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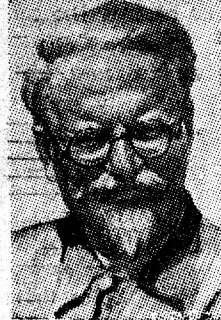
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"In all countries the same historic laws operate, the laws of capitalist decline. If the means of production remain in the hands of a small number of capitalists, there is no way out for society. It is condemned to go from crisis to crisis; from need to misery, from bad to worse." —Leon Trotsky, 1934, "Whither France," P. 8.



The SWP Is Loyal to the Working Class

Truman's Attorney General Tom Clark has put the Socialist Workers Party on his blacklist of "disloyal" organizations. Who and what are the Trotskyists "disloyal" to? To Truman? To the Democrats and Republicans, the Big Business Congress, monopoly capitalist "free enterprise," Wall Street? To American imperialism and its conspiracy to drag this country into a Third World War?

Lovett Gives the Tip Off

Despite some haggling in Congress over the precise amount of interim aid to be allotted various countries under the Marshall Plan, both Republicans and Democrats are solidly behind its reactionary aims. The bill was passed by the Senate, after a debate so perfunctory that neither party took all the allotted time.

French Workers Demand Sliding Scale

One of the demands some 3,000,000 strikers fought for in the great strike wave in France was a sliding scale of wages. They wanted this provision to protect their wage standards against further increases in the cost of living.

Cheers from Taft Law Supporters

The French and Greek capitalist governments have just written into their statute books anti-labor laws that match the savage measures invoked in the days of Hitler and Mussolini.

Congressmen at Work

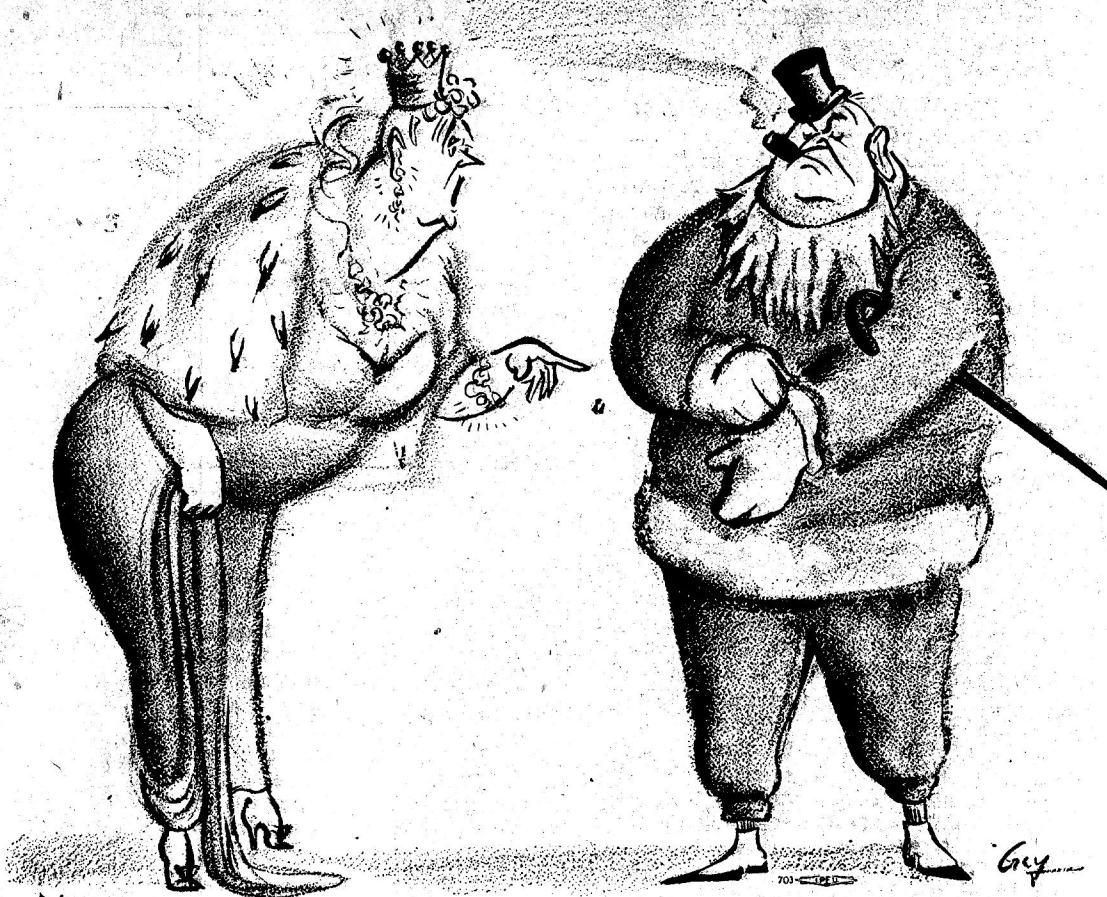
Wall Street's hired hands down in Washington have been bringing their giant brains to bear on the proposed "stopgap aid" bill for Europe. While Austria gets a smaller share, the bulk of this "aid" is to keep the French and Italian governments functioning till the Marshall Plan can be put into effect.

The "Aid-Europe" Debate

France and Italy to combat internal force. It may not even require force on our part but it will certainly require action.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MOTHER JONES

The Fight Against Child Labor (Determined to focus public attention on child labor, Mother Jones in 1903 organized a march of young children employed in the Pennsylvania textile mills, then on strike.)



"For heaven's sake, don't let the servants see you in that Santa Claus costume — they might ask for a raise!"

LIVING EXAMPLES OF CHILD LABORERS

We marched to Twentieth Street. I told an immense crowd of the horrors of child labor in the mills around the anthracite region and I showed them some of the children. I showed them Eddie Dunphy, a little fellow of twelve, whose job it was to sit all day on a high stool, handing in the right thread to another worker.

BOOKSHELF

THE STOIC, by Theodore Dreiser, Doubleday, 310 pp., 1947, \$3. The Stoic completes Dreiser's Trilogy of Desire begun in 1912 with The Financier, and continued two years later in The Titan.

From Jersey City we marched to Hoboken. I sent a committee over to the New York Chief of Police, Ebstain, asking for permission to march up Fourth Avenue to Madison Square where I wanted to hold a meeting. The chief refused and forbade our entrance to the city.

