

The Program Needed to Fight Unemployment

By the Editors

It is nearly 11 months since the Korean War ended and the current economic decline began. The second event followed the first as night follows day. Labor organizations estimate today's unemployed at well over 5 million. Millions more have been cut back to part-time with corresponding slashes in take-home pay.

Capitalism, the private profits system, is again proving its inability, short of war, to provide steady employment for the American working people. Only yesterday we were being treated to grandiose theses, printed on the gloss paper of the Luce publications, like Life and Fortune, about the "permanent revolution" in American capitalism which had abolished forever the "old" type of unstable "free enterprise" and given us a "new" form, fool-proof and depression-free.

Now government figures show a rise in manufacturing unemployment for the eleventh straight month. And the worst, admittedly, is yet to come. A sharp increase in unemployment is expected as schools and colleges pour out more than a million graduates to compete with the older unemployed for jobs.

The problems of the workers are made all the more pressing because prices continue high, bolstered by government measures and monopoly price-fixing. Workers who lose their jobs, or even suffer a decline in income because of loss of overtime, find it impossible to make both ends meet. In addition, many are heavily in debt for those new homes, autos or TV sets which they were urged to buy on time and now may be taken from them at the first drop in their incomes.

Reports from all over the country indicate the deep anxiety of the workers. Their concern appears much greater than in 1949-50 and 1945-46, during the two previous post-World War II declines. There is good reason for it.

Reasons for Present Anxiety

In 1945, for instance, there was great war-caused scarcity. The cars on the road were mainly old jalopies. Millions of veterans needed homes as they belatedly married and started to raise families. Many workers had accumulated small nest-eggs because of the wartime scarcities and overtime employment. The workers had hopes that after a limited period of "reconversion" to consumer goods production, work would be available for a while.

Even in 1949, when the pickup provided by accumulated demand and scarcities had worn off there was still the hope that a reasonable increase in government spending might prime the pump once more. This spending came, all right, but in the form of war in June 1950. The American people, however, didn't want prosperity bought with the blood of sons, husbands, fathers and brothers.

Now these means for stabilizing the economy no longer seem promising. The Korean War did not end with scarcities but an enormous glut of consumer goods. Anybody who could scrape up the down-payment could possess himself of a TV set, automobile, suits, dresses and kitchen gadgets. The manufacturers began to complain of "top-heavy" inventories.

Moreover, government spending continues close to the high level of the Korean War. The May Survey of Current Business of the U.S. Department of Commerce notes that the combined federal, state and local government purchases of goods and services declined from an annual rate of \$85½ billion in the fourth quarter of 1953 to \$82 billion in the first quarter of 1954.

Need Far-Reaching Measures

We have every reason, then, not to delude ourselves about the prospects of American capitalism and its ability to "ride out" the current depression — short of war. It should be obvious to every worker that far-reaching measures are needed to protect labor from the ravages of unemployment and to get the kind of economic system that will provide good living and security, without war.

Immediate measures must be taken to slow up layoffs and keep as many workers as possible on the job with no loss of income. The most effective method of keeping the maximum number of workers employed is through the shorter work week and work day, with no reduction in total pay. This demand, in one form or another, has been put to the fore in this period by the AFL, and by CIO unions like the Textile Workers, Packinghouse Workers and Amalgamated Clothing Workers, as well as key locals of the United Automobile Workers. We think the most important demand to press is:

For the 30-hour week at 40-hours' pay.

At the same time, the labor movement must combat the notion that the unemployed have to accept a worse standard of living than the employed, who may be tomorrow's unemployed. We contend that every worker and his family in this rich America are entitled to an income equal to full union wages at all times. Unemployment is not the fault of the workers. Therefore, we propose:

Unemployment compensation equal to full union-scale take-home wages for the entire period of unemployment.

If private-profit, monopoly-controlled industry cannot provide steady work at decent wages all year around and every year, then it is high time to ensure full-time, full-scale operation of industry by freeing the means of production from the incompetent, profit-greedy capitalists. We urge:

Nationalize the basic industries under the control of the workers.

To win this program requires concerted militant mass action by the entire labor movement. The union leaders do not lack good demands and even radical-sounding programs. They fall short on action. What is needed most imperatively is the mobilization of the whole labor movement for a real fight. This calls for:

A Congress of Labor, to be held in Washington, D. C., with rank and file representation from all the unions right down to the local level.

*Such a Congress of Labor could set in motion union actions throughout the country — mass meetings, demonstrations, protest stoppages — to put the heat on the capitalists and their political agents for labor's demands. It could do more. It could prepare to place labor and its allies in political power in Washington where the laws can be made to effect the necessary economic measures to end unemployment. That means:

Build an Independent Labor Party.

Build a Labor Party Now!

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Here Are Questions M'Carthy Should Be Made to Answer

Breadline in California



Here are some of the 1,400 jobless workers fed daily at a mission in Sacramento, Calif., where unemployment is critical. This picture was taken by a delegate to an AFL Intl. Association of Machinists conference on unemployment. The mission said that only 50 to 75 were fed daily just two years ago. This is a glaring symbol of capitalism — men who must beg for food in one of the richest food areas in the world.

"No Help Wanted" Signs Face June Graduates

More "No Help Wanted" signs face this year's June graduates of high schools and colleges than in any year since the depression. It is expected that more than a million youth entering the labor market this month will find no jobs.

Even Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, who describes himself as a "chronic optimist," conceded on June 8 that unemployment in July may approach four million even in the government's own doctored index.

Burns tried to interpret the government's latest statistics on unemployment, released jointly by the Commerce and Labor Departments on June 7, as an encouraging sign that the economic decline is ending and an upturn is coming "soon."

PHONY FIGURES

These statistics showed a slight drop in unemployment for May, from a total of 3,465,000 claimed in April to 3,305,000 last month. This decline of 160,000 for the month, however, "was

smaller than expected at this time of year and might be more apparent than real, the Census Bureau cautioned," according to the June 8 N. Y. Times report. The "apparent drop," said the Bureau, "could have been due to sampling variability."

Employment in manufacturing, however, continued to go down. It dropped by another 193,000 in May, according to the Census Bureau, to a total 1,500,000 below that of May a year ago.

These figures minimize the true situation. It is generally recognized that the government figures falsify the true state of affairs. Nevertheless, even these figures are the highest official statistics for the number of jobless in any May since the end of World War II.

Labor union officials estimate the number of unemployed at more than 5 million. If anything, this estimate is conservative. Moreover, it does not take into account the millions of workers employed less than a full work week and who have suffered reduced take-home pay.

Contradicting the "chronic" optimism of Burns, who is a mouthpiece for the Eisenhower administration, CIO President Walter Reuther said that the latest unemployment figures of the government "can hardly be called encouraging." He stated in Washington in answer to Burns:

"Unless the administration acts quickly and vigorously to stimulate employment even the official figures will show very sizable additions to the ranks of the unemployed during the next two months as the ending of the school year increases the number of those looking for work."

Other business analysts are not as optimistic as Burns either. Herbert Koshetz, who writes "The Merchant's Point of View" column in the Sunday N.Y. Times, said on June 6 that "danger signals are flickering on the business horizon." These stem, he said from the "instinct of self-preservation" that impels many manufacturers "not to risk going ahead on plant expansion or plans to increase distribution . . ."

Is Eisenhower Worse Threat than M'Carthy?

By Murry Weiss

Which is the greater danger confronting the American working class? The danger of a police state of the type Truman and Eisenhower have been building? Or the danger

of a fascist regime from the direction of the McCarthyites? After all, it can be argued, Eisenhower is President and in this post has powers for conducting the witch hunt that greatly surpass McCarthy's powers as a Senator. Furthermore, the Eisenhower administration is using these powers to the hilt and victimizing many more people than McCarthy can.

In our opinion, it would be wrong to conclude from these facts that Eisenhower is the

greater and McCarthy the lesser danger. The greatest danger to the American workers is fascism. The whole political situation in the United States poses the alternative: either the workers will become the political power or they will be defeated by fascism.

The fascist threat is not something distant and remote. It is manifested right now in a growing fascist movement — the McCarthyite faction in the Republican and Democratic parties.

Kutcher Hailed at Civil Liberties Rally in Buffalo

BUFFALO, June 7 — James Kutcher, the legless veteran, spoke here Friday night at the largest civil liberties defense meeting on the Niagara Frontier in many years. According to an estimate by the Buffalo Evening News, 150 persons attended. The audience was largely composed of workers, students and liberals, who gathered at the Hotel Statler to hear the story of the Kutcher case and calls for resistance to the witch hunt. The Empire State Room of the hotel was fully packed, with every seat occupied.

The meeting was sponsored by the local Kutcher Civil Liberties Committee, composed of prominent labor and liberal leaders. Among them were Edward F. Gray, sub-regional director of the UAW-CIO in this area; Rev. Robert Adams, pastor of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church; Prof. Clyde Summers of the University of Buffalo Law School, who is chairman of the Buffalo chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Richard Lipsitz, outstanding civil rights lawyer and chairman of the Liberal Party. The meeting was opened by the temporary chairman, Lewin T. Griswold, who introduced Lipsitz.

The committee publicized this event in a large newspaper advertisement, read by tens of thousands, which contrasted James Kutcher and G. David Schine. Part of the advertisement said:

"Hear the Story of the Private Who Didn't Ask for Privileges. James Kutcher didn't get extra passes or pictures of himself with the Secretary of the Army. Like most of us he'll never be a hotel chain heir. He wasn't important enough to get out of Sunday KP. (Continued on page 4)

COMMON AIMS

The McCarthyites and the Eisenhower administration have certain common objectives which they share with all political wings of the capitalist class. They are all committed to Wall Street's war drive. And therefore they all want to destroy the capacity of the working class of America to resist the consequences of this drive. The war drive is the source of the witch hunt — both the Truman and Eisenhower editions.

But while McCarthyism has this in common with the "old line" Republicans and Democrats, there are important differences between them.

Truman and Eisenhower have been trying to convert the old basic structure of capitalist democracy into a more effective machine for the suppression of the workers. They want to erase the threat of working class resistance to their foreign and domestic program — but they don't want to give up the old political mechanisms from which they derive their power. They are trying to make the machinery of (Continued on page 2)



MCCARTHY

His Fascist Aims Must Be Exposed

By George Breitman
SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

JUNE 9 — When McCarthy takes the stand at the Senate hearings, there will be an opportunity to expose his fascist connections, backing, methods and perspectives before millions of people.

If I were a member of the Senate committee, these are some of the questions I would ask him:

"All of the avowed labor-haters, Negro-baiters and anti-Semites in this country, including Gerald L. K. Smith and Westbrook Pegler, openly endorse you and your aims. Why is it that you have never repudiated their support?"

"How much money and other material support have you received from the Texan oil millionaires? We know that you voted in favor of the tideland giveaway program turning billions of dollars of oil over to the states. What other reasons make these reactionary white supremacists so eager to help you?"

"When you were first elected to the Senate in 1946, you said you favored breaking the current coal strike by drafting John L. Lewis and the strikers into the Army, and court-martialing them for 'insubordination' if they didn't end their strike. Isn't that still your program for handling strikers?"

AIM: DICTATORSHIP.

After McCarthy got done explaining or ducking those questions, I would try to make him tell what kind of political setup he is working to create in this country. I'd ask:

"After Attorney General Brownell accused Truman of 'knowingly' appointing a 'communist spy' to a government post, you said: 'If the Democratic leadership is lying (when it denies knowingly appointing communists), the Democratic Party should be removed from the political stage for all time to come.' My question is: Don't you believe in a one-party dictatorship, where all parties would be removed from the political stage except the party led by you?"

"You say the Democratic Party is guilty of '20 years of treason.' Since treason is a criminal activity, doesn't this mean you favor suppression of the Democratic Party and arrest of those who support it, including leaders of the labor, liberal and other anti-fascist organizations?"

"During these hearings you have spoken about '21 years of treason.' Doesn't this mean you favor prosecution and punishment of the anti-McCarthy Republicans responsible for the latest year of 'treason,' and wouldn't you try to achieve this if you became President?"

"You say you favor wiping out the 'left wing' by any means available. Under the title of 'left wing' you include the N. Y. Times, Americans-Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, Gen. Marshall, Truman, Ed Murrow, etc., etc. Is there any organization, person or publication critical of you that is not part of the 'left wing' and that you would not wipe out if you had the power to do it?"

LEARNED FROM HITLER

The next thing I'd go into would be the origin and purpose of some of McCarthy's propaganda themes and methods. For example:

"Hitler came to power as fascist dictator by attacking the German republic for '14 years of shame and treason.' Isn't that where you got the idea for your (Continued on page 3)

New Bill Threatens Freedom of Press

By John F. Petrone

Newspapers and magazines that are critical of McCarthyism today stand in danger of government suppression. The list under attack includes labor, Negro and radical publications (both Stalinist and anti-Stalinist).

Last August McCarthy demanded that the government strangle anti-McCarthyite publications by canceling the second-class mailing rights that they share with the rest of the press. This month the government is rushing action on a new witch hunt bill to comply with McCarthy's demand.

Second class mailing rights save millions of dollars for Big Business publications. For small publications, with limited circulation, they usually mean the difference between life and death. In a few days hearings will

begin in Washington on a bill to give the Postmaster General the power to withdraw these rights from publications that do not meet the political standards of the McCarthyites. Entitled HR 9317, it was introduced by Rep. Katharine St. George (R-N. Y.) and prepared in cooperation with the Justice, State and Post Office Departments.

Under this bill the Postmaster General could revoke the rights of certain publications "without prior notice." The publications would have the right to a "hearing" within 30 days to try to convince the government the revocation should not be made permanent.

Inclusion of any publication on the House Un-American Activities Committee's notorious "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" or on the Attorney General's arbitrary "subversive" list or on the Subversive Activities Control Board's "registration"

list would constitute "prima facie evidence" that it is unmailable at second class rates.

But that's not all. The St. George bill also would authorize action against any publication which "explicitly or by implication favors the political, economic, international, and governmental doctrines of communism."

This provision is broad enough to cover any paper the Postmaster General might dislike.

Does a paper support the passage of FEPC legislation, also supported by "communism"? Does it advocate higher unemployment compensation, also advocated by "communism"? Does it oppose U.S. intervention in the Indo-Chinese civil war, also opposed by "communism"?

If it does, then it can be accused of favoring "by implication" the "doctrines of communism," and can be virtually driven out of business by the higher costs that would result from the

loss of its second-class mailing rights.

What paper would be safe if this bill passes — except the McCarthyite press?

Certainly not the labor press. Rep. St. George said that its provisions might cover such papers as the Labor Herald of Baltimore, an independent anti-communist labor weekly.

Certainly the Negro press would not be safe. Rep. St. George said that Our World, a Negro magazine, would be unmailable at second class rates under her bill, and that the California Eagle, a Negro weekly, might get the same treatment.

Certainly the liberal press would not be safe. The St. George list includes the Lawyers Guild Review, published by the National Lawyers Guild, whose fight against the Attorney General's "subversive" list is now in the courts and has the support of liberal members of Congress.

Not even publications whose main preoccupation is with anti-Stalinism would be safe. Labor Action, defending the views of the Shachtmanite Independent Socialist League, is also on the St. George list.

"LONG FIRST STEP"

Rep. St. George told the House on May 25 that she favors not only revoking second class rates but barring such papers "from the mails entirely. . . My bill is a first step, a long first step, toward excluding this material from the mail."

Her bill menaces every labor and liberal organization and publication in this country. In their own interest they all should act quickly to prevent this "long first step" to destruction of freedom of the press. Protests against this move to McCarthyize the American press should be sent to the House Post Office Committee, Washington, D. C.

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Guatemala's Real Enemy

The mighty U.S. government is threatening and terrorizing Guatemala...

Mealy-mouthed liberals shake their heads dolefully at the blockheaded incapacity of the Guatemalans...

"Russia?" the average Guatemalan worker and peasant, who doesn't know much about geography, might ask...

Quit Persecuting Carl Skoglund!

Once upon a time Ellis Island was the port of entry for millions of oppressed people...

Today Ellis Island is something different. This little island off Manhattan has become a stockade where victims of the witch hunt...

Carl Skoglund, lumber worker, railroad man, truck driver and union leader...

A short distance from Ellis Island stands the Statue of Liberty. Skoglund can see it from where he is locked up...

Those who know Carl Skoglund know him to be the incarnation of the best instincts and

Frameup in the Plants

It's not illegal to be a "communist," let alone a "Fifth Amendment communist."

Roy Cohn, chief counsel for the McCarthy committee, announced on June 2 that when the committee resumes its regular hearings...

Those to be dealt with in this summary manner are union militants. The objective is to get rid of these bolder spirits...

What are the labor leaders going to do about this proposed attack on their members? Will they aid McCarthy's committee?

If they follow any of these three lines of conduct, they will open the door of the labor movement wide to McCarthy's further onslaughts.

sends B-36 bombers to make a threatening display in Nicaragua right on our border...

The Guatemalan people can scarcely be blamed if they don't jump at a phantom enemy while the real enemy they've known all along openly threatens them with a mailed fist...

He complains how foreign (U.S.) interests have exploited his country with the result that a laborer who earned \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day in 1932 and paid 12 cents a pound for coffee...

The Honduran consul concludes pointedly: "To protect such interests [including United Fruit] was the reason why marines were landed in the early Twenties by the democratic government of the United States of America..."

qualities in the working class. He never went to the great universities of this country. He was too busy chopping down trees and delivering coal...

He was a leader of the heroic struggles of the Minneapolis truck drivers during the Thirties. These struggles have entered into the history of the United States as a vital force in transforming the lives of millions...

What's this man doing on Ellis Island? What kind of a reward is that for a man who has given a lifetime to the cause of the working people?

It isn't right. And if you want to do something about it, send money right away to the committee that is working to save Carl Skoglund from deportation and get him released from Ellis Island.

McCarthy's enmity to the unions is a matter of public record. In 1946, shortly after he was elected to the Senate he declared in a press interview that the government ought to end the coal strike by drafting the striking miners and court-martialing them for "insubordination" if they still refused to mine coal.

Thus the N. Y. Times quoted McCarthy at the time: "... the President should use his powers to immediately draft John L. Lewis into the armed services. Lewis should be directed to order his miners to mine coal. If he does not do that, he should be court-martialed..."

Here is McCarthy's real program, which he hopes to realize by means of the witch hunt. McCarthy can't be diverted from his goal. But he can be defeated if he is met head on.

And they must teach their members the danger that witch hunting and McCarthyism represent to the life of the union movement.

Indo-Chinese Fight to End Colonial Slavery

By Daniel Roberts

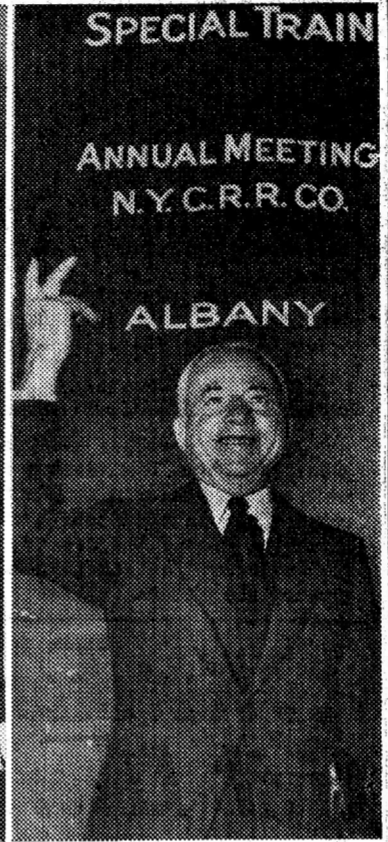
The Eisenhower administration planned to take the United States into war in Indo-China last April. This was revealed June 6 by the Washington Post and Times Herald.

Although the administration had to postpone its plans at that time, it continues to push actively for military involvement in the Indo-Chinese war. It is determined to ride rough-shod over the overwhelming majority of the Indo-Chinese people who support the government of the Vietnam headed by Ho Chi Minh.

Why then have the French been fighting a war for eight years that disregards in so cynical a manner the democratic right of the Indo-Chinese people to determine their own fate?

POPULAR SUPPORT. The popular support for the Vietnam movement — coming from workers, peasants and most of the urban middle-class — dates back to 1946, prior to the attack of the French which marked the opening of the war.

Contend for N. Y. Central Rule



Riding same train, but different cars. Pres. William White (left) of the N. Y. Central and financier Robert Young (right) on way to stockholders' meeting to decide control of the \$2.6 billion railroad.

Should Negroes Stick to Democratic Party?

By Fred Hart. At the end of World War II the leadership of the Communist Party launched a great hue and cry against the policy of class collaboration and revisionism which they had been following for the previous four years...

Now it's 1954, and the Stalinists have published a draft program, "The American Way to Jobs, Peace and Democracy," which brings them full circle and all the way back to—"Browderism."

THE DEMOCRATS' ROLE. The Democratic Party is traditionally the party of white supremacy. Its Northern wing spouts fine talk about FEPC (to woo the Northern Negro and labor vote) but its Southern wing (Dixiecrats and non-Dixiecrats alike) always vetoes FEPC and other anti-Jim Crow legislation.

That of course would be a terrible question — for the Democrats, and anyone else who wants to keep the Negroes tied to the Democrats. But it's a logical question for anyone who is concerned with advancing the political struggle against Jim Crow, whose chief buttress is the Democratic Party...

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And that's why militant Negroes have to fight the Stalinists as well as the capitalist politicians if they want to raise the Negro struggle for equality to a higher political level and to equip it with a program and a perspective capable of bringing victory.

WHY THE WORRY. The Stalinists profess horror at the prospect of Negroes "going it alone" — that is, breaking with the old parties — because it conflicts with the Kremlin's aim of seeking a deal with U.S. capitalism by penetrating the Democratic Party.

That the Negro people need is a political alliance with the labor movement to form a new party, a Labor Party. The main obstacle to such a party is not the Negro people but the labor leaders, who continue to drag along behind the Democrats.

the more impelled in the imperialist venture by the fact that it feared a successful struggle in Indo-China for national independence would inspire the colonial masses in the rest of the French empire in Africa and the Near East to launch similar battles.

However, considerations of prestige are not the main reason for French insistence on maintaining Indo-China as a colony. Something more tangible is at stake. Prior to World War II, the French held the markets of Indo-China as a tight preserve for the French capitalists.

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U.S. GOVT. FEARS. In the interest of preserving the profit system and the wealth of the billionaire families that rule America, the U.S. government is committed to preserve the imperialist structure throughout the world.

... Queries of M'Carthy

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WHY HE FEELS SAFE. I'd also take the opportunity to bring out the political reasons for McCarthy's arrogance and cocksureness:

Furthermore, American capital needs constantly to expand. It needs the entire world as its arena for profit-making.

The nakedly imperialist aim of the French government has won the hatred of the French working people for the Indo-Chinese war. They call it "the dirty war," and want to bring it to a close.

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The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

In Reply to a Reader — Part 3

Your letter criticizing this column and the Militant, Mr. S., challenges among other things our "economic" approach to the Negro question...

You conclude: "Either the capitalist isn't out for profits, or there is another solution." You evidently think the capitalist is out for profits, Mr. S., because you looked for another solution...

The capitalist's power to determine what wages he will pay, and to choose whether he will hire white or Negro workers is not unlimited. Certain economic laws govern the actions of the capitalist class...

Thus, the capitalist is able to discriminate in hiring and wages against Negro labor because, on the whole, this society has subjected Negroes to inferior living conditions and kept labor divided and therefore weakened in its bargaining strength...

and nationality groups against each other. A strong, united working class, conscious of its needs and role as a class, would not only be able to bargain more effectively to improve its lot, but could go much farther...

When workers like you learn to stop cutting their own throats by swallowing capitalist rationalizations to justify their control of your life — including their "theories" on the Negro question — all humanity will take a giant step forward...

As for your questions on what that new society will look like in America, and whether we revolutionary socialists would not duplicate the tyranny and abuses of the Stalinists and others, I can only answer you briefly here. The crimes of Stalinism would not be repeated in the U.S. because the basic conditions which gave rise to Stalinism would not exist here...

For more details on our aims and methods, let me suggest you read a timely pamphlet, "America's Road to Socialism," by James P. Cannon. And for a better understanding of the real causes of racial discrimination, read the article, "When Anti-Negro Prejudice Began," in the current issue of the magazine, Fourth International.

Children in Court

By Joyce Cowley

"Children in Court," a new pamphlet published by the Public Affairs Committee, reports that in 1952 about 1,000,000 children tangled with the law and more than 385,000 wound up in Children's Courts...

These children stole more than half the cars stolen in 1952. They committed nearly one out of every two burglaries. They assaulted and raped and killed.

There are over 200 Children's Courts in the U.S., concentrated in eight states. In the other 40 states, juvenile cases are lumped in with other judicial proceedings. The courts in the eight fortunate states "with rare exceptions aren't working too well..."

What's wrong? This pamphlet asks. The answers indicate — just about everything. First, no money. Courts don't have adequate appropriations with which to work.

Even if they had money, many of the judges have been appointed to discharge political debts and are not equipped to handle delinquent children.

If we did have good judges, they couldn't accomplish much. The court depends on its probation staff and half the counties in the U.S. don't have probation staffs. When they do, it's usually "overworked, inadequately trained, underpaid" and capable of giving "the most casual, routine, cursory service."

Notes from the News

TEACHERS PAY: School teachers throughout the U.S. get an average yearly salary of only \$3,605, according to the report in the March CIO Economic Outlook...

LION'S SHARE: Who gets the lion's share of the \$3,917,000,000 in tax cuts provided in the latest Republican tax proposal (H.R. 8300)? The CIO's estimate is: "Corporations and the wealthiest families would get 95% of the tax cuts. All the rest of the people would get only 5% of the tax cuts."

SERIOUS CRIME: William Vanderdoes, a worker at Fisher Body plant No. 1 in Flint who refused to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee at its witch hunt hearings here, was fired by General Motors. His offense? He is accused of "falsifying" his job application in 1949 by not listing the fact that he has a bachelor's degree in social science.

M'CARTHY'S STANDARD: When a N. Y. Post columnist called the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee "pro-Communist" and "an apparent Communist front," the ECLC asked for a retraction. In return the editor of the Post, James Wechsler, demanded evidence from the committee that it "has taken a position in opposition to..."

kids get trained for just one thing — a life of adult crime. The pamphlet contains a detailed study of the Children's Court in New York City which does have a probation staff...

Some of the judges are "both wise and lumble" but apparently a great many are not. Some "order" children to promise better behavior or to read selected books. Some go in for lectures to parents and children on the desirability of good conduct...

Some insist on regular church attendance and writing the Ten Commandments a given number of times. So far none of these measures has checked delinquency. What can be done? The final section of the pamphlet attempts to answer this. It calls for a change in the method of appointing judges and suggests that judges receive post-appointment training...

It's O.K. to improve the courts, but what about the causes of delinquency? These children grow up either in economic insecurity or physical want. They grow up in the rapidly spreading slums, in basements, in firetraps, in rooming houses where five families are crowded into a five room apartment...

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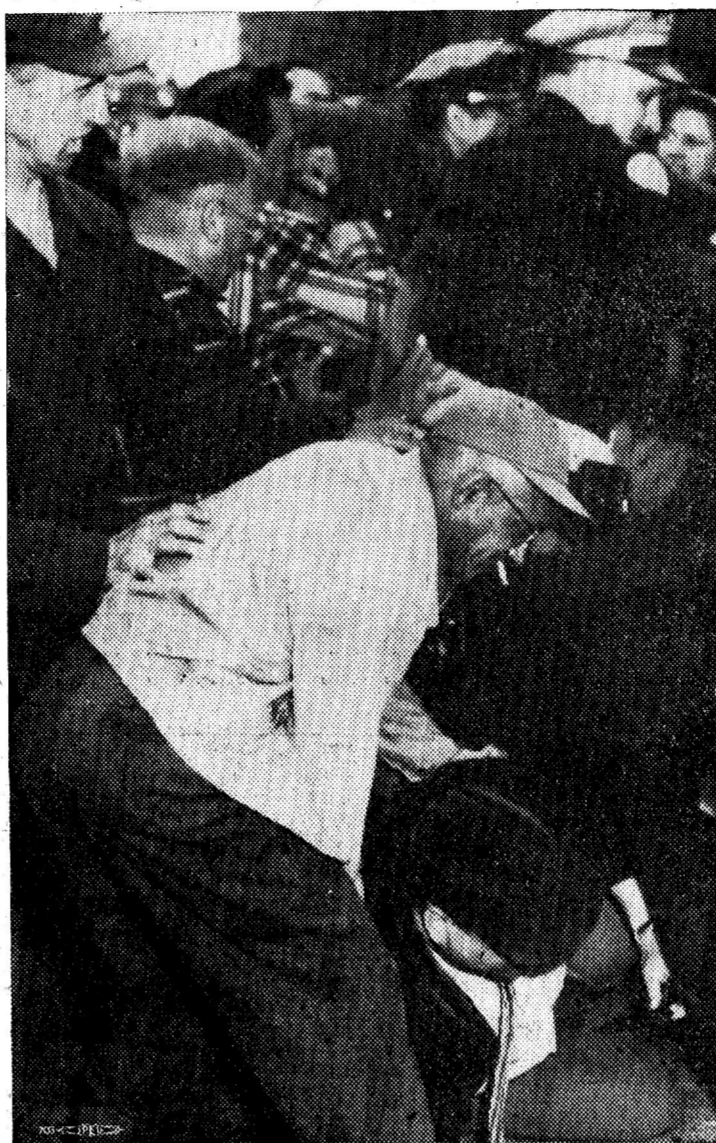
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Bitter Strike Struggle



A striking worker knocked to the ground outside Kohler plant, in Kohler, Wis., during picketline battle. Four union men were arrested after the Wisconsin employment relations board ruled CIO United Auto Workers Local 833 was picketing illegally...

...Kutcher Hailed at Civil Liberties Rally

(Continued from page 1) All he did was lose his legs in battle in war. The committee also sent out a letter which gave details of the Kutcher appeal and urged support and attendance of the meeting...

"SAD COMMENTARY" Attorney Lipsitz characterized Kutcher as "one of the most celebrated litigants of civil liberties cases of recent times." He also stated that it was "a sad commentary on the state of civil liberties that a meeting like this is under police surveillance."

This remark drew hearty approval from the audience, which had run a gauntlet of FBI and local police snipers stationed outside the hall.

The next speaker, Prof. Summers, described the work of the ACLU and told why it supported the case. He was followed by Rev. Adams, who spoke about the necessity of carrying thought into constructive action.

Lipsitz then presented the principal speaker of the evening, James Kutcher, who received a warm ovation. The audience listened with rapt attention as the undaunted fighter narrated the dramatic story of his six-year struggle to win reinstatement to the job he had lost as a result of the arbitrary action of the Attorney General...

The attorney general labels an organization subversive without a hearing, without formal charges, and without having to prove that the group ever did anything disloyal or illegal. If that is democracy or due process of law, then Hitler was the greatest democrat of all time!"

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In addition to applauding Kutcher's speech, the audience responded with the purchase of 34 copies of his book, "The Case of the Legless Veteran," and with \$120 collection and further pledges for the future.

At the close of the meeting Kutcher received a silver wrist watch from a group of friends and supporters. Dorothy Haines, the young Negro woman who made the presentation of the gift, said in the course of her remarks:

BEST TRADITIONS "You have all read how Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia said that he would not enforce the decision of the Supreme Court outlawing school segregation. He said it would take the U.S. Army to do it. Here is a man who openly threatened violence, not only against 15 million Negro people, but against the government itself, including its very army. But our good Attorney General hasn't put him on the subversive list. No government agency has labeled him as disloyal or a security risk. The FBI didn't investigate him..."

There was a burst of applause for this and for her statement that Jimmy Kutcher "symbolizes in our eyes the best and most militant traditions in the long uphill struggle for freedom."

Kutcher's visit to Buffalo caused considerable discussion among labor, liberal and academic circles in the community. Outstanding among them was Buffalo State Teachers College, where the Kutcher committee placed a small advertisement in the student paper, the Record. Although the advertisement was finally accepted, it was later learned that a heated controversy had taken place as a result of reactionary pressure exerted upon the editorial staff from undisclosed sources...

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New Political Shift Shown In California Primaries

Early reports on the California June 8 primaries reveal a number of significant developments:

(1) Rep. Robert L. Condon (Dem.) running in the 6th District, won the Democratic primary. Condon was denounced by the Democratic national chairman, Stephen A. Mitchell, because he was denied access to the Nevada A-Bomb tests as a "poor security risk..."

(2) State Senator Jack Tenney, notorious California fascist, was defeated for State Senate in both the Republican and Democratic primary. (California elections laws permit cross-filing of candidates in the primaries.) Tenney was vice-presidential candidate of G. L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Party in the 1952 elections.

Tenney was chairman of the McCarthyite State Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities. He was one of the investigators of the "subversive list" technique. Recently McCarthy quoted approvingly Tenney's listing of the American Civil Liberties Union as a "Communist front organization..."

The Tenney machine conducted a frenzied campaign along fascist lines, claiming that the liberal labor and minority opposition was a plot of "organized Jewry..." (3) James Roosevelt won a six-to-one victory in the Democratic primary for Congress from the 26th District in Los Angeles. He ran second in the Republican primary. Roosevelt was opposed by the Democratic National Committee just as Condon was. He has been under fire from a combination of Democratic and Republican right-wingers...

The N. Y. Times saw in the Roosevelt candidacy a test which "may provide clues to a number of questions far beyond the boundaries of the state." Among these the Times lists: "How great, at this political juncture, is the appeal of the New Deal political philosophy, as expounded..."

Police Brutality Expose Supports Charge of 3 Youth

By Art Sharon NEW YORK, June 9 — New revelations of shocking police brutality today underscored the charge of three Puerto Rican youth that third-degree police methods were responsible for their conviction and sentence to death at Sing Sing.

John Roche, a psychopath murderer, was reported today to have confessed to two killings for which two other young men are now serving long prison terms. Oliver Freeman, 18 years old, now serving ten to 20 years, was convicted on the basis of a signed "confession" which he charges was extorted from him by police beatings. Paul Pfeffer, 21, is serving 20 years to life for a murder "confession" which he claims was beaten out of him by New York City police.

The Freeman-Pfeffer "confessions" have a familiar ring to three youth now sitting in the Sing Sing death house. Concepcion Estrada Correa, 17, Henry Mathews, 17, and Pedro Antonio Rios, 22 were sentenced to death at a murder trial heavily marked by prejudice and discrimination. The principal evidence introduced against them was statements secured from them by the third degree. The key prosecution witness retracted his testimony once and then retracted his retraction. The evidence against the three was of a highly dubious nature.

Attorneys point out that the first major defect at the trial was the absence of an unprejudiced jury. It was an all-white blue-ribbon jury.

NEED MASS PROTEST Puerto Rican organizations here are responding to the call to save the three frameup victims from death. The General Confederation of Puerto Ricans of New York City is trying to rally the necessary support for the doomed youth. While the lawyers are fighting to set their conviction aside on the ground their civil liberties were violated, the New York local of the Socialist Workers Party is stressing that only a mass campaign arousing the widest protest can save the three...

ed here by a namesake of its author?" and, "How much political magic still clings to the name of Roosevelt?"

The 26th Congressional District is largely working class and lower middle class in composition.

(4) For the first time in over 40 years of the cross-filing system in California, the Democrats, according to present indications, completely captured the Democratic column in a primary election. In recent years the Republicans have frequently captured the Democratic primaries.

The returns from the California primaries indicate the growth of opposition to the witch hunt in the working and middle classes. Condon's primary victory and Tenney's defeat are particularly significant in this respect. At issue in both these contests was the whole McCarthyite witch hunt.

These election results, when viewed in connection with the anti-Republican swing last November, point to a continuing political shift away from the GOP over the issues of unemployment, war and the witch hunt. The growing demand of the Negro people for representation in government is another sign of change in the current political situation.

These new anti-reactionary tendencies in the political mood of the working people receive the distorted expression of shifts between the two old parties. These shifts, and the disappointments that follow them, will continue as long as labor permits the capitalists to maintain their monopoly, control of politics through the two-party system. The working people's demands will not be satisfied until they build a party of their own, a Labor Party.

RACISTS EXPLODE MORE BOMBS AT TRUMBULL PK.

CHICAGO, June 5 — "We've done everything possible to maintain order at Trumbull Park. The police officers are on the job and they are doing a good job," said Mayor Kennelly last Friday.

This, in effect, is the mayor's answer to the warning of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that there would be a mass march on City Hall unless he took decisive action to end the racist terror that has been going on at Trumbull Park, federal housing project, since Negro families first moved into it ten months ago.

The NAACP-sponsored Citizens Committee for Action on Trumbull Park, composed of representatives of labor, church and community organizations, met on May 26 to discuss action proposals. Almost everyone present spoke in favor of the proposed march on City Hall. Many agreed, "I've been to 30 or 40 meetings like this, and all we do is talk. I say let's get down to action."

"The two men were searched illegally and charged with carrying concealed weapons. Their trial came up May 25 and was continued until June 9 at the request of Captain Barnes, head of the police detail in the project.

Police Commissioner O'Conner, in a meeting with NAACP representatives, agreed to call Captain Barnes in to discuss charges that the police detail stationed in the project to protect the Negro families is falling down on the job and working under restrictions. It has been reported by Negro residents in Trumbull Park that a police officer cannot arrest anybody causing disturbances without getting permission from police headquarters.

States Attorney Gutknecht informed the NAACP that it was out of the jurisdiction of his office to get evidence against the rioters in Trumbull Park for a grand jury investigation. He said that only if the evidence was brought into them would an investigation be feasible.

No DATE YET A representative of the CIO Packinghouse Workers made a motion that a definite date be set for the march on City Hall. The chairman ruled him out of order on the grounds that the report was not completed.

Another motion was made to send a mailing to all the local unions in the city asking their support for the demonstration. Willoughby Abner, vice president of the NAACP, and Sam Parks, district anti-discrimination director of the Packinghouse Workers, opposed the motion on the ground that local unions should not be consulted over the head of the CIO Council and "besides the Council has the only available mailing list." The motion was defeated by a small majority.

A motion was made and passed to send for NAACP secretary Walter White and NAACP counsel Thurgood Marshall. One

OPPOSITION TO REUTHER WINS IN DODGE LOCAL 3

DETROIT — The opposition to President Walter Reuther won six posts out of seven in the elections held in Dodge Local 3 of the CIO United Auto Workers on May 26 and 27. The opposition slate

was headed by incumbents Joe Cheal and Pat Quinn, reelected president and vice-president respectively. The only post won by the Reutherites was that of trustee. All officers were elected for a two-year term.

The anti-Reuther grouping also elected 25 of 30 delegates to this month's Michigan state CIO convention.

LOCAL'S PROGRAM Dodge Local 3 has been in the forefront in the Detroit area in organizing the unemployed and setting forth their demands. The local's program to combat unemployment is:

- (1) The 30 hour week at 40 hours pay; (2) the establishment of rank and file unemployed councils in all the locals; (3) the holding of regular weekly meetings of the unemployed; (4) the formation of a city-wide unemployment council based on the local council which would agitate for a public works program and higher rates of unemployment compensation, fight against evictions and push for other measures to protect the jobless.

The program of Dodge Local 3 is making headway throughout the UAW in Detroit. At a recent meeting of UAW presidents a directive was issued to all locals to establish rank and

James Kutcher Tour Schedule

Table with 2 columns: City and Date. Includes Detroit (June 5-21), Chicago (June 22-27), Milwaukee (July 14-26), Seattle (July 1-20), Los Angeles (Aug. 1-20), San Francisco (Aug. 22-Sept. 18).

Other dates will be published soon.