

The Elemental Urge To Socialism

By J. R. Johnson

It is impossible to overestimate the importance all the great Marxists have given to the instinctive, elemental drive of the workers to revolution, to reconstruct the existing society.

Scientific socialism is the conscious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the instinctive and elemental drive of the proletariat to reconstruct society on communist beginnings.

—Leon Trotsky, 1940

of the tasks imposed upon them by history. They were showing a "revolutionary pressure." And these striking phrases occur not in an article but in a programmatic document written by Trotsky who tolerated no looseness of expression and least of all in a program.

strikes. Over and over again we meet the flat pronouncement: "It is not mere wages." And often enough "Wages is the least part of their discontent." On another occasion I shall give more detailed information of the vast amount of material issued by the capitalist class, all saying unmistakably that behind the very real struggle over wages and prices lies a vast surging desire among the workers to change the very conditions of their existence.

Strikebreaking Attempt Fails



Attempts by the Remington-Rand, Co. to revive the infamous strikebreaking trick used in 1936 proved a dud at Hion, N.Y., when 2,000 pickets of the CIO United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers turned away a company-sponsored "back-to-work movement."

Federated Picture

Union Leaders Now Sing the Blues About Some Old "Friends of Labor"

Now is the concert season for the He-Done-Us-Wrong Choral Club. For the unenlightened reader, we hasten to explain that the He-Done-Us-Wrong Choral Club is composed of union leaders who sing the blues this year about capitalist politicians they serenade so passionately last year.

does not say. Suffice to state, that not even the most politically blind can claim that today, hence, the refrain, "Warren is not impartial. He done us wrong."

after all and that his last-minute and fruitless veto of the Taft-Hartley Bill "vindicated him in the eyes of labor." Truman, according to Whitney, is "more acceptable" than any Republican. Some people prefer hanging to drowning.

Warning to All Labor--Tobin Is on the Loose

Every time the bosses strike a heavy blow at labor, you will find craven union bureaucrats blaming it on the workers themselves. God forbid that any blame should attach to the union leaders whose cowardly policies led to defeat!

Tobin is the counsel of submission and slavery. If the slave doesn't revolt, the master won't lash him. If the slave submits willingly to the slave-owner's dictates, then he won't be thrown into irons. He'll also remain a slave.

Where other union bureaucrats dare to slander the workers only by hint and indirection, the arrogant Tobin, sitting on his \$14,000,000 union treasury and surrounded by his hired gangsters bluntly and crudely slurs militant labor, and specifically his own union members.

He says nothing about his notorious racketeering, his \$30,000 salary plus "expenses," his bleeding of heavy dues and fees from the membership, his gangster violence against them, his bloody jurisdictional raids against other unions.

Prices and Profits Continue to Climb

(Continued from Page 1) the reiterated pleas to the hard-bitten capitalists to please curb their appetites just a little and "refrain" from pushing prices up higher and higher.

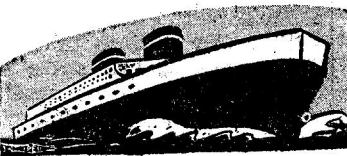
But even in his warnings about the dangers of further inflation, Truman is cautious and indirect, speaking of "recent developments which revive some fears of another upswing of inflation."

excess of exports over imports, based largely on government loans to foreign countries. But what is the real production picture, what is the real extent of profiteering and what can the masses really buy with their incomes?

Now the California AFL leaders are moaning, "He done us wrong," since he signed California's major anti-labor bill, barring so-called "jurisdictional" strikes.

Legislation which the sugar trust hopes to push through Congress soon, estimates the Wall Street Journal, "could cost consumers \$150 million on baked goods alone," by boosting sugar prices three cents a pound.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

By Art Preis

The Taft-Hartley Act has struck an immediate blow at unionization of foremen. Following passage of the Act, Ford Motor Company foremen were forced to call off their seven-week strike without gaining recognition.

alleged "disruptive acts" during the recent strike, including all officers of UAW Local 248. At the recent CIO American Newspaper Guild convention, the Stalinist delegates failed to oppose a resolution which said "we resent and reject the efforts of the Communist and other political parties" to interfere in ANG affairs.

A committee appointed by CIO President Philip Murray has recommended that Maurice Travis, who succeeded Reid Robinson as president of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, be removed from office and that Murray appoint an administrator for the union.

A motion to erase the 70-year age limit for president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Enginemen was defeated at the BRF & E Convention last week. A motion affirming the age limit was made from the floor and passed.

The CIO United Automobile Workers Union came within 92 votes of an outright majority of all votes cast in the Allis-Chalmers NLRB election last week, but outcome will be decided on the basis of 247 challenged votes.

Among those conspicuously missing from the newly re-organized National Board of the Communist Party is Louis Weinstein, according to the list published in last Sunday's Worker, CP newspaper. Weinstein was dropped from the Stalinist National Board within two weeks of his defeat for re-election for secretary-treasurer of New York District 9, AFL Painters Union.

Our Program:

- 1. Defend labor's standard of living! A sliding scale of wages — an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers control!
2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans! For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strike-breaking! No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!4. Build an independent labor party!5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeat the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim Crow! End anti-Semitism!8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war. Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription! Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forces! Trade Union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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Predicts Re-Grouping Of Auto Union Ranks

Only chains and more chains are being forged for labor. On every front an attack has been launched: on a national scale — the Taft-Hartley Law; on a state scale — the Callahan Law. And in the shops — drives to speed up production and undermine the unions.

'Moralist' Eastman And Lenin's Testament

Editor: I read in an article by Max Eastman that when he revealed the existence of Lenin's Testament for the first time in the United States, Trotsky disavowed both the article and the existence of Lenin's Testament. Is this true?

Trotskyist in Germany Reports on Conditions

Editor: The end of the war and the military defeat of fascism have enabled us to take up the struggle for the revival of the labor movement. In 1945 all the conditions for such a course were at hand and the masses were ready to march in this direction; but today we witness the spread of great discouragement because the existing political parties, in the first instance, the working class parties, refuse to carry out their historic mission.

Words of Douglass Still Hold True

Editor: While sitting listening to the false radio programs on this date, July 4, I recalled some of Frederick Douglass' writings. He wrote in the days of slavery; but let's see what he had to say and how much of it holds true today:

"What, to the American slave, is your Fourth of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him more than all other days in the year the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass-fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious pride and solemnity, are to him mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour.

What a Mother Finds In "The Militant"

Editor: I am the mother of a seven year old boy and I am an avid reader of "The Militant" because it speaks for a better world for my child. I don't want his life crippled with the restrictions of the present society. He is healthy and intelligent and I want him to stay that way.

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AFL Union Urges Labor Candidate For U. S. President

By O. George
ST. PAUL, Minn., July 21—A resolution urging William Green and the AFL Council to launch a campaign to run a candidate for president in 1948, was presented to a recent meeting in Minneapolis of the Sheet Metal Workers International Executive Board, AFL, by local union 209 of St. Paul. John L. Lewis was suggested as the 1948 presidential candidate.

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Wall Street Dons Rosy Spectacles; Economic Outlook Remains Grim

By John G. Wright

The business world has suddenly recovered its optimism. After jittery months, Wall Street has staged an eight week rally that sent stocks zooming back to this year's highs, with the speculators obviously hoping to reach last year's record levels.



Truman's economic advisors, who have thus far been distinctly pessimistic, are reported to have revised their estimates of a 1947 "recession," seeing now rose petals where yesterday they were able to discern only sharpest thorns.

Immediate disaster followed. Since their worst expectations had not been fulfilled, they then proceeded to jump to the other extreme. June and July have witnessed an upswing in the stock-market, and optimism now appears to be as unbridled as yesterday's pessimism.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Branches Report Plans On Annual Celebration

Advance reports show that plans are under way in many branches for the Annual Militant Anniversary Celebration. This nation-wide celebration to be held by all Socialist Workers Party branches during November is to raise funds for The Militant.

Record Attendance At Mid-West Camp

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