

When You're a Real Socialist, You're One All the Time

Your editorial in the Nov. 23 Militant ["Logical End for Social Democrats"] was an eye-opener. Just before reading it, I had read New York ADA News which carried an appeal for contributing "reporters." I almost answered that appeal with a postcard, but didn't. After I read your editorial, I knew WHY I didn't: socialists belong in a group or party that advocates socialism, or they cease to be socialists.

new curbs on color additives (supplementing the Pure Food & Drug Act). I had tried to write that article but my fingers became too paralyzed to type because of the immorality of it. I guess when you're a real socialist you're one all the time — no matter how social conditions, the forces of reaction, and the desire to pay your rent, compromise you.

Brainwashed Public

Editor: If I were publishing your paper I think I would change its face, format, I guess you would call it — if I were financially capable. And I would definitely stop using the words "comrade" and "socialism." The brainwashing against such things as socialism and communism is so intense that people are afraid of them just as they were brainwashed into being afraid of the word "witch."

Suggests Stories On Socialist Future

Editor: I would like to see some articles written about what everyday life would be like under socialism. In our everyday struggle under capitalism it's easy to get lost in your troubles. A short weekly story describing socialism might be inspiring to some readers — not to mention educational.

... Negro Labor

(Continued from Page 1) vention had "accentuated the need" for an organization of the type being formed, this was not the cause of it; and he emphasized that the new group is "pro-AFL-CIO."

"People will probably say that we are seeking to establish a segregated trade-union organization of Negro workers," Randolph warned. "That is not true. Our new organization will not engage in any form of collective bargaining. We simply believe that it has become necessary to form a special organization to concentrate on segregation and discrimination in the trade-union organizations."

Randolph further emphasized: "We are not and do not attempt to move in areas of operation of the NAACP, the National Urban League, the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations of a similar nature that are doing such splendid work. We are primarily concerned with the status of the Negro within the ranks of organized labor."

The conference estimated that over 2,500 delegates and visitors will attend the founding convention in April. It will dedicate itself to the task of eliminating racial segregation and discrimination within the labor movement at local, regional and international levels.

A LOT OF BOMBS United States production of uranium ore jumped from 54,000 tons in 1948 to more than six million tons this year.

Nkomo Asks for Aid Against British Rule

By Constance F. Weissman

The International Committee for the Defense of Africa held a money-raising banquet in New York on November 28 to help the people in Central Africa in their fight against union with Southern Rhodesia. The speaker, Joshua Nkomo of Southern Rhodesia, said a sound truck was needed to alert villages to the dangers inherent in the scheme of British imperialism to keep them in subjugation by means of this union.

Here the audience of Negro Americans with one accord laughed bitterly. Mr. Nkomo amended his statement. "Perhaps you are not entirely free, but I am not here to criticize your country." He told of the atrocities committed in the name of guardianship by the imperialists. He said that all of Africa was drawn together in brotherhood, and that the Arabs, too, are brothers of theirs.

Slum Dwellers Haven't Frozen For 100 Years

By Alex Harte

NEW YORK — More than a quarter of a million slum dwellers in this city who had been heartened by the expectation that their landlords would be required to provide some heat this winter can forget about it. Democratic Mayor Wagner's Tammany Hall administration has moved to virtually scrap a recent law requiring owners of multiple dwellings to install central heating.

The Darwin Centennial

By Carl Goodman

On Nov. 24, the entire world commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the publication of an epoch-making work of science — Charles Darwin's "Origin of Species." In this book, Darwin proved that the plants and animals on earth today were not created; they evolved. Human kind, too, evolved from a lower species. These discoveries founded the science of biology.

Species" — in Karl Marx's book "Critique of Political Economy." Where Huxley looks to the evolution of ideas as providing the clue to history, Marx showed that the economic structure of society is "the real foundation, on which rise legal and political superstructures and to which correspond definite forms of social consciousness." Underlying the development of economic structures is the continuous development of man's productive forces. But the evolution is not smooth. At a certain stage, the given economic system — and the laws, government structures, religions, connected with the system — prevent the further growth of the productive forces. Society reaches a crisis that is resolved only through social revolution.

Denver T-H "Oath" Case Aims at Union on Strike

DENVER — The Taft-Hartley "conspiracy" trial of leaders of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, which is being staged while the union is involved in a major strike, is a scandalous example of a government-employer conspiracy against labor. Three years ago, 14 present and former officers of the union were indicted for "conspiring" to file false "non-communist" affidavits. When Taft-Hartley was adopted, the union, like many others, instructed its officers not to sign the oath. In 1949 it followed the example of the United Steelworkers in reversing this policy so as not to be deprived of NLRB bargaining rights. The government charges that those indicted had been members of the Communist party and had only pretended to resign when they signed the oath.

... Steel Barons

(Continued from Page 1) AFL-CIO president George Meany that Eisenhower call a summit conference of top labor and industry leaders to establish "harmonious relations," was given short shrift by industry spokesman Charles R. Sligh Jr., executive vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers. "We've gone all through that before," commented Sligh Jr., and "we couldn't agree on anything." However, he added, if President Eisenhower suggests such a meeting, the NAM "will probably go along with it." Such discussions, he observed, "have never worked before" and he indicated there was no reason to believe they would work now.

Notes in the News

TIP TO UNION NEGOTIATORS — When your contract comes up for renewal it might be worth remembering one of the "Grin And Bear It" cartoons by Lichty. A group of workers at lunch are discussing contract demands. One says: "I think our wage demands oughta be simple! . . . A wage increase based on the price increase they'll get to cover the cost of our wage increase!"

open letter to Khrushchev in the New York Daily Mirror was reprinted in Pravda. A Transit Authority spokesman conceded that 36-watt bulbs had been replaced by 100-watt bulbs in one of the stations that Khrushchev had been scheduled to visit. He said the station had been spruced up "just as you would tidy up your home for a guest." The small bulbs were put back, he said, because the station's wiring would have been overloaded and besides a brightly lighted station would have made the others seem even drearier.

San Francisco Lithographers Defend Union Working Rules

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24—Local 17 of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America went on strike yesterday against the 16 biggest lithographic printers of this city. These shops employ 1,150 of the 2,200 members of the local and, through their Association, bargain on terms for all the union shops. Main issue in the strike is the employers' insistence on revising working rules to give them unlimited rights in hiring, firing and transferring employees. Also at issue is the bosses' desire to have photographic work done or printing plates made in non-union shops, or to be contracted for abroad. Up to now contract clauses made it mandatory that all phases of lithographic printing be performed under union conditions.

Boon to Boy Scouts

The New York City Council approved a bill Nov. 24 banning youths under 21 from carrying knives or any other "edged or pointed instrument." The law, intended to curb delinquency, would exempt Boy Scouts and hunters and fishermen. Councilman Stanley Isaacs said the law would prevent a young man from bringing a pack of razor blades home from the store or a young woman from carrying a hat pin. Democratic majority leader Sharkey replied, "We're at war with the hoodlums and bums."

Calendar Of Events

- CHICAGO Hear Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers party and former Teamster union official. "Labor's Role in the 1960 Elections." Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.; Fine Arts Bldg., Hall No. 812; 410 So. Michigan Blvd. Donation 90 cents. Aspicues: Militant Labor Forum.
- NEW YORK Be sure to hold open Sat., Dec. 12. You won't want to miss the Christmas Bazaar. There will be gifts for everyone at low, low prices — toys, men's and women's clothing, perfumes, jewelry, housewares, paintings, prints, and much more . . . In the special book section you'll find classics, popular books and some rare items. Doors open at 1 P.M., Sat., Dec. 12, at 116 University Place. Aspicues: N.Y. School of Social Science.
- "Send-Off" Reception For Bill Price Join UI-SC friends and others wishing Bill well in his new job with the Committee for First Amendment Defendants. Lloyd Gough and his concertina, refreshments, gourmet buffet served at 5:30 p.m., Sunday 4-7 p.m., Dec. 13, at The Weissmans, 325 East 17 St. \$2.50 at the door.
- PHILADELPHIA Hear Helen Sobell on latest developments in appeal for Christmas Amnesty for Morton Sobell. Dramatic readings by Bill Robinson, actor, narrator, singer. At Sara and Harry Epstein's, 5745 N. Fairhill St., Thurs., Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m.
- BOSTON Boston Labor Forum, 295 Huntington Ave., Room 200.
- CHICAGO Socialist Workers Party, 777 W. Adams, DE 2-9736.
- CLEVELAND Socialist Workers Party 10609 Superior Ave., Room 301, SW 1-1818. Open Thursday nights 8 to 10. The Militant, P.O. Box 1904, University Center Station, Cleveland 6, Ohio.
- DETROIT Eugene V. Debs Hall, 3737 Woodward, Temple 1-6135.
- LOS ANGELES Forum Hall and Modern Book Shop, 1702 E. 4th St. AN 9-1953 or WE 5-9238.
- MILWAUKEE 150 East Juneau Ave.
- MINNEAPOLIS Socialist Workers Party, 322 Hennepin Ave., 2nd floor. Open noon to 6 P.M. daily except Sundays.
- NEWARK Newark Labor Forum, Box 361, Newark, N.J.
- NEW YORK CITY Militant Labor Forum, 118 University Place, AL 5-7852.
- OAKLAND-BERKELEY P.O. Box 341, Berkeley 1, Calif.
- PHILADELPHIA Militant Labor Forum and Socialist Workers Party, 1303 W. Girard Ave. Lectures and discussions every Saturday, 8 P.M., followed by open house. Call PO 3-5820.
- SAN FRANCISCO The Militant, 1145 Polk St., Rm. 4. Sat. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Phone PR 6-7296; if no answer, VA 4-2321.
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