Vultee Unionists Smash Jim-Crowism

The problem of the status of the young Negro worker in the trade unions was recently posed in its sharpest form in Local 683, of the United Auto Workers, CIO which is the local of the Vultee workers who recently won a strike for higher wages.

The Vultee strike, as everyone knows, was a signal victory for the aircraft workers who punctured the demagogic claims that workers can't strike for decent conditions because of the "national defense emergency." These workers set the standard for militant strike action and defense of labor's rights.

At the victory dance held after the strike had been won, there occurred, however, a disgraceful anti-Negro incident. Several Negro unionists had come to the dance, but they were asked to leave because they were colored. This disgusting incident, which threatened to disrupt the unity of black and white aircraft workers on the West Coast, was taken up at a special meeting of Local 683 and a resolution was passed, part of which follows:

**"We recognize that discrimination of any kind is the weapon used by the employer and his organizations to split and divide us in our struggles for a higher standard of living;**

**"This local 683 of the United Auto Workers, CIO, will do all in its power to break the anti-labor, racial discrimination policy in the aircraft and national defense industries . . ."**

An apology was also extended to those Negro unionists who had been insulted at the victory dance.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There is much food for thought in this incident. All too often, the Negro worker has been driven into the ranks of the strikebreakers because narrow-minded and reactionary trade union bureaucrats have tried to drag Jim-Crow into the unions. Yet the overwhelming mass of Negro workers have understood that their place was inside the union movement, fighting together with it and as part of it, in order to win decent living conditions together with their white brothers. They have understood that, as the Vultee workers say, Jim-Crowism is the weapon of the bosses to divide the workers and to lessen their strength; that the workers must answer by renewed solidarity and unity.

Young workers throughout the country can learn from this incident. Just as the Vultee workers set a standard for all other aircraft workers to aim at in regard to trade problems, so did they set a standard on the question of the relations between white and colored workers.

### Pickens and Poston:

## How Not to Lead The Negro People

Two prominent Negroes have recently gotten jobs with the National Defense Advisory Board. They are William Pickens, of the New York chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Ted Poston, a Negro writer.

The job of these two Negro leaders is to "integrate" (a two-bit word for "fit in") Negroes into the National Defense program.

There is a certain bitter irony for the Negro people here. The entire "Defense" project has been run on strictly Jim-Crow lines. Negroes have been unable to get into any of the decent jobs. Negroes have been segregated into separate camps. Negroes have been given all the dirty jobs under the worst conditions.

And yet these two Negro "leaders" do not even blush to take jobs as adjuncts and helpers of this very same "Defense" program.

We wonder: as they sit at the meetings of the Defense board, do they not have a pang of conscience as they think of the 18 Negro sailors who were dishonorably discharged from the Navy because they dared raise their voices in protest against Jim-Crow conditions? Do they not think of their people being persecuted everywhere? Do they want to integrate Odell Waller into the "Defense" program, perhaps?

And yet they can sit on this War Board without as much as giving out a peep of protest!

Can the Negro people ever get anywhere with these sort of "leaders?" Can they ever get anywhere except to be led deeper into the wilderness, if they follow such "leaders?"

## Reader Rages About Book Review And Knitting Problems

Dear comrade Editor;

This is a cry of anguish from a constant reader, a protest against the inanities of Harold Anderson, collected under the general heading, BOOKS, and specifically purporting to be a review of Hemingway's *For Whom the Bells Toll*. If my memory serves me, it is an example par excellence of Stalinist Third Period literary criticism and a blot on the escutcheon of the Challenge book review section.

For anyone who has read the book with the slightest degree of objectivity, it is quite clear that the main point of the book is NOT the expose of the criminal Stalinist activities during the Civil War, and certainly that is not what makes the novel important or a best-seller, though your reviewer who gives by far the overwhelming part of his wordage to expounding this theory would have us think so.

Indeed, the astounding thing about the book is its lack of politics. Hemingway's quite minor expose of the Stalinists is merely the murmurings of the disgruntled and disillusioned liberal hitting back feebly and too late at the Stalinists. (And indeed, at all politics including the Anarchists and Trotskyites.) But even apart from this, the book does not concern itself with politics or even truly with the Spanish Revolution except as a convenient matter of locale.

It is an excellent and entertaining though not a great novel, better than anything Hemingway has written, indicating a growth of spiritual refinement as well as technique and it should be read. Its limitation is Hemingway's; a lack of true intellectuality, thinking with the senses instead of with the mind. However, this is not the worst that a novelist can do, and *For Whom the Bells Toll* is food and drink in a dry and barren season.

I did not consciously start out to review the book but to offer the following suggestions:

1. If you want to write of the Stalinist crimes in Spain, make an article out of it and don't call it BOOKS.
2. If you want to discuss Hemingway's politics, you MIGHT do it under books, but don't call it a book review of F.W.T.B.T.
3. If this is the best you can do in the way of book reviews, GIVE THE COLUMN BACK TO THE INDIANS AND GIVE US KNITTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Fraternally,  
V. JENSON

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We quite agree with our indignant correspondent, although we must remark that she is our first reader who has yet proposed knitting instructions in the Challenge. There seems to be a considerable domestication among the Challenge subscribers. . . .

We have always adopted the policy of letting book-reviewers say whatever they please. (E.g.—last month's book review.)

But we are considerably more disturbed about this knitting business than about E. Hemingway. Can it be possible that more readers feel the same way? Shall we be reduced to the level of printing dress designs and helpful hints on how to handle recalcitrant babes? Perhaps we'd better change the name of our paper to the Ladies Home Journal!

# Negro Labor Leader Asks March on Capitol

## Wants Big Demonstration To Hit "Defense" Jim-Crow

A. Phillip Randolph, prominent Negro labor leader and President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, has written a remarkably interesting article in the New York Age of January 25, 1941.

The article raises the problems facing the Negro people, and especially the Negro youth, in connection with the war drive and the conscription law. We wish to discuss it and note our agreements and disagreements. Let us begin by quoting a few paragraphs from Mr. Randolph's article:

**"Negroes are not getting anywhere with National Defense. The whole Defense setup reeks and stinks with race prejudice, hatred and discrimination.**

**"It is obvious to anyone who is not deaf, dumb and blind that the South with its attitude that the Negro is inferior, worthless and just doesn't count, is in the saddle. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Army, Navy and Air Corps are dominated and virtually controlled by Southerners.**

**"But the Southerners are not alone responsible for the fact that Negroes are being pushed around. The north, east and west are also to blame, because they wink, connive and acquiesce in this practise of discriminating against Negroes.**

**"But regardless of who is responsible for the raw deal Negroes are getting, the big bald fact is that they are getting it."**

Here in a few words is summed up the entire problem. The one question that remains is: What are Negro youth to do about it?

Mr. Randolph has a striking and interesting proposal. He suggests that a march be organized to Washington, in which 10,000 Negroes will participate, which will demand the complete abolition of Jim-Crow in all "Defense" affairs. As Mr. Randolph puts it "WE MUST FIGHT AND FIGHT WITH GLOVES OFF."

### NEED DRASTIC ACTION

The proposal is one which should be seriously considered by all Negro and labor organizations. We do not doubt that if the Negro and labor organizations were to get together and

plan such a demonstration in Washington it would be the easiest thing in the world to get the number of men Mr. Randolph proposes to demonstrate against Jim-Crow in Washington. For it is clear that some sort of DRASTIC action is necessary!

With this section of Mr. Randolph's article we can only agree and say that it is up to those Negro and labor organizations who can do so if they wish to, to thoroughly examine the idea and prepare to act on it speedily.

We should, however, like to make a few remarks on one other section of Mr. Randolph's article. While himself severely condemning Jim-Crow in the armed forces, Mr. Randolph pledges himself as a loyal supporter of the present drive to drag America into the war and as a friend of the "Defense" program. We believe that there is an important contradiction here which it is necessary for Negro youth to notice.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

You are being asked to die for "democracy." You are being told that you may have to go across the ocean to give up your lives for freedom. But you find that you cannot participate in that democracy (even to the degree, small enough, to which it exists) and that you have no freedom to defend. You still have to fight for and achieve these things.

Now then, isn't it sensible to ask: If we don't have these privileges, isn't it our first task to fight for our rights right here at home and not get caught up in the hypocritical war hysteria?

Isn't our main job the organization of Negro workers and youth right here at home to fight for decent rights and living conditions, rather than to go to war to protect the empires of Great Britain or America? We know damned well that whoever wins this war, the Negro is going to lose—just as he did last time, unless he organizes with those forces who are fighting for a new, workers world which will abolish the causes of Jim-Crowism and in which all people will be able to live decently.

These are the ideas suggested by Mr. Randolph's article. We still think, however, that despite the disagreements which we have noted above, that the idea of a march on Washington to protest against Jim-Crowism is a very good one.

## Fight to Free Odell Waller Must be Fought to the End

Odell Waller, young Virginia sharecropper who was sentenced to die on December 27, has won a three month stay of execution. The case of Waller—who shot his landlord when the latter profanely refused to pay Waller for work done and reached his hand into his gun-pocket—has achieved nation-wide publicity because of the social implications involved.

The defense of the young sharecropper, which is being handled by the Workers Defense League, the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, was supported by Negro and white workers throughout the country since they understood that the real criminal in the case was not Waller, but the rotten Southern tenant-farm system which drives poor sharecroppers to desperation.

Waller, who is only 23 years old, had been away to Baltimore in search of work. He had been unable to find any and came back to his farm in order to claim the money that was rightfully his as a result of the work he had put in during the previous season. Davis, the landlord's agent who is known throughout the area as a hard, dangerous man cursed Waller, refused to give him the money and reached for a gun. In desperation and in

self-defense Waller shot Davis. Waller came up for trial before a jury composed of landlords and business men, all of them, naturally, friends and defenders of Davis.

There were no Negroes on the jury. In Virginia it is necessary to pay \$1.50 poll tax in order to vote and it is necessary to be a voter in order to be able to sit on juries. In addition, the poll tax is accumulative; you have to pay for all the years that you've neglected to pay for in the past. In practise, this prevents Negroes from voting and sitting on juries.

It was due, without doubt, to the pressure exerted by labor and Negro organizations throughout the country that Waller won the three month reprieve.

## YOUTH CONGRESS

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the Roosevelt administration, the Youth Congress followed suit by dropping its struggle for the American Youth Act and becoming a supporter of the FDR regime.

This continued until the Stalin regime shifted its alliance to the Axis, and the local Stalinist suddenly went anti-Roosevelt again and dropped their talk of Peoples Fronts. Then the Youth Congress shifted along. At its Congress last year, the delegates sang the song—how many cynically?—"Youth Act Days Are Here Again." But the Youth Act had been completely emasculated; it was a pale version of the original, which had been toned down in order to please those "respectable" elements that had come to the Youth Congress in its pro-Roosevelt days.

Those youth who will be present at the Town Meeting, who really desire to find a genuine expression for their needs and interests, cannot do so in the AYC. The AYC is merely the most puffed-up of all Stalinist youth "innocent" groups; it can lead no existence independent of the Stalinist line on basic questions; its future policies will remain Stalinist in essence so long as the YCL retains its present stranglehold on the organization.

## Negro Youth Refuses to Join Army

The case of the Negro draftee was dramatically presented a few weeks ago in Chicago, when Ernest Calloway announced that he would not respond to the call to arms if he has to serve in a Jim-Crow army.

Calloway, who is educational director of the United Transport Workers of America, a labor organization made up of red caps, is rated by the draft board in classification A-1, which means that when they get around to calling up Negroes for service he will be among the first summoned.

Indications that Calloway will not be the only Negro to refuse to serve came simultaneously with his announcement when J.G. St. Clair Drake Jr., secretary of the Conscientious Objectors Against Jim-Crow, revealed that his organization had issued a call to Negro draftees in the Chicago area to join the fight against Jim-Crowism in the army.

Part of Calloway's statement follows:

"... as a Negro I have accepted many of the responsibilities of my limited citizenship without benefit of a number of blessings . . . The practise of relegating certain types of service to Negroes and refusing their services in other branches of the armed forces . . . is not obeying the spirit and letter of the constitution. I can not accept the responsibility of taking the oath upon induction into the military services under the present anti-democratic structure of the United States army and ask to be exempted until such time that my contribution . . . can be made on the basis of complete equality."

Then Calloway proceeded to say that "the present U.S. army is the most anti-democratic institution in American governmental life."

## Jim-Crow Rules at FDR Inaugural

While President Roosevelt was waxing eloquent about "democracy" in his inaugural speech when he took over the Presidency for the 3rd time, the policy of Jim-Crow continued to be the feature of all the inaugural ceremonies.

It was only due to the advance glare of newspaper publicity and to the pressure of Negro organizations that the whole thing didn't become a complete scandal.

For while the President spoke of building a new world of freedom for everybody etc., etc., the official ceremonial concert which was to celebrate the inaugural barred colored people from attending. It was held, ironically enough, in the same hall where Marion Anderson was prevented from singing by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

It seemed for a while that there would be a boycott on the part of those Negro artists who were scheduled to perform, but somehow or other the whole thing was hushed up at the last minute.

We wonder what those Negro citizens who were prevented from even entering the concert must have thought of the President's speeches about "democracy."

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