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Stalinists Make Official Change In Their Policy

By Felix Morrow

The "new" Stalinist line has now been handed down...

The new line has been announced in the form of a resolution...

The signal from abroad given by Duclos in his article...

Imperialist Shysters

The Netherlands East Indies are no longer regarded constitutionally as a "colony..."

This is the slick formula under which the Dutch colonial slavemasters hope to re-establish their domination...

The crucial political sections of the resolution read as follows: "It is imperative that the American people resolutely support every effort of the Truman administration..."

"Continue uninterrupted war production and uphold labor's no-strike pledge for the duration..."

In actual practice, therefore, the present resolution continues the previous line of class peace with the capitalist government and the bosses.

THREAT OF OPPOSITION

1. It threatens the capitalist class that the CPA will go into opposition if the Anglo-American-Soviet coalition breaks up.

2. It promises the militant workers that the CPA will go over to a class-struggle line after the war and pretends that even now the resolution provides for more militant activity than heretofore.

The threat to Stalin's allies is undoubtedly the principal purpose of the new CPA resolution.

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ARAB MASSES REPULSE DE GAULLIST ENSLAVERS

By Alfredo Martinez

DeGaulle's latest attempt to re-establish the weakened grip of French imperialism on Syria and Lebanon has proved a fiasco...

In mid-May DeGaulle began quietly to land French troops in Syria to enforce the existing garrisons there.

Trotskyists in France Jailed; La Verite Banned

BULLETIN

Numerous members of the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), French Trotskyist organization, have been arrested in Paris, according to a brief report appearing in the June 2 issue of Pour la Victoire, French paper published in New York.

These repressions have followed a vicious slander campaign which the French Stalinists, who participate in the de Gaulle government, have been conducting against the Trotskyists.

La Verite, which was the first paper to be published illegally under the Nazi occupation, has maintained a policy of uncompromising opposition to the de Gaulle regime of hunger and repression installed in France with the support of Anglo-American bayonets.

In a desperate attempt to crush the resistance, the French commander on May 29 resorted to shelling and aerial bombardment of Damascus.

It was an international scandal of major proportions, and had to be stopped for the sake of the tarnished prestige of all the imperialists.

U. S. INTERVENES On May 28, the day before the bombardment of Damascus, the U. S. sent a message to DeGaulle urging him to cease using force.

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Coal Miner Railroaded To Jail Under Smith-Connally Slave Law

The Pay-Off Is the Lay-Off



Grim Future For Unemployed Revealed In Truman Program

President Truman's May 28 message to Congress requesting increases in the "states' rights" unemployment insurance provisions was significant chiefly as a confession that at this late date the government has no program providing adequately for the millions of unemployed who will be walking the streets of America within the next six months.

Today, official government figures show, there are already at least a million unemployed. One day after Truman's message, War Production Board Chairman Krug made public his ominous admission that in the next three months 2,900,000 war workers will "no longer be required."

STARVATION PLAN

The government all along has fully understood that this would be the fate of the workers with the curtailment of war production.

Truman therefore proposed the minimum he could expediently suggest for an "adequate" program. His proposal was for a federal grant to the states so that the state governments, under their own regulations and supervision, might raise their unemployment benefits to a MAXIMUM of \$25 a week for a MAXIMUM of 26 weeks.

Now with a wave of mass unemployment already sweeping over the land, President Truman is compelled to admit, in part, the true state of affairs. Confronted on all sides by the rising clamor from the ranks of labor, Truman has been compelled to acknowledge "a major gap" in the "reconversion" program which provides so handsomely for the corporations.

Los Angeles U.A.W. Council Hits Jim Crow Job Policies

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, June 2. — Displaying an appreciation of the tasks that face labor today and a heartening understanding of how to meet those tasks, the Los Angeles District Auto Council (UAW-CIO) last week passed a strong resolution calling for an end to discrimination in the hiring of workers.

The council placed itself on record as demanding that "in all of the plants reconvertible to auto production which are covered by UAW contracts, new hiring shall include Negroes, Mexicans and members of other racial minorities without discrimination."

The resolution, which was introduced by Ed Gersky, delegate

ests of the war-enriched corporations. They are provided by "specific law... for contract termination, plant clearance, financial aid to business, and the disposition of surplus property.

But the Congressional agents of Wall Street, who had just voted themselves a \$250 tax-exempt pay increase, received Truman's modest proposals with extreme coldness and hostility.

Reporting on the "immediate response in the Congressional leadership," the N. Y. Times May 29, observed that it was "unenthusiastic." Senior Congressional spokesmen complained that Truman "had sent up his message without consulting them" and recalled how Congress had overwhelmingly defeated similar proposals last year.

Chairman Doughton of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which would first have to approve Truman's proposal, declared the committee was in "no hurry" to consider the matter.

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WILLIAM PATTERSON IS THE FIRST MILITANT UNIONIST VICTIMIZED BY ANTI-LABOR ACT

(Special to THE MILITANT)

By Art Preis

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 4 — William Patterson, 40-year old union coal digger from tiny company-owned Daisytown, 50 miles south of here, is the first American worker to be imprisoned under the infamous Smith-Connally anti-strike law.

Last Saturday this loyal union man, who has spent the past 17 years toiling down in the dark and deadly dangers of Vesta No. 4, world's largest soft coal mine owned by Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., was thrust into the county prison at Uniontown, Pa. Snatched without warning from his wife and two children, he has been condemned to six months behind bars.



WILLIAM PATTERSON

Thus Bill Patterson, a mine committeeman whom his fellow workers yesterday at Richeyville described as a "fighting fool for the men," has become the first victim of the most vicious federal anti-labor law of modern times.

Today, he is an outstanding symbol of American capitalist class "justice." The American ruling class and its government have selected him to serve as an "example" and "warning" to all American labor.

THE TRUTH REVEALED

The truth about William Patterson's case has been buried in slanderous misrepresentations. Yesterday I visited Richeyville, near Patterson's home, where Vesta No. 4 is located. I had the privilege of attending a meeting of his local union, Local 2399, United Mine Workers of America.

From the lips of the officers and members of his union, who are behind him to a man, I have secured the first authentic account of this unprecedented and historic case.

Seated around a table on the platform of the Richeyville recreation hall where the local meetings, Steve Panak, Local 2399 president, John G. Harris, vice-president, John Peters, secretary-treasurer, and a score of other officers and members indignantly related the facts behind this frame-up.

They described step by step how the government, aided by the courts, which in this area are

controlled by the billion-dollar steel trust and the powerful mine operators, deliberately set out to "get" Patterson and make an "example" of him.

TOOK THE RAP

Over and over again, they emphasized: "He took the rap for us." They made it clear that Bill Patterson could have been any one of a half million miners who today might be standing in his shoes—or will be tomorrow, if the employing class and government get away with this first imprisonment under the anti-strike law.

The fact that Patterson was sentenced to six months, instead of five years as the law permits, is due solely to the "cautious" approach of the government in

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IN THE NEWS

Siamese Twins

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is distributing a pamphlet entitled, "United We Stand," by R. T. Haslam, a company director. One passage states: "In fact it is difficult to define to what degree Government is in business and business is in Government..."

Interim Balance Sheet

On May 31 the Government in Washington announced that American combat casualties in the Second World War passed the million mark. The total, as of that date, was 1,002,887 made up as follows: dead, 227,097; wounded, 607,468; missing, 63,455; prisoners, 104,867. The grand total for all of the First World War was 259,735.

What Do Privates Get?

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, May 29, reports: "The Soviet Union is rewarding its generals with construction of spacious new apartments in various cities across the country for their use..."

Freedom From Want

"Dutch children are scraping the sides of empty trucks for a little coal dust to take home in a twist of paper. Greek children and their parents, shoeless and in rags, are being kept alive on a diet of bread, beans and boiled grasses. Italians are begging for bread in the streets. Norwegian children are living in turf hovels wrapped in fresh-slaughtered animal skins for want of other clothing." (British Listener).

'Women In Prison' Subject Of Carlson National Tour

Grace Carlson, member of the editorial staff of The Militant, organizer and educator for the Socialist Workers Party, on June 19 will begin a coast-to-coast tour starting in Allentown, Pa., covering 22 SWP branches. She will speak on the topic "Women in Prison." This national tour, under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party, will be Comrade Carlson's first opportunity since her release from prison to appear before working-class audiences.

Grace Carlson is one of the 18 Trotskyists and CIO trade unionists who were sent to jail under the vicious Smith "Gag" Act for their opposition to the imperialist war and for advancing revolutionary socialist ideas. She was released from the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, after serving almost 13 months of a 16-month prison term, and was freed on May 1 from more than three months of parole restrictions. More than 600 labor, Negro and progressive organizations, representing almost 6,000 workers, supported the Minneapolis Labor Case.

WOMEN IN PRISON

Distinguished as the sole woman among the 18 who were sent to prison, Comrade Carlson will discuss at public gatherings in each city the plight of the thousands of women who are today languishing in jails, victims of capitalist exploitation, poverty and wars. Grace Carlson was born in St. Paul, Minn. in 1906. Her father

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