

Indian Revolution Is Marching

The Indian Revolution is on the march again.

The strikes and struggles of 1942 are now followed by the "worst rebellion since the Sepoy mutiny in 1857." A tiny spark, the uprising of several thousand sailors in Bombay, ignited into action millions of oppressed Indian workers and peasants. The struggle was completely out of hand for days. Banks, government grain shops (note: grain shops for a starving population), cotton mills, trains and British cars were set on fire or attacked.

The brutal British capitalists — working through the treacherous counter-revolutionary "Labor" Party government of Attlee and Bevin — murdered 240 British Indians and wounded 1,300 more in the demonstrations in Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, New Delhi and other places. Hundreds were arrested.

The force of the Indian Revolution has already torn asunder all the lies and cheap machinations of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee who denied independence to the Indians on the grounds that the Hindus and Moslems couldn't work together.

The leaders, who are paid agents or cheap hacks of the British and, to some extent, American imperialism, deliberately stir up racial strife.

Mass Unity

But what of the masses? An Associated Press dispatch of March 2 says: "In all the disorders . . . Hindus and Moslems have acted as one." Hindus and Moslems acted as one in opposition to the famine which threatens to kill off ten million Indians this year. (These are Mr. Truman's figures, incidentally). Hindus and Moslems acted as one against the Bombay Yacht Club, which symbolizes the British concept of racial superiority.

On the streets of Bombay and Calcutta in mass action it was a UNITED working class, regardless of caste or race, which faced the British oppressor.

The movement started when sailors of the fleet complained they were insulted by a British officer

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who evidently refused to let a political speaker address the crew. In a few hours 12,000 seamen of the Royal Indian Navy seized a score of ships, 18 naval shore stations and a naval dockyard in Bombay and for a number of days defied the British.

The struggle of these sailors spread rapidly to the working class section of the city. 66 textile mills were shut down. 2,500 soldiers in Sepoy joined the mutiny. Demonstrations and strikes broke out on the other side of India in Calcutta and spread to Karachi, New Delhi and Jubbelpore. Thousands of veterans organized secret organizations and were attending secret meetings, according to one authority.

The police, hostile to the population, and following the terroristic orders of the counter-revolutionary British Labor Party, rounded up thousands of persons as "trouble-makers."

U. S. Imperialism

In all these struggles the Indian masses struck, not only against British but against American soldiers and American institutions against ALL imperialism. "Each succeeding riot," says the AP, "seems to bring as great a tendency to attack Americans as to attack British, from whom the Indians seek freedom."

The Indian masses showed their disaffection from the "passive resistance" fraud of Gandhi and Nehru, both of whom advised that the "violence."

The Revolution brought out all segments of the population, including the student groups. "At the slightest excuse they call a strike from classes. Like all youth, they are hotheaded, and passive resistance is

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Churchill Calls for War Against Revolution

Winston Churchill called for a continuation of the Anglo-American military alliance and U.S. participation in the defense of the British empire against the growing threat of world revolution and the Soviet Union, in a speech on March 5, in Fulton, Mo.

Repudiated by an overwhelming majority of voters in his own country, Churchill is not an official government figure, and where Secretary of State Byrnes could say only that the U.S. stood ready to fight against any "aggressor," Churchill, as a kind of unofficial spokesman for imperialism, was able to make the organizational proposals for conducting military struggle against revolution.

Coming only one week after revolution began to break out in India, and strikes and demonstrations in Palestine, Egypt and Jamaica, Churchill's speech is a desperate, last-ditch plea for assistance against the spectre of communism: world revolution that will wipe out all im-

perialism. "Time may be short. Do not let us take the course of letting events drift along till it is too late . . ."

Churchill sees the relationship between the remains of the October Revolution in Russia and the impending world revolution. In his mind, the problem of the Soviet Union and world revolution are one and the same. Churchill knows full well that in the relationship of forces in the united military action, the U.S. imperialists will be subordinating Britain still further. But British imperialism has no choice: Better to retain some of their profits under U.S. imperialist influence than to lose all profits to the revolution.

Already in Palestine, the British had to plead for U.S. assistance, which they obtained. In Spain, now on the edge of revolution, Britain and America recognize that Franco can no longer restrain the masses and has therefore lost his usefulness, and that they may be required to step into Spain to prevent revolution. In Java, the British and Dutch

HE Who Gets Slapped

"Only my wife can slap me," said Captain Barnes, head of the "Labor" Detail of the Chicago Police, after arresting and jailing a woman picket who had defended herself from his brutal attacks on the picket line of the W. A. Jones Foundry strike.

Maybe your wife ought to slap you, Captain Barnes. But — Chicago workers are giving fair warning: When police slug, knock down, brutally attack and illegally arrest worker pickets in Chicago strikes, workers will take measures to defend themselves against police terror.

As police attacks grow in violence, workers defense measures will increase until the workers of America slap down the whole capitalist system and build a workers world.

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Churchill's Proposals

Churchill proposes a "fraternal association" of the English speaking peoples to continue the intimate relation between military advisers leading to common study of potential dangers (revolution, again, is meant), similarity of weapons and manuals of instruction and interchange of officers and cadets at colleges.

He calls for continuing the present facilities for mutual security by joint use of all naval and air force bases in possession of either country all over the world which would immediately double their mobility and striking power. He proposes that the defense agreement "be extended to all the British commonwealths with full reciprocity." Why? "Thus, whatever happens, and thus only we shall be able to work together for the high and simple causes that are dear to us" (holding down

scattering of imperialism). Eventually, Churchill foresees common citizenship. Coming so shortly after the UNO conference, the proposals are the concrete working out of steps for creating the "international (imperialist) police force" under U.S. control, with Britain subordinate, which will use the atomic bomb against revolution and against the Soviet Union. UNO will be used to consolidate economically, politically and legally, U.S. military gains and to force on the Soviet Union and other countries an acceptance of U.S. control of the Pacific, and retention of bases in China, Africa and Europe, and power to intervene in any country in order to crush revolution.

Churchill proposes continuing the Anglo-American military alliance, strengthening it further and raising this cooperation to a higher political level. Hitler's grand dream of a "super-imperialism" is Churchill's concrete proposal for action. With such a super-imperialist alliance, reasons Churchill, an "isolated" war or "isolated" revolution will be speeded towards the dustbin of history, as the super-imperialist police force intervenes.

Open Breach Developing

With Germany and Japan beaten, America and Britain confront the Soviet Union directly on every front. No minor imperialists stand between them any longer. Within less than seven months after the collapse of Japan, an open breach has developed over Iran, Manchuria, Greece, Java, Turkey, occupation policy. Open skirmishing for position in Europe, Africa, Asia and even America is taking place. Part of this skirmishing is the creation of a "western bloc" in Europe under U.S.-British control to counter-balance Soviet power in Eastern Europe, and control revolution in Europe. UNO is to do the same thing on a world scale.

Meanwhile the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union is being care-

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Injunction Stops Mass Picketing

A court injunction prohibiting mass picketing is the latest measure of the Chicago City government to break the strike of 250 workers for 9½c hourly increase and recognition of Local 158, UAW-CIO at the W. A. Jones Foundry. The court said that workers have "the right to strike," but it banned mass picketing. As a result, 55 scabs have entered the foundry. The court is a strikebreaking agency!

In three months of strike struggles, since November 19, 1945, the police brutally assaulted and illegally arrested more than 200 pickets. The Boss, Mayor Kelly, the police, the courts — All combined to break this strike.

What This Injunction Means

The injunction is illegal, exactly as the police violence, terror, and the arrest of pickets was illegal — because it attempts to prevent the workers from the exercise of the strike weapon.

If this injunction is permitted to stand, it will set a legal precedent for banning mass picketing in other strikes in Chicago. That is why the injunction is a first-class political menace against strikes of all Chicago labor.

The UAW Leadership

The UAW leadership, instead of getting mass support of workers throughout Chicago, has tried to get a "change of venue," as if another court would not issue an injunction. They trust the Chicago City government, instead of openly denouncing its strikebreaking police and courts. This UAW leadership has told the pickets (10 were permitted) to allow the scabs to go through the picket lines, thus surrendering to Boss and City government strike-

What To Do?

Let us raise these demands:

Against the injunction:

Lift this illegal injunction.

For mass picketing at Jones Foundry, and in any other strike in Chicago.

Form an Anti-Injunction Council of Chicago Labor, regardless of union affiliation.

Hold a mass protest demonstration at City Hall.

Against the police:

Increase the Flying Squads and create Workers Defense Squads against police terror.

Workers of Chicago, take down the badge number and full description (Continued on Page 4)

You Can't, But Labor Can

"You can't run a coal mine with bayonets," said mine workers during the 1943 strike.

"You can't skin a hog with a bayonet," said the meatpacking workers during the 1946 strike. "Let Truman steer the tugs," defiantly exclaimed the 3,500 tugboat workers of New York Harbor during the 1946 strike as they tied up all of New York City.

Labor is learning its immense power, greater than bayonets, greater than Truman and his government: the power of production by an organized mass of laborers: the power to halt all of capitalist production. And in the near future the power to show the real answer to government seizure of plants: by having labor seize and run for itself all the plants, factories, shops and mills and destroy the capitalist government.

THE ISSUES BEFORE THE UAW CONVENTION

In the struggle in Timken Gear in Detroit over selection of delegates to the UAW convention in Atlantic City on March 23, the following stand taken by militant workers in an election leaflet poses the real issues confronting the auto workers:

1. **The right to strike.** If labor is to protect any wage gains against the rising cost of living, to improve its hours and working conditions, it must keep its hard-won right to strike free of anti-strike legislation and international union-sponsored company security plans.

2. **Dues increase.** We are against raising the dues. We are for the election of a rank and file committee at the convention to investigate where the international union has spent over \$7,000,000. The membership has the right to know why Reuther and Frankenstein spent \$100,000 in their Washington offices, why \$432,000 was spent for editorial, and \$137,000 for auditing.

Union Democracy

3. **Democracy in the Union.** To move towards rank and file control of the Union, we will vote for the re-establishment of the yearly convention. We are for amending the union constitution to take the right to authorize strikes out of the hands of the international executive board and to return it to the locals. In this way the international will be duty-bound to throw the physical, financial and moral strength of the union behind any strike democratically voted by a local. Then a

handful of bureaucrats will not be able to put administrators over locals (Kelsey Hayes and Chevrolet Gear and Axle—1945), nor refuse financial support to locals (Dodge Main—1945) which strike for just demands. We will also fight for a two year limit on all offices. Let the bureaucrats come back and see how it feels to be a worker again.

4. **A new leadership.** We will certainly not support the re-election of the Thomas, Addes, Reuther and Leonard leadership which stands for company security, for dues increase, for conventions every two years, and for hamstringing democracy within the union. We will not support this leadership which call strikes at the wrong time to exhaust the workers and the workers' funds, helping the companies get workers disgusted with strike action, so a few bureaucrats could tie them to rotten contracts. We will back any new leadership which arises from the rank and file at this convention and which supports a fighting program.

The leaflet has correctly posed the problems of the auto worker and has shown that only a real, fighting leadership can take action against the rising cost of living, against company security proposals. In addition, it is necessary to show that the government which intervenes on the side of the company is more and more becoming an open enemy of the workers, that this government has to be fought too. In such a struggle a revolutionary political leadership is necessary.

To Write or Not to Write

TO WRITE OR NOT TO WRITE. That is the question Pres. Truman in his address to Congress where he denounced Congressmen for impeding passage of legislation desired by him, asked the "people" to write in to their congressmen to influence them. Time was when only labor unions and political groups used to call on workers to write, telephone, telegraph or send postcards to congressmen. Is that good? Well... when Harry Strikebreaker Truman can call for writing congressmen — the new national sport — there must be something wrong with this device for influencing congressmen. We believe that by this time it should be clear in every workers mind that writing letters, postcards or telegrams is no substitute for strikes, demonstrations, picketing and mass meetings, **NO SUBSTITUTE FOR MASS ACTION.** Truman would prefer to have workers think that workers should leave everything to congress and not take workers mass action to achieve their demands. In the beginning was not the word but the act. Congressmen will know damned soon enough how workers feel when workers are on strike! We should also make use of radio, press, schools, letters and cables but, writing is subordinate to mass action. We have to relate these to mass mobilization of our fighting strength on the picket line or in mass protest. Not a duel with pencils, but mass action is the workers method.

RENEW YOUR SUB!

RWL Plenum

The 19th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Workers League was held in an Eastern city on March 23-24. The agenda included The International Situation, The Objective Situation in the U.S. and Trade Union perspectives, and the Organizational Report on the tasks of the League.

Arsenal of Democracy

ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY or Arsenal of Dictatorship... The State Department of the "arsenal of democracy" approved the sale of twin-engined and four-engined surplus American army airplane transports to commercial airlines that are dominated by... the FASCIST government of Peron in Argentina and Franco in Spain. To Franco they also sold \$300,000 worth of airport equipment for improving the Madrid airport.

The State Department claims this will promote American industry and the policy of unrestricted competition in the air. What it does not point out is that parts, repairs and materials for these planes will continue to be furnished Franco and Peron, and that a good profit is made in this foreign trade. And that this constitutes a continuation of the policy of supporting reactionary dictatorships anywhere and everywhere on the planet. For over 10 years the U.S. supplied oil, scrap iron and munitions to Japan. During the war this same State Department approved sale of oil to Franco. Arsenal of democracy is in reality the arsenal of capitalist dictatorship.

Retail Clerks Hold Convention

Three factions are fencing for control of the forthcoming May 14 International Convention in Toledo, Ohio, of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers - CIO. Unfortunately all three factions have such class-collaborationist past records that no clear-cut political issues will be placed before the convention.

In 1934 the Stalinists gave up their Trade Union Unity League and merged forces with the Retail Clerks AFL, in this field. In 1937, led by the Stalinists, a large section of these Locals formed the URWDSEA-CIO. But the mixture of racketeers, Stalinists, opportunists and pie-cards still remains. The International has locals in its ranks which never hold membership meetings; locals which elect officers for terms of five years who continue themselves in office by "postponing" elections for another five years; locals which have anti-semites as leaders;

and locals which are run as rackets. So long as most Locals supported Pres. Sam Wolchok and his clique's leadership, Wolchok made no effort to clean up the mess.

22 Hand-Raisers

At the last 1942 International convention in Chicago the Stalinist bloc had approximately half of the delegates, yet the Wolchok crew which gained an accidental majority cut the opposition off without a single member on the 22-man International Executive Board. At that time the slogan, "A Million Members by 1944," was raised. Since that time Wolchok's 22 hand-raisers have split; now 10 of the 22 oppose Wolchok. And the dream of a million members is still a dream. The International has lost at least one-third of its dues paying membership since 1942.

Wolchok and his crown prince and "brain," Leonard Levy of Chicago, run the International Union like a one-man organization. International Board decisions are disregarded when Wolchok doesn't like them. Letters by dozens of Locals to Wolchok go unanswered for months and even years. Chaos, friction, factionalism and bureaucracy have driven dozens of capable organizers and two-thirds of the membership out of the International. In 1942 the president of his own Local 338 Murray Kudish in New York opposed Wolchok. Wolchok left him off the slate of vice-president, a position he had formerly held. Two years later, Wolchok made peace with Kudish, organized an "Action" Committee which had powers broader than the vice-presidents and includ-

ed Kudish on this committee. The constitution provides against kick-backs in per-capita, but Wolchok not only makes them; he signs contracts with Stalinist-controlled Locals such as 65 in New York, giving a 50% rebate.

Political Agreement

The opposition to Wolchok (outside of the Stalinists, who may have a balance of power) is led by Harold Gibbons of St. Louis and Larry Steinberg of Toledo. Despite many ideological weaknesses both are shrewd unionists who have fought the Wolchok-Levy clique for some time. Unfortunately, whatever support Gibbons and Steinberg get in New York — which has a majority of the organization — will be from bureaucratic groups. Also, Gibbons and Steinberg, like Levy and Wolchok, are Labor Party advocates, a political agreement which Levy will probably seize on to hide the disagreement over bureaucracy.

Temporary blocks to remove a rotten and bankrupt leadership are inevitable at this convention. But the convention will not eliminate cliques and bureaucracy. It can only make a beginning by constitutionally limiting the broad powers of the International president and granting more power to the rank and file. It has to lay the basis constitutionally for elimination of the sore spots in New York and for getting to the membership of the Stalinist-controlled Locals. It requires a militant program, a halt to the signing of "soft" contracts — particularly in the retail fields, and elimination of the present leadership if the International is to avoid further crushing defeats.

Workers Correspondence

The columns of the Fighting Worker are open to any worker who desires to express his opposition to capitalism, even if the contributor disagrees with the RWL. It is our aim to make the Fighting Worker a really effective workers press — the collective agitator, educator and organizer of workers.

Because of space limitations, contributions should be limited to 250 words.

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Programmatic Highlights

- 1. WORKERS REVOLUTION IN U.S. AND ALL OTHER CAPITALIST STATES** to destroy private ownership of the means of production.
- 2. FOR A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT IN U.S. AND FOR A WORLD WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT**, based on armed workers power.
- 3. DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION** by re-establishing a Marxian Party, Soviets, Trade Unions and Armed Workers Militias to accomplish the Political Revolution against the Stalinist bureaucracy and extend the October Revolution throughout the world.
- 4. FOR A REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY IN U.S.** For a World Revolutionary Workers Party, including the Soviet Union. For a New Fourth (Communist) International.
- 5. RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL COLONIES AND SMALL NATIONS.** For full and complete independence for the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii and all islands and areas dominated by American imperialism.
- 6. MINORITIES** — Full political and economic equality — right to vote, voice and organization, and equal pay for equal work — for Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese, Jews and other minorities. Against Jim-Crowism, anti-semitism, exclusion laws directed against oriental peoples.
- 7. LABOR PARTY** — Against a Labor Party or P.A.C. or other varieties of Popular Frontism, which can be only a political machine for the labor misleaders, Murray, Hillman, Lewis, Green, to mobilize American workers to support the capitalist government, as in England.
- 8. FASCISM** — Oppose all efforts of capitalist political groups to impose on the workers open, military dictatorship of finance capital by use of demoralized small capitalists, the unemployed, and misled veterans.
- 9. SOLDIERS**—End conscription now. Recall all U.S. occupation and other armed forces from abroad. Liquidate the armed forces of American imperialism. Fraternize with workers in the U.S. and abroad.
- 10. FOR THE RIGHT TO STRIKE**, including slow-down, sitdown, full stoppage and workers seizure of all production units. Against government strikebreaking, against the no-strike or Company Security policy. Spread the strikes. Organize Workers Councils. For Workers Flying or Defense Squads to defend against police, company and government terror. Arm the workers!
- 11. DEMOCRACY IN THE UNIONS.** Unions to be under rank and file control.
- 12. 30 HOUR WEEK** — 5 HOUR DAY with a sliding scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 13. UNEMPLOYED** — Trade Union wages for the unemployed. Organize the unemployed in Trade Unions.

Browder Goes, but Browderism Remains

Browder's expulsion from the Communist Party has been the subject of jokes about his becoming an exploiter for opening a small business and for that most deadly of sins, "Browderism."

Is this funny? Browder declares the CP charges against him prevent his obtaining private employment. He asks for a passport to the Soviet Union. What's the real story behind Browder's expulsion?

The CP attack on Browder is an attempt to make him a scapegoat for CP strikebreaking, class collaborationist war policy by shifting the responsibility on to one of its most loyal stooges. The CP leaders mourn that Browder seduced them into "social imperialist" policies. Actually the entire CP is guilty of the crimes, for Browder is not a cause but an expression of that degeneration. Morris Childs, CP Illinois District organizer, admits as much in a plenary session of the CP, on June 18-20, 1945:

DENIED CLASS ANTAGONISMS

"We (the CP) denied the class antagonisms and preached class peace. We carried this 'peaceful' relation of classes into the postwar period. To make it plausible, we violated every material economic concept of Marxism and even worked out an economic program for the bourgeoisie. Instead of basing our policy upon the existence of exploiter and exploited we envisaged and urged class collaboration."

Acting under instructions from the Stalinist bureaucracy, the CP leaders openly betrayed the workers into supporting the imperialist American government during the war. Says the CP draft resolution: "We Communists have been in the forefront of the fight to defend our country, for national unity, for reelection of Roosevelt." An Imperialist America becomes "our" country to the Stalinists. Browder is gone but Browderism remains.

The old rotten leadership of the Second (Socialist) International did not consummate their betrayal of the workers until the eve of world war one. Stalin's parties through-

out the world had been supporting one or the other capitalist government long before the world war began in 1939. Childs admits that "We (the CP) regenerated capitalism to order by replacing the Leninist theory of imperialism with that of Kautsky" (centrist leader of part of the Second International).

DIDN'T GET PAID

What did the CP get for all the good work they did for the American capitalists? Childs moans: "We did not even behave like a bourgeois opposition; we accepted responsibility for the acts of the bourgeoisie and its state, and urged 'compliance'; and we were not, for all of that, even invited into the 'government,' but kicked around." Thus the Stalinist rats helped ram down the throats of the workers the "no-strike" policy in wartime, helped keep labor representatives on the War Labor Board, acted as spies for OPA, bought, sold bonds and encouraged scabbing.

Foster, that expert liberty bond salesman in world war one, and expert war bond salesman in world war two, is again in the saddle, but the CP remains essentially the same, an Americanized version of Stalinist degeneration:

In wartime, it supports imperialist war and the capitalist government.

In peacetime it supports peace and the capitalist government.

At all times it supports capitalist and its governments.

The new "left" zig-zag is occasioned by the leftward swing of the workers which the CP desires to throttle and control, and the needs of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union to embarrass and harass the Truman administration, instead of conducting a real working class struggle to destroy capitalism. Honest rank and file CP members will learn from life the lesson that Lenin taught us: reformism cannot be reformed. The CP is a monolithic party and direct tool of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. It is a cesspool of treachery and intrigue in the ranks of the workers and, where occasion demands, plays an openly counter-revolutionary role.

TROTSKYITES A LEFT COVER

It is instructive to note that the Trotskyites (both groups — Cannon and Schachtman) who supposedly denounce and oppose the CP, vote for CP candidates for office in the American Labor Party in New York, and internationally are for voting for a Socialist-Stalinist (capitalist) government in France and Italy. At best the Trotskyites are "left" Stalinists.

The CP is a menace to the left-ward moving labor movement in the U.S., as it is throughout the world. It has to be exposed and fought as an objective tool of the enemy class within the workers ranks.

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removed thing when they become excited."

The Indian Revolution cannot be stemmed. Each event abroad and each bit of oppression at home will stir it up to greater heights. The "Labor" Party leadership is trying desperately with the help of traitors like Gandhi and Nehru to still the storm by offering limited dominion status. Such an agreement would be merely chimerical. It would replace open British domination, with more hidden forms, and would give the native bourgeoisie (who support Gandhi, morally and financially) and American imperialism more of a finger in the pie.

Famine Threatens

Meanwhile famine which threatens Indians now will wreck its toll. The land problem will remain unsolved, because the big Indian princes are tied hand in hand with the banks of London (and to some extent Wall Street).

There is no "partial" solution to the Indian problem. Non Constituent Assembly, for instance, can bring any respite from the hunger of the masses for bread, for land, for revolutionary right. **NO FORM OF CAPITALISM**, and no capitalist government, can solve a **SINGLE** problem of the Indian masses. Only the extension of the present struggles from the nationalist to the proletarian phase can assure victory. If the peasants wait for a Constituent Assembly to "give" them land, they will wait forever. They should seize the lands now, expropriate the princes and the large land-owners, and set up peasants councils to work under the Workers Councils.

The proletariat in the big cities, the real leaders of the Revolution, should set up councils and workers militia to organize the struggles in

A Soldier Speaks

Camp (Somewhere in South of U.S.)
January 10, 1946

Dear Mom and Dad:

The colonel had a talk with the whole battalion today. He came right out and said that they temporarily stopped discharging men from this camp because we may be needed to break up a strike. He was very smart in choosing his words. He gave examples that the coal mine strike would hold up heat for hospitals, etc. The men, or some of them, fell for it.

I had an argument with a GI after the speech. He said that he would be glad to shoot down strikers. I told him he was wrong to have that idea. I said that some day he'll be a worker who will be striking in order to live. I called him a fool for wanting to do such a thing. I explained how he would be shooting some GI's father or maybe some ex-GI. I won the argument as he couldn't deny that these facts weren't true. He just walked away and said nothing. I guess I got him thinking.

Lovingly yours,
Bob.

(Editor's Note: Another letter from this soldier describes how soldiers are trained to use a wedge formation against strikers. Every third or fourth man has a tommy (riot) gun. All the soldiers wear gas masks and have tear gas bombs and are trained to hurl these tear gas bombs all around the strikers in order to surround them and prevent any strikers from escaping the gas.)
Letter to the Editor:

Read your article on the war trials in the I.N. It really is darned good, it fumes with emotion which certainly hits the reader (at least it hit me) . . . the total impact comes with the last sentence and it makes you want to reread it again keeping that poignant bit of phraseology in mind: "The indictment is: class murder."
B. A.

EXPLOITER and EXPLOITED

THE REAL CRIMINALS . . . As Adam Smith remarked, "Business men seldom dine together without entering into criminal conspiracies." Old Smith knew what he was talking about. The real criminal conspiracy was a quiet gentlemen's agreement to raise prices generally, to cut down on some kind of competition. Collusion is ever present. The real criminals are the capitalists.

A STIFF SHIRT FOR A STUFFED SHIRT . . . A serious diplomatic crisis has arisen in Washington. Ambassador to Belgium, Vice-Adm. Alan G. Kirk, can't find any stiff shirts which are a necessity for an ambassador. Kirk looked in local stores. No shirts. He wrote Arrow Shirt Co. No shirts. Naturally it wouldn't be good diplomatic form for the starving masses of Belgium to see the American Ambassador running around in his underwear.

the streets and to seize the factories. The force of British Imperialism, now faced with conflicts in Egypt, Palestine, Jamaica and elsewhere, has to be met with counter-force by arming the workers!

Workers Power

This struggle will go on to a Workers Council Government, with peasant support or it will go backward to a much worse form of military dictatorship.

Above all the masses need to forge their own Party of Revolution. No faith should be placed in the Stalinists, who are attempting to get at the head of the present movement in order to use it as bargaining power in the great chessboard

game between the Anglo-American allies and the Stalinist bureaucrats in Russia. Stalinism will keep the struggle confined to immediate demands and within bourgeois democratic limits.

We in America should give all aid to the Indian Revolution, and especially to its Marxian forces. We should refuse to ship men or munitions to India, destined for use by either British or American Imperialism. We should strike plants making equipment for the counter-revolution. The fate of 400 million people is involved. Its success or defeat will play a major role in determining the fate of the world revolution.

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WORKERS OF THE WORLD

Manchester, England, Feb. 28 — An "unofficial" ("Wildcat") strike of piecers in 50 Lancashire cotton spinning mills has begun. The union leaders "expressed grave concern at the serious loss in essential production and urged them to return to work."

Labor misleaders are doing their dirty work all over the capitalist world. Under the "Labor" Party government in England, strikes are prohibited. The union misleaders who are opposed to strikes compose the leadership of the Labor Party which prohibits strikes from the floor of parliament. Down wit the "Labor" Party, tool of the labor misleaders and agent of British imperialism!

Allied Democracy at Work in Japan: In order not to interfere with plans for a stepped-up coal output, the Allied Government in Japan will not pass legislation limiting the hours of women and children who work in the coal mines for a period of at least six months to a year. When the legislation is passed, it will limit the work day for women and children to 11 hours, pit miners to 10 hours.

Job Hunting In Chicago . . .

How many armies are there in America? Guess again. Because there are not one but two armies: the army of soldiers; and the army of unemployed. The army of soldiers is really part of the army of unemployed.

The army of unemployed is growing while the army of soldiers gets smaller and smaller, at least for the next few years. From chow line to bread line is a continuous process.

More than a million veterans are already finding themselves among the vast army of the unemployed. They can receive unemployment compensation for 52 weeks or go to school at government expense at a very low level of subsistence.

What about the other guy who was not a soldier?

Listen to this story of job hunting by a fairly skilled worker and his friend:

WHERE THERE IS NO JOB

We combed the city from north to south and from east to west with as yet unsatisfactory results. Our search included large foundries, radio plants, machine tool plants, electrical goods factories and various small metal working shops. In most shops we were courteously informed that they were only hiring veterans or former employees. After being told what the wages were (in most cases 65c to 85c) on a 40-45 hour week we feel it is downright insulting to the intelligence of the former veterans and former employees to be presented with these crumbs with prices spiraling. In one shop we were offered an 80c job and 72 hours per week. That's when we told this joker — We weren't looking for lodging but a job!

Many shops make you fill out preliminary applications and finally long four page applications asking to what organizations you belong, religion, how many times arrested. Some ask you to attach a photograph to your application.

NO HELP WANTED

Some plants have posted notices — NO HELP WANTED. Of course

COMING OUT OF THE FOXHOLES

ARMY AWARDS BRUTALITY

General Marshall, former Chief of Staff and present plenipotentiary to China, received the Distinguished Service Medal for his system of replacement of troops in combat divisions during the war.

Under the previous system a combat division would stay in the front lines a specified period of time (say, one month) and be relieved completely by another combat division.

Under Marshall's system, the division stayed in the line all the time, but individual men in the division were relieved where necessary.

How this worked out in life was shown in the bitter experiences of troops in Europe who complained about the system. It meant that troops stayed in the front lines until they became battle casualties, at which time they were sent to a hospital out of the combat areas. Those who didn't become battle casualties stayed up front until they were wounded, or until they broke down mentally — became psychological casualties.

Unpublished Army studies of the rate of battle neurosis among American troops as compared to British troops show that the American rate of psychological casualties was almost **DOUBLE** that of the British **BECAUSE THE AMERICAN TROOPS WERE KEPT IN THE LINE ALMOST TWICE AS LONG AS THE BRITISH**. In infantry rifle companies the rate of psychological casualties was enormous. In some cases 95% of an entire infantry rifle company became psychologically unbalanced by continuous participation in front line combat.

For his initiation and carrying out of this replacement system, General Marshall received the Distinguished Service Medal, and sundry other honors. Obviously this is some system — a system which drives men insane, a system which holds men in the front line until they fall either as battle casualties or psychological casualties, a system of destruction and mass murder — the system of capitalism.

FEED 'EM BEANS

Only two meals a day are served soldiers on board ship coming back to the States from abroad. At noon, if we were lucky, we received a sandwich. But the officers get three full-meals a day and they never miss a meal. They don't have to eat standing up as we do. They have tables and chairs and enlisted men to wait on them. What p's us off to the gills though is the day when something goes wrong with the bread slicing machine and we don't get that crappy sandwich at noon. Along the deck comes the kitchen personnel carrying huge trays of steak, french fried potatoes, vegetables and apple pie to the officers for their noon-time repast.

Someone yells: "Send up steak and apple pie for the officers — and two pails of garbage for the enlisted men."

10,000 DOCTORS NEEDED FOR SICK VETERANS

Surgeon General Hawley of the Veterans Administration stated on December 24 that "we will need 10,000 doctors within 10 years."

Thousands upon thousands of sick veterans are flooding Veterans Administration hospitals and within 10 years are expected to increase as illness and physical disability arising from war and other service connected wounds and injuries develop. 10,000 doctors can handle hundreds of thousands of sick veterans.

Last week General Hawley announced he had borrowed 20,000 hospital beds from the Army and Navy with medical services to go with them.

Veterans are beginning to pay for the war in sickness and disability. The real casualty figures are slowly coming to public attention as the hospital enrollment of VA hospitals rises steadily.

THE GOOD FOOD GOES OVERSEAS, BUT . . .

Throughout the war civilians were told that the good meat, good butter and best canned goods were all going to the armed forces overseas. Yet soldiers have complained bitterly about eating K and C rations and not getting fresh foods, or being fed slop regularly. Soldiers were not seeing this good food. Why? Sure, the food was going overseas, but the best food was going TO THE OFFICERS.

there are signs — DISHWASHER WANTED — but a dishwasher gets his food and darned little besides.

Job hunting today teaches you we didn't win a job out of the war. When we were needed for war work, jobs were plentiful. Today we can go fishing. We learned too that Chicago is still for the most part an open shop town. A serious campaign of organizing the unorganized has to be undertaken to make Chicago into a union stronghold. Otherwise thousands of workers in the unorganized shops, which have sprung up like mushrooms during the war period, will be the victims of runaway prices and won't even be able to participate in the meager crumbs that have been given organized workers in steel, electric and other industries. More important, of course, is that up to now unions have completely ignored the unemployed. We are going to have to have the unemployed organized by union labor or else the boss can use this large army of unemployed against labor on the job.

NO EXPERIENCE

It is a peculiar feeling to have a boss tell you, as was done at Western Electric, that he refuses to hire you on the grounds that you lack sufficient experience, disregarding your eight years of working with tolerances as close as two-tenths. We feel shut out of industry by this dictatorial power than can control our livelihood and, yes, the very bread that we are to eat.

Dixie Cups, on Western Avenue, gave us the payoff when they said they were interested in accepting only applicants with 15 years experience. After all these years of experience, how much do they pay their workers? You said it: \$1.00 an hour! How do you get 15 years experience if a guy can't even get a job!

And so the army of unemployed will grow and grow. And we will tramp the streets. But this time we will tramp together. The marching millions of this army of unemployed — hurled out of the factories — will soon be voting with their feet against poverty, low level unemployment compensation, substandard relief, the dole, the coming government work relief projects and the vicious pauper oath.

Revere Strikers Can Win

More than 1,400 workers at Revere Copper and Brass in Chicago, and more thousands in two of the company's other plants in Detroit, Mich., and New Bedford, Conn., have gone on strike, Monday, March 11, after management refused to meet the workers demands for 18½c per hour raised in six months of negotiations. The foremen are out on strike too. The workers, organized into Local 477, UAW-CIO, are learning that just because the steel workers and auto workers have got 18½c increases, doesn't mean other workers receive "automatic" increases. Quite the contrary. Strike action had to be taken by Revere workers; other workers in smaller shops and weaker unions will receive far less than 18½c, in unorganized shops.

Management held a long session with the Negotiating Committee after the strike started, in which Management offered some concessions (under pressure of the strike), but insisted on retaining the right to downgrade workers and to speed up production. The Negotiating Committee rejected this counterfeit proposal.

Picket Line

The picket line is on; it is well organized with flying squads in existence; the workers are enthusiastic. The shutdown is complete. They know Revere Management will listen to nothing but strike action and solid union organization. Other UAW locals have come down to the picket line to support the strike. Some 35 police sluggers under the notorious Captain Barnes were down at the picket line.

A big step forward was made by Revere workers when they formed a nation-wide Copper and Brass Council whereby all workers in the industry meet and discuss common problems. Already this has resulted in three Revere plants being on strike at the same time, thus preventing the company from shifting production to plants not on strike as they did in a strike some years ago. The Rome, N. Y., plant may be on strike by this time.

The Revere management has countered the Union demand for 18½c per hour with an offer of 12 if they get a price increase for their product and if many other conditions are fulfilled. Revere says its "ability to pay" would show that wages should be lowered, but by continued rejection of the Union's demand to open the company's books for workers inspection, the company demonstrates that it is lying.

Far from losing money, the company has saved a great deal by reduction of overtime pay, lowering number of workers eligible for merit increases, use of greater capacity of machinery, high war profits, downgrading men formerly earning up to \$1.16 an hour to 83c an hour.

This strike can be won by continuing a militant policy, by getting aid of other workers, strengthening the flying squads and maintaining solidarity in all Revere plants.

28 Words Of Treachery

Only 28 words guarantee no strikes for the duration of a UAW contract with Chrysler corporation: "The union agrees that it will not oppose the discharge or discipline of any one who instructs, leads, or induces another employe to take part in any unauthorized strike."

Thus do the UAW misleaders collaborate with the Chrysler Corporation to get rid of militant workers from the plant and their militant opposition from the union.

28 words of treachery!

PICKET FASCIST SMITH

Chicago, March 4—Gerald L. K. Smith, the Fascist leader of the America First Party, for the second time this year tried to hold a sneak meeting in Chicago. More than 150 pickets with placards assembled in front of City Hall and marched to the La Salle Hotel to protest Smith's meeting there. Veterans, Stalinists, Trotskyists, Socialists and RWL members were present. The RWL distributed literature.

Police from the brutal Chicago Police Force were shoving workers around, with the pat statement: "keep moving." But the police did not shove Fascist Smith around. Smith was spirited out of the La Salle Hotel by police and taken over to the Morrison Hotel. The picket line followed and a large crowd watched the line circling. The pickets sang "Solidarity Forever." They yelled, "Down With Fascist Smith." "Join Our Picket Line."

What Smith Stands For

Reporters and photographers were present to take pictures of veterans primarily. Unsuccessful in their attempts at disruption of the line, the Stalinists withdrew their Veteran and A.Y.D. supporters. Unfortunately no efforts were made to create a united front which could have produced an organized and larger picket line.

The RWL leaflet pointed out that Smith stands for the destruction of workers organizations, that he is a tool of big financial and industrial capitalists; that he is trying to use veterans, unemployed and the middle class against the workers, as Hitler did in Germany. That he is for instituting even greater government controls over labor by means of an open, brutal capitalist dictatorship. The RWL pointed out that Fascism was not defeated in the war, that the American government has backed fascists in many countries, and that Fascism is growing in America. In Chicago, the brutal police are smashing workers picket lines, but these same police permit Fascist Smith to hold meetings!

Though he will probably not be the American Hitler, Smith is a concrete menace who has to be faced and defeated. Fascism in America which is growing in the fertile soil of postwar discontent to get a real grip on the middle class, dissatisfied veterans, farmers and the unemployed, Fascism will wrap its anti-workers doctrines in the American flag and super-nationalistic

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of each and every police slugger who clubs workers and smashes picket lines. Let us publish these to all Chicago labor who know Chicago workers have been murdered by Mayor Kelly's "Labor" Detail before.

Against the boss:

Continue the strike.

Spread the strike to other Foundries.

Set up a Foundry Council to coordinate the struggles of Foundry Workers.

Call on all Unions for support.

Smash Government Terror

Throw the Scabs Out

Join our Ranks

(Note: RWL members distributed leaflets to and picketed Jones Foundry, and were arrested and jailed with other workers. The RWL distributed a resolution to the Chicago CIO Industrial Union Council on spreading the strike, but the Council refused to consider the resolution).

phrases. It will use the Negro as a scapegoat, and bait the Jew.

What Is To Be Done?

Against Fascism in America, anti-Smith picket lines are only a beginning. The real answer is: workers mass action. Strikes and demonstrations will increase workers experience and power. Workers will learn to organize flying squads and workers defense squads, to arm the workers and smash Fascist meetings. The spread of militarism over large sections of the youth has to be fought. To combine veteran and worker into one solid mass and to eliminate decree government and the remaining governmental war controls over labor is imperative.

Fascism, the murderous right arm of capitalism, can be destroyed not by Wall Street in an imperialist war, but only by the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

ELEANOR and DEMOCRACY

Eleanor Roosevelt, distinguished newspaper writer of the famous "My Day" column and American delegate to the United Nations Organization, wrote recently of the "sad record" of housing of Negroes and other minority groups in the North and West for the last 25 years as described in a pamphlet called "Hemmed In." She says: "I think that no one who reads it can fail to recognize the fact that such conditions are a blot on our great democracy."

Immediately before this, Eleanor, who is our favorite pinup girl to end all pinup girls, declares boldly:

If You Agree

Workers! If you agree with what we say, contact us, write us, send in financial contributions. Join the Revolutionary Workers League.

"Until we have complete equality of opportunity in every field, equal rights socially and economically, we cannot consider ourselves a real democracy."

Eleanor, how could you! You spoke of "our great democracy" and in the same article said that BECAUSE OF INEQUALITY in all fields, "we cannot consider ourselves a real democracy."

Are you saying that this "great democracy" cannot be considered a "real democracy?" If this great democracy is not a real democracy, maybe this great democracy is a FALSE democracy. Is a false democracy a democracy?

Come, come now, Eleanor old girl. As delegate of a FALSE democracy to the United Nations Organization, this is carrying even your usual "My Day" (of lamentable confusion) a wee bit too far, isn't it?

18 1/2% Raise Is No Victory

Ten thousand American Can Co. workers in the Chicago area (United Steelworkers of America), received an 18½c wage raise after a threatened strike. Swift acceptance of 18½c, the only point negotiated, indicates how the International Union representatives, Murray-Germano-Mills, kept the struggle at a very low level.

To the pre-strike meeting, the RWL issued a leaflet showing the inadequacy of the 18½c, demanding a 30% wage raise, a sliding scale of wages, and for settlement of grievances. Germano and Mills denounced the RWL, declaring that "no 'fly-by-night' organization is going to dictate policy to us."

At first the workers considered the wage increase a victory. But already all working rules are tightened up, production speeded up, production quotas raised. As the cost of living rises and real wages fall, it will be seen that without raising broader demands and spreading the struggle this can result only in defeat.

With the price relief subsidy from the government, American Can, like the rest of the steel magnates, will make more profits than it will pay out in increased wages. American Can won the victory. But its victory isn't final.

Oldest Arms Plant Struck

The steel strike has shut down the Taylor-Wharton Iron & Steel Co., oldest munitions factory in the nation and supplier of cannonballs to Washington's armies during the Revolution.

For the first time in 204 years the munitions plant was closed down by labor trouble. The company had boasted continuous arms production since its founding in 1741.

Now 650 pickets marched (without arms) in front of the plant, on strike for higher wages.

MEANING — 204 years of munitions production is a lot of munitions. The "merchants of death" are still producing munitions and as long as the capitalists control industry they will continue to produce munitions with which workers are conscripted to kill workers. The limits of even this immense nationwide steel strike of 800,000 workers can be seen in the fact that the strikers are asking solely for a pay boost. This strike should be raised to a much higher level: against the very economic and political foundations of capitalism, the social order that breeds war and diverts wealth and production to the creation of means of destruction — munitions.

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fully and assiduously denounced by the world capitalist press in its latest propaganda campaign. This corrupt Stalinist apparatus is unable to show to the workers of the world the slightest plausible reason for seizure of new areas, looting of economic booty from Manchuria and from Eastern Europe. Stalinism is disgraced more and more in the eyes of the workers.

What Democracy?

Churchill proclaims "the great principles of freedom and the rights of man . . . Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights, the habeas corpus, trial by jury and the English common law . . ." At the same time, British troops are shooting down workers in Palestine, Egypt, strikes in Jamaica are crushed, are smashing the Javanese revolution, arresting and imprisoning Indian sailor and soldier revolutionaries and demonstrators.

Churchill claims of "democracy" that "the people of any country have the right and should have the power

by constitutional action, by free, unfettered elections, with secret ballot, to choose or change the character or form of government under which they dwell, that freedom of speech and thought should reign, that courts of justice independent of the executive, unbiased by any party, should administer laws which have received the broad assent of large majorities . . . Let us preach what we practice and practice what we preach."

Shameful hypocrisy! In his own country, Churchill was repudiated by the voters who opposed his right-wing conservative policies. This is the same man who said that if his country ever was reduced to the condition of Italy he would be for having a Mussolini rule England. In Greece, Churchill almost personally led the forces clubbing down and destroying the Greek revolution. In England itself, strikes are prohibited by government dictate. (The "Labor" Party enforces this vicious capitalist law; worse, it has not criticized Churchill; it leads the crushing of the Javanese and Indians.

The Main Enemy

Churchill's speech emphasizes again that American imperialism is the dominant imperialist power. It is the titan, the monster, the pillar of imperialist parasitism and super-exploitation — the main force for counter-revolution in the world today.

President Truman personally appeared on the same platform with Churchill, lending his full moral weight to his every utterance.

Can a super-imperialist force be created?

Hitler tried it and failed.

Japanese imperialism tried it and failed.

British imperialism has tried for 400 years to create a super-imperialist system to rule the entire world, and has failed.

American imperialism will make the attempt. The American colossus has to control the markets, colonies, raw materials, spheres of influence — dominate the whole world — or it will be destroyed. But American imperialism, for the same reasons all other imperialisms have failed, will not be able to create a super-imperialism. The last word rests with the mass action of the workers. World revolution is on the order of the day. No power on earth can hold it back.

Read the Fighting Worker Supplements.

Shop Talk

The Union representative while walking around the plant, comes up to Joe, a negro worker, and asks: "Are you afraid of the boss?"

"Hell, no!" say Joe, "I ain't afraid of any boss."

"Okay, then," says the Union rep as he pins a button on Joe's overalls, "You're the Shop Steward."

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One day the Boss came up to Bill, the leader of the strike that was lost on the conference table. Slapping Bill on the back, the Boss says in a loud voice: "How's it going, Brother?"

Bill turns around, slowly removes the Boss' arm from his shoulder, and replies: "Don't call me brother. I'm not your brother. I'm a worker."

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Bill Jones was working in the spraying department of the machine shop. He noticed that a worker beside him never went to the wash-room or relaxed by going out for a smoke, but always worked diligently, staying beside the machine all the time. This puzzled Bill Jones. One day he went up to Joe Scissorbill and asked him, "Where are you hiding it?"

The guy said: "Hiding what?" "The pot," says Jones. "What pot?" asked Joe Scissorbill. "You know what pot! The pot you're storing it up in," replied Bill Jones.