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Four Negro Farm-Hands Lynched In Georgia

By Evelyn Atwood

In a bestial Jim-Crow massacre, two Georgia farm hands and their wives were lynched on July 25 by a gang of 25 to 30 white storm troopers.

The mass lynching was carefully planned and carried out in cold blood. The murderers disdained to even conceal their identity.

The three relatives of Roger Malcolm drove to Monroe with Loy Harrison, a planter and landlord.

'STRANGE' DELAY The \$600 bond was posted at 2 o'clock. According to a PM reporter on the spot, "for some reason, not yet explained, Malcolm was not released immedi-

ately. Harrison went to get his car fixed and the women went shopping. They came back at 5 o'clock, got Malcolm and started in Harrison's car for his farm some ten miles away.

The lynchings planned to murder only the Negro men. They jerked them out of the car and down the river bank.

Malcolm was not released immediately. Harrison went to get his car fixed and the women went shopping.

Harrison said he did not catch the name. But the gang leader barked out: "She recognized us. Get those women too! You know

Congress Boosts Its Own Pay By 50 Per Cent

Congress last week voted itself a 50 per cent pay increase, a pension, and "extras," as a reward for a job well done.

Of course it was a tough job, so to guard against over-work in the future, Congressmen considerably provided for a staff of "experts" to be put at their disposal — patronage jobs that will go to deserving members of Congressmen's families.

FIXED FOR LIFE All this has its dangers, needless to say. The workers may kick them out of office at the next election.

It wasn't all smooth going though. There was some haggling over the money. The original Senate proposal was for a flat increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

HONESTY PAYS Brown's amendment was accepted. Instead of a \$5,000 raise, it hands Congressmen a \$2,500 increase, plus a \$2,500 expense account which they don't have to itemize or audit.

NEED DEFENSE GUARDS "The fiendish attack on our headquarters, endangering the lives of so many people, shows not only to what lengths the vigilante terrorists are willing to go, but is clear proof that they are working in an organized fashion on a nationwide scale.

For other developments in the arson attack on the SWP in Detroit, see Page 8

been in the forefront of the struggle for workers' economic security against labor-haters and race-baiters like G. L. K. Smith, the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion, and vigilante groups.

As she is the author of the famous pamphlet, Vigilante Ter-

NEW OPA BILL LIFTS HUNDREDS OF PRICES

The Mountain Labored And Brought Forth A Mouse



Living Costs Soar Skyward As Profiteers Reap Benefits

By Ruth Benson

The new OPA bill, signed by Truman on July 25, has already resulted in soaring prices on hundreds of food items, clothing, shoes, fuel and other necessities of life.

Final decisions on decontrol rest with a hand-picked three-man board which can be counted on to favor the profiteers.

Under this fraudulent "price control" bill, there is no limit on the price of milk, eggs and tobacco for an indefinite period.

The Fight To Defend The Workers' Standard Of Living

per cent of all foods, including meats, poultry, grains, and cottonseed and soybeans from which essential oils are derived, will be uncontrolled until August 21, when they may or may not be put back under ceilings.

On September 1, and monthly thereafter, the Department of Agriculture—notoriously friendly to the food trusts—will issue a list of foods "in short supply."

Only such foods are to be kept under price-control — provided the Decontrol Board is willing. Clothing costs, already skyrocketing, will go still higher as low-priced clothes disappear from the market.

Substantial price increases are given on household needs, stoves, and almost all other manufactured goods. Thousands of items of hardware are totally decontrolled.

NO GUARANTEE The bill is so weak that Truman, while signing it, was forced to admit it "by no means guarantees that inflation can be avoided."

He made much over the fact that the Taft and Wherry am-

endments had been eliminated. The new bill, said Truman, "guarantees profits on the basis of 1940, more nearly representative of normal peacetime operations."

Truman also cited the fact that the present bill gives distributors the markups prevailing March 31, 1946, instead of January 1, 1946, the date set in the Wherry amendment.

In actual fact, however, their differences are minor. Truman, like Taft and Wherry, wants to protect the profits of the price-gougers, not the welfare of the workers.

WAGE "STABILIZATION" The real reason why Truman prefers the present bill to the earlier one was revealed in his message to Congress. "Finally," he told the House and Senate, "the vetoed bill contained a

"CHICAGO, July 27—The meat feast being enjoyed by the American public, its first real taste of meat in several years, will end as suddenly as it appeared should price restrictions . . . be reinstated in the livestock and meat industry, stockyards interests said today."

clause which would have destroyed wage stabilization by requiring the inclusion of unapportioned wage increases as costs in the price increase formula.

Thus Truman has signed the present measure not because it will hold down prices—he admits it won't—but because it will maintain the Wage Stabilization Board. The administration wants that Board kept as a means of holding the workers back from the wage increases they so desperately need.

TWO BANKERS, ONE BOSS STAFF DECONTROL BOARD

"I propose to appoint as members of the (decontrol) board men in whose judgment and fairness the Congress and the country will have complete confidence."

But how could both the people and Congress have confidence in the same Board, when the people want price rises stopped and Congress wants price rises to continue?

President Truman settled this question when he picked the three-man Decontrol Board two day later—and he settled it in favor of the price gougers.

Not a single representative of the labor movement or consumers organizations is on this board, which will have final say over price ceilings. All of them are representatives of the banking and business interests, whose main concern is profit and not the needs of the consumers.

Roy L. Thompson, president of the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, who will be chairman. Daniel B. Well, a banker of Washington, D. C., and former Undersecretary of the Treasury. George H. Mead, of Dayton, Ohio, chairman of the board of the Mead Corporation, a pulp and paper company.

Campaign To Put SWP On Ballot In New York Gets A Flying Start

By Carolyn Kerry

NEW YORK, July 29. — The campaign to place the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) ticket on the New York State ballot in the coming elections got off to a flying start on the opening weekend, July 27-28.

More than 3,000 signatures were obtained in Manhattan and Brooklyn on the first two days of the campaign.

Reports were also received at Campaign Headquarters in this city that many more than the required number of signatures were obtained in 10 upstate counties.

Topnotch morale prevailed among the petition getters as the campaign got under way on July 27.

Reports of the work were given that night at a social evening at the Chelsea Worker Center.

On the following day comrades and friends combined work with pleasure by obtaining signatures at Brighton Beach.

At the whirlwind pace thus far established, the required number of 12,000 signatures with a minimum of 50 from each of the 62 counties should be obtained in record time.

000 signatures set by the Campaign Committee should be obtained before Sept. 5, the last day of the campaign.

Friends and sympathizers are urged to turn out again on Saturday, August 3, 7 p.m., at Campaign Headquarters, 116 University Pl in Manhattan and 635 Fulton St. in Brooklyn.

Mid-West Camp Extended For Two More Weeks

The Mid-West Vacation Camp and School has been extended for two more weeks. It will continue the last two weeks of August through Labor Day, September 2.

The enthusiastic influx of vacation-bound comrades and readers of The Militant has necessitated this change, said Oscar Coover, Camp Director.

This attractive vacation resort is justly popular with those workers and their families who have already attended it.

Best of all, between the hours of play, there are the inspiring classes led by William F. Ward, for those who wish to learn about the problems and theories of the labor movement.

Readers of The Militant are urged to send their reservations, preferably for the weeks beginning August 11, 18 and 25. These are the last three weeks of the camp.

IN THE NEWS

Atom Bomb Helps

The Associated Press reported, July 23, that Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, "deplores" the desire to withdraw American troops from Germany.

Jobs For All—Except Millions

"Any veteran who wants it can get a job today . . . in this full employment economy."

Cooperation — But

"The rebirth of the OPA found business and industry spokesmen eager yesterday to cooperate but unanimous in their belief that the new price legislation would fail unless price increases were allowed."

Does Anyone Need Three Guesses

Representative Coffee (D, Wash.) is still trying to explain the \$2,500 check and letter of thanks for favors rendered, which were sent him by a Tacoma contractor.

Like Bombing Java?

"The outstanding feature of membership of the United Nations is service—not a selfish defense of mere national interest, but service to the whole community of nations," said King George of England.

Joseph Hansen Will Speak At Indonesia League Rally

NEW YORK, August 1—Joseph Hansen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senate in the coming elections will speak at the Indonesia Republic Anniversary Rally to be held on August 16 at Labor Temple.



The rally, according to John Andu, President of the Indonesia League of America which is sponsoring the meeting, will celebrate the first anniversary of the Indonesian Republic. It will also voice a public protest against the political persecutions of Indonesian residents and seamen in this country, who have been rounded up and imprisoned by the U. S. government.

Other speakers will include John Andu; Pearl Buck, noted author; Frank Crosswaith, Negro Labor Committee; Maurice Rosenblatt, American League for Free Palestine; and Norman Thomas, Socialist Party.

Fire At SWP Headquarters Set By Detroit Arson Gang

DETROIT, Mich., July 26—Two incendiaries last night set fire to the entrance to the Socialist Workers Party headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue, endangering the lives of over a hundred persons attending a meeting upstairs.

Following statement: "There is no doubt that this dastardly act, endangering the lives of innocent people, is the work of vigilante, fascist gangsters. It is part of the drive of Big Business to crush the unions and political organizations of the working class."

As smoke and flames shot up the stairway, those in charge of the meeting quickly led the audience to the fire escape in the rear of the hall.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker

The Fate Of Slim's New Pants

By Theodore Kovalesky

When I walked into the shanty after cast up on No. 4 yesterday, the first thing I noticed was the smoky odor of burning cloth.



he informed me that when the fifth iron gate had blown up, he had caught a good spattering of the molten iron on the seat of his new work pants, as a result of which there was now no seat in the pants.

"That's all right," Jimmy said helpfully. "You can eat your supper standing up." Slim took the advice in cold contempt and didn't answer.

Infantile Paralysis Vs. Profits

By Grace Carlson

Poliomyelitis has reached the epidemic stage in Minneapolis. Public health authorities report that in the first 23 days of July, 122 new polio cases occurred.



Also known as infantile paralysis, polio is the much dreaded crippling of children. In the present Minneapolis epidemic, more than 80 per cent of the victims are under 15 years of age.

Veterans' Problems

Inflation Hits The Veterans

By Alvin Royce

Not so long ago we used to hear, now and then, about a piece of legislation called the GI Bill of Rights. Of late, however, the capitalist politicians have been soft-pedaling their boasts about this supposed Magna Charta for the veterans.

Johnny's Initiative And How It Paid

By V. Grey

They call capitalism the system of private enterprise and rugged individualism. Initiative is supposed to be rewarded. Enterprising young men are supposed to shoot right up to the top.

"Oh, I just throw it away," Slim answered with bitter scorn. "I buy food and clothes, and I pay rent. Me and the wife and kids kind of like to eat sometimes and wear clothing when we go out.

"Slim," said Jimmy again with a beautiful Christian smile spreading over his face, "your troubles are all over. Just quit eating and wearing clothes. Remember how the Bible says, 'Look at the lilies of the field. They toil not, neither do they spin, but Solomon in all his glory didn't look half so sharp, or something like that.'"

Arms Fraud Inquiry Hints At New Scandals Far Worse Than Garrison-May Profits Deal

Hartford Workers Show Solidarity



Thousands of union men and women conducted the first general work stoppage in Hartford, Connecticut last week, demonstrating in sympathy with striking fellow-workers. Members of CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers have been on strike 19 weeks, and International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) for seven.

-Federated Pictures

Exposure of frauds by which the Garrison arms combine grew from nothing to a network of firms obtaining over \$78,000,000 in war contracts with the aid of Representative May, is just a peep under the tent, said Senator Owen Brewster on July 24.

Thus the Senate Defense Investigating Committee is compelled to admit what The Militant has previously contended: that the Garrison case is petty thievery compared to the looting done by the huge monopolies during the course of the war.

Substantiating this, Joseph A. Loftus reported to the N. Y. Times on July 27 that "the alleged fraud involved is matched many times in the records of the War Frauds Section of the Department of Justice."

Dobbs Attacks Capitalist Parties At New York SWP Election Rally

NEW YORK—To introduce its state-wide slate of Trotskyist candidates in the coming November elections, Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party launched its electoral campaign with a rousing Election Rally on July 24 at Webster Manor. Farrell Dobbs, editor of The Militant, running for Governor, headed the list of candidates who presented to the enthusiastic audience the program of the only revolutionary workers party.

the capitalist blind-alley." He condemned both the Democratic and Republican parties as political agents of Wall Street, which he said "has thrown American manhood into two imperialist world slaughters for its own profits and plunder."

Marking the historic occasion of its first large-scale entry into an election in which Trotskyist candidates are running in five states, including New York, Dobbs declared: "This represents another great stride forward for the Socialist Workers Party on the road to becoming a mass revolutionary party to lead the workers and poor farmers out of

wagon of Wall Street's war," he said. "Today they continue to deceive the workers by making rotten deals with Democratic and Republican machine candidates. The time is ripe for the workers to break with all capitalist politicians and form their own independent labor party."

Indignant Audience Walks Out On "Whitewash" Of Ferguson

NEW YORK, July 27.—The third and last act of the grim farce entitled "public investigation" of the Jim-Crow murder of two Ferguson brothers, staged with fanfare by Governor Dewey and his Republican stooges, was played out on July 23 to a virtually empty courtroom. Almost the entire audience assembled in the Bar Association Building walked out in a body, expressing their indignation at the shameful attempt to whitewash the crime.

last pretense of acting as a "disinterested" agent. He cut short the series of statements made by representatives of various organizations, most of whom denounced the fraudulent investigation. He gave the floor to his own legal hack, Sol Gelb, who hamstrung the proceedings with fine legal restrictions.

SWP PROPOSAL

At the meeting David Weiss of the Socialist Workers Party stated his complete solidarity with the break with the Dewey hearings. He said the break exposed the hearings as a fraud designed to dupe the Negro as well as white people.

WARM RESPONSE

William Kitt, Buffalo SWP Organizer and veteran, Trotskyist candidate for Comptroller, was unable to participate in the Election Rally because of the opening of the campaign in Buffalo.

HOSTILITY CLEAR

This Republican office-holder arbitrarily decided who would testify and what evidence would be accepted. He prevented the defense counsel from cross-examining the witnesses in order to develop further testimony. From the very beginning the character of the fraudulent investigation became clear. Sharp criticisms and protests were voiced by representatives of labor and progressive organizations attending the hearings.

Help Wanted

Judging from the way congressmen of both major parties have been passing anti-labor legislation and wrecking price controls recently, we think the following yarn has a lot of merit. "Who is that man?" a small boy asked his father, pointing to a gentleman standing on the dais of the House of Representatives.

DETROIT POLICE SHIELD ARSON GANG IN SWP FIRE

DETROIT, Mich., July 27—Warnings that the Detroit police were trying to cover up the real criminals who set fire to the Socialist Workers Party headquarters here, were made by SWP Organizer Arthur Burch in press releases yesterday and today. (See Page 1 for details on the fire.)

Attack On SWP Is Condemned By Unionists

DETROIT, Mich., July 27—Statements condemning the arson attack on the Socialist Workers Party were made by two well-known unionists during the last two days. William Jenkins, president of Local 490 of the UAW, stated: "While I disagree in some ways with the program of the Socialist Workers Party, I am very interested in seeing that the right of free speech and assembly is fully safeguarded. The terrorists who tried to burn down the hall of the Socialist Workers Party were evidently fascist groups that do not believe in freedom of speech. I think that all decent citizens should do everything in their power to see that those guilty of this atrocious act be apprehended."

OMINOUS WARNING

"The labor movement must take these signs of the times most seriously. These attacks are directed at the militant members of the working class. It is time that all labor organizations rally their forces now to counteract these brutal acts.

REAL MESSAGE

"The last two sentences in 'Spiegler's' postcard actually read as follows: 'The Soviets' greed for world power and their domination of their small neighbors speaks for itself. When the time is ripe, we shall come for you communists with a rope.'"

IN TACOMA Buy "The Militant" at these stands: 9th and Pacific Pacific bet. 12th and 13th