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COMPULSORY ARBITRATION BILL SHACKLES LABOR

Even the labor fakers are united in opposition to President Truman's latest bit of skulduggery — the proposal for "fact-finding" bodies in strikes. Messrs. Lewis, Green and Murray correctly interpret this proposal as the handwriting on the wall. It is the opening wedge for compulsory arbitration, which would emasculate all unions by depriving them of any independent action. The stuff is so rank that even these staid old tools of capitalism can not stand it.

Truman's plan is deliberately "mild." He is like a Fuller Brush salesman who is merely trying to get his foot in the door — at first. He proposes that there be a cooling off period of 30 days during which a union may not strike. In that period the President will appoint a group of "impartial" citizens, which merely means three gents who know how to cover up their fundamental bourgeois solidarity with demagogic phrases about "being fair," etc.

The fact-finding bodies will publish its results and recommendations in 30 days and that is supposed to inflame the populace to such a point that all parties will then see the light and approve the recommendations. Not even the most weak-minded person in the government believes such nonsense. The "mildness" of Truman's proposal was put forth to catch the suckers. But the plan is long-range one. After the fact-finding bodies are proven to be ineffective — which shouldn't take long — the government will put forth further proposals to make their recommendations binding, or other steps toward full compulsory arbitration.

Licking Their Chops

The open reactionaries in Congress are practically drooling over Truman's recommendations. Not that they think of it as "adequate," but at least they know that the green light for vicious anti-labor legislation has been given. There is little doubt but that the present bill will pass.

Mr. Murray and his Political Action Committee are blushing with intense shame. In fact Murray ought to quit the labor movement at this point. It is only a year or so ago that he told the auto workers convention that "as sure as I'm standing here the Little Steel formula will be repealed." It is only a year or so ago that he was telling all and sundry about the great victories of PAC in electing a "liberal" administration and Congress. But here we are just a few short skips and jumps later and the Little STEAL formula is still with us for all practical purposes and the gentry of the "liberal" government are kicking labor in the teeth with the fury of a detonated atom bomb.

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GM Workers --- Take Over Your Union Beware of Fakers' Policy!

The workers of General Motors have been on strike now for two weeks for a thirty per cent increase in wages. There is no doubt in the world that this corporation, one of the biggest and most powerful in the world, can very well afford such an increase to the workers who have produced billions for them. But it is the policy of GM as of all big business to keep wages down and prices up to add to their already accumulated billions.

We pledge our support to all GM workers out on the picket lines all over the country, but we feel it our task to warn them that their present leaders are planning the biggest sell-out in the history of labor.

There is plenty of proof to substantiate this charge. First of all if we go back just a few years, we recall the no-strike pledge that the leadership of the CIO introduced and enforced burocratically over the heads of the membership so that the bosses could pursue their murderous imperialist war. We already

V-J Day is four months gone, but the millions of Chinese Nationalist and Chinese Stalinist troops facing each other on the Great Wall of China and in Manchuria would hardly say that the war is over. In fact the casualties in this war and the men involved are as great as the number in the invasion of France. As many people, (including American Marines) are utilized in the civil war in China as faced each other on the Western Front in France and Germany

The people of Java, fighting for Soerabaja and dying by the thousands under the bombardments of the British Navy, would hardly be convinced that the war is "over." The people of French Indo-China,

saw that when the workers really had it in their power to force the bosses to grant them wage concessions, they were shackled and could not act against the rising cost of living.

Strikes Instead of Arbitration
Secondly, there was the desire of all the labor fakers to adhere to the

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HEALTH --- AT WHAT A PRICE?

President Truman's national health proposal to establish medical care for "everyone," is part of the full program of American capitalism, to reorganize and consolidate the economy at home, in order to carry out its world tasks, of imperialism and counterrevolution abroad.

More and more the American working class finds itself tied to the dictates of the government. The draft board system, the U. S. and state employment systems, plans for

the Annamites, the people of Malay, the people of India, the people of Palestine — all fighting against the vicious tentacles of imperialism would hardly agree that military operations are over.

Dozens are dead in so-called "rioting" in Calcutta and Bombay, where British imperialism is trying to shoot off the leaders of the nationalist army of Bose. Many others are dead in Palestine where Britain continues its policy of setting Arab against Jew and vice-versa.

The answer is really very simple. The class war continued all through the imperialist war. As a matter of fact the imperialist war was possible only because this MAIN war was temporarily squeezed into the background. Now that the imperialist shooting against each other is momentarily finished, world capitalism is "settling accounts" with the workers and oppressed masses throughout the world.

The masses are fighting back. The war destroyed their cities, imposed inflation, robbed them of their loved ones, starved them. They were promised "freedom" and "economic democracy," but the end of the imperialist war finds the imperialists demanding their pound of flesh in a most insistent manner.

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HEALTH --- AT WHAT A PRICE?

compulsory military training of the youth, legislation restricting the trade unions and the elementary rights gained in the strike movements of the depression, intervention in strikes by the armed forces, are all part of the growing regimentation by the capitalist government. President Truman's health plan is part of this move by American capitalism.

Truman states that 5,000,000 men were rejected for military service between the ages of 18 to 37, making the number of those rejected fully 30% of the total registrants for military service. In the higher age brackets this reached as high as 49% for registrants between the ages of 34 to 37. Truman says, "In addition, after actual induction, about a million and a half had to be discharged from the army and navy for physical or mental disability, exclusive of wounds; and an equal number had to be treated in the services for diseases or defects which existed before induction." In other words American capitalism lost fully EIGHT MILLION MEN AS CANNON-FODDER, a full sized army, for participation in the imperialist war.

WORKERS PAY HEALTH BILL

The need for adequate medical care and facilities is no new problem for the working class and even Truman admits, "The principle reason why people do not receive the care they need, is that they cannot afford to pay for it on an individual basis at the time they need it." Wonder of all wonders, at last the capitalist class admits to the fact that the living standard of the working class is so low that it cannot afford to pay for its own medical

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the Yangtse Valley in China and as a protection for those investments, he is helping the dictator Chiang-Kai-Shek shoot down peasants who demand that Chiang make good his promises on democracy, on land, and on other matters. Martial law has been declared in Canton; the workers of that port city are also evidently in revolt. Revolution is in the air in China because the masses of China are hungry, are living under the most phenomenal inflation in all history with the exception of 1923 in Germany. American Marines, soldiers and naval forces, however, are protecting the new 4 billion dollar investments in China — by shooting down the masses, by leading the counter-revolution.

The same is true in Java, in Palestine, in Iran, in India, in Indo-China. Same story. The masses want bread, land, peace. The imperialists — Britain, Holland, the U. S., France, — want rubber, tin, and financial investments. The two interests clash. And a battle ensues. The class war kept in the background during the imperialist war, sharpens and revolution breaks out.

NATIONALIST REVOLTS

To many of us in the United States these revolutions in Asia are not understandable. They seem to be just nationalist revolts. Actually, however, the nationalist aspirations of the colonial masses will not be resolved except through proletarian revolution. The colonial peoples are in hock to the Wall Street and London financial circles. They can liberate themselves only by a continuous fight against the feudal lords, the colonial puppets of imperialism like Chiang, Nehru, Gandhi, Soekarno, Sihiyar, etc. and the great imperialist powers who stand behind the feudal lords and native capitalists. Their struggle will gain fruit only if it continues on to the proletarian phase of the revolution.

The struggles in China, Java, etc., are part of the proletarian revolution — they are merely in a nationalist phase, just like the March Revolution in Russia in 1917. The struggles in Asia reflect the deep crisis of WORLD capitalism. Asia, with its unsolved nationalist problems, is the weakest link of the world-wide system today. In Europe these struggles take on different forms. Germany, according to Eisenhower and Montgomery, is on the verge of Revolution. Greece is again squaring off for battle. Italy is likewise in one of those pre-revolutionary stages again. The internal situation all over Europe is chaotic. In the space of a few weeks the governments of Greece, Italy and Austria fell. The administration in Germany is rent with confusion and schism. Capitalism is breaking at its seams. Its weaker links are going down the road of Revolution.

The CLASS War is really only beginning. It is a question of WE or THEY. They are fighting the battle of counter-revolution in China, Java, Palestine, India, Indo-China, etc. with force of arms.

WE must help our class brothers in Asia. Not one man, not one cent, not one soldier for the Chiang-Kai-Shek nationalist forces or the American counter-revolutionists, or the

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Allied Guns Back Up Elections In Europe

After nearly nine months of "peace" Europe is faced with a naked winter of starvation, disease, and cold. The capitalist class faces an economic and political crisis in Europe that may spell its death-knell. The Allied armies who occupied Europe under the guise of fighting Fascism have not solved one problem facing the European masses. Instead they have maintained and even worsened the plight of the European workers. Throughout Europe can be seen the signs of unrest amongst the masses and the Imperialist fear of revolution. The European masses are caught in the throes of open military dictatorships and armies of occupation on the one hand, and the popular "democratic" peoples' front governments on the other.

In Spain and Portugal, the military dictatorships of Franco and Salazar face a crisis. Wracked by inflation, starvation wages, hunger, and disease, crime has been on the increase. Already partisan bands have taken

to the hills. The benevolent support and "neutrality" of the Allied Imperialists is all that can hold Franco and Salazar in power at present. This winter will bring the crisis to a head.

ALLIES AID HUNGER

In Germany, the Allied armies of occupation with their policy of crushing the German working class and the threat of German imperialism ever rising as a competitor again, have instituted a systematic deindustrialization of the major German industries, which have severed the lifeblood of the German economy. Millions have been forced into unemployment. Starvation and disease are rampant. In Eberswalde infant mortality has gone as high as 95%. The most gigantic forced migrations are being instituted from Eastern Europe to the American and British zones of occupation. The capitalists themselves admit the bankruptcy of their rule. Eisenhower and Montgomery both warn against the unrest of the masses and

are making preparations to stave off revolution. Already American imperialism, fearful of this unrest, plans to increase the calorie diet in its zone, and to ship more food and fuel. Thousands are doomed to die this winter of the cold, starvation and disease. As in Spain and Portugal, the imperialists find that even by open occupation and military control they cannot stem the tide of proletarian unrest.

In Eastern Europe the working class and peasantry finds itself bound in the vortex of Stalinism and its policy of maintaining the status quo. The Red Armies have marched through Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary, and have conceded only minor land reforms to the peasantry, but everywhere it has marched, capitalism has maintained itself. The masses, lulled by the prestige of the October Revolution in 1917, have permitted the leadership by the "Communist" Parties in these countries. But the policies of Stalinism,

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Behind the Atom Bombasts

Under the shadow of the atomic umbrella many strange fungi have mushroomed into being. Personalities ranging from Professor Albert Einstein to Bob Hope have had their say. Congressional Committees; the N.A.M.; Educators; Scientists and pseudo-scientists; Militarists and Pacifists; even the "public" has been polled and has expressed an opinion. Out of the welter of words two clearly defined positions appear.

SECRECY vs SHARING!

The one given primary publicity is that it is dangerous if anyone but the good benevolent U. S. imperialists and their "friends" have any knowledge of the secrets of atomic energy. This aspect is loudly expounded by the open mouthpieces of the profit system — the politicians, the military, and the industrialists themselves. Using the danger of a devastating war of destruction for the cloak of secrecy-to-be-imposed, they blatantly proceed to announce plans for prohibiting any and all atomic production ELSEWHERE. They demand more A-Bomb production by the U.S. Simultaneously they clamor for and have received government funds to continue and develop research for the effectiveness of atomic energy in the industrial field. It is this latter point which has been buried so secretly in the hypocritical barrage of words of "peace" as the motivation for atomic control.

The plain fact is that application of the data known into industrial usage of controlled atomic energy will outdate the most modern of American plants. The capitalist class of the world stands to lose the major share of their investment of

constant capital to whichever source first uses atomic energy for productive purposes. We have seen for the last two decades the refusal of American capitalism to junk its outworn machinery for better inventions so long as it could squeeze profits from what it had on hand.

Constructive and Destructive

The only country now which can really utilize atomic energy to its fullest social and economic use is the Soviet Union, warped though it is, where production for profit is still NOT on the order of the day. Despite its war torn economy the Soviet Union, with atomic energy (and a program oriented toward Socialism) could far outstrip all capitalist productivity. This is the REAL DANGER of atomic power in present day society. Like all explosives it can be used militarily for destruction, industrially for construction — where there are no restrictions imposed by the ensaddled monopolists.

In England one inventor claims to be running an automobile on atomic energy. At a symposium before the National Association of Manufacturers, scientists have agreed that in "from 3 to 10 years if we have the setup to go ahead... atomic power plants could compete with coal selling at \$15 a ton." Atomic radio-active factors are used in medical research particularly in the cure of cancer and related diseases.

The powers and use of atomic energy are NOT a secret. The head-start of American imperialism was based on their agents stealing the advanced knowledge and material from the Germans. The Dutch announce they can produce A-Bombs

within a year if necessary. The results of research in Japan were stupidly smashed by the Brass Hats. England and Canada have pooled their knowledge with the U.S.A. in a recent pact. The question mark is: How far has the Soviet Union progressed in this field? This will be one of the main topics on the agenda in the forthcoming big three parley — and it will be one of the determining factors in the decisions made there.

The U.S. with its false Santa Claus face is appealing for peace on earth — but meanwhile A-Bombs are still being manufactured. With close to two hundred on hand to back up the universal military training program for war. The world domination aims of U.S. imperialism are aptly expressed by General of the Army Arnold, head of the A.A.F., who in a recent speech suggested — keeping and taking advantage of the bases we have won and the need for an intelligence service which would keep us informed of possible attack by atomic weapons and "... a policy of offensive readiness to perpetuate peace — to provide for national security." What Sophistry!

The uses of atomic energy for the advancement of mankind are endless. To put them into effect the system of production for profit must be ended.

MILITARY CONSCRIPTION

Another Step Toward War III

Not so many years ago for some people, but seemingly decades ago for others, there appeared in the country's newspapers the government's decision that one year of military training has been decided upon for national defense, and for the "building of the health and muscles of our youth." War? Oh no, don't be silly, just precautionary measures. All this is history now, so much has happened since. But it might do us some good to think back over these things and those "steps short of war" that should have been labeled "short steps to war."

Now the war is supposedly over. Our three great "enemies" have been bled almost to death, are still bleeding and no plasma in sight. Is not everything supposed to be rosy in this world now? Who is left to fight? Certainly the imperialists who run this country would not come out and tell us "first Italy, then Germany, then Japan, then Russia, and then England." Maybe this sounds a bit exaggerated, but are not facts certainly pointing toward a war with Russia? Who will deny that?

WHAT CAUSES WAR?

One need only understand the

basic reason why wars are fought and he will realize that the above predictions are not so far fetched. Wars are fought because the system under which all the countries of the world are functioning today, is capitalism (in its decayed stages) with the exception of Russia. Capitalism is the system in which production inevitably outstrips a country's markets, and wars are fought today in order for the capitalist countries to steal markets from each other. Three great powers are the only ones to emerge from the war — Russia, Britain, and the United States. Russia, with her transition economy offers future danger which will prove devastating. Russia serves as a great potential to add impetus to the revolts brewing all over the world.

PLANS FOR FUTURE WARS

All this explains why Mr. Truman and Co. are working to find a method of continuance of military conscription. Undoubtedly it will not be as drastic as in the past three or four years. They can't antagonize the masses too much at present. They know people are fast becoming fed up with the state of things. So they must do a two-fold thing. Maintain a large enough army for the coming struggle, and yet make sure the draft program will be "watered down" enough to be accepted by the workers.

The continuance of any form of military conscription means only one thing, preparation for more war! Young men of our country! future "would-be-veterans!" dead heroes-to-be! don't hide your heads in the sand! Realize what you are being drafted for! In the army or out, work for your class interests only. Let us free the working class of the world from the yoke of this decadent system and instigate a system of production of use instead of production for profit for a few!

HEALTH ?

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needs. What does Truman propose? A TAX OF 4%!! Tax the worker to give him the medical care he couldn't afford to pay for, to begin with.

The Truman proposal for a national health program reduces itself to a recognition on the part of the capitalist class, that it cannot effectively mobilize a standing army, unless the cannon-fodder for that army is healthy enough for the rigors of war. Secondly, it is a further step towards regimentation by the government, to place the working class more and more at the mercy of the capitalist state machine. Lastly, the proposed 4% tax on the worker's pay roll, serves as an excellent excuse for increased taxation, to pay for the cost of the imperialist war and counter-revolutionary intervention in Europe and Asia.

Socialism To Better Humanity

Under capitalism, the working class can have no adequate medical care or facilities, no matter what programs or plans for "socialized" medicine, etc., are proposed. As long as the working class is exposed to a system which forces it to live in slums, pollutes the food he eats in order to gain greater profits, pollutes his mind with capitalist propaganda for war, his body with speed-ups in the factories, and low living standards, there can be no adequate medical care, facilities, or healthy individuals. UNDER CAPITALISM the working class can only have imperialist wars, murder and destruction. Only in a workers soviet society based on the interests of the working class can any health program be truly one for the betterment of humanity.

RWL Calls for United Protest On Asia

November 19, 1945

TO: Socialist Party; Young Peoples Socialist League; Proletarian Party; Socialist Workers Party; Workers Party; Industrial Workers of the World; Washington Park Open Forum;

Dear Comrades:

Intervention of American Imperialism in the Chinese Civil War and intervention of the British imperialists against the Indonesians, are counter-revolutionary actions that workers in the United States are duty bound to protest.

Recognizing the fact that the above mentioned organizations are small, including our own, nevertheless, we feel that thru combined action we can organize a united front mass meeting to protest the above acts of imperialism. While the Revolutionary Workers League is fully aware of the political differences which exist among us, we feel that on the mass meeting united action can be reached. We must not wait too long to bring this united action into being.

With the above in mind, we call upon the above organizations to send delegates to a preliminary meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 27th, 1945, 8:00 P.M. where the plans for this united front meeting can be discussed and further action outlined.

We urge you to attend this meeting and let us know immediately whether you are interested to participate with us.

R. Burns, Organizer, Chicago City Committee
Revolutionary Workers League, U.S.

R. W. L. CALL FOR UNITED FRONT SABOTAGED

The above letter received response from the W.P., the YPSL, and the Washington Park Forum. They came as "observers" with no authority to act, but were all enthusiastic about the proposals made and agreed to try and convince their organizations to take active part in the United Front effort.

The RWL proposed: picketing the U.S. war department, the British Consulate, the Merchant Marine building, etc., committees to visit the various imperialist Consulates; issuance of 20 to 50,000 leaflets of protest with all action to culminate in a Mass United Front meeting.

The second meeting of the committee found representation from only the RWL and the Washington Park Forum. The Socialists announced a change in line since they participated in the United Front Protest on Greece — they don't unite with Bolsheviks any more! The S.W.P. informed us in advance that they would not participate in any United Fronts... they do a lot of hollering until it comes down to real action on class issues, then they simply stay away. The Workers Party was willing to go along ONLY if there were more than two or three organizations involved, but they did nothing to rally other forces to enlarge the committee.

The R.W.L. is in favor of United Front actions with organizations which have political differences so long as we can unite on a class struggle line on the issue involved. We condemn those working class organizations which refuse to participate on the flimsy excuse that there are not enough masses to work with! Revolutionists are the VANGUARD, NOT THE TAIL ENDERS IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE ACTIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS!

The RWL has held one protest meeting on Asia, took the initiative in organizing a mass protest at the Washington Park Forum, and will continue to try to organize more effective protest involving as many as possible. The rank and file of the above organizations are invited to join with us in such action. The local organizers will make announcements of these events. Watch for them. Demonstrate with us against the profit system!

EXPLOITER & EXPLOITED

WORLD WAR II's FORGOTTEN MEN

"Lack of Trains Threaten Delay of Soldiers' Return" says the Yellow Press. Now that the bureaucrats and Brass Hats have been smoked out it has been proven that they have enough ships to bring back the workers-soldiers, so the ytry to hide behind the "lack of trains."

Where are all the trains that were used during the war to ship war materials and soldiers across the continent? Where are all the B-17's, the B-24's and the B-29's that could now be used as transports across the nation and the world for the "boys who did the job?"

The boys who brought home the bacon for the exploiters are already on the forgotten list.

THEY WERE EXPENDABLE

The Pearl Harbor Senate Investigation Committee proves one thing if nothing else. We already know that the Japanese War Lords and imperialists are as bad a lot as the European fascists. Now we are getting proof, "out of their own mouths," (as we stated before) that war for the United States was inevitable, and that they had to help the Japanese create the situation and excuse to bring the United States in the conflict and make it look righteous.

The economic strength of the U.S.A., and not brains, enabled them to play the watchful waiting game, making the weaker imperialist nations take the road to open aggression. This enabled the American imperialists to carry through "national unity" with ease. The filthy fascists don't care about the lives of men, women and children of any nationality standing in their way. Neither do the American war lords care about the lives of the Navy stationed at Pearl Harbor to "protect the nation's interest" — if the incident will serve the purpose of "national unity" for the war machine.

OPEN THE BOOKS

We are told that the Truman Management-Labor Conference broke down with practically no results and that Congress is going to pass some Anti-Strike Laws. This sure proves the point that the country belongs to the exploiters and that Congress is their representative.

Why not pass some "anti-management" laws. It would be more logical, since management REFUSES to grant WAGE RAISES to meet the increased inflation. Open the books of management and it will be proven that the profits and conditions will permit such raises and that raises are needed to meet the increased cost of living and inflation.

"Open the Books," is a proposal presented by the Marxists for many, many years as a correct economic demand in strike action against the exploiters, a proposal which has now reached the surface of part of the recognized trade union movement of the country. It is a straw in the wind of the leftward shift in demands to solve the worker's immediate problems. "Open the Books of the Company" can be used by both class collaborationists and class struggle leaders, like all other immediate demands. The point to make and to understand is that when class collaborationists are forced to use this slogan now it proves that the pressure from below has increased. But it also proves that the class collaborationists are still in the saddle and the class struggle element have a hard fight ahead.

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2—For the Proletarian Revolution which alone will end imperialist war and defeat fascism.

3—For a new Fourth (Communist) International. For a new Revolutionary Marxian Party in the United States.

4—Against a Labor Party and all other forms of Popular Frontism.

5—For independent working class action on the political and economic fields. For strike action now — including the sitdown strike — to gain better wages and working conditions. No faith in reformists and Labor fakers.

6—For full equality for the Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese and all other oppressed minorities in the United States. Against Jim Crowism and Anti-Semitism.

7—For Workers Defense Squads in the Unions and elsewhere to defend the working class from the Fascist inroads of capitalism.

8—For full and unconditional independence for the Philippines, Virgin Islands, Porto Rico and all other territories of the United States, including those islands and areas now occupied by American military forces. For the right of self-determination for all colonies.

9—For the defense of the Soviet Union against World Imperialism and Stalinism. Extend the October Revolution. For a political revolution in Russia to reestablish Workers Democracy and continue toward Socialism.

10—For a Workers Council Government in the United States and all over the world.

Unity and Disunity in S W P

A split is brewing in the Trotskyist ranks. Cannon is on the verge of expelling two of the Minneapolis class war prisoners, Felix Morrow and Albert Goldman. Although organizationally the Trotskyites (Socialist Workers Party) will not be effected to any great extent, the split has important political significance.

Goldman, Morrow, Frank and others have proposed that the Cannonites unite with Max Schachtman and his Workers Party. Cannon is opposed to such unity at this time. His new "theoretician," Warde (who is expected to replace Goldman and Morrow in this role, belabors the Schachtmanites as revisionists and petty bourgeois.

On Cannon's part this is sheer fakery. In 1936 Cannon united with Norman Thomas and his Socialist Party. Unquestionably Thomas is a revisionist and a petty bourgeois. If it was OK to unite with Thomas, what's wrong with uniting with Schachtman? Goldman is certainly consistent.

As a matter of fact Albert Goldman has always been the most consistent Trotskyite centrist in America. In 1932-35 when Trotsky laid down the proposition that "the fate of the proletariat in this era depends upon the rapidity with which social-democracy breaks with the bourgeois state" — the "French Turn" — and then ordered the French Trotskyites to join the French Socialist Party; in that period Goldman jumped the gun and immediately joined the American Socialists.

At that time Cannon called Goldman a "strikebreaker" and denied most vociferously that he and Schachtman had any such intentions. When we were the left wing of the Works Party we accused them of planning to join the Socialists, of having secret meetings with Norman Thomas and others, they berated us as sectarians and frauds. We pointed out that their position could only lead to a policy of political and organizational liquidation of the Marxian Party.

Time has proven that we were correct. Trotskyism is no more revolutionary than Kautskyism was after the first war. The whole axis of Trotskyism is left support to bourgeois democracy — "Labor to Power," "for a Labor Party," "for a Workers and Farmers Government" (capitalist government), "for a Blum-Cachin government," "for a Stalinist-Socialist government in Italy today," "for the Republic" in Belgium, etc. etc. etc.

Goldman and Morrow are Trotskyite centrists to the core, only more consistent and more upright about the whole thing. Cannon refuses to take Schachtman back because he thinks that, left alone, Max and his group will disintegrate,

World Banker Offers Loan to Britain

Dec. 12, 1945

The proposed 4.4 billion dollar loan to Great Britain underscores the great victory American Imperialism has won in this war. There is no doubt of it any more, the United States has become the banker of the world. And what is more she is exacting a price for the privilege of borrowing money from Uncle Sam that makes the bankers of yesterday pale by comparison.

Britain is in an economic crisis. She needs the loan to stabilize her economy for the next few years. But what she will give up will reduce her to a second rate power. Up till now she was able to keep the U.S. relatively outside the markets of the British Empire by the device of the sterling bloc system. Any of the colonies in the British Empire that sold goods to the United States and received dollars for them could not in turn purchase American supplies. Those dollars had to be turned over to England for pound sterling. In other words the colonies were almost forced to buy English goods, rather than American.

The agreement covering the 4.4 billion dollar loan alters all this. London will not only no longer be the banking center of the world; it will not even be the banking center of the British Empire. Six years of war has exhausted Great Britain to the point where she is merely a humble beggar in the world arena; so humble that she gives up her greatest weapon against the United States.

The agreement has other great benefits to the U.S., including a proposal that Britain will ratify the Bretton Woods agreement, which likewise strengthens America's hand as the banker of the world.

Inside the United States there is some opposition to the loan to Britain. It is still being considered in Congress. Various capitalist groups in the States would prefer that Britain go down immediately, rather than by the slow process decreed by the Truman administration. Even from the capitalist point of view, however, that would be shortsighted. Accentuation of the crisis in Britain will have the effect of a fuse to a bomb in the revolutionary crisis on the European continent.

The argument of the opposition is that for a few years anyway the home market in the U.S. will be great enough to absorb any surplus, foreign trade will not be so important in the next few years. But such a view is obviously short-term. Uncle Sam has the greatest potential surpluses of

goods and capital in all history. Within a few years we shall feel that economic crisis most concretely. It is for that future period that the Truman government is planning for — when markets in the British Empire may postpone the crisis for a little bit longer.

The loan to Britain indicates that the war between the imperialists is not over. It is one of the final stages of the constant struggle between U.S. and British imperialism for world domination. Since the last war, when the U.S. emerged as a lusty "creditor" nation it has challenged the British lion on every economic front the world over. America's squeeze against the British Empire must inevitably create counter-measures. It will force Britain into organizing an anti-American bloc. It will create cleavages and crises within the British Labor Party and a new polarization in British politics — to the right and to the left.

The press reports that there was no enthusiasm in Britain at the announcement of the proposed loan.

Obviously.

The loan is merely the handwriting on the wall for the British Empire.

RACE RIOTS — Weapon of the Bosses

Since the change in status of the Negro masses from Chattel Slavery to Wage Slavery, the most effective weapon organized by the capitalist class has been the utilization of the different amount of pigmentation in the skin of human beings as a basis for the most unscientific of all myths — racial superiority and inferiority, — for the perpetration of the most brutal and vicious exploitation.

The pamphlet on the human race, written by Benedict and Fishbein, two outstanding anthropologists was officially banned by the U.S. Army; it told the truth about the anatomical relationship of human beings to one another. The Red Cross refused to accept the blood of Negro donors unless it was kept segregated; yet no blood analyst in the world can find one single drop of distinction. Every branch of the Armed forces practices and enforces jim-crow to one degree or another with the official sanction of the federal government. In foreign countries, where this myth had not yet supplanted many of the old witch-craft superstitions, it took the power of the brass hats of the American Armed forces to even attempt to inaugurate jim-crow.

During the days of labor shortage of World War II the capitalist class of the United States was forced to promise many reforms. Actually, however, the poll tax is still in effect; the FEPC is a dying duck; restrictive covenants still are backed by law; Bilbo and Rankin use the halls of Congress to spread their anti-Negro poison; the worst slums, the worst jobs, the worst educational standards, the highest juvenile delinquency, the most frequent victim of frame-ups, the burden of being the last hired and the first fired, the most open, legally sanctioned discrimination is reserved for that 1/10th of the population of this country — the American Negro. To what end? TO INCREASE THE PROFITS DERIVED FROM LOWER WAGES, HIGHER RENTS AND LABOR COMPETITION!

Today, with the labor reserve being counted in millions, again the capitalists go back to their old tried and true method of rule. Divide and rule (foster race riots) — it is axiomatic it has been so successful. It was tried in Detroit when the federal agencies refused to see that enough housing projects were erected to take care of the needs of BOTH the white and the colored workers. It is being tried in Chicago and Gary — white students in already overcrowded high schools striking against the presence of Negro students who are shifted from one jammed schoolhouse to the other. The greedy political grafters use school funds for their personal bank-roll and to turn the anger away from the real cause of the overcrowded, undermanned schools the blame is laid on the presence of Negro students. In the industrial areas, where unity is strong within the organized labor movement, the fostering of race hatred is the "ace in the hole" of the capitalist who hopes to smash the unions. In the face of coming mass unemployment, of idle men and idle factories, the capitalist class which has no interest but its profits, will try to stem the tide of workers action by pitting Negro against white, Gentile against Jew, "American" against "Japanese," etc., etc. LAY THE BLAME ON ANYONE BUT NOT ON THE PROFIT SYSTEM!

The liberals and reformists whimper weakly against the inequalities imposed upon the doubly exploited Negro under our good "democracy." Senator Ball wants federal legislation and FEPC to straighten things out. Marshall Field wants "more aggressive non-partisan political action . . . within the two-party system." Liberals from the Church and Civil Liberties groups call "Americanism Rallies" against "those who are playing Hitler's game." The Stalinists want "America for all Americans, not for Nazis" and like the Socialists they call for postal card campaigns to impeach Bilbo; they organize mass meetings to send protests to the Mayor's jive Inter-racial Committee, and ask that certain reactionary landlords be investigated. LAY THE BLAME ON ANYTHING BUT NOT ON THE PROFIT SYSTEM: OTHERWISE NEGRO AND WHITE COULD UNITE AND OVERTHROW THAT SYSTEM

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tegrate, and because Cannon is now armed with a financial angel and is growing. Goldman and Morrow take their Trotskyite principles more literally. If it is OK to support American Labor Party social-patriots, if it is OK to join with Norman Thomas and even support him for President, if it is OK to call for a national bourgeois labor party, then it is certainly correct to take Schachtman back.

In Britain the Trotskyites united with a small Schachtman wing only a year ago. Goldman is asking Cannon to be consistent.

The R.W.L. has no sympathy for Goldman or Schachtman. We have repeatedly turned down "unofficial" overtures to join the Trotsky fold. We are not even flattered by Cannon's remarks (and others in their ranks) that they would much rather unite with the "Oehlerites" than with the "Schachtmanites." We want no part of Trotskyism. We consider it as dangerous to the working class as Lenin considered Kautsky. We will participate in united fronts with the Trotsky comrades and in other joint activity. We defended their Minneapolis class war prisoners and we consider them an organization of the working class. But they are centrist to the root. As an organization they can not be reformed. The imminent Goldman split merely reaffirms what we have stated about the downward path of American (and world-wide) Trotskyism. Genuine revolutionists in their ranks will split from the centrists and join with the Marxists in the Revolutionary Workers League.

Warning to GM Workers

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policies of arbitration through the National War Labor Board. Here the worker continued to lose a fight of two against one. During the course of the war, the workers could see more and more plainly whose side the War Labor Board took in disputes. The overwhelming strike votes expressed in the plants all over the country proves that labor gained very little through arbitration and that real wages did not rise, but profits for the companies soared to untold millions. They also see the billions of dollars of excess profits taxes that will be paid back to the large corporations, and they see the guaranteed profits for two years following the war. This proves conclusively that the billionaires got richer and the workers gained nothing and lost a great deal.

Thirdly, the union fakers allowed the government to freeze the workers to their jobs without protest, so that a worker even if he was dissatisfied with his wages or working conditions couldn't even change his job without being thrown completely out of work.

All these concessions on the part of the phony union fakers was exchanged for the check-off system and closed shop. The check-off guaranteed to the pie-card artists their enormous salaries. Under a closed shop agreement if a worker is thrown out of the union, he also loses his job. In this way the fakers managed to eliminate from the shops all real militant unionists who opposed the bureaucrats, or who tried to fight their policies.

These things lead us to the situation that the workers find themselves in today. The faking leadership are accepting the government figures on the cost of living, which they say has risen 33% since 1941 and the 15% increase in wages under the little steel formula. Nowhere in their figures can we find the increased taxation that the majority of the workers have been burdened with since 1941. On the basis of these figures it is a fore-

gone conclusion that these fakers are going to accept from a 10 to 20% increase in wages and brag of how they got an increase for the workers.

Fakers GM Policy Phoney

But already their lies and fakery are coming to the fore, and already they are shackling the workers to another form of the no-strike pledge through what they call a tactic, but which is really a betrayal of the strength of the weapon of strike. Their tactic is to allow only certain parts of an industry to go out on strike and force the rest to remain on their jobs. This has already been proven phony by the fact that the General Motors produces parts for other manufacturers. They tried to force thousands of workers off the picket lines to return to work for General Motors to be able to provide parts for their competitors.

The latest scheme is a proposal to Ford to sell all workers out in the future. It is a beautiful trick of fining workers for going out on "Wild-Cat" strikes. This last proposal just about beats anything that any labor-faker has dared to propose to big business so far at the expense of the entire working-class.

Progressive Group

The reformist program of Murray and Company must inevitably lead to such debacles. Support of the capitalists or their government can lead only to defeat. Unquestionably Murray was promised many things by the administration which he is not getting. But that is always the case with the capitalist state.

It is time that the working class tossed such misleaders of labor into the ash can and began building a new leadership around a rank and file militant program. The Trade Union Educational League is one good step in that direction — a progressive group with a class struggle policy. Until such a movement is broadened and becomes powerful, Murray, Lewis and Green (with the aid of Foster and the Socialists) can only lead to still greater defeats.

ELECTIONS IN EUROPE

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and the problems of starvation, inflation and disease facing the masses have tied the working class, temporarily, all the more to the yoke of their capitalist systems, as evidenced by the recent elections, in those countries. The capitalist class has been able to regain and remobilize its forces. Only the treachery of Stalinism has lulled the masses into the strengthening of the RIGHT wing forces.

Throughout the rest of Europe — in France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Greece, the unrest of the working class has been checked by the entrance into the various governments of "representatives" from the working class. The Socialist Parties, the Communist Parties, the parties of the peasantry and the middle-class have formed peoples fronts to SAVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. In France, the Communist Party has been given ministries in the government, to stave off the unrest of the working class and rally its support behind the capitalist representative De Gaulle and Bidault. In Italy, one "democratic" coalition government after another has collapsed because they couldn't reconcile the terms of an imperialist imposed peace and reparations with the needs of the Italian masses for food, clothing and shelter. The formation of the De Gaspari government, supported by the banker Giavanni of San Francisco, is another set-back for the Italian masses, and indicates the

temporary set-back of that revolution. In Greece, the new "liberal" ? ? ? ? ? — government was organized under the force of British imperial arms. In Belgium the Van Paker government took the lead in crushing the strikes of the coal miners at Charleroi. In Austria, the Renner government has been succeeded by the rightist Figl government.

Everywhere it becomes more evident, that the capitalist class can only temporarily afford to rule by "democratic" coalitions and People's Fronts. The economic crisis of capitalism and the chaotic state of the European economy pose only two alternatives for the European working class. Either they will smash the armed forces of the capitalist state, its government, and its institutions, and build a Soviet United States of Europe — or the capitalist class and the armed might of the Allied imperialist armies will occupy and rule Europe in a manner such as Fascism never equalled. Temporarily, in certain countries, the capitalists are bidding for time and attempting to use the agents within the ranks of the working class to channelize the mounting unrest, but if this fails, the open naked Fascistic rule will be reinstated. The only solution to the problems of the European masses is through the Proletarian Revolution.

FOR A SOVIET UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

FOR A NEW COMMUNIST (4th) INTERNATIONAL.

Compulsory Arbitration

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Congress has no time to pass minimum wage laws, employment laws, protection against Jim-Crow, housing bills, veteran's aid, and even such forgotten matters as officially declaring the war over so the boys would know when the stated "6 months after the duration" was up. No, there is no time for any such things. Congress is busy cutting up a melon for Wall Street in the form of lower taxes and passing anti-labor legislation of the worst sort.

The results of this whole process is going to be a loss for the workers instead of a gain in wages. It becomes evident that trade unionism alone cannot solve the problems of the workers, even when it comes to a fight for an increase in wages.

The bosses can laugh in the faces of the workers because they have in their pockets promises of enough profits if the workers work or not. This makes it even more plain that the workers can only solve their problems, both economic and social, by taking the means of production out of the hands of the bosses and their agents and establishing Workers Control of Production for Use instead of profits, under a Workers Council Government.

LAND OF THE FREE

Cecil B. De Mille of movie production fame made a speech against labor leaders and communists the other day. In it he asked, "Who would think that a small group of men (meaning labor leaders) could tell an American citizen when he could, who and when he could not do—" (Sherman Hotel Sept. 28).

Perhaps DeMille ought to ask C. E. Wilson head of General Motors who wants to hire and fire 300,000 men at whatever wages he sees fit. But Wilson can take care of himself. He raised his own salary from \$288,178 in 1941 to \$449,041 in 1943.

Two other G.M. vice-presidents — O. E. Hunt and Albert Bradley — went from \$233,871 to \$359,519 and from \$250,170 to \$350,432 along with Wilson.

We workers have traitors in our ranks like John L. Lewis. His opposition to President Truman's labor program is: "The only limitations I favor are those of free enterprise and free competition." (Nov. 8, Labor-Management conference, Washington, D.C.) which clearly indicates that he is in favor of continued slavery for the members of the United Mine Workers.

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Three Japanese-American railroad workers were thrown out of their jobs last month in California at the insistence of the local post of the American Legion.

But then the American Legion is a reactionary organization we're told. The VFW is more liberal. Here are two of the points it adopted at its last convention:

1. It is against a government guarantee of jobs to workers because "the situation might resolve itself to the . . . destruction of the free enterprise system.

2. All women whose husbands are employed should sign pledges to quit war time jobs.

A Negro GI in France is on trial for his life; and in spite of the United States law stating that a soldier may have any counsel he requests at an army court-martial, the Chicago lawyer he asked for was denied passage to France.

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The federal government has announced its policy of granting factory building permits before home buildings.

But business ought to have plenty of factories left over from the war. The government has 16 billion dollars worth of factories and Ben Fairless, president at U.S. Steel suggests that ". . . these plants . . ." are ". . . a war cost of the same general character as that of a battleship or a destroyer . . . So . . . the government should be generally willing to take a reduced amount . . . and charge the balance to the general cost of the war."

Let's give them the plants for nothing! Anyway some of the boys have been doing pretty good in and around Washington.

In the House "rehabilitation" bill for the Philippines we notice that in exchange for trade concessions in the United States the new island government will be forbidden to raise taxes above the 1941 level and all expanded production quotas must be divided among those concerns in business in the Philippines in 1940." The same gang who made money before the war ought to make a lot more money after.

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With the Atom Bomb in America, why worry? On this Atom Bomb point De Seversky the airplane manufacturer agrees:

"We should not get hysterical about these things," he says after looking at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, "That's why I want to warn that the value of the atomic bomb is being so exaggerated we may neglect our defenses to the point we may find ourselves unprepared for the next conflict."

Don't worry, De Seversky, we workers will be prepared for the next conflict, but we're not going to let you tell us who the enemy is!

LETTER FROM A SOLDIER

Leyte
Nov. 18, 1945

HELLO FRIEND,

My crime is the same as all the other Joes that didn't want to come over here. That is, by griping and resenting, but not having it in my power to convince all the guys at once to refuse to come here, and failing to get all the workers back home together for a showdown fight at home. I guess nobody by himself can do it. But little by little everyone is surely going to learn where the blame for the poverty which exists amid growing wealth and hundreds of more effective machines for creating even more wealth, really lies.

I am still following the strike wave, but I'm afraid it will be broken up without any real gains.

I got quite a kick out of hearing about the labor management conference. It seems that everyone is represented but the workers. I think they are getting together because they are a little worried about the present strike wave, and also the returning serviceman.

It's true that the anti-labor prop-

aganda passed out to hungry, poorly housed GI's during the war has left its mark but not as much as they think. The servicemen want jobs and a little economic security when they get home and if they don't get it (and they won't) they will join the ranks of the militants even quicker than they would before the war. The boys have had a lot of time to think and do a little discussing since peace was declared and you would be surprised how many pro-labor elements are over here. You can be pretty sure that these guys aren't going to let some big industrialist keep them on the application files to be used as strike-breakers during a strike.

The ex-GI's want what is theirs— The workers back home want what is theirs — so it isn't too much to hope for that they will join forces instead of fighting one another. The war is over and the guys can be human again. The propaganda about the Japs being animals worked during the war and so did anti-labor propaganda. But nobody calls the Japs names over here now. Instead the guys slip them smokes and even a beer now and then. The guards never make them work hard. One of the first Jap phrases we learned was the Jap phrase for "Take it easy."

So if the propaganda about the Japanese has been forgotten I'm sure most of the anti-labor stuff has also been chalked up to what it's worth, by the large percentage of servicemen. You can hear guys say every day "The Japs aren't so bad" or "They were forced in the army the same as we" and other such expressions. So the future may not be too black (I mean the distant future.)

The guys are doing a lot of discussing about Indonesia and China. They can't understand why British troops are firing on the Indonesians. They say "We fought the war so everyone can have whatever kind of government they want, so why is Britain interfering in the East Indies and why is the U.S. butting in over in China?" Of course you could really tell them. I try, I don't know too much about world politics, but I do know that the British don't want a left wing movement in Java-Indonesia or any place else.

Still the same old story about discharges. It is not uncommon talk to men with 90 and 100 points every day.

Give my regards to everyone and I'll be writing now and then.

—A SOLDIER.

RENEW YOUR SUB!

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Struggles

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British imperialist troops. We must refuse to load ships for these forces. We must refuse to compromise with the agents of bourgeois democracy, with reformism or centrism. We may march separately and strike together with the Stalinist armies in China, or the socialists in Java under Sihjar, but always on the basis of independent working class action, our own independent workers and peasants and soldiers militia, our own soviets, and above all the perspective of continuing the revolution into the proletarian phase.

The struggle in Asia is OUR struggle.

LONG LIVE A SOVIET ASIA.
ALL HELP TO THE ASIATIC REVOLUTION.

ONLY PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION CAN DEFEAT FASCISM!