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Detroit Dodge Local Strikes Over Speedup

DETROIT, Aug. 1 — Dodge Local 3 of the CIO United Auto Workers, whose 10,000 members went out on strike on July 16 and stayed out on strike for a full week until

Got 'Windfall'



Norman K. Winston, New York banker, tells Senate banking committee he and a handful of relatives harvested a "windfall" of \$613,000 on seven Queens, N. Y., apartment houses financed with FHA-backed mortgages.

ordered back to work by the International, has voted overwhelmingly to authorize a new strike if their grievances are not adjusted, it was learned yesterday.

Coming only eight days after their strike was called off by orders from above, this strike vote testifies to the Dodge workers' determination to defend their jobs and working conditions by militant action.

HOW IT BEGAN

Two workers in the trim department were disciplined for failing to keep up with new production standards and holding up the assembly line. Other workers in the department were so incensed by this high-handed action that they walked off the job for the rest of the day.

The next day the company disciplined four more workers and fired two for the same reason. This time the trim department was joined by other departments. Holding a special meeting at Local 3 hall, they unanimously decided to take immediate strike action.

The Chrysler Corporation was crippled at a time when it was most anxious to push ahead with its new 1955 models. A company spokesman expressed concern that the strike would interfere with model changeover, scheduled to begin in August.

But the company never held one meeting with the strikers, assigning the job of getting them back to work to the International UAW officers.

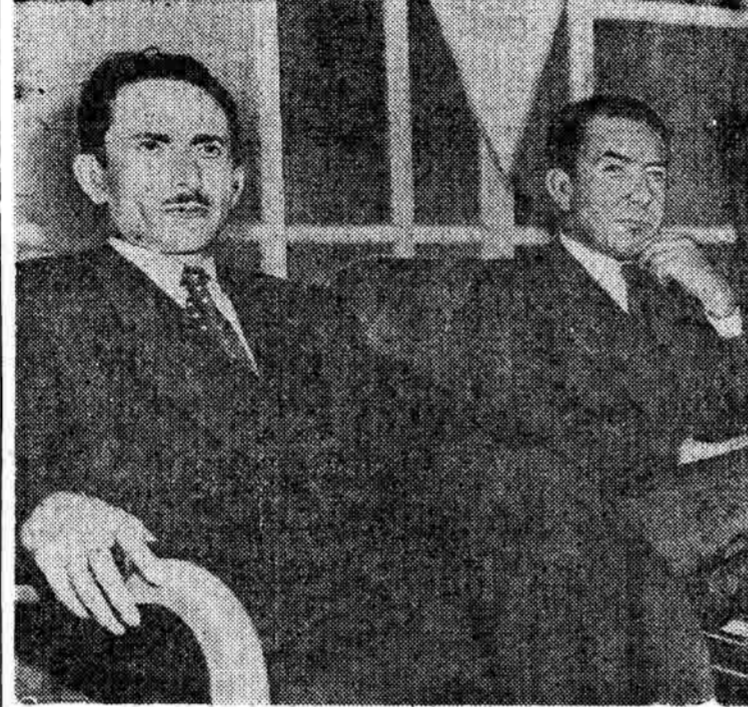
Friday, July 16: Art Hughes, an International representative, met with the local executive board and plant committeemen. He insisted that a strike authorization voted by the local last October was no longer legal.

When he ran for Mayor of Detroit in 1953, Lovell warned that layoffs and shut downs were coming. Today he said: "Today 170,000 people are walking the streets of Detroit looking for jobs."

These capitalist politicians cannot maintain full employment without war, and that goes for Gov. Williams too. We don't expect the manufacturers' associations to support our strikes.

Senators Again Duck Action On Curbing Fascist M'Carthy

Guatemala Dictators



Col. Armas (left), and Col. Monzon, puppets of the U.S. State Dept. and United Fruit Co. in Guatemala. The recently installed dictators met with resistance to their purge of Army forces when the Aurora Air Base rebelled Aug. 2.

AFL Leader Defends 5th Amendment

The Fifth Amendment, now under attack from Attorney General Brownell's so-called "immunity" bill, is vigorously defended by the AFL leader, A.J. Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, in the August issue of the Machinists Monthly Journal.

Most attacks on the Fifth Amendment center around the clause stating that a person shall not "be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." But to abandon this clause, Hayes warns, would mean to "revert to the old practice, still used by Communist and Fascist dictators, of extracting confessions by physical and mental torture."

THE END RESULT

Then, taking up Brownell's arguments without mentioning him by name, Hayes adds:

"To sacrifice this guarantee in the belief or on the pretext that its elimination is necessary in order to fight Communism would be a tragic fallacy and a dangerous precedent. For if this fundamental guarantee of individual rights may be ripped away, why not other rights as well?"

"It is nonsense to defend an abrogation of the Fifth Amendment for witnesses appearing before congressional committees on the grounds that such committees do not have the power to try, convict or punish in the sense a court does."

"To make an outcast of a man, to strip him of his chances for a livelihood, to impugn his loyalty — this is fully as serious as depriving him of life, liberty and property. And, in congressional hearings, the whole procedure is accomplished without due process of law."

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In Atom Debate



Sen. Albert Gore (D, Tenn.), one of the opposition leaders in the 13-day Senate debate on Administration's bill to open way for private corporations to grab atomic industry.

Both Parties Sidetrack Censure; Set Up Still Another "Probe" Body

AUG. 4 — McCarthy scored another victory on Aug. 2 when the U.S. Senate refused to vote on the Flanders "censure" resolution and decided instead to set up still another committee to "investigate" the fascist Senator.

The motion, introduced by GOP majority leader Knowland, was adopted by 75 to 12. It was supported by every McCarthyite in the Senate with the exception of McCarthy, who did not bother to vote.

MISS. NEGROES OPPOSE DODGE ON SCHOOL ISSUE

Good news from Mississippi, the most backward and Jim Crow state in the union: The Negro people there have served notice that they will not "support any attempt to dodge the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing public school segregation."

Such a declaration is routine in the North, and even in parts of the South. But it takes real courage in Mississippi. Here's how it happened:

The white supremacist rulers of the South are working on several schemes for evading the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Another scheme is "segregation by consent" — that is, putting murderous pressure on the Negroes and getting them to announce publicly that they want segregated schools.

Before enacting legislation authorizing the abolition of the public schools, the Mississippi authorities decided to explore the "consent" angle.

The heroic action of the Mississippi Negroes is a sign of the times. They may not yet be able to end the Jim Crow system, but they are willing to risk severe reprisals rather than help maintain it.

DIRKSEN'S THREAT

The knowledge of this relationship of forces accounts for the fantastic character of the three-day debate on the Flanders resolution: The target of most of the attacks was not McCarthy, but his critics, who found themselves not only in a minority but on the defensive most of the time.

The tone of the debate was set in the opening day's speech by Dirksen, the oily McCarthyite from Illinois. Certain that he had a majority on his side, and knowing how vulnerable the Democrats feel about charges of "Communist coddling," Dirksen attributed all moves against McCarthy to the Communist Party.

The clear threat in his speech was that anyone who voted against McCarthy would get a dose of the same red-baiting medicine. But in the subsequent discussion no one arose with any effective answer to this smear.

McCarthy himself, though still fighting an essentially defensive battle, also carried the attack to his enemies. Denouncing the charges against him as "sneers and innuendoes," he said he was "very happy" about the proposed new investigation.

McCarthy said he would testify before the new committee, but wanted the right to "cross-examine" the Senators who had made charges against him so that they "will either indict themselves for perjury or they will prove what consummate liars they are."

The liberals howled that this was a threat to convert the new investigation into a probe of McCarthy's critics, just as happened in the Army hearings. And it's true. The new investigation will follow the same pattern as the previous investigations, and, as Fulbright put it, there isn't "the slightest chance of changing the pattern." Not in a Senate made up of politicians who are afraid to tangle with McCarthy.

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Michigan SWP Names Lovell to Run for Governor

DETROIT, Aug. 2 — The socialist answer to unemployment will be heard in Michigan in the fall election campaign. Candidates of the Socialist Workers Party on the Michigan ballot are Frank Lovell for Governor, Rita Shaw for U.S. Senator and Robert Himmel for U.S. Representative.

A "Meet Your Candidates" rally will be held for them Sat., Aug. 14, 8 P.M. at 3000 Grand River in Detroit.

Unlike the capitalist candidates of the millionaire Williams stripe, supported by the Reuther bureaucracy, Frank Lovell is a real workers' candidate, veteran of a quarter century of union struggles.

Lovell helped organize the Great Lakes seamen in Detroit and returned to the ranks to participate in the fight against the no-strike pledge.

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RACISTS BOMB HOMES OF NEGRO, UNION MAN

On Friday evening, July 23, the home of Allen Williams, representative of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL, was bombed at Center, Tex.

The force of the blast crashed the picture window just above her bed. An iron patio chair hit her on the back of the head. Her ten year old daughter, Francine, who was lying on a pallet on the floor, was cut above the eye and on her arms and legs.

Such stories are not considered "news" by the big newspapers and magazines. The Texas atro-

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city is taken from a press release by the union involved. The Colorado attack was reported in a Los Angeles Negro weekly.

Bomb-terrorism, a favorite device of those who want to work in the dark, is a growing menace. It is necessary to put the spotlight of publicity on these atrocities, to trace the production and sale of the bombs, and to punish both the terrorists and the racist and fascist groups who inspire and direct them.

Is It True that Economic Decline Is "Beaten"?

Government economists claim the economic decline is over. Early in July, presidential economic adviser Dr. Gabriel Hauge told the state governors' conference that "the retreat, the settling out, the readjustment, the recession—call it whatever you want—is over . . . now there is every chance that we can go forward."

But don't put much stock in the statistics that "experts" like Hauge are using to diagnose the health of the economy. The capitalist government regulates statistics the way the patient tries to fool the doctors.

Dr. Arthur F. Burns, Eisenhower's chief economic advisor, ruefully confessed recently that the government's method of taking the country's economic temperature is not altogether reliable. Among other important examples, he said that "statistical information about the construction industry is weak."

These observations on government statistics are by way of a necessary preliminary to analyzing the direction in which American economy is traveling at this time.

Specific is the Aug. 3 Wall Street Journal report. "By fall, the number of jobless in the industry likely will mount to the highest point since 1946, with the impact being felt at auto assembly plants and by suppliers scattered from coast to coast."

Is this just a "normal" changeover? According to the Journal, General Motors' Chevrolet "is slated for its longest model changeover period since the end of World War II."

What about steel, the foundation industry of modern mass production? Steel Magazine on July 26 found the industry's outlook bleak as "reflected in reported plans to shorten the Great Lakes ore shipping season by at least a month with stocks at lower lake docks and furnaces now the largest in 16 years."

The American Iron and Steel Institute on August 2 reported scheduled steel operations at 64.8% of capacity for the week ending Aug. 6. This was headlined as a "Rise in Steel Production" in some papers.

But what the Administration always falls back on to prove its claim that the downturn is "beaten," as Hauge said, is the construction industry. Although

the statistics in this field are "weak," as Burns admitted, nevertheless they are supposed to be strong enough to prop up the "everything's hunky-dory" propaganda of the government.

However, even here "all that glitters is not gold." Lewis L. Schellbach, of Standard and Poor's Corp., writing in the July 17 N.Y. World-Telegram, warned that "too much importance has been attached to the slight increase in industrial production since April . . . Examination of basic considerations, however, suggests . . . possible resumption of the downtrend later in the year."

One of the "basic considerations" Schellbach cites is precisely construction. He notes that the building permits issued in May, declined for the second straight month and were 7% below the May, 1953, total. He likewise observes the low level of steel output. "These straws in the wind point to reduced building activity later in the year."

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Who to Blame for High Food Prices

You don't have to look at the statistics to know where food prices have been heading. Everyone who does regular food shopping is aware that the load you carry home from the grocery for a five-dollar bill keeps getting lighter. You can tell from the weight test that prices have been rising. A lot of unjust blame for this has fallen on the farmers. Uninformed people naturally assume that if food prices go up, the farmer is making more money and getting higher prices at his end. That is absolutely false. The truth is that farm food prices have fallen 20% within the past three years. The average farmer has taken a big slice in his income. That fact has been reported in a survey by the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives, made public Aug. 2. Higher consumer food prices, the committee finds, are a result of higher prices charged by food processors and distributors. The big canning, meat-packing, flour-milling and baking outfits are charging outrageous prices for the most basic necessities of life. The huge retail chain-store outlets have been passing on these prices, with their own extra take added. The House committee says that none of the lower prices paid the farmers since 1951 has been passed on to consumers. It adds that "further declines in farm prices are expected," but that "consumers can expect little benefit." This Congressional study also shows that out

Relief for the Greedy

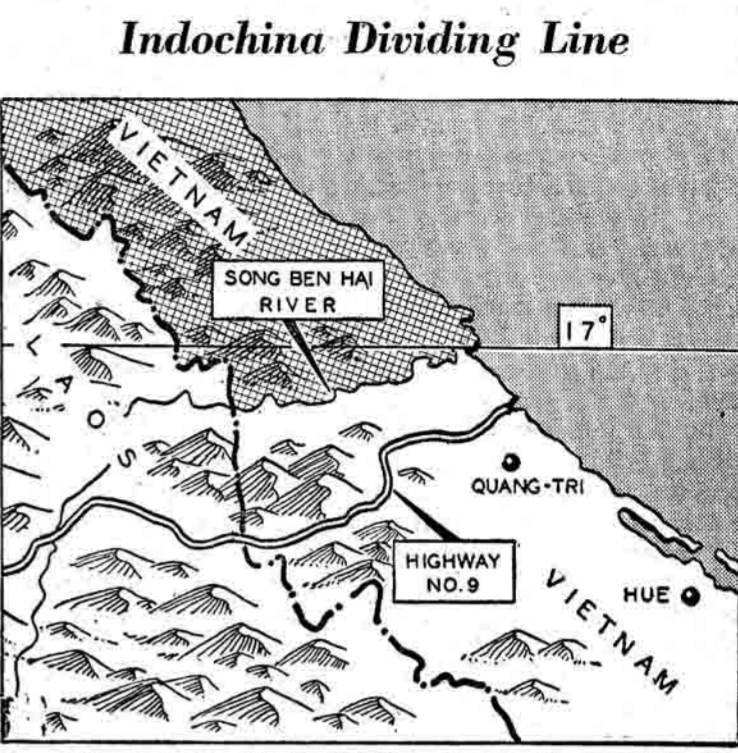
The capitalists have figured out a way to get richer even if business gets worse. It's all done with taxes. They get Congress to pass legislation giving special tax privileges and benefits to corporations and to individuals whose incomes are derived from profits, interests and rents. These tax gimmicks, of course, do not help the average person; who is nothing but an honest hard-working wage-earner and has his taxes taken out of his pay before he gets it. We've been having an economic decline for the past year, production has slowed down, sales have dropped, loss of overtime and short work weeks have cut take-home pay for millions of workers, while other millions have been laid off. But the big corporations have made more profits than ever. The answer is simple: the tax laws have been so rigged that despite loss of gross income this year compared to last, the amount of net income after taxes is greater. How beneficial to the rich this class system of taxation can be is demonstrated in the latest corporation tax reports. For instance, General Motors, the world's largest industrial corporation, in the first six months of 1954 suffered a sales volume drop of 7%. But GM's net profits after taxes rose from \$312,854,787 for the first half of 1953 to \$425,250,383 in the first half of this year. That's a thumping 35% leap in take-home profits. The tax bill that went into effect this year sliced GM's taxes more than \$306,000,000 for the six-month period. General Electric's sales also fell 7%, but its net profits soared 24%. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. — the famous "Merchants of Death" — ended the first half of this year richer by \$152,150,633 compared to \$114,758,444 net profits for the like period last year. Thanks to tax relief for the greedy instead of the needy, du Pont grabbed off 33% more profits after taxes, while its sales slipped 8%.

Answer to the Housing Scandal

One of the first projects that a Labor Party in power in the United States must undertake is a vast public housing program to provide decent homes for workers at rents they can afford. To satisfy that condition, these homes will have to be built and operated on a non-profit basis. "We need two-million homes a year," stated Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) last month at a banquet of the National Housing Conference, Inc., a liberal organization specializing in the housing problem. "But," he continued, "we are only getting half that amount. Our present (slum clearance) program is clearing (slums) at about a tenth of the rate at which they are expanding. . . Our present program serves only about the upper income third." But neither Democratic nor Republican Parties can provide for the housing needs of the workers, for they are committed to the profit system whether in housing or any other field. The Democratic administration gave the people the Federal Housing Administration scandals under which private builders operating under the FHA program made up to 10,000% windfall profits on their investment. The Negro population was virtually excluded from the FHA building project. Charles Abrams, a housing expert, speaking at a session of the National Housing Conference, Inc., stated that "while Negroes represent 10% of the population, less than 1% of FHA housing has been accorded them. Segregation is . . . increasing in the North." Such is the record of the Democratic administration. The Republicans have offered nothing different. Both have been careful not

Police State Bill Knifes Fifth Amendment

By Daniel Roberts "Talk or go to jail!" That is the choice a witness before congressional witch-hunting committees will be given under provisions of the so-called "immunity" bill now before the House of Representatives. The Senate has already passed a similar bill, introduced by McCarran, author of many police state measures. The "immunity" bill stands high on the Eisenhower administration's list of "must" legislation. The "immunity" bill would strip a witness of protection given by the clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which says that no person "shall be compelled . . . to be a witness against himself." The witch hunters claim they are not taking away any rights because under provisions of the bill a witness would escape criminal prosecution once he testifies. However, the witness could still be cited for contempt or perjury and jailed if the "investigating" committee did not like his answers. The "immunity" bill is designed to help McCarthy, Velde and Jenner in their witch-hunting attacks. "The committees which this bill is intended to aid have far exceeded their legal functions and have engaged in mass trials of 'subversives,'" writes Leonard B. Boudin, noted Constitutional lawyer, in an article, "The Immunity Bill," published in the Georgetown Law Review for May, 1954. The objective of the bill, he says, is "to increase a congressional power of harassment already at high water mark." Moreover, congressional hearings — those of McCarthy in particular — are marked by a "degree of bullying inconceivable in court, where the testimony witness to the desired objective, particularly where he is asked his opinions of others." There is no doubt, says Boudin, that the use of informers — whose testimony is notoriously untruthful — would be greatly increased by the passage of the "immunity" bill. Furthermore, witnesses invoke the Fifth Amendment not only to protect themselves but others as well. McCarthy wants to disrupt the solidarity among victims of the witch hunt by jailing for contempt any person who refuses to rat on his fellow man. Other Gimmicks "The immunity bill promises more than it can give," says Boudin. In the federal area it will give immunity only for criminal prosecution. But what about "loyalty" charges, screening from the waterfront or defense industries, internment in concentration camps under the McCarran Internal Security Act, and all other witch-hunting measures that do not require court trial? Immunity, says Boudin, would not be given in that area. So that the information a witness is compelled to give can lead to his own victimization. The "immunity" bill would waive prosecution only for federal criminal offenses. But many states have "anti-subversive" laws, carrying jail punishment. A person who is forced to testify against himself before a congressional body may be furnishing evidence that might be used against him in a frameup trial in his state. The kind of legislation that is needed, says Boudin in conclusion, is not the kind that increases the hounding powers of the witch-hunting committees, but bills that would protect the rights of individuals summoned before them. That includes safeguarding the Fifth Amendment. But even that is not enough. What is really needed to protect democratic liberties is to do away with these witch-hunting bodies altogether.



This map shows how Indochina was carved up by the big imperialist powers and Moscow and Peiping at Geneva. Partition was ratified by French and Vietminh representatives. This deal hands the French butchers three-quarters of the land area of Indo China. Well over half the people remain under enslavement of the French invaders.

World Events

CANDIDATES OF THE LANKA SAMAJA PARTY, Ceylonese Trotskyists, have consistently polled 48% of the popular vote in the numerous wards they contested in recently concluded municipal elections held throughout Ceylon, according to the Samasamajist, publication of the party. In the Colombo elections held on July 24, the Left parties elected 15 seats on the Municipal Council against 16 elected by the capitalist United Nationalist Party. Nine seats were won by candidates backed by the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, including six party members. The other Left councilmen were elected by the Stalinist Front. The workers parties polled 52% of the vote.

New York Fascist Demonstrators Scream Approval of 'Victim' Cohn

NEW YORK, July 29 — Some 2,000 hysterical fascists jammed a \$7-a-plate testimonial dinner for Roy Cohn in the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel, last night. According to the committee in charge, more than 6,000 others were turned away for lack of space. Planned as a mobilization of leading McCarthyites in New York, the rally screamed its approval of Senator McCarthy, America's would-be Hitler, and his lieutenant, Cohn, the first major "victim" in the movement he is assembling in hope of taking over the Republican Party and eventually the White House. The roster of 21 supporting organizations at the dinner included the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Republicans of America, the N. Y. City Federation of Women's Clubs, and American Coalition of Patriotic Societies. These groups presented Cohn with enough scrolls, citations and bronze plaques to fill "a truck" in the words of Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, co-ordinator of the Joint Committee Against Communism, who presided. The lists of speakers included such infamous reactionaries as Alfred Kohlberg of the China Lobby and the American-Jewish League Against Communism, William F. Buckley, Jr., co-author of the book "McCarthy and His Enemies," Fulton Lewis, Jr., George Sokolsky and Prof. Godfrey P. Schmidt of the Fordham University Law School. Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, struck one of the keys repeatedly sounded at the rally. The "anti-Communists," he said, "do not and did not have anyone to help us in the White House." Prof. Schmidt voiced the McCarthyite "treason" theme, applying it to Indochina. The "loss" of part of that country, he said, was due to the French people — "effete, weak and cowardly." He deplored the lack of a Roy Cohn and Sen. McCarthy in France. Sokolsky claimed that the size of the gathering indicated the day is coming when "no man dares run for public office except on a platform of sincere anti-Communism." STOOPIGEON ON DAIS Among the guests on the dais were the FBI's most notorious stoopigee, Louis Budenz. Others included Westbrook Pegler, who recently openly advocated fascism to handle organized labor in America, financier E. F. Hutton, Connecticut manufacturer Vivian Kelms, Justice Robert Morris of the Municipal Court, Clarence E. Manion, former dean of the University of Notre Dame Law School, and Robert Vogeler, business man who was imprisoned in Hungary for 17 months on charges of spying. The wildly applauding crowd gave Sen. McCarthy a four-minute ovation. The Wisconsin demagogue painted Cohn as a martyr — "the most brilliant man I have ever been in contact with . . . a victim" but still not a victim; he "has too much good American courage and guts." He said he had offered to put Cohn on his "personal" payroll, but Cohn had refused. McCarthy said that Cohn in being fired from his committee had "really won a great victory."

SEDITION" COURTS were set up in Indochinese territory retained by French imperialism and the Vietnam puppet government. According to the N.Y. Times of Aug. 4, the Vietnamese Government created such courts in Hanoi in the North and Hue in the South. These are undoubtedly designed as part of a reign of terror against Vietminh supporters throughout all the territory which the Kremlin handed to the French under the terms of the Geneva Conference betrayal.

Senate Ducks on M'Carthy

(Continued from page 1) "coddling communists" unless "he runs the committee." And that's true too. The new committee will either coddle McCarthy or be hogtied by him — the same thing that happened to the previous committees investigating him. McCarthyism can't be controlled or destroyed by people who share its "anti-Communist" premises. "CONSOLING" THOUGHT? McCarthy would probably have preferred that the Flanders resolution be voted down, rather than referred to the new committee. But it would be erroneous to consider the passage of the Knowland motion and the postponement of disciplinary action against McCarthy as anything but a distinct gain for the McCarthyites. The editors of the N. Y. Times tried hard on Aug. 4 to discover some kind of silver lining. Admitting gloomily that the result of the new probe "will hardly be conclusive" and that "McCarthy may escape the censure of his peers," they nevertheless end with a thought intended to be consoling: "But he will not come out triumphant from this episode. If the majority of his fellow-Senators hesitate to condemn him, they hesitate likewise to give him a clean bill of health." But McCarthy doesn't need a clean bill of health from the Senate to emerge triumphant from the attempts of his capitalist political opponents to "cure" him. All he needs is to show that he can't be curbed — and he will then be in a position, by means of a few sensational "spy" hearings, to quickly recoup whatever minor losses he has sustained since the start of the Army hearings. The least that the Senate would have done, if it intended to uphold capitalist democracy, was to impeach the fascist demagogue, but it balks even at the proposal to censure him. This makes it clearer than ever that McCarthyism faces no real danger at the hands of the Democratic and Republican politicians whom the labor leaders are depending on to save America from fascism.

"LAND REFORM" IN GUATEMALA was instituted in Guatemala on July 27, according to the N. Y. Times, the U.S.-backed Armas dictatorship decreed a new agrarian law in which landlords could grab back the land that was granted to the peasants under the land division law passed by the Arbenz regime in 1952. All the expropriated landlords have to do is return the agrarian bonds and interest they received and the land will once again be theirs. "Among those who will undoubtedly recover some, if not all, of their land is the United Fruit Company," says the Times. The peasants, however, will be allowed to harvest this year's crop before falling once more in the clutches of the landlords. Also the government promises to open up for the peasants "national regions now inaccessible because of lack of communications, irrigation and drainage."

PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE? "The largest of the limited hot wars" in Korea and Indochina, have ended temporarily," says Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the N.Y. Times, in the Aug. 3 issue. "Here is an incomplete list of smaller hot wars that are continuing — with no end in sight — in many parts of the world." He cites Malaya, The Philippines, Burma, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Israel and French North Africa. Most of the struggles he mentions are colonial wars for national independence or civil wars related to the colonial struggle. These open conflicts and others that are smoldering testify to the fact that there can be no "peaceful co-existence" between imperialism and the masses of workers and peasants throughout the world.

Los Angeles James Kutcher Speaks on My Case — the Case of the Legless Veteran Fri., Aug. 13, 8:15 P. M. Channing Hall, 2936 W. 8th St. (Near Vermont) Auspices Kutcher Civil Rights Committee Admission \$1 THE INDOCHINESE LANDLORDS AND CAPITALISTS are already "laying plans for a comeback performance," according to Gordon Walker writing from Saigon in the Christian Science Monitor of July 28. Their base of operations will be the southern portion of Vietnam, according to him in the partition of Indochina at Geneva, and the city of Haiphong in the North which they have 300 days to evacuate. General Nguyen Van Hinh, com-

