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Bosses Offer Crack-Pot Plans To Avert Post-War Crash

"Unless provisions (are) made, the depression of this post-war period of the 40's (will) fall lower than in 1932". Thus the Chicago Sun describes the expert position of Clinton Davidson, nationally known tax expert, close to the New Deal.

"This war", Mr. Davidson continues, "is lasting longer and is many times more costly than the first World War. The maladjustments created by this war are greater and more severe than

those which arose from the first World War" and "our economy cannot stand the strain of these maladjustments so well as it could in the 1920's".

Mr. Wilson, head of General Electric Corporation also points out the same danger. Harold Strauss, liberal bourgeois economist in the Nation, tears his hair at the prospects of post-war depression. So do Henry Morgenthau and Leon Henderson, Secretary of Treasury and Price Admin-

istrator respectively, both of whom are "warning" against inflation.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT COMING

The question is, how shall we solve this problem. What a question! 24 million at least will be unemployed after this war. Heavy capacity (such as steel) will be industries, now running at 102% forced down to 25% of capacity or thereabouts, as in the early 30's, after war orders cease. 6 to 8 million men will return from the battlefield to add to the problem. The nation will have a debt of at least 150 billion dollars.

What next? Mr. Strauss, "brilliant" bourgeois economist simply proposes that we change over (simply!!!) from production for profit to "production for use". "Where the *sine qua non* is not profit but rather the satisfaction of human wants by an increased flow of useful or enjoyable goods and services, there are staggering possibilities for the organization of production". Mr. Strauss's mental gymnastics (see the Jan. 10, 1942 issue of The Nation) are something to behold. He wants a capitalism without capitalist control; capitalist production without capitalist profits. He wants SIMPLY to change over from production for profit to "production for use", WITHOUT a revolution, in fact without changing even one hair on the bald head of the New Deal. Such planning! How bankrupt the theoreticians of capitalism have become!

HANSEN'S PLAN

Take another example of bourgeois "brilliance", the pamphlet by Dr. Alvin H. Hansen of Har-

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LEWIS - CIO RIFT FORESHADOWS NEW MASS UPSURGE

Latest friction between John L. Lewis and the Murray-Hillman-Stalinist bloc in the CIO is not at all a matter of personalities, as the press tries to indicate.

In Illinois, Ray Edmundson and two other miner leaders, have resigned from leading posts in the State CIO Council. Immediately 6 other CIO leaders out west followed suit. In every important Union in the country the influence of Lewis' help "boil the pot." Most likely Phil Murray and Van Bitner will "retaliate" by resigning their posts in the Mine Workers.

But the issues run deeper than what hits the surface. In Illinois, for instance, the sole activity of both the State CIO Council and the Chicago Council has been cheap political support of the Kelly-Nash political machine. Sam Levin, banker-unionist of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and now new President of both Councils, stated to a Council meeting that it is necessary to do anything to win the war, including taking a wage cut, speed-up and so on.

Along with the Stalinists, who have 40% of the seats of power in Illinois, this bloc has been campaigning for the Red Cross, USO, elimination of double time for Sunday, and lately the Senatorial Candidacy of McKeough. McKeough, by the way, is the candidate of Kelly-Nash, the political machine which was responsible for the murder of 11 steel workers in the famous Memorial Day Massacre in South Chicago.

LEADS TO MISLEAD

The Lewis trade union forces, correctly see the handwriting on the wall, in such "trade unionism". The sharp struggle in the Auto Workers Conference over giving up double time for Sunday and the increased speed-up, is proof that the workers in the plants are chafing at the sell-outs of their leadership. Mr. Lewis, ever alert to class pressure — as he showed in 1936 when he organized CIO for fear the masses would get out of check and organize Unions with a class struggle

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How NOT To Defend The Soviet Union :

Capitalist Speed-Up Gets New Shock Troops -- The Stalinists

Those people who do not understand why the New Deal Administration is getting very chummy with the Stalinists these days, should watch the actions of the Stalinists.

Harry Bridges, follower of the "party-line" on the West Coast, recently said the following:

"The majority of the time of officers, of grievance committees, of the unions as a whole must go to the winning of the war.

"How? Production. I'd rather say speed-up, and I mean speed-up. The term production covers the boss, government and so on. But speed-up covers the workers — the people who suffer from speed-up are the workers.

"To put it bluntly, I mean your unions today must become instruments of speed-up of the working-people of America."

And what about the monstrous profit of the bosses?

"To be handled 'at the proper time and the proper place,' Bridges' paper, the California CIO organ Labor Herald further quotes him, "Bridges briefly noted such factors as exorbitant corporation profits...

"But now is not the time to worry about ultimate rewards. When our way of life is menaced by Axis enslavement it is enough to save what we have — 'even the present grievances.' "

FINGER-MEN

And what about those who oppose speed-up for the worker, and super-profits for the boss, and who refuse to believe the capitalist politicians who go thru the motions of "limiting profits" — to give illusions of "equal sacrifice by all?"

"Those who don't see this are not Americans — are not loyal. **We've got to finger them.** (Our emphasis. — Ed.) We can't take time to explain — we've got to go around 'em or roll over 'em.' "

To suit actions to words, the Stalinists and their fellow-travellers in the United Electrical, Radio and

Machine Workers, CIO, have proposed a 15% speed-up. This will be an increase "by the direct additional expenditure of energy and effort, over and above such increases as will be effected through improved methods or techniques instituted by our war production councils." That is, a speed-up out of the sweat of the workers, not merely improved machinery, technique, etc.

CLEVELAND BETRAYAL

In Cleveland, they openly supported the firing of four militant shop stewards who opposed a vicious attack of the bosses on the workers standards, at the Aluminum Corporation of America. In one plant, a new bonus system cutting the average weekly bonus from \$18 to \$6 was introduced. In the smelter plant, 5 man crews were replaced by 3 man crews, who had to do the work of 5. The workers' answer was a slowdown, and the bosses immediately fired the four stewards.

After the War Labor Board passed a decision upholding the company's action, the Stalinists and their friends OK'd the action. Edward Cheyfitz, national executive secretary of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, and Alex Balint, Cleveland regional director, and Frank Grady, Local 55's president, came out with a statement which "fully supported" the WLB decision, saying "the men responsible for the stoppage must go." Balint, his assistant Peter Zvara, and the local's president and vice president, declared in a later statement: "we called upon the Federal Government to send in a special investigator to really get to the bottom of this problem. This investigator is on the job now... Let the guilty pay!"

This capitulation to the bosses has gone so far, that even Phil Murray, the Administration's lead-

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The New Developments in India and other interesting articles.

LABOR-FAKERS QUARREL

ing labor lieutenant in the CIO, has protested. At the Extraordinary Conference of the CIO in Washington recently, Murray clashed with the Stalinists, over a speech by Bridges. Pointing out that he had "been supporting this war for 18 months," as compared to the Stalinist support since last June, Murray accused them of "excessive 'appeasement' of anti-labor forces," reported the newspaper PM. He "vigorously reiterated his conviction that labor could not afford to yield all along the line during the war era."

All this is done in the name of "beating the Axis." But Standard Oil, and other corporations continue business with Hitler & Co., as the Truman Report showed. The Stalinists can only whine for the Administration to "do something," and Washington fines some S.O. officials \$5,000 each, warns them to be good boys, and that's all.

To add insult to injury, however, the key argument for this Stalinist treachery is that "it helps the U. S. S. R. Despite themselves, they answered it in a Daily Worker editorial of February 5th: "In view (of Hitler's threatened Spring offensive), the country will be particularly disturbed over the report in the New York Times on Wednesday that not even half the war equipment promised by the United States has been delivered to the Soviet Union in the last three months and that much bungling has occurred."

The defense of the Soviet Union, the first step in the world workers' revolution, cannot be accomplished by supporting the imperialist war. "Appeasement" of the "democratic" capitalists today, is just as dangerous as Stalin's appeasement of Hitler yesterday (under the Hitler-Stalin Pact). **To betray, to obstruct the fight for the workers' interests a-**

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LEWIS - CIO RIFT

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policy — Mr. Lewis is anxious to anticipate the coming revolt.

He favors a break with the Roosevelt program. The split, therefore, between Lewis and the rest of the CIO means that new organizational forms are being prepared to channelize the next strike wave and uprising of the working class. What those forms will be, it is hard to predict. Probably we may expect John L. to organize a "Committee of Unity" of Unions in the AFL, CIO and the Brotherhoods. Possibly it will take a different form. The general direction, however, will be toward a Labor Party and a sharp break with Roosevelt reformism.

But come what may, the Lewis brand of unity and the present Roosevelt-Murray-Green War Labor Board brand are unities of the labor fakery with the capitalists. Lewis' machine is merely an attempt to guide the class struggle into class collaboration channels. The Roosevelt labor machine is reaching the end of its forced concessions to labor.

The workers have nothing to gain from either group. Only a rank and file movement, mostly of shop stewards, with a clear program of industrial unionism and class struggle policy and recruited from ALL present federations, can lend promise to a solution of the present problems.

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Post-War «Plans»

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vard University, written for the National Resources Planning board, headed by Frederic A. Delano, uncle of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Hansen says "There is plenty of work to do". A truly erudite discovery, is it not? Then why wasn't the work done in 1932 and 1933 and 1934? Mr. Hansen isn't interested in such "academic" questions, poor soul. "The public expenditures required to rebuild America and to maintain full employment can be provided for out of the enormous income which the full utilization of our rich productive resources (material and human) makes possible. The costs of producing this income are merely payments to ourselves for the work done. There is not — there cannot be — any financing problem which is not manageable under a full employment income."

What childish drivel by a grown up professor! "We merely" are paying things to ourselves. Mr. Hansen overlooks the fact that the payments are all going to the capitalist class, while the proletariat becomes relatively more impoverished. We must produce: there is plenty of money, men and natural resources to produce. Yes, Mr. Hansen, but what about MARKETS? In the last decade productivity has jumped by more than 25%; in the next year it will jump at least another 10% or 20%. Where is the 35% of new markets, Mr. Hansen? And where will it come from after the war, when our present markets for war goods shut down? A very simple question, but much too simple for prostitute professors.

The fact is, that the productive forces always outstrip the market under capitalist production. Even if the markets were found for the present productive force, in short order the productive capacities would soon outstrip these markets and the same problem would begin again.

Next comes the plan of "enforced savings", which everyone from Professor Keynes to Mr. Morgenthau is dabbling in. Yes, they say, after the war we will have

a depression, but we will solve it simply by making the working class save 5%, 10% or 15% of its pay. In that way, when the war is over they hope that the workers will have enough money to buy consumers goods and avert a depression.

Let us assume the war lasts another 3 years, and that the forced savings (even assuming they will be repaid, which is doubtful) amount to 15%. That means that after three years the people of the U. S. will have "saved" enough money to keep going for 5 months. The idea is that with purchase of necessities for this period maintaining the consumers goods industries, it will eventually seep down to heavy industry. But the

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gainst capitalist speed-up, profiteering, and regimentation, is to strike a blow AGAINST the real defense of the Soviet Union.

Just as Hitler used Stalinism yesterday, when Molotov called Fascist Germany a "power for peace," so the "democratic" imperialists use Stalinism today, when they call the exploiters' "powers for progress." Like Hitler yesterday, so Wall Street and London today, throw a few crumbs to Stalinism, praise it and pat it on the head — until they have got over a tight spot and are ready to show their real face of class hatred for the U. S. S. R. Then, if they succeed in smashing the American and other workers with Stalinist help, they will launch their attack on the Soviet Union, and retrieve their aid, and more.

The defense of the Soviet Union, and the defense of the American workers' interests and democratic rights, demands a continuance of the class struggle, against the exploiters' and their Stalinist, and other agents. In war as in peace, the bosses attack the toiling masses; in war as in peace, therefore, the workers need to defend themselves by independent working-class action.

Bosses «Plan» Against Post-War Crash

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FUTILE PLANS

whole history of the New Deal believes this fact. Heavy industry NEVER revived, even in the best days of the New Deal era; only the war gave it temporary life. Now with the giant expansion of the auto, steel, airplane and munitions industries, the basic industry of the nation is doomed to paralyzing idleness. The forced savings are only a tiny palliative measure, a tiny "effort" that cannot stop a giant catastrophe.

Mr. Davidson has elaborated this program even further. His plan is for forced savings on the part of the industrial plants today. Each corporation would be forced to buy "Recovery Bonds" equal to 20% of their excess profits (this, by the way would cut their present taxes, but we skip that part of the question). After the war, the money so accumulated would have to be spent in new investments. The thing, of course, is filled with so many loopholes, it leaks like a sieve. As the plan stands it is only a giant tax-evasion scheme. But let us assume that the loopholes are eliminated. Then what.

Then, industry will save one billion dollars a year (last year's profits were 7 billions), and in three years it will have three billion dollars to invest in new "prefabricated home industries", and other such schemes. Three billion dollars is hardly a single wind in the typhoon that is coming. It could solve nothing. The basic error of the bourgeois "economists" is that they HOPE that a little spending will induce greater investment, that greater investment will induce greater spending, and so on and so forth, until a giant avalanche of production and boom-times develop.

They forget only two little (!) things: that capitalism is constantly revolutionizing the means of production, and especially so in the present war, and that the tendency of the capitalist market is to shrink rather than expand. INCREASED production under capitalism only increases the maladjustments, only increases the need for new markets. Productivity always outstrips wage increases; the ability of the workers to buy

back what they produce is constantly lessened.

WORKERS CONTROL

The problem does not lie in producing MORE (or for that matter in producing less as advocated by some minority groups). The problem lies in the MODE of production — either production for profit under capitalism, or production for use, under a Workers Council Government. Once you eliminate the profit motive there can be no overproduction; the world market is then as big as the needs of the world's people.

Try as they will to find a solution, the bourgeois economists must dance all around and about this simple proposition. Some, like Strauss, will even come right up to this glaring fact and just try to wish it away by saying it can be done under capitalism. Others can come forward with only partial solutions, which are not only doomed to failure, but which will multiply the problem many-fold.

Workers Control of Production under a Workers Council Government — there can be no other solution!

WHY A NEW COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL?

"The **First International** laid the basis of the international struggle of the proletariat for Socialism.

"The **Second International** marked a period of preparation, a period in which the soil was tilled with a view to the widest possible propagation of the movement in many countries.

"The **Third International** has garnered the fruit of the labors of the Second International, casting off the refuse of its opportunist, social chauvinistic, bourgeois, and lower middle class tendencies, and has set out to achieve the dictatorship of the proletariat." — Lenin.

Since Lenin's death, the Third International has been destroyed as an international of Marxism; it has been converted, by Stalinist revisionism, into a social-reformist

agency of world capitalism, competing with Social-Democracy in betraying the world proletariat. Having, together with Social-Democracy, wrecked numerous workers' revolutions since the First Imperialist War and thereby made possible the outburst of the Second, it now continues its assistance to the imperialists by collaborating with the Socialists in support of the new slaughter.

The "Internationals" of the London Bureau, (the British Independent Labor Party, Pivert, the POUM, etc.) and the so-called "Fourth International" of Trotskyism, contribute their bit to splitting the international proletariat by opposing open social-chauvinism, **in words**, and **SUPPORTING** it, **in deeds**. In the name of "socialism", they propose the bourgeois

Labor Party take "power," as a means of "turning the imperialist war into a war against fascism," etc., etc. The London Bureau and Trotskyism are nothing but centrists, left covers for reformism,— they are nothing but the detested "Kautskyism" of yesterday in modern dress.

The proletariat needs a new International, to continue the work of Marx, Engels and Lenin,— to defend the Soviet Union by extending the October Revolution. In the fire of the battle against the imperialists, and their reformist and centrist lackeys who split the world working-class in behalf of the exploiters' victories, the Marxists will forge a new International of world solidarity, of proletarian victory — **a New, Communist (4th) International.**