

Student Sees New Interest In Socialism

I am subscribing for a friend of mine. I went through school with him and he has shown an interest in socialism. I believe he will enjoy your very progressive weekly.

This Is a Real Social Revolution

Tuesday evening I went up to the Hotel Theresa where Fidel Castro was staying. The police had herded thousands of people behind barricades on three corners facing the hotel. I joined the crowd behind one of the

Pleased With Rights Stand

I enjoy every issue of the Militant and don't want to miss any of them. I am very happy and pleased with your efforts to help the American Negro and all other minority people. Keep up the good work.

This Way of Life Is Not for Him

So worshipped is "our way of life" by the politicians of the parties. How they love to mouth the phrase. "Our way of life" — the way of the Smith Act and McCarthyism. And the worshippers of this — judges, politicians, labor bureaucrats, the press and TV — call us "muddled."

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Who are the real rulers of the U.S.? The millions who cast votes for the president once every four years — or the few moneyed magnates who have the inside track in top government circles throughout the year? A sensational article in the September Harper's magazine, entitled "America's Most Powerful Private Club," helps answer this question. It tells about a semi-official, semi-social organization of the very biggest businessmen who "advise" the government on its major policy decisions.

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So many BAC people take top government posts that it is difficult to tell where their organizational obligations end and their official duties begin. After the 1952 elections Eisenhower vacationed in Georgia close by the session of the BAC and held close conferences with several of its key people such as Sidney J. Weinberg, senior partner of the New York investment house of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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(Continued from Page 1) for the reopening of existing contracts, but we are going to talk to the steel industry through our Human Relations Committee about this problem. And when the new Congress assembles in Washington, D.C., in January of next year, we are going to Congress with a law calling for the establishment of the 32-hour week for all Americans.

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Independents

(Continued from Page 1) "In our opinion this is the road to war. "At home, forty-three years after sending its youth into the first global war to 'Make the World Safe For Democracy,' America has yet to make its lunch counters and public schools safe for Negroes. This is a land of Jim Crow, anti-labor laws, political witch hunting, and lying commercials. Falsehood, cynicism and worship of the dollar in official circles has become entrenched from the White House down to the precinct captain.

'Go-Slow' Plans Paralyze School Desegregation

Southern schoolhouses opened this fall without the violence of other years, but with little advance toward desegregation. Advocates of "gradual" progress point to Clinton, Tenn., where a scant dozen Negroes returned to a new high school, replacing one leveled by dynamite in 1958. Elsewhere, Negro children slipped quietly and unobtrusively, singly or in pairs and threes, into a few widely scattered school buildings.

The Art of Short-Weighting

The Sept. 10 issue of Labor, organ of the Railroad Brotherhoods, offers some interesting information on how housewives are tricked on the weight of food they buy. The following are excerpts. "What is a housewife to think if she sees a can of 'New Light Spray' shortening on the supermarket shelves with a label proclaiming '226 Fewer Calories per cup than any other shortening... makes everything you bake less fattening... made by a revolutionary new process that actually WHIPS OUT calories.'"

Notes in the News

CUBA'S 'THERESA' — The workers at Havana's Riviera Hotel decided Sept. 20 to change its name to The Theresa in honor of the Harlem hotel where Premier Castro and the Cuban UN delegation are staying. LAND OF THE FREE — The United States has more people behind bars in proportion to the population than any other country in the world, says James V. Bennett, Director of the United States Bureau of Prisons. He reports that the U.S. has 178 people in prison for every 100,000 civilians. This compares with 89 in Japan and 65 in England.

Meet at Plush Resorts

Admittance to this club is the supreme accolade of American business, said to be worth "millions in prestige." Exclaimed a Washington economist at his first BAC cocktail party: "Boy just to be in this room means that you've really arrived!" The Council meets regularly with government officials six times a year, twice a year at plush resorts where they can talk over problems and policies in an intimate atmosphere. Government guests who came to its May 1955 meeting at the Homestead at Hot Springs, Virginia, included four cabinet members and nine other key men in Eisenhower's regime.

Who Said Nobody Likes Cops?

The Tokyo police force, which aroused deep popular hatred last spring for its savage attacks on anti-treaty demonstrators, has finally found a friend. An organization of writers and artists in Japan has announced formation of a "Policeman's Friend Society." The new group is pledged to give the cops solid "spiritual support and encouragement."

MEETING THE AUTOMATION CHALLENGE

Automation has reached the point where the number of "white collar" workers exceeds the number of "blue collar" workers and where telephone companies regard themselves as "strikeproof," says federal mediator Joseph F. Finnegan. "The problem," he says, "is how to introduce these technical changes in a humane way that will treat the worker as a human being and not a robot to be cast on a trash heap, but at the same time not tie the employer to antiquated work rules and methods which have no contemporary justification..."

IT PAYS TO INVEST ABROAD

After deducting the profits taken out of this country by foreign firms, there was a net of \$2.2 billion that flowed into this country last year as profit on private investments abroad. The Wall Street Journal observes that this amount more than equals all the gifts, grants and other contributions sent abroad by the government and by private citizens.

SMALL RETAILERS ON DECLINE

The volume of retail sales has increased by 20 per cent in the last decade. But during the same period the number of retail stores declined by 4 per cent. The most spectacular drop has been in the number of tobacco shops. Despite the steady increase in tobacco consumption, 59 per cent of the traditional "corner cigar stores" have vanished from the American scene.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Alcohol has become a problem of greater urgency than the threat of communism" — Mrs. Fred J. Toozie, president, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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(Continued from Page 1) candidate of the Democratic party, seeking an endorsement, was scheduled to speak at the afternoon session. One would think that the leaders of the union would want to hear what the candidate had to say on the issues confronting the steel workers before making an endorsement. But that would be expecting too much of the "labor statesmen." Immediately preceding Kennedy's appearance a resolution was introduced endorsing the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. Opposes Shorter Week Having been presented with a blank check, Kennedy felt no restraint in expressing his views. Departing from his prepared text the Democratic candidate summarily rejected the shorter work week proposal by flatly stating that he "would prefer a different solution."

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