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TROTSKY

"Technical science liberated man from the tyranny of the old elements — earth, water, fire and air — only to subject him to his own tyranny. Man ceased to be a slave to nature, to become a slave to the machine, and still worse, a slave to supply and demand.



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Labor Unity--Imperialist Style

The 260 hand-picked union bureaucrats at the so-called Free World Labor Conference last week concluded their London sessions by forming the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions around the resounding slogans of "Bread" and "Freedom" and "Peace."

Actually this measure was not at all designed to provide the Polish army with competent instruction in the art of war; such services are rendered as a rule without any loud publicity and without such counselors entering the government.

The Elections in Australia

After a reign of 14 years the Australian Laborites have been turned out of office by a coalition of avowed capitalist parties, the Liberals and the Country Party.

When it becomes impossible for the capitalists to rule in their own name, the reformists step in and carry out policies that the mass of the people never would have accepted at the time from capitalist politicians.

To Our New Readers

The November subscription campaign conducted by the branches of the Socialist Workers Party for The Militant was a full success. To our hundreds of new readers, we extend a cordial welcome.

The truth about capitalism and its defenders, to show how practical socialism is and to help the working people get organized to make the change-over.

Why Stalin Bestowed A Marshal on Poland

By Pierre Frank
The Poles clamored desperately for a Marshal who could give them an army capable of guarding the Oder-Neisse frontier against the revenge-seeking Western Germans; with his habitual generosity, Stalin the Great has made the Poles a gift of one of his Marshals and the friendship between the Polish and the Russian peoples is now greater than ever.

It was the era of the grand friendship with Roosevelt and Churchill. But the imperialists wished to regain their foothold in these countries and the Kremlin could not permit economic sectors of these countries to serve as props for the property-owning classes oriented toward the U. S.

picture of the Stalinist heresy-hunt is clearest of all in Bulgaria. Here more than a dozen Ministers have fallen by the wayside, including Koniov, a Soviet Marshal of Bulgarian origin and according to Yugoslav reports (which have generally proved accurate) the power in this country has actually been wielded for many weeks by Soviet Marshal Bulganin.

WALLACE SPEECH SHOWS WHY HIS PARTY FAILED

By George Breitman
Many militant workers and youth who supported the Progressive Party in preference to the Socialist Workers Party last year did so on the ground that, whatever shortcomings the Progressive Party program suffered from, at least it was a "mass movement" and therefore able to decisively affect the course of political events and perhaps even elect its candidates.

Crisis of Marshall Plan

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article. They correctly argue that Washington is demanding the solution of European problems "that, from the European viewpoint, the United States has not solved itself."

social order. American imperialism with all its billions cannot restore it; it can only light the fuse for new explosions.

The peoples of Europe correctly see in the Marshall Plan only a measure to reestablish the old reactionary order that has already brought two World Wars, economic depression or ruinous inflation, and intolerable repressions.

"TREASON" TRIAL IN SOFIA BACKFIRES ON THE KREMLIN

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one of the Kremlin's deepest "state secrets." That the opposition to this predatory policy must be widespread is indicated, among other things, by the large number of Bulgarian officials connected with the top economic bodies who figured at the Sofia trial.

It is becoming clearer with every passing day that the scope of the purges in Eastern Europe is matched only by the monstrous blood purges that accompanied the original Moscow frame-ups in 1936-38.

Free of capitalist restraints, a federation of socialist countries in Europe could plan production and distribution on a continental scale. They could organize production on the basis of need and distribute goods without limitations of frontiers.

Sees "Great Possibilities" in Capitalism

Capitalism is the root cause of the social, political and economic evils which Wallace deplores, but over and over again he makes the point that he is not opposed to capitalism. "Each of the three [communism, Catholicism and 'capitalism'] has its good points and no true, well-informed American would want to see any of the three eliminated from the world picture," he says, adapting himself, perhaps unconsciously, to the charge of the witch-hunters that there is something un-American about desiring the abolition of capitalism.

Favors "Welfare State" Too

On the fundamental issue, therefore, Wallace takes the same stand as Truman. And it should be noted that although Wallace's speeches contain more radical phrasing about the evils of capitalism than Truman's, Wallace does not hesitate to borrow from Truman such catchwords as "the welfare state" any more than Truman hesitated to borrow popular slogans from Wallace in the 1948 campaign.

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