

## Wall Street Backs Dutch In Java War

### Loan of \$553,000,000 To Help Colonial Depots

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street is preparing to back the war of the Dutch imperialists against the Republic of Indonesia with a loan of \$553,000,000. The negotiations are already "pretty far along," according to John J. McCloy, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and member of the Wall Street group now acting as a Brain Trust for the Truman Administration.

When asked by a reporter on July 29 whether the proposed loan would not have the effect of financing the Dutch military action in the Far East, McCloy reluctantly admitted: "Well, it may, indirectly."

The plea of Indonesian President Soekarno for help from America in defending the beleaguered republic, was thus brutally brushed aside. The announcement of the proposed loan to the Dutch imperialists was Wall Street's way of answering that plea and showing precisely where its sympathies lie in the colonial struggle. It was at the same time Wall Street's way of answering the demand that American Lend-Lease arms now being used by the Dutch to murder the Indonesian freedom fighters be "recaptured."

For 10 days American and British diplomats succeeded in keeping the Dutch assault on Indonesia out of the United Nations, even getting the Indian government to postpone action a few days. The British government intimated it was negotiating with the Dutch to act as a "mediator" in the conflict. The role the British would play can be judged from an announcement of the Netherlands Government that it will agree to negotiate, provided the negotiations occur on Dutch terms.

These terms would include recognition of Dutch rule in Indonesia and an order to all the Indonesian forces to "cease fire" while Dutch troops continued operations. These terms would mean unconditional surrender by the Indonesians.

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Public pressure in India rose so high, however, that the Indian government on July 30 lodged a protest with the United Nations, accusing the Dutch of beginning large scale military operations without

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On the same day, the Australian government filed a protest. However, in contrast to India, the Australians took a position that was formally neutral but in reality favorable to the Dutch since it calls for an order on both parties to cease fire and begin arbitration (Continued on Page 3)

## PCI Issues Call For Revolutionary Unity In France

PARIS, July 25 — *La Verite*, central organ of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French Section of the Fourth International, carries this week an appeal for revolutionary unity adopted by the party's Central Committee at its recent session. The appeal is addressed to the left opposition developing in the Socialist and Stalinist parties, and to the Socialist Youth which has recently been expelled by the reformist party, as well as to unaffiliated revolutionary workers.

Calling attention to the recent strikes, in which important layers of workers broke through the class collaboration policy of the two old parties, as well as to the development of the Youth, the Trotskyist Central Committee calls for all these elements to join forces in building together the revolutionary mass party of the French working class. To such an effort, the appeal states, the PCI will contribute the energies of its hundreds of devoted militants tested in years of consistent revolutionary action, its program which is that of the Fourth International confirmed by the events and the fraternal support of the more than 30 sections affiliated to the Fourth International.

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# 80th CONGRESS RECORD SHOWS NEED FOR A LABOR PARTY NOW



Keeping the Nag Moving

## Neglect Of Mines Adds 27 More To Death-Toll

Another mine tragedy last week snuffed out the lives of 27 mine workers at the old Ben Mine, in West Frankfort, Illinois, which is 40 miles from Centralia where 111 miners were murdered for profits on March 25. Once again the ruthless coal barons demonstrated that

an explosion on July 25 caused by gas accumulation ripped through Mine No. 8 of the Old Ben Corporation, second largest coal operator in Illinois. Twenty-six of the 246 men working in the mine were killed instantly. One died during the night from injuries. Many bodies were found badly mangled and burned, indicating that fire accompanied the blast. Rescue workers had to inch their way through 1 1/2-foot air shafts running alongside the mine corridors, to bring out the bodies.

Four months ago the mine was condemned as "dangerous from an explosion point of view" by Federal inspectors. It was listed among the

## NEGRO DEATH-CAMP INMATES SEND OUT DESPERATE PLEA

A desperate appeal for help from the terrorized Negro prisoners in Anguilla Camp near Brunswick, Georgia, where on July 11 eight were blasted to death and five seriously wounded by racing white prison guards, was smuggled out to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reaching their New York national headquarters on July 24.

The letter reveals that the men have been threatened with death on the slightest provocation. The temper of the warden is such that the inmates feared violence and sudden death for no reason at all. "We are all really in danger down here and need your help at once," states the letter, painfully scrawled on sheets of crumpled paper.

Two weeks after eight of the Negro inmates were murdered in cold blood, W. G. Worthy, the white warden, inflated with drink at the time of the slaughter, and the seven

**Signs of the Times**  
An ANP dispatch from Dallas reports that for the first time in its history, the Jim Crow state convention of the AFL-Texas Federation of Labor has elected Freeman Everett, a Texas Negro labor leader, as vice-president of the state board.

## Taft Hartley Act Gets Major Test In Murray Strike

### Union Seeks Clauses To Avoid Reprisals

DETROIT, July 30 — Seven thousand members of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 2 at the Murray Corporation are continuing their week-long strike in what is considered the first major national test arising out of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

The strike, which has the sanction of the International Union, was called on July 23 to enforce union demands for clauses in the new contract that would protect the union from damage suits and other reprisals under the Taft-Hartley Act and the state anti-labor laws.

Promptly following the Murray walkout, the Ford Motor Company started big lay-offs, claiming lack of supplies from Murray, biggest Ford parts producer. These layoffs coincided with the breakdown of negotiations between Ford and the UAW representatives for protective contract clauses similar to those demanded from the Murray Corporation.

The UAW International Executive Board this Saturday is to consider the request of the National Ford Conference, representing 108,000 Ford UAW members, for sanction of strike action. A strike date has been tentatively set for August 4.

The Murray workers demand two special contract clauses: (1) to free the union, its officers and any members from liability "in the event of any and all violations of the contract" except as specifically provided for in the contract; and (2) to guarantee the union freedom of speech to publicize its point of view on company property during periods of elections held on company property.

## Republicans, Democrats Both Serve Wall Street

By the Editors

The American working people, the great majority of the population, are angry to the marrow of their bones. Their anger was aroused by the unmatched record of legislative reaction of the first session of the 80th Congress that adjourned July 26. Their wrath is more and more being distilled into a demand for an end to the delay in organizing a Labor Party.

"A Job Well Done—  
For Wall Street"

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**FULL MEASURE**  
If ever the workers needed evidence of the strictly capitalist-class character of both the Democratic and Republican parties, the first session of the 80th Congress supplied it in fullest measure.

Most ominous is the fact that this session followed on the heels of the 79th Congress which labor leaders called the "most reactionary" in decades. It turned out that the "most reactionary" 79th Congress was only a curtain raiser.

A trend is clearly evident—a trend of mounting reaction. Bad as was the first session of the 80th Congress, the second session next January gives every indication of being still worse. Having passed the savage Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law in the first session, Wall Street's political hatchmen will devote their next session to enforcing its most barbarous provisions and passing new laws to put still more "teeth" in this fascist-like Act.

**GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY**  
Wall Street can follow this political course against the manifest will of the people because it holds a complete monopoly on government. It can legislate as it pleases. It can speed up or slow down its anti-labor drive at will because labor does not have even one single political representative in Congress. Labor today stands at the cross

roads. There is no way to turn back the incipient trend toward fascism except by political action. If labor does not go forward and organize a Labor Party, then reaction, emboldened by labor's political passivity, will set out to put in power a fascist regime such as the Italian and German capitalists enjoyed.

Wall Street's anti-labor drive is part and parcel of its blueprint for world conquest. Labor can gain a decisive veto power over these mad plans for World War III, for atomic slaughter, only by organizing its own political forces and throwing its weight in the political arena squarely against Wall Street.

For two whole years since V-J Day, Wall Street has carried on an all-out political war against the labor movement. The economic aim of this political assault was to safeguard profits and drive down the standard of living of the masses.

**GREATER THREATS AHEAD**  
But the future holds even greater threats to the security of the working people. The economy of America, controlled by an irresponsible clique of profiteers, is sliding with gathering speed into the abyss of depression.

Without a Labor Party organized on a nation-wide scale to battle these capitalist rulers, the drift deeper and deeper into the post-war depression will continue unchecked.

It is clear that all vital questions today are decided on the political field.

The organization of a Labor Party is not something that can be indefinitely postponed. Each day it is put off means greater political strength for Wall Street and increasing weakness for labor. In politics the most essential thing is time. That is why all those who try to continue postponing organization of the Labor Party play Wall Street's game.

The record of the first session of the 80th Congress, with its ominous portent for the future, should serve as a deadly warning to every worker. Further delay in the organization of a Labor Party cannot be afforded.

## Press Silent About Marshall Plan While Imperialists Grab for Ruhr

The Marshall Plan has temporarily dropped out of the main headlines in the press. The State Department, it seems, prefers as little publicity as possible on the squabble with France and Britain over the Ruhr, one of the big prizes the Wall Street imperialists hope to win through the Marshall Plan.

Washington has demanded that the British drop any talk of nationalizing the Ruhr coal industries and hand over de facto management of the area to America. They argue that British management of the Ruhr is inefficient.

Last week, for instance, a secret report of Robert Moses on the occupation of Germany was circulated in Washington despite the State Department announcement of its suppression. Moses' report declares that under the British "a decrease or collapse in coal production" is threatened. "Only centralization of authority and responsibility can bring order out of this mess. Industry cannot revive without a single board for policy and a single individual for execution."

Wall Street wants control over the naming of that key individual and the majority on the board.

As additional pressure on Britain, Wall Street has demanded an end to the 5-day work week won by the British coal miners. Such a short work week, according to the Wall Street bankers, makes Britain a bad credit risk. They have also demanded a general speed up of British labor.

In return for British concession, Washington will lend a sympathetic ear to the pleas of the British capitalists for more loans under the Marshall Plan.

What the French are asking behind the curtains as compensation for their agreement and what Washington is promising them under the Marshall Plan is of course a top secret.

Another top secret is the undercover negotiations now going on between Washington and the Kremlin. That highly secret discussions are being held was revealed by Drew Pearson in his column of July 25. The subject is probably the Kremlin's price for another deal with Wall Street under the Marshall Plan.

## Steel Price Hikes Will Boost High Living Costs Still Higher

The inflationary spiral has been given a powerful upward thrust by the action of big steel corporations who have hiked steel prices by \$5 to \$10 a ton and more. It makes absolutely certain that a new wave of price-boosts will follow not only in the countless industries

directly using steel but also in the most remotely connected branches. For the country's entire price structure rests on the cost of such basic products of steel, coal and oil, all of which have now sputtered sharply upwards.

**WASHINGTON SILENT**  
Not a word has come from Washington, although Truman has repeatedly warned against the disastrous consequences of such price rises. Indeed this was one of the keystones of his mid-year economic report. Edward G. Nourse, Chairman of the President's Economic Advisory Board, has announced that this board had "no comments on the steel price boosts." Truman himself even failed to comment on the

broken pledge of Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, who had promised to wait at least a month or two, before deciding on the prices of steel.

The only thing that still remains in question is how rapidly all prices will rise from now on. Truman's economic advisors refuse to make any forecasts, confining themselves to an unofficially expressed hope that "the price wave will spread slowly," as a UP dispatch from Washington, July 30, reports.

**CONTINUE TO GRAB**  
There are no grounds whatever to expect moderation from any section of the capitalist class. They will all continue as before to grab as much as they can while the grabbing is still good.









