

Balance Sheet On McCarthy

By Joseph Keller

Months before the McCarthy-Army hearings, in our Dec. 7, 1953, issue, we published a Socialist Workers Party statement which drew the balance sheet on Senator Joseph McCarthy. The SWP stated, "McCarthyism is the American form of fascism."

The victory of McCarthyism "would signal the crushing of the labor movement, the conversion of the U.S. into a land of concentration camps, and a reign of terror against political dissenters and minority groupings that would make the horrors of Hitlerism seem like amateur beginnings."

The recent McCarthy-Army hearings have inspired a lot of other people to draw up "balance" sheets on McCarthy. None of the post-hearing commentaries has been given a bigger play or attracted more attention than Frederick Woltman's series of five articles entitled, "The McCarthy Balance Sheet," published by the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain. Woltman got a Pulitzer Prize in 1947 "for national reporting exposing communism."

In contrast to our basic conclusion that McCarthyism is the American form of fascism and that anti-communism is the greatest asset to McCarthyism, Woltman attempts to attack McCarthy with McCarthy's own best weapon, the "communist" smear. McCarthy, according to Woltman, "delights" the "Communists" and "has become a major liability to the cause of anti-communism."

Woltman repetitiously complains that "McCarthy has played into the hands of the Communists . . . made the going tougher for the many others who long before had been fighting to stop the spread of communism at home and abroad . . . distorted the present-day picture of communism out of all semblance to reality . . . introduced a slambang, rable-rousing, hit-and-run technique into the serious business of exposing the Communist conspiracy . . . distracted public opinion from the world's danger spots . . . brought to public life a special brand of reckless, knee-to-the-groin tactic which violate our tradition of fair play . . . uses them indiscriminately . . . against political foes and other non-Communists, as well as Communists."

Woltman's attack on McCarthy has two basic weaknesses: (1) it accepts McCarthy's own premise that "communism" is the "greatest menace" facing America; (2) it misrepresents McCarthy's methods as differing from those of the witch-hunters and red-baiters generally, both Democratic and Republican, and including the Scripps-Howard press and Woltman himself.

The latter, however, cannot distinguish between McCarthy's methods and those of all other witch-hunters, except to complain that the senator carries these methods to "extremes." Woltman offers no explanation for the extraordinary rise of McCarthy except to whine that McCarthy has a "superb sense of press agency" and is a "natural headline-getter." But why does he seek headlines and why do the capitalist papers — including Scripps-Howard — give them to him? Lots of other public figures howl about "communism" and the "communist menace," but don't rate headlines week after week, month after month, year after year. McCarthy got the play precisely because papers like the Scripps-Howard press liked McCarthy's methods and publicized them favorably.

This is given away by Woltman himself. Right at the beginning of his articles he speaks of "the Senator's record since he first embarked on the Red hunt Feb. 9, 1950 — soon after which we got to be friends." Woltman even admits: "Two or three or even nights a week with mutual friends and (McCarthy) drop into my apartment at the Hotel Congressional."

Woltman and Scripps-Howard went along with McCarthy for four years, playing him up, encouraging him. Not until very recently did they find his methods of fighting "communism" a "major liability to the cause of anti-communism." Woltman concedes that "on the credit side, the Senator without question, helped make the man on the

street more security conscious." He means that McCarthy did more than anyone else to terrorize the populace, to spread the fear of public smear for those who express unorthodox views or associate with the "wrong" people, and to embolden the most reactionary, labor-hating, backward elements in our society.

Woltman's real gripe against McCarthy is revealed in the complaint that he "has widened the split in his own Republican party; and demonstrated that, unless he has his way, he's willing to destroy the Eisenhower administration. . . . Now, after 18 months of Republican rule, Sen. McCarthy still is hammering out accusations of treason and espionage in government without producing evidence."

There's the rub. McCarthy "has brought a sinister concept into the American scene . . . called the McCarthy formula of treason" and more specifically, he's begun to apply his formula to the Republican administration leaders themselves.

"The treason formula has grown to be almost as strong an obsession with Sen. McCarthy as the 'Marxist-Jewish-Communist conspiracy' myth was with Hitler," says Woltman. But nowhere does Woltman even hint that McCarthy has fascist aims.

The treason formula was in-vented by Hitler, but not just against "Marxist-Jewish-Communis-tis." He deliberately used it against all the other pro-capitalist parties of Germany. It justified his destruction of all other parties and establishment of the Nazi one-party dictatorship. Moreover, Hitler's "obsession" with the "treason formula" proved worthwhile — for Hitler. He conquered power with it. And that is why McCarthy too uses it.

But Woltman deliberately evades this point. He thereby conceals McCarthy's true aims. Instead by peddling the "Communist conspiracy" formula, Woltman himself helps lay the basis for McCarthy's "treason formula." This, in turn, is designed to smear, discredit and undermine the traditional capitalist parties and pave the way for McCarthyite fascism.

The Woltmans can whine all they want about McCarthy not "playing fair," but that won't stop him from using their own "Communist conspiracy" weapon against them. The fact is that the Eisenhower administration itself gave McCarthy his chance to thrust the blade of the "treason formula" in the Republican leadership's own body. Attorney General Brownell used this same formula when he charged Truman had "knowingly" promoted to a higher government post an alleged "Soviet spy," Harry Dexter White. McCarthy now asserts that the Eisenhower administration "knowingly" covers up for Army officials who "knowingly" cover up for "Communist spies."

When McCarthy used the "treason formula" several years ago against Secretary of State Dean Acheson, it was picked up and flung around by the Republican leaders. The Scripps-Howard press played it up big, with articles and cartoons calculated to reinforce McCarthy's charge. So it's not his "treason formula" in itself, nor his "knee-to-the-groin" tactics, that they oppose in McCarthy.

They oppose him because he is preparing to take an independent political course, build up an aggressive personal following throughout the country, defy the old-line Republican leadership and move to take over or split the party at the opportune moment for launching his open fascist mass organization.

But they cannot tell the truth about McCarthy and his fascist aims. To do so, would undermine their own claims about the "Communist conspiracy," by revealing that the real menace to America is fascism, the naked brutal dictatorship of the capitalist class. Woltman's "balance sheet" is based on false figures and adds up, therefore, to a false and misleading total.

Sat. Eve. Post Tries to Conceal Fascist Nature of McCarthyism

By George Breitman

Something about McCarthyism has the editors of the Saturday Evening Post deeply disturbed. Not the great political power that McCarthy commands. Nor the fact that McCarthyism sets the standards of the witch hunt that are followed by the administration. Something else:

What worries the Post editors most is the "fantastic delusion" accepted by "millions of Europeans," that McCarthyism represents a fascist threat to the U.S.

Recently, according to the July 10 Post editorial, some Americans in Austria visited a conservative member of the cabinet. The visitors had already heard the "preposterous yarn" about the growth of American fascism from "businessmen, hotel employees and workmen. . . . But what staggered them was that the cabinet member asked them anxiously whether it was true."

Then the Americans visited "a distinguished financier, who is also one of the top conservative political leaders." The financier "did not ask them" about the fascist danger in the U.S. "He told them."

In West Germany, the editors lament, "the same fiction is widely accepted."

This "myth" must be "smashed," they insist. American officials, from the President on down, should "state the truth simply and conclusively. We should not permit our allies to be estranged from us by a big lie which we could quash every time it appears." And to show how easy it is for almost any fool to prove that McCarthyism is not fascism, they set out to do it themselves.

EUROPEAN VIEWS

"It is natural," they concede, "that Germans and Austrians should be fearful of fascism, because their countries suffered more than a decade of fascist

tyranny. Yet from their personal knowledge, they ought to know clearly what a fascist movement is and what it is not."

Truer words they never spoke. Those who have had personal experience with fascism, BEFORE and AFTER it came to power, ought to be best able to recognize it. It is highly significant, therefore, that most Germans, Austrians, Italians and other Europeans who witnessed the rise of Hitler and Mussolini at close hand, are firmly convinced that McCarthyism is the American form of fascism.

The Post editors try to get around this embarrassing fact by blaming it on the Europeans' "fearful" attitude toward fascism and on "false" reports sent abroad by foreign correspondents in Washington. Then they undertake to re-educate the fearful, misinformed and generally backward Europeans on "what a fascist movement is and what it is not."

THEIR ANALYSIS

"It is not an emotion in the breasts of millions of people. It is not an angry outcry by those who admire a man they see on television. It is a definite organization, a mass party. . . ."

"In this country, aside from tiny lunatic groups that are invisible unless seen through a microscope, is there a fascist organization? The notion is grotesquely false. . . . (The facts) prove that McCarthy's maneuvers, monkey-shines and shenanigans do not constitute fascism, and that neither McCarthy nor any other politician controls a fascist organization."

There, in a nutshell, is concentrated all the wisdom of the Post (and, we might add, of some other publications that consider themselves more radical than the Post). Fascism, according to this criterion, is "a definite organization, a mass party." But then shouldn't American fascism

have unique and peculiar features?

A POSSIBILITY

Is it possible for McCarthy to become a fascist dictator and president of the U.S. without forming a new party organization? The Post's editor would deny such a possibility — because that isn't how fascism came to power in Germany.

But we see it as a possibility — if McCarthy should succeed in capturing control of the Republican Party and converting it into a direct instrument of fascism. What would he need a new party for if an old one could be made to serve his totalitarian purpose? McCarthy sees it as a possibility too. That's why he is building his fascist movement inside the GOP as well as outside. If he can take over the Republican Party nationally (as Huey Long took over the Democratic Party in Louisiana) he will have overcome the obstacle that the two-party tradition presented to less successful fascist demagogues (Coughlin, Smith, etc.). If he fails to take over the GOP, then he can still take the fascist movement he is consolidating within it and use it to build a new party organization.

FALSE AND DOGMATIC

Let's grant that Hitler and Mussolini had "a definite organization, a mass party" (though Mussolini's movement originally included members of many parties and did not call itself a party until its third congress). Does it follow from this that no movement can be called fascist unless it assumes the same organizational form that European fascist parties assumed before they came to power?

That's the Post's argument, and it is false to the core. Not only false, but guilty of the kind of sterile dogmatism that the defenders of capitalism are fond of attributing to Marxism.

By what social or political law is it decreed that McCarthyism must be an exact organizational replica of Hitlerism before it can be termed fascist? Democratic capitalist parties and movements in this country have different organizational forms and traditions than their European, Asian and African counterparts; why then shouldn't American fascism

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... 10,000% PROFITS

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"Builder Smith went to his banker with the FHA commitment. The banker agreed to lend him the money. He started building. When the building was completed — surprise! — it didn't cost \$5,200,000 nor even \$4,680,000, but only \$3,000,000, with a handsome profit to the contractor already included in the cost."

"Mr. Smith quickly repaid his \$3,000,000 of construction loans (out of the long term mortgage on the building) and found himself with \$1,680,000. That was his 'windfall.'"

But the story doesn't end there. Mr. Smith has constructed a housing project, and now he operates it. "The law specified that Mr. Smith was to pay back his mortgage loans out of rents over a thirty years period." Afterwards, the building is his own to keep. The law also allows Smith to collect a 7% yearly operating profit out of rents based on the yearly mortgage instalment plus operating expenses also charged to the tenants. Is it any wonder that renters in Sidney Sarnar's project in Linwood, N.J. are complaining, by Sarnar's own admission, that rents are too high?

What about taxes on the windfall profits? Smart lawyers have gotten around that road-block to speedy wealth. For instance, the firm of Lord, Day and Lord — to which Attorney-General Brownell belonged up to 1953 — advised Albert Gross (investment, \$90,000, windfall, \$6 million) to report his swag as "capital gain." That way it would be subject to a tax of only 25% as compared to the far higher income tax rates.

But won't Congress stop these windfall practices, now that the Capehart Committee has exposed them? Last week a joint House and Senate Committee agreed on a bill that would guarantee windfall profits, although it would limit them to 10%. If this bill passes, you as the builder go up to FHA, get your loan, build your project, add up the costs (paid them well), then add 10% of the cost. That will be the final figure at which the mortgage is set. Naturally, you pocket the 10%.

So go ahead. The field is wide open. Become an FHA builder. It beats working for a living. If something goes wrong and you don't make a profit, do what Levitt did on one of his projects that didn't pay off. He simply gave it to the government (which had guaranteed the mortgage) and tried again.

As for nasty criticism from those who assail you for profit making, brazen it out like Sarnar, who said: "It is true . . . that I had about \$2,500,000 left over from the mortgage loan, when I finished. What of it? Should I be stigmatized as a crook because of good luck and good business sense, gained in twenty-seven years experience?"

Or wave the flag like Bertram Bonner of Richmond, Va., who said "Frankly, I believe this project was intended to be extremely profitable to builders and the purpose was based on the American tradition that if you want to get the job done, if you show the American businessmen where they can make a hefty profit, they will really go out there and do you a job."

The Trumbull Park Riots -- Part III

From the beginning of the fight at Trumbull Park, the Socialist Workers Party has called for action by the people to stop the anti-Negro terrorism. From the beginning, the Militant has exposed the fascists and rallied support for the Negro tenants in Trumbull Park.

The Socialist Workers Party knows the fascist attack can be stopped at Trumbull Park. Not by depending on the bosses' representatives in City Hall — but by depending on the workers.

Conferences with the mayor are O.K. Investigations are O.K. But when, after 11 months of investigation, all the mayor can say in the face of continued violence is, "The police . . . are doing a good job," then the time has come for something more. The time has come for the unions and the NAACP to organize a mass protest demonstration.

A Protest Demonstration

Just as a strike shows the boss what the workers want, so a demonstration will show the mayor what the people want. The demonstration will show the mayor that the people think he's falling down on the job. It will remind him that he can be replaced.

Thousands of people can be mobilized at City Hall by the NAACP and the unions. The streets can be filled with people. The mayor will understand.

The demonstration will show the fascists something, too. It will show them that the people of Chicago are organized against them. Fascists are cowards. They have threatened more violence, but when they see the majority organized against them, they will be forced back into their holes.

We want to be sure that the mayor's promises will be kept. We want to be sure the law is carried out.

Every local union, every tenants' group, every NAACP branch should elect delegates to a city-wide Congress of Labor, called by the NAACP and the unions. And this Congress of Labor could constitute a permanent defense committee.

This committee will be our organization, to which we bring our grievances. It will keep the mayor's promises for him. Right now, where can a victim of police brutality go? To another cop? With the permanent defense committee, he comes to a group made up of workers — a committee set up to see that a worker is protected as he has a right to be — a committee to which he elected a representative.

And the Congress of Labor could set up an anti-Jim Crow flying squadron of 1,000. This flying squadron will be on call at all times to go to Trumbull Park, or any other place, to see that peace is maintained. What Big Business Kennelly's cops can't do, a workers' anti-Jim Crow flying squadron will do. The civil rights of American citizens will be protected.

Here is a program for Trumbull Park that will work. And you can help put it across. Get your union to pass a resolution favoring the program. Urge your church to support it. Speak for it in your tenants' group. The united strength of all these organizations can win at Trumbull Park.

For a demonstration of workers' strength! For a Congress of Labor, with elected delegates from every local union and NAACP branch! For a permanent defense committee! For an anti-Jim Crow flying squadron of 1,000! The fascists will be stopped in the city of Chicago!

Why They Foster Jim Crow

Trumbull Park, Cicero, Harlem, Detroit, Fontana — the pattern is always the same. All the branches of government — the cops, the politicians and the courts — line up against the people. Why is this? The answer is simple. Big Business makes money out of Jim Crow, out of Jim Crow ghettos, out of pitting white against black. Every worker knows how race hate

is used to divide the workers in the shop, to weaken the union. It's an old stunt — but it works.

Blood money is coined out of Jim Crow housing. As the landlord cuts up apartments and turns buildings into slums, rents go up. The segregation pattern means space is at a premium, and the landlord gets rich.

For example, in Chicago an average of 27,000 people live in a square mile, but in the southside Negro area there are 55,000 people per square mile — double the city average! The landlord demands the rent he wants. Apartments are hard to get.

The picture is the same in all major cities. In Seattle the Negro population increased 69% from 1940 to 1950. In Detroit and Buffalo it increased over 100%. In Chicago it nearly doubled.

But has housing kept up with the growing population? No, it has not. Every ghetto dweller knows what this means. An investigation into a fire that killed 18 people in a Chicago slum tenement revealed that death traps are the rule and not the exception. In one building, the coroner noted that partitions on the first floor of the building were of cardboard material, and remarked, "They'd burn like tinder if a fire got started." The place was even more dangerous than the building where the 18 people were burned to death. And, said the coroner, "The total rent is \$2,330 a year — more than the whole shebang is worth."

This is not unusual. Rents in these firetraps are often \$100 or more per month.

Three-quarters of the rooms and apartments in the area have no bath, no water, or are falling apart. Three quarters of the buildings were built before 1920 and most of them in the 1800's.

In contrast is an area on the west side of town, Forest Glen. Here only 1% of the dwelling units have no bath, no water, or are falling apart. Here only 4.2% of the buildings were built before 1920. Construction continues in Forest Glen. On the near southside, construction almost stands still, and existing buildings are being demolished.

If Negroes could move to an area like Forest Glen, the slums would soon be empty and rents would fall. That is why landlords have a stake in maintaining prejudice, in keeping Jim Crow.

The landlord and real-estate baron make heavy profits in the slum tenements. They want to keep the Negro in the ghetto — where upkeep is low and rents are high.

The race pattern of the South is also Big-Business inspired. A substantial part of Southern industry is actually owned by Northern business interests. So long as Big Business owns the mayors, the courts and the cops, the government will support Jim Crow.

The Supreme Court Decision

The Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools was not given to the Negro people out of the goodness of the judges' hearts. It was a decision long overdue, and gotten only as a result of the pressure of the Negro people in this country and of their allies and sympathizers — the colored people of Asia, Africa and the rest of the world whose hatred of Jim Crow is so well known.

Pressure, organization, struggle — those are the things that changed the Supreme Court's mind about school segregation. More pressure, more organization, more struggle — those are the only things that can guarantee the enforcement of the anti-segregation decision in the schools. And they are the same things needed to put a stop to racial terrorism at Trumbull Park.

(To be continued.)

THE MILITANT ARMY

The current series of Anti-Fascist Militant Mobilizations has resulted in an encouraging increase in sales. New York Literature Agent John Tabor reports a continued good response to the paper the fourth week of their campaign.

"Our Brooklyn team sold 27 copies door to door this week. In the downtown project Pete and Janet sold one six-months renewal, one new sub and two single copies. Ethel B., Priscilla, Dave M., Bob, Pearl, Dorothy and John T. went to the uptown project Friday. They sold 30 single copies and four new subs and got a 25c. donation. A number of renewals have been obtained also. This is in addition to our work in these new neighborhoods."

Oakland Literature Agent Delores Seville writes, "Our bundle was sold out again! All at union meetings. Our new comrade and two new friends have augmented our sales staff and increased our sales."

Dick Carter reports sales in St. Louis of one six-months renewal and five single copies house to house.

Literature Agent Gordon Bailey writes, "The San Francisco comrades had a good response to the paper from the workers we approached in our Militant campaign. For the last two weeks we have sent out a team on Saturday afternoon and another team on a weekday night. Both teams have had no difficulty in selling all their papers. Some comrades are revisiting homes where Militants were previously sold while others are opening up new territory. Another comrade is visiting for renewals."

Comrade Lou Mason reports the results of recent sales in Buffalo. "During the past month we have been selling Militants door to door in working-class neighborhoods. A total of 65 single copies were sold and we found many friendly and responsive workers. We plan to take future issues to them and sell subscriptions."

Pittsburgh Militant salesmen have been exploring two new neighborhoods and have started sales on the campus. Comrade Mary Butler writes, "We had especially good results in street sales in one neighborhood. We sold out very quickly and are planning to sell there regularly. We are very pleased to have a new comrade going out with us."

Comrade Dan Roberts reports, "In the last two weeks in Newark, Joe, Larry, Dick and I went out for new subs and single copies. Two new subscriptions were obtained and 12 single copies sold. In addition Ruth and Al went out for renewals and obtained two."

Comrade Clara Kaye sends in the following scores for Seattle: "Ann and Leon, four Militants, on their regular route; George and Frank, eight, on their regular route; Jack and Ann, eight, to new buyers; George, seven, to new buyers; and other comrades sold six."

Detroit Literature Agent Janet MacGregor reports, "Kev covered his route this week and sold seven Militants and one six months sub. Frank got the promise of a sub this Friday and one two weeks from now. I covered some call backs. Rudy and Johnny went out yesterday and got a promise of a sub tomorrow night which is pay night. Ed got one renewal and promises for three more."

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"Americans Had Better Beware!"

McCarthy spends most of his time running wild hunt probes and little time trying to get bills passed in Congress. There's a reason: The Eisenhower administration and the leaders of both parties in Congress are working overtime trying to get McCarthyite legislation passed before Congress adjourns around the end of this month. McCarthy concentrates on creating the proper atmosphere and leaves the actual chore of getting police-state legislation passed to the so-called "anti-McCarthy" and "non-McCarthy" capitalist politicians.

As Congress moves closer to adjournment there is a long and ominous list of police-state bills in various stages on the road to enactment. If they are not adopted this session it won't be because they lack White House support but because of rivalry over the "credit" of enacting them and general confusion resulting from the rush for adjournment. Without attempting to list all the bills in this category, here are some of the principal ones, and their status as of July 21:

A bill requiring organizations ordered to register as "subversive" to give the Attorney General a list of all their printing equipment, including mimeograph machines: Passed by both houses, and sent to Eisenhower.

A bill to legalize use of evidence obtained by wiretapping: Passed by the House, still in a Senate committee.

A bill to punish peacetime espionage (whose definition is greatly widened) by death: Passed by the House, approved by a Senate committee.

A bill to emasculate the Fifth Amendment by granting congressional committees, courts and grand juries the power to extend "immunity" to witnesses who refuse to give informa-

tion that might tend to incriminate them: Hearing being held by House committee, still in a Senate committee.

A bill to savagely punish persons accused of harboring "subversive" fugitives: Passed by the House, still in a Senate committee.

A bill to take citizenship away from persons (including native-born citizens) convicted of "conspiring to advocate" force and violence against the government: Passed by the House, still in Senate committee.

The Brownell bills, giving the Attorney General the power (1) to dissolve unions and other organizations which he deems to be "communist infiltrated" and (2) to bar from employment in war production plants persons who "may" engage in subversive activities: A Senate committee approved a revised version of the first, transferring the power to destroy and license unions to the Subversive Activities Control Board, and approved the second, while a House Committee, acting under AFL, CIO and independent union pressure, decided that "nobody was sure just what (the Brownell bills) meant" and voted to postpone action on them until a commission studies the situation and brings in recommendations next January.

Not all of these measures will be enacted during the present session of Congress, but the passage of several is much more likely than any pro-labor, pro-civil rights, pro-consumers legislation that may have been introduced this year.

As the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen warned on July 12: "Americans had better beware! Legislation is pending before Congress that would make this country over after the pattern of totalitarian regimes, with a government 'labor front' like Hitler's."

"Security" under Capitalism

We hear a lot about what a wonderful system capitalism is — at least in America. For one thing, think of the security you have. You never have to worry about the future, with old age pensions and all that. You ever see a millionaire starve in America? No, and you never will. That's because capitalism gives security — see?

Of course, there are some people who will pick flaws in the best of systems and find fault just to be complaining. You take, for instance, the case of those workers in the Murray Corporation plant in Detroit.

There they are, 2,500 of the very top seniority employees out of 9,000 employed in the plant a year ago. The 2,500 thought they were fixed for life. All they had to do is sweat it out until age 65 and then they could coast the rest of the way on pensions and social security.

But we've got capitalist security, remember? So, if you're one of the top seniority Murray workers in Detroit, "today, you suddenly realize that come Nov. 1, because of a changing industrial picture, there'll be no more seniority and the security it spells — because your job will have evaporated," reports Geoffrey Howes, in the July 4 Detroit Free Press. On Nov. 1 the company locks its doors for good in Detroit and even the top seniority men are finished.

The average age of the 2,500 employees still listed on the Murray rolls, although only 1,200 are working, is over 50. With their families, they represent 10,000 people. "Prospects of getting new jobs are called 'hopeless,'" reports the Free Press, "because of their ages." Yet, they have years to go, most of them, before they get that pension.

Heads They Win, Tails We Lose

The AFL and CIO leaders are sounding the call! Says The July 17 Business Week: "Organized labor intends to plunge into the 1954 election campaign as it never did before. It's a tune-up for the next Presidential race. And it's a retort to those who say union politicking flopped in '52."

Take your stations, everybody. We workers are going to strike back! Labor has taken an awful shelling from the employers and the government in recent years, and labor is going to show its enemies a thing or two. Unions in politics as never before? Good! Very good!

The union leaders are going to collect big campaign chests — the biggest in labor's history, Business Week says. Fine! It takes money to beat money. \$1 per union member — that'll make a nice, fat kitty to beat the employers.

The AFL and CIO will be united behind the same candidates, says Business Week. Hurray! Now we'll win! In unity there is strength.

The union leaders want to show that labor is a force in the nation and can elect and defeat candidates. Excellent! Labor is potentially the strongest force in the nation. About time we showed our might.

"The unions," says Business Week, "will focus on the industrial areas where they are

the strongest: Detroit and Flint, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Akron." There are no flies on us. These are the powerhouses. If we win there, we set the pattern for victory throughout the country in '56 when we go out to elect the President.

All this is excellent, meritorious, inspiring. Just one question, though, before we get started. Whom are we workers supposed to elect? Candidates of a labor party? Our best militants fresh from the picket lines or the grievance sessions where they told off the boss? Our Negro representatives turning with hatred for Jim Crow?

Sit down again, everybody. We aren't going any place. The slate the union leaders have picked out for us is the same old gang of capitalist politicians. Corrupt Democrats, fake liberals, "Honest Johns," and the rest of the sordid crew of "friends of labor" whose record is strewn with broken promises and anti-labor deeds.

War mongers, red baiters, cringers before McCarthy, labor haters one and all no matter what they claim — these are the labor leaders' choice. Even if we elect them, we lose.

What a come-down! What a shameful and cynical abuse of labor's power and hopes! What a betrayal!

Sagging Cosmetic Lines Try a Face Lift

By Jack Bustelo

Have you noticed lately that there are fewer girls around with skins you love to touch?

It's not something the matter with your eyes. It's really so. The Toilet Goods Association reports that after 13 years of steady gains, cosmetics manufacturers' sales suddenly plunged in the first quarter of 1954 — right when unemployment took a steep jump. The figures haven't been revealed, but they must have been startling, for the unexpected decline in the use of lipstick, face cream, rouge, powder, eyebrow paint, hair set, fingernail enamel and pimple killers sent a scare through the industry.

However, don't get alarmed. The school girl complexion, unlike the cigar-store Indian, is not yet on the way out. Gallant champions are rushing to the scene of danger, prepared to give their all for a great American institution.

To save the \$1,000,000,000 a year market, and perhaps win the biggest share of it at the same time, three manufacturers alone, Hazel Bishop, Inc., Revlon Products Corp., and the Toni Division of Gillette Co., are dumping more than \$33,000,000 into ad programs for their products this next calendar year. And that, according to the July 16 Wall Street Journal, which is breathless with the news, is an estimated 30% over last year.

Other champions of beauty are equally eager for the honor and profit of rescuing American womanhood from dishpan hands, oily skin, stringy hair, tell-tale flakes, wrinkled necks and double chins. The list includes Warner-Hudnut, Inc., Lehn & Fink, Procter & Gamble, Helena Rubinstein, Helene Curtis Industries, Harriet Hubbard Ayer and Elizabeth Arden.

OPERATION BIG PUSH

Operation Big Push among these competitors is being readied right now for next month. Already a few beachheads have been taken. Toni, for example, has announced its third new cosmetic in three months, a face cream that no words can describe except Deep Magic. That

follows a shampoo christened, Pamper, and a sockeroo in lipsticks, Viv.

A cool \$5,000,000 has been earmarked to blast these over radio and TV, the aim being to pound into the head of every girl and woman in the land the fundamental principle of the cosmetic industry; namely, that good complexions, fair hands and lovely hair are not born, they're made.

Revlon too, has entered the fray, banners flying. Lanolite lipstick is their battlecry, two tints, one for morning and one for evening. And to keep your hair just where it should be on that moonlit beach, air-bomb your head with Silken Net.

Hazel Bishop, not to be mouse-trapped, has a liquid rouge, Com-

plexion Glo, to put the right color in your cheeks. And the company announced secret weapons, soon to be unveiled, for reprisal against Max Factor's Cream Puff and Pond Extract's Angel Face.

"CHAMELEON-LIKE"

Hudnut's new products include Quick, a home permanent that will crimp your hair in nothing flat; Hair Repair for use if something goes wrong or you get bleached out in wind, sun, sand or rain; and Bloom, a rouge so out of this world it can only be described as having a "chameleon-like quality."

Procter & Gamble, one of the high and mighty in the kingdom of soap, is punching into the cos-

metics fight with Lilt, a home permanent. And against Toni's pincurl wave, Bobbi, it is giving the test runs on Pin-It for range, speed and fire power.

On the unwanted hair front there's exciting news. Arden is already opening up a barrage on TV for its new hair-removing cream, Sleek, which helps you keep up that sheer and lovely look by keeping down ugly stubble and five o'clock shadow.

In the nail enamel sector of the battle for beauty, Revlon holds the lead at present, but others promise fierce competition. Revlon's big reserve battery is a list of 7,000 hues. Twice a year it picks out a new tint and spreads it from coast to coast on millions of fingertips and toes under such delectable names as "Fire and Ice," or "Kissing Pink."

QUEEN BEE CREAM

In face creams, General Beauty Products Corp., a subsidiary of Coty, has come up with what promises to be a block-buster, if not an atom-bomb: Queen Bee Cream, a cream based on the substance bees feed selected larvae in the hive to make them become queens. It's especially designed for girls with that worm-like feeling.

In the struggle to save the American girl from lapsing back into the barbaric customs of the past, when soap and water gave a complexion that clean look on

week days, and a touch of strawberry juice and rice powder that extra finish needed at the Saturday night dance, the cosmetic manufacturers have mobilized some of the country's top advertising generals.

PUT OVER SERUTAN

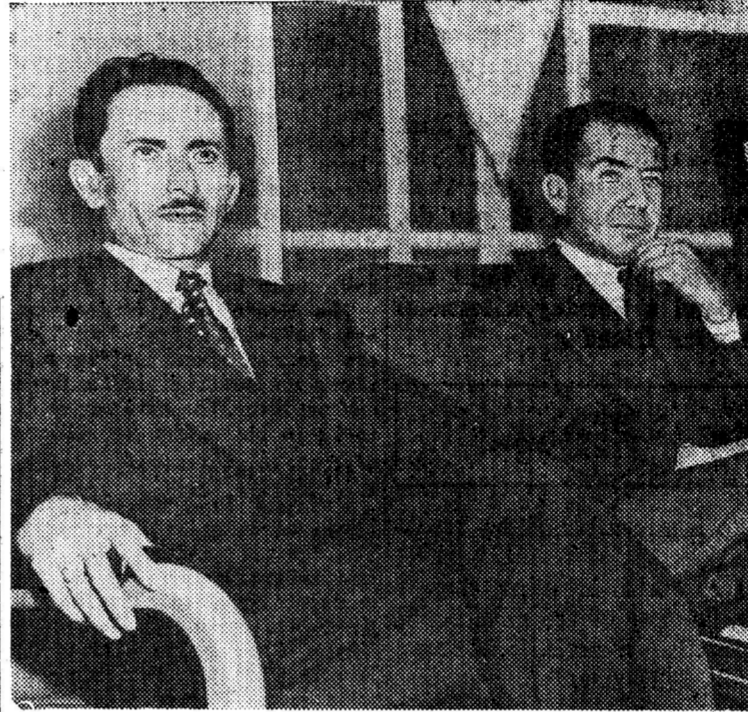
One of the most dreaded by other manufacturers is Hazel Bishop's ad expert, Mr. Spector. He was the one who took a simple but sure-fire laxative and made it a nationwide habit by merely spelling Natures backward. Since 1950 he lifted Hazel Bishop from a debt-ridden status to sales of \$11,000,000 last year and a projected \$18,000,000 for this year.

Against him are ranged such figures as R. N. and Irving Harris who developed a home permanent-wave kit in 1944 and in four years built it into a \$20,000,000 a year business with the aid of such dazzling slogans as "Which Twin Has the Toni?"

With brains like that working on the problem, with all that competitive interest, and with all those millions pouring into advertising channels, I think we can all feel safe — well at least half safe. They'll convince America's women to stay beautiful.

Please, girls, don't let a cut-back on the job mean a cutback on cosmetics. If you take a lay-off, don't lay off the lipstick. Remember, to keep up prosperity, keep up your make-up.

Guatemala Dictators



Col. Carlos Castillo Armas (left), counter-revolutionary puppet of the U.S. State Dept. and United Fruit Co., shown in San Salvador with Col. Eliezer H. Monzon, who engineered the Guatemalan government's surrender, as they agreed to form a new 5-man military junta to run Guatemala. They threw thousands into concentration camps, suspended the land reform law, deprived 73% of the population of the right to vote on grounds of illiteracy, and later reduced the junta to three with Armas as dictator.

...Fear McCarthy

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accuse them of aiding "communism" by opposing him. But there is another reason — the fear of blackmail.

Last March 15 the Militant reported that McCarthy, as committee chairman, had got his hands on the secret 1,000-page diary of Charles Oliphant, former general counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, containing damning information about tax cases involving leaders of both capitalist parties. The same story reported that Eisenhower had given McCarthy authorization to examine tax records, and that McCarthy's agents were "compiling voluminous tax dossiers" on members of Congress and other government officials.

On July 15 Congressman Celler (D-N.Y.) revealed that he had appealed to Eisenhower in June to withdraw the authorization on the ground that McCarthy has been collecting information that will be used "to strike back at anyone who attempts to balk him." Celler says Eisenhower never even answered the appeal.

Drew Pearson (July 13) adds the information that McCarthy is "on friendly terms with the commissioner of internal revenue, T. Coleman Andrews. . . It may be because of this friendship that McCarthy has been able to get all sorts of tax returns from the Treasury even though his committee has not voted to get them. Under Senate committee rules, a majority of the committee is supposed to pass on any request for income, tax returns. But, without waiting for any such a vote, Andrews makes tax returns available to McCarthy.

"McCarthy, in turn, has various investigators, not on the Senate payroll, but paid by his Texas oil friends, who have access to these confidential tax returns. This sets up an elite corps of private investigators working for one group of citizens against another."

Blackmail is a classic weapon of the fascists in their penetration of the government and their silencing of capitalist political opponents. McCarthy, it is clear, has been preparing and probably using this weapon extensively. This is an additional reason for doubting that the Senate will do anything serious to control him.

AFRAID OF MCCARTHY

Judging from Flanders' retreats and vacillations — and after all he is McCarthy's most vocal critic in Washington — McCarthy is in no danger of a serious blow from the Senate at this time. Most members of the Senate have little appetite for a skirmish with McCarthy, win or lose; and most of those who dislike him are afraid to say so openly.

"Fear was still a major factor," writes Anthony Leviero in the July 18 N.Y. Times, because the supporters of a censure motion that failed to pass "would then have to face the bitter denunciation of Senator McCarthy. And those who are up for reelection feared Mr. McCarthy would campaign against them."

What makes the Senators of both parties so afraid to tangle with McCarthy? The political reason is their fear that he will

Jews and brought them to unimaginable cruelties. He destroyed the free labor unions. He set up his private police force and spy system. He worked toward, and ultimately achieved for himself, the sole authority in government, in business and in society in general. Curiously enough, his financial support came from wealthy business men. . .

"Each of these features finds its parallel, though it must be admitted to a weaker degree, in the career of the junior Senator from Wisconsin." This picture of "the Senator as Fuehrer," is strengthened, he added, by the significant number of unsigned, pro-McCarthy letters, "fanatically anti-Semitic in content," that Flanders has received.

These truths, widely disseminated, can help to mobilize the American people in a militant fight to the finish against McCarthyite fascism. But they are not uttered in that spirit by Flanders, who uses them only to preface his proposed motion of censure and calls only for a parliamentary rebuke.

PRAISES THE FASCIST

Flanders hates McCarthy and calls him by the right name, but in the very same speech he finds it necessary to twice praise him: "He has done some useful work in his chosen field of hunting out Communists. . . The junior Senator from Wisconsin has rendered a not inconsiderable service to his country in alerting his fellow citizens to one part of the Communist danger — that of internal subversion."

But neither Flanders nor anyone else can fight McCarthyism successfully unless they begin by challenging and exposing first of all its "chosen field of hunting out Communists." As long as Flanders and the other Republicans and Democrats continue to subscribe to McCarthy's big lie that the U.S. is menaced by a "communist conspiracy" that must be crushed at all costs, they will be unable to answer effectively his claim that he is defending the country against this menace or to isolate him politically or to end the fascist threat that McCarthyism represents.

Not only McCarthy's "bad methods" but also his "anti-communist objectives" must be exposed and fought if McCarthyism is to be stopped. Until the labor movement recognizes this fact and acts accordingly, McCarthy may be put on the defensive now or then and he may suffer a setback here or there, but the fascist menace of McCarthyism will remain — and grow.

LIKE HITLER

Though Flanders made no reference to blackmail in his July 21 speech against McCarthy, he drew several revealing parallels between Hitlerism and McCarthyism. Hitler, he pointed out, "exploited the issue of communism, and on it he rose to power. . . He set his nation against the

World Events

By Paul Abbott

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA now moves into the spotlight with the signing of a cease-fire in Indochina. The heroic seven-and-a-half year struggle of the Indochinese people for their independence has been a source of inspiration throughout the French empire to other oppressed colonial peoples wanting their freedom. They are sure to draw fresh confidence from the defeat of the French mercenaries in Indochina. A series of political demonstrations have occurred in Tunisia in past months, in which crowds have shouted nationalist slogans and chanted nationalist songs. They have been met by police violence and have answered in similar terms. In anticipation of further demonstrations, Pierre Voizard, French Resident General, issued a proclamation July 15 announcing that ruthless measures would be taken. "Every act of rebellion," he said, "will be pitilessly repressed. The forces will apply these regulations in their extreme vigor."

HOW LOW WAGES ARE IN UNITED FRUIT'S EMPIRE

can be judged from the settlement of a successful two-months strike staged by 23,500 banana workers in Honduras recently. The company agreed to raise minimum wages from \$1.68 a day to \$2.04.

THE THAILAND GOVERNMENT

is the most corrupt in Southeast Asia, according to a report made by General "Will Bill" Donovan, who is serving as U.S. ambassador there. Drew Pearson, making public this information in his July 19 column, said that "top Thai officials freely take graft. As a result, much of our aid to Thailand goes into their private pockets. Nevertheless, Donovan advised Washington that Thailand must be kept a bulwark for the West, and he recommended a "crash" program to speed up the arms flow."

CIVIL DEFENSE PLANS

for evacuation of American cities in case of H-Bomb attack continues to get a lot of publicity in the papers and some cities have even practised assembling for rapid get-aways. But in Britain, where the people got a good taste of the difficulties of evacuation as protection against the block-busters, fire-bombs and buzz bombs of World War II vintage, there is a move on foot to dump such plans. The famous city of Coventry which was blitzed to the ground in 1940 and 1941 has decided to disband its civil defense committee "on the grounds that it is waste of time and money trying to combat the H-Bomb," according to the July 16 Christian Science Monitor. As for total evacuation, this is regarded by many Britishers as ridiculous. "British experience in World War II was that evacuation on a small scale was so complex as to suggest that evacuation on a total scale was absolutely fantastic."

The conclusion is that human ingenuity must find some other means of meeting the threat of war than simple-minded plans to have masses of civilians take it on the run every time delivery of an H-Bomb is expected.

ADD INDONESIA

to the list of countries whose capitalist structure is in shaky condition. A special dispatch from Jakarta

"RESPONSIBLE QUARTERS,"

no doubt meaning the State Department, expressed "concern" July 18 at "reports that Communists are gaining power in Chile," according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington. "The situation is regarded here as particularly dangerous because Chile . . . is in a period of acute economic difficulty."

The fact is that the Chilean government was one of the first to launch a witch hunt in Latin America. Videla, who was elected president with Stalinist support in November, 1948, turned on them with savage repressive measures after a trip to visit Truman. The repression was extended to the entire labor movement and has remained in effect since, then even though a new president, Ibanez, was elected in 1952.

What really alarmed Washington was the widespread popular support manifested for the Arbenz government of Guatemala when United Fruit and the State Department overthrew it with force and violence.

In Santiago, the capital of Chile, 2,500 demonstrators paraded through the streets shouting "Viva Arbenz," and denouncing U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of the small republic. The Chilean Chamber of Deputies voted 34 to 15 to express sympathy for Guatemala, while 147 either abstained or were absent.

This vote was interpreted in Washington as signifying "that communism had gained such a foothold in Chile that the anti-Communists were reluctant to stand up and be counted."

Whether the State Department is now hatching a plot to overthrow the government in Chile as it did in Guatemala was, of course, not revealed. But the dispatch itself is evidence enough that the counter-revolutionary success in Guatemala has emboldened the State Department to turn the screws for Wall Street still tighter throughout Latin America.

Two Pamphlets

A Letter to American Negroes

By Wm. E. Bohannon
 10 cents

Vigilante Terror In Fontana

By Myra Tanner Weiss
 15 cents
 (only a few copies available)

Order from
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The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

'It's a Free Country'

There's a kind of "summer madness" in the United States that seems to reach its height just about this time each year. The hot weather seems to strip us down to a minimum of clothing — and also to some of our most deep-seated sentiments and attitudes. The split personality of our northern communities is exposed in a rash of ugly incidents at public beaches, parks, swimming pools and other recreation spots.

The official State Department propaganda that this is a free country, different from the totalitarian and dictatorial regimes elsewhere in the world has a very hollow ring when anyone but a white supremacist or a bigot attempts to enjoy the public recreation facilities theoretically maintained for the use of all.

Negroes are barred, as a general rule, from all but certain designated swimming pools — not by law, but by the vigorously enforced unofficial policy of public officials. Attendants simply do not admit colored bathers. When pressed, they either look for athlete's foot or some other physical excuse to bar Negroes, decide the pool is already overcrowded, set up arbitrary neighborhood residence requirements for admission that bar ghetto dwellers, or close the pool with the deliberate lie that there are not sufficient life guards, the water is too cold or contaminated or some equally obvious subterfuge.

Finally, when all other methods fail, Negroes are admitted but ignorant whites are incited to attack them with insults and racial epithets and provoke violent outbreaks that

give the cops an excuse to step in on the side of the bigots.

Today another method has become popular — dragging in that old red herring. White bathers who refuse to be intimidated into leaving the pool when colored are admitted, or who go to the pools with their Negro friends are labeled "reds" and subjected to all the ostracism, suspicion and investigations that go with the label.

This last method is beginning to boomerang. For one thing, it's quite an admission by the "100% Americans" — the implication that only "reds" believe in racial equality.

It's also beginning to boomerang in the Negro community. Even a conservative Negro weekly, editorializing on a pool incident commented last week:

"We fully expect that there will be a lot of red smearing in connection with the interracial demonstration at Glenview Park, but Cleveland Negroes have sense enough to know that if there are any communists involved in the swimming pool situation, at least they are not aligned with those who are desperately trying to preserve in Cleveland some watery islands of white supremacy."

Oh, it's a free country all right. Just don't try to exercise that freedom if you are colored, or if your skin is paler than that of your colored friends. If you do, you'll soon discover that even whites are segregated; you'll have to fight for your right to spend a Sunday afternoon swimming with your friends.

Mr. James P. Crow, Esq.

"In Pottstown he goes under the name of Mister James P. Crow, Esquire. . . But despite the Yankee masquerade, he's still the same old fellow. He lives in Pottstown. His real name is just plain Jim Crow."

This was how Normand Poirier began a recent series of seven articles in the Pottstown (Pa.) Mercury containing a survey of conditions under which Negroes live in a town which, "for the purposes of this study, might be called an average Northern community."

Pottstown, situated between Philadelphia and Reading, has a population of around 20,000, of whom 1,200, or 6%, are Negroes. Yet this is what Poirier learned:

(1) No Negro is a member of a service club in Pottstown — Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, ABC or Lions.

(2) No Negro is a member of a fraternal or social organization: Elks, Owls, Moose, Orioles, Odd Fellows, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Maria Assunta, Dohler Die-Caster Club.

(3) No Negro is a member of a 'white' veterans' organization: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets.

(4) No Negro is a member of the Brookside Country Club.

(5) No Negro works in other than a janitorial capacity for any of the three public utilities: Philadelphia Electric, Pottstown Rapid Transit, Bell Telephone.

(6) Not one Negro male or female works as a salesman or salesgirl in a Pottstown store.

(7) Only one Negro girl has an office job in all of Pottstown.

(8) No Negro girl has ever been admitted to the Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing.

(9) Only one Negro girl has ever worked as a nurse in either Pottstown or Memorial Hospital.

(10) No Negro has ever been a mailman in Pottstown.

(11) No Negro is a member of any of the fire companies in the borough.

(12) No Negro teacher has ever taught in Pottstown.

(13) No Negro has ever worked for the Pottstown school system, except as a janitor.

(14) Only one Negro Senior High School graduate has ever been sent out on a job interview from the school's job placement office."

Notes from the News

TAX THE POOR, NOT THE RICH seems to be the slogan of Swift & Co., Denver. A Swift division superintendent fired Tony Lovato, mechanic, for passing out a pamphlet issued by the CIO urging workers to ask congressmen to support a raise in personal income tax exemption to \$800. When the CIO workers walked out and refused to enter the plant unless Lovato was rehired, Swift & Co., according to an AP dispatch, notified 650 workers by telegram that they had been given "two days disciplinary layoff."

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY — STEP RIGHT THIS WAY, FOLKS. A group of U.S. businessmen have selected the island of Jamaica in the British West Indies as the site of a new playground — for a limited clientele. The Wall Street Journal reports there will be a \$300,000 clubhouse, an \$880,000 hotel with 40 rooms and some 50 adjacent villas, and a private yacht basin. Applications will be accepted on a "semi-private" basis. Sponsors include businessmen from Indiana, Texas, Ohio and Washington, D. C.

MILLIONS DENIED EDUCATION. John K. Norton, head of the department of educational administration of Columbia University Teachers College, told a group of teachers at the National Education Association convention early this month that while "billions are going into commodities and services which at best are extravagant luxuries," national security is menaced because America's schools are so crowded and facilities so inadequate that even basic education is denied to millions of youngsters. Mr. Norton said that 1,500,000 young men had to be taught how to read in the armed forces in World War II.

"OPEN ANY DOOR to the offices of the executive department and you will find a general or an admiral." This new saying in Washington, according to Louis Bromfield of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is borne out by the fact that "in proportion to the enlisted and drafted rank and file we have more generals and admirals than any nation in the world."

"FORGY AND BESS," the famous American opera, was labeled "too sexy and lewd" for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, whose management asked that it be toned down, according to an AP dispatch, July 13. Robert Breen, director and producer of the show, refused to "tone down" one scene, one line or even one note in the George Gershwin-DuBose Heyward folk classic. He pointed out that the opera hadn't even been banned in Boston.

AN OLD TEXAS CUSTOM. A recent court decision reported by the July 12 International Oil Worker discloses that in 1946 Allan Shivers, now governor of Texas, bought on option for \$25,000 a 13,000-acre tract of land in the Rio Grande valley and quickly thereafter sold it for

\$450,000. To the many Texans who wonder if a profit that big can be honest, the Oil Worker explains: "It has long been a custom for Texas big money men to assist political candidates by permitting them to realize large, sudden and sure profits on simple real estate and oil lease transactions."

FOUR OF AMERICA'S RICHEST FAMILIES admit contributing \$266,275 toward Eisenhower's campaign in 1952. The Official Report, Clerk of the House of Representatives, shows that the Pews donated \$60,600; the Mellons \$43,500; the Du Ponts \$74,175; the Rockefellers \$88,000.

"MANHATTAN is getting to be one vast slum with oases of luxury apartments for the wealthy," charges Prof. Talbot F. Hamlin, recently retired from Columbia University's School of Architecture. Instead of "providing parks" and "slum-clearance housing projects," the City Construction Coordinator has concentrated on "an elaborate highway system" which is "foolish because people arrive in the city with greater dispatch only to find there is no place for them to stay." The professor and his wife gave up their Manhattan apartment and shopped off in "their 33-foot power cruiser, Aquarelle II. . . to spend the summer afloat around Martha's Vineyard. . . and at their summer home in Stamford." The address of the apartment they vacated was not divulged by the N. Y. Times in reporting the decision of the professor and his wife to get out of the world's richest slum area.

"McCARTHYISM" MAKES DICTIONARY. The latest edition of the American College Dictionary defines the word "McCarthyism" as follows: (1) Public accusation of disloyalty, especially of pro-Communist activity, in many instances unsupported by proof or based on slight, doubtful or irrelevant evidence. (2) Unfairness in investigative technique. (3) Persistent search for and exposure of disloyalty, especially in government offices.

OWEN LATTIMORE won another legal victory July 8 when the Federal Court of Appeals sustained District Judge Youngdahl's dismissal of a key count charging him with perjury before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. Lattimore, an expert on the Far East, was once called by McCarthy the "top Soviet espionage agent in the United States." McCarthy never offered to substantiate this charge. Called before the witch hunt committee, Lattimore chose to defend his name rather than take the protection of the Fifth Amendment. The consequence was a seven-count indictment on such charges as lying when he said he had not been "a sympathizer or any other kind of a promoter of communism or Communist interests." The government prosecution has not yet announced what its next steps will be after the latest court decision favoring Lattimore.

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Philadelphia Hard Hit by Job Layoffs

By Robert Chester

PHILADELPHIA, July 16 — It seems the farther away you get from Washington's statistics and the closer to the actual factories, the worse unemployment appears. In this area, which includes America's third largest city, the economic situation as reflected in layoffs looks ominous.

This is considered a "critical" area, which means that unemployment has reached real depression dimensions. Out of a factory labor force of 700,500, state officials admit there are 122,500 unemployed. That's a staggering 17% of industrial workers out of jobs.

Negro workers, of course, have been hardest hit. It is estimated that well over 25% have suffered lay-offs. There is a considerable amount of justified alarm in the Negro community, one of the largest in the country. They have felt most heavily the widespread unemployment in steel, railroad maintenance, small metal and service industries.

The Negro small businessmen are feeling the pinch too. They are worried about making payments on cars and similar financial problems. The tendency seems to be to blame the Republicans.

LARGE-SCALE CUTBACKS

Cutbacks in some industries have been quite large-scale. Textiles are very hard hit, with government war orders reduced or nearly completed. The Baldwin locomotive works outside of neighboring Chester has had a big plant is working only three and four days a week. Shipyards along the Delaware River are at a postwar low.

The situation in the garments industry is very poor. Since this industry reflects economic conditions immediately, the decline shows up in full force. Some shops have closed down altogether. Others have fled south to take advantage of low-wage, non-union conditions.

This should be the busy season in the garments trade, yet work is sporadic. Employers are jittery and hold off production until the last minute. When work does come in, the speedup becomes terrific, while the union puts up little resistance. Many garment workers who expected to be called back during the season are still

Planned Economy Proves Superior

Despite Stalinist mismanagement, planned economy has given a convincing demonstration of its inherent superiority over capitalist anarchy. For instance, since 1949, steel production in the Soviet bloc has shot up a spectacular 5,000,000 tons a year until last year it reached 49,975,000, according to a July 9 AP dispatch from Geneva. In 1953 steel production in the rest of Europe dropped more than 500,000 tons to 62,832,000. In the U.S., steel production has declined steadily since 1953. At present, plants are operating at only 71.5% of the 1952 rate of more than 93,000,000 tons.

By Special Correspondent

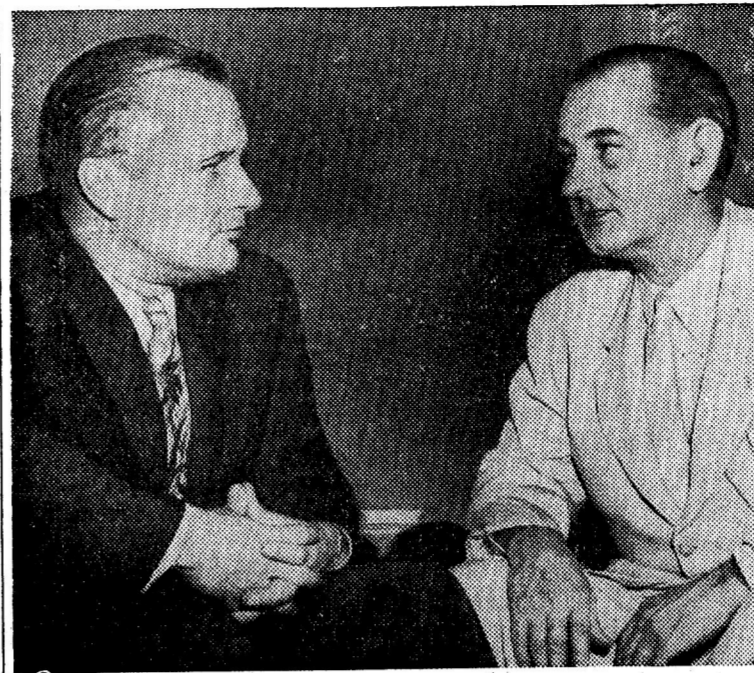
ST. LOUIS — John W. Hamilton, founder and National Organizer of one of the mid-west's most active fascist organizations, could be described, emotionally at any rate, as the real life counter-part of that "criminal master of disguise" — the cartoon character "Anface."

Directing the activities of his fanatic anti-Negro National Citizens' Protective Association from the hate group's hangout in South St. Louis, the one-time member of the Boston Communist Party who as an "idealistic and sincere" young man attended Communist Youth camps, where he reports in a published autobiographical sketch, there was "no attempt to separate the black and white races," now hysterically proclaims "the Communists are leading the colored races in a world revolution against the white races."

A recent article in the White Sentinel, the official monthly organ of the NCPA which Hamilton edits, said, ". . . for many years the foreign policy of the U.S. was to appease Communism. Now our domestic policy seems to be to appease Communism also."

Yet, curiously enough, out of the other side of his mouth, Hamilton, urging a "Soviet-American alliance against the colored races," says, "Invite the Russians

Against Recognizing China



Senate minority leader Lyndon Johnson (D, Tex.) and majority leader William Knowland (R, Cal.) are shown in Washington after they joined forces in announcing opposition to admission of China to United Nations and Knowland threatened to quit as majority leader if the 450,000,000 people of China were represented in the UN.

forced to exist on unemployment compensation.

In the electrical and radio industry, Philco and RCA have been laying off workers over the past five or six months. Philco has laid off those with 18 months or less of seniority. The "bumping" process is in full swing in RCA's consumer goods section. Even men with six years' seniority are feeling the pressure.

Although Westinghouse has had no large-scale layoffs as yet, they are impending. The company began to furlough some workers while other sections still worked Saturday and Sundays. The union then pulled out all men on weekends until a procedure was established not to furlough anyone until a department has been on a four-day week for three months. However, the union expects the layoff of approximately 2,000 out of 10,000 employees in the plant.

Conditions in the building trades are not up to last year's level. The newspapers are run-

ning fewer ads for construction workers than in previous years. The general opinion is that this winter it will be tough.

This city has an important printing industry. One plant that prints Time magazine, as well as many other items, is reported "slower" than it has been in four years. One sixth of the employees in this big establishment have been laid off, while a section of the plant is on part-time.

An examination of actual conditions in this area indicates that unemployment is worse than admitted by official sources. Part-time work is becoming more prevalent, as are short weeks. Conditions on the job are deteriorating and speedup is increasing.

Unemployment insurance has helped to keep many workers' heads above water for a short while. But their unemployment compensation allotments are running out with prolonged layoffs. More and more are using up their compensation and face really desperate situations.

Hold on to Your Hat and Dough -- Workers in Hartford Rescue Boss

The United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, AFL, has offered to bail out an employer about to go broke. According to the N. Y. Times of July 18, the union will lend the Kartiganer Hat Corporation of Hartford, Conn. \$200,000 to keep operating. The company's sales have decreased considerably in recent months at the same time that Kartiganer invested in new capital equipment. Kartiganer found himself unable to pay his bills, and the union arranged with the creditors to lend the company the amount so that Kartiganer could square his accounts.

Said Alex Rose, president of the union, "The shutting down of the plants would have left the workers with no other jobs to go to. . . It was a case of helping an employer in order to help ourselves."

The union itself will lend Kartiganer \$50,000 although the treasury is seriously depleted and in fact the union is \$1 million in debt because of the recently ended 10 1/2 months strike against the Hat Corporation of America in Norwalk, Conn. The other

\$200,000 will be raised from the Kartiganer workers, at the rate of \$200 per person. Those who do not have this amount handy will draw loans from the bank and pay them back out of wages. Ultimately, if all goes well, the company will pay the workers back.

Although Kartiganer and the New York Times editorial writers are happy about this new instance of "labor-management cooperation," the workers should beware.

Four years ago, in Seattle, Washington, the employees of Siler Box Company got hooked on a similar deal. The union talked them into loaning the company several weeks work without pay and forego vacations until the company again became solvent. The company went broke instead. Siler workers are still holding the sack, some of them to the tune of \$300 to \$500.

This is not the way to solve the unemployment problem.

Demand Probe Of Jim Crow In N.Y. Schools

NEW YORK, July 22 — David Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York Mayor in 1953, today endorsed a projected investigation of charges of Jim Crow

practices in the city's public schools. The proposal to investigate was made by Arthur Levitt, President of the Board of Education. In an open letter to Weiss, Weiss said: "Already, your move has served to focus public attention on this problem and to open an avenue for public action by the great majority of New Yorkers who want no Jim Crow here."

However, Weiss took issue with Levitt's denial of the existence of Jim Crow in the N. Y. schools. In the July 14 N. Y. Times, Levitt claimed that the term "Jim Crow" applied only where segregation is "willfully and designedly imposed."

"This is an arbitrary definition," said Weiss. "Whether willful or not, segregated schooling exists. 'Jim Crow' is an ugly term. It is the popular designation of an ugly situation — namely, segregation and discrimination. To reject the term doesn't alter the situation, but only serves to cover it up."

"You say you are aware of the fact that segregated elementary schools are the concomitants of segregated residential areas," Weiss continued; "and that 'we must leave nothing undone to mitigate the evils of school segregation imposed by residential segregation.' Of course, I heartily agree with these words."

"But according to the New York Times, you express confidence in the assurance of the school system's professional staff that they were aware of whatever problems existed and were doing their best to meet them. Do you mean nothing further can be effected within the school system itself and the only action against segregation there is left to take is in the field of housing? But then why do you propose an inquiry? What is left to investigate?"

"I don't agree that discrimination in the schools is being met, and I oppose your complacency. I do believe that there is a great body of teachers who oppose discrimination and who are doing their best to combat prejudice among students. They would be the ones most aided by a fearless investigation of discrimination in the school system and its tie-up with segregated housing."

"The home life of school children has long been considered a domain of major concern for the teacher. Family relations, the environment of streets and tenements, play an enormous role in the mental, physical and emotional formation of the children. The poison of Jim Crow in any one sphere like housing, cannot fail to spread to other spheres and into the schools themselves."

"Only an investigation which tackles the problem in a rounded fashion and uncovers the whole truth can serve the needs of a democratic educational system."

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Weiss also challenged a statement made by Levitt appearing in the July 14 N. Y. Post. Levitt said that segregated schooling exists in the segregated housing areas of Harlem and Brooklyn,

but that "the schooling in these sections is as good as anywhere else in the city."

"What is this," said Weiss, "but a Northern version of the hypocritical claim of 'separate but equal' by which Talmadge, Byrnes and other white supremacists in the South cover up their discriminatory treatment of Negroes. Segregation always means discrimination."

Weiss cited in support of this a statement made by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Associate Professor of Psychology at City College and the first Negro to receive a permanent appointment at a municipal college. Clark told a recent symposium held by the National Urban League, that "Negro students generally attend predominantly Negro schools, where they receive inferior teaching and inadequate guidance and counseling." Weiss also said that he could furnish Levitt with sworn affidavits testifying to inferior conditions in the schools, serving Negro and Puerto Rican neighborhoods exclusively.

"A genuine investigation," Weiss said in conclusion, "whose findings are to be respected must include investigators who represent those most keenly concerned with the problems — the Negro and Puerto Rican people and the trade unions."

"I want to further urge that such an investigation include a series of public hearings to last as long as necessary to hear testimony from teachers, parents and school children."

NAACP Leader Target of Raid

Violence struck again in the South in defense of white supremacy, when hoodlums staged a shotgun and pistol raid on the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ridge of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Ridge is the local chairman of the NAACP. Fortunately the Ridges were not home when the shooting occurred.

According to the N. Y. Post of July 20, Ridge presented a petition to the local school board demanding that desegregation in the schools be speeded up to carry out the U.S. Supreme Court decision. Parents of Negro children have been picketing the town's Jim Crow school for two years demanding facilities equal to those of the white schools.

The Sulphur Springs police have the license number of the hoodlums' car. However, the police will probably declare they can't find the guilty parties.

Inhuman conditions which have provoked a great number of prison strikes and "riots" during recent years, were again spotlighted by the outbreak in Pontiac, Illinois, State Penitentiary on June 23. The prisoners, numbering 450, were repeatedly attacked with tear gas. One prisoner was killed, allegedly by an inmate.

From Jew-Baiter to White Supremacist

to help preserve the white blood which is a minority stock. If we would do this. . . Russia would respect us as she does not wish to be classed colored any more than we do."

After his "political ideals were shattered" by the Communists he sought to blame his "miserable, tortured, frustrated" state on the Jews. Looking back he claims to have suddenly realized "that the dominant mentalities of the Red movement in Boston were Jews" and that "90% of the young people who attended a May Day Garden 'really were Jews.' This line of unsubstantiated, befuddled thinking led him at last into the arms of the anti-Semite, Gerald L. K. Smith.

Hamilton quickly went overboard for this big-time American fascist and in July 1947, he relates, arranged for Smith to speak in Boston. The meeting at which Hamilton was scheduled to be chairman proved instead to be his baptism of fire into the underworld of American fascism, when 2,000 hate citizens, whom Hamilton now refers to as "Communist Jews," converged on the meeting place and prevented the meeting from being held.

After this experience, he moved deeper into the ranks of native fascism, becoming Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade lieutenant in

New England and one of the nation's most active anti-Semites.

In 1948 Hamilton moved to St. Louis where he helped Smith organize the Christian Nationalist Party and ran for public office on the party ticket. When Smith's Missouri following dwindled and anti-Semitism no longer proved profitable in the area, Hamilton split with Smith.

During Hamilton's Communist Party days, he relates, "We . . . had been taught to hate" and even "desire the death of Gerald L. K. Smith." However, when he finally got around to meeting Smith in person, Hamilton admiringly claims, Smith had what he lacked: a "great respect for and obedience to the Name and teaching of the Divine Lord Jesus Christ."

But as quickly as he had taken to Smith and his brand of anti-Semitism, he tossed them overboard. In 1951, he announced the formation of his new hate group, tempered his denunciations of the Jews and blasted Gerald L. K. Smith with the charge that Smith had transformed the Christian Nationalist Crusade into a personal enterprise which never made financial accountings to its members.

Instead of using Jews as scapegoats for all the world's ills, Hamilton's new outfit concentrated on the Negro and advocacy of white supremacy. In announcing

his organization's policy Hamilton promised, "There will be no more of this Jew, Jew stuff. . . Smith has and is doing the Jews more good than he does them harm by his blistering attacks on them."

Yet, as recently as March of this year, two youths were apprehended by police authorities for mailing anti-Semitic literature and posting anti-Semitic stickers on more than fifty business houses in Rock Island and Moline, Ill., and in the neighboring town of Davenport, Ia.

The violent anti-Semitic literature used in the incident was traced back to Hamilton's gang in St. Louis. The youths were quoted as admitting they had contacted the Missouri hate group and had asked for an attorney and bond-money in case they were apprehended. Hamilton's band of violence. "But prejudice makes people ruthless and as the iron curtains of racial segregation and discrimination are crumbled, misguided young men they were entirely on their own!"

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street corner harangues and promote interest in an organization to "defend the heritage, rights, dignity and welfare of the white race."

Hate like a contagious disease spreads and engulfs the sick in mind and spirit, so from this solitary beginning Hamilton has transferred his hate of the Negro people to a growing gang of some 600 or more Missourians. Expanding his fanatic energy into other states this peddler of hate claims to have established anti-Negro chapters of his National Citizens' Protective Association in such states as Illinois, Georgia, Tennessee and Michigan.

Until now, Hamilton and his hate gangs, like the newly formed successor to the Ku Klux Klan, the White Brotherhood, have tried "to avoid killing and violence." But prejudice makes people ruthless and as the iron curtains of racial segregation and discrimination are crumbled, misguided young men they were entirely on their own!

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