

Legless Vet Case Is Taken to U.S. Court of Appeals

WASH., D. C., Sept. 7 — The government's loyalty program was challenged as unconstitutional in a suit filed today by the legless veteran James Kutcher in the U.S. Court of Appeals here. Kutcher's attorney, Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., appealed the decision of District Court Judge Curran on June 28 upholding Kutcher's discharge from his clerk's job in the Newark Veterans Administration. Kutcher, who lost both legs in battle at San Pietro, Italy, in 1943, lost his job in October 1948 under Truman's loyalty purge solely because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

Minn. Foundation Sends Donation to Aid Carl Skoglund

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 — The Irving D. Blumberg Foundation of Minnesota has contributed \$100 to the defense of Carl Skoglund, the well-known 68-year-old Northwest union leader whose deportation order was upheld last week by the U.S. Assistant Commissioner of Immigration. This donation was given in recognition of Skoglund's services in labor's cause and in protest against his victimization under the unconstitutional McCarran law.

The Blumberg Foundation was set up in memory of a noted civil rights fighter of the Twin Cities, Irving D. Blumberg, for the purpose of assisting victims of racial, religious and political persecution. The decision upholding Skoglund's deportation is being appealed by the Civil Rights Defense Committee which has undertaken a national campaign on behalf of this veteran labor leader. The committee intends to test the McCarran Act by taking his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary. Further contributions for Skoglund's defense should be sent to 19 West 10th St., N. Y. C. 11, N. Y.

MYRA TANNER WEISS ON TV, RADIO IN NEW HAVEN

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 10 — A one-half hour interview on the radio and a brief interview on television were the main highlights of Myra Tanner Weiss's two-day visit here on her coast-to-coast speaking tour under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party. Mrs. Weiss appeared this morning on a women's program conducted by Ellen Switzer over a local radio station. The free and unhearsaid discussion that followed dealt chiefly with the state of civil rights in this country, with Mrs. Weiss clearly getting the better of it in the dispute that ensued.

KUTCHER CASE

The SWP representative gave a revealing report on the case of James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was purged from the Newark Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Miss Switzer, who was evidently already familiar with the Kutcher case, noted that the Communist Party has refused to extend any support to the legless veteran's fight against the "loyalty" purge. Mrs. Weiss then related the story of the Minneapolis case, involving 18 SWP and CIO leaders who were the first to be persecuted and imprisoned under the Smith Act. Noting that the Stalins here too had refused to aid the witch-hunt victims and had even aided the prosecution against them, she developed the position of the SWP on civil rights — namely, the defense of the Bill of Rights and traditional democratic liberties for all groups and individuals, no matter how strongly the SWP differed from them politically.

Miss Switzer attempted to beg the issue and to justify the current persecution of the Stalins by noting there is a difference between "talking about robbing a bank and actually robbing it." But Mrs. Weiss showed the hollowness of this analogy by making it clear that the Stalins are being persecuted not for any overt acts but for their ideas.

placed by the Attorney General on his political blacklist of "subversive organizations." His complaint pointed out that the Attorney General's list was issued without notice or presentation of charges to the Socialist Workers Party, without any hearing or evidence, and that repeated requests by the Socialist Workers Party for a public hearing to refute the charges were denied. Both Kutcher and his party deny the allegation that they are "subversive" or advocate the overthrow of the U.S. government by force or by unconstitutional means.

Federal Judge Swan, in reversing the conviction in the Remington case on Aug. 22, condemned the Attorney General's list as nothing but "a purely hearsay declaration" which "has no competency to prove the subversive character of the listed organizations." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled this spring that organizations are entitled to a hearing before being branded as "subversive."

DECISIVE TEST
The Kutcher case is now the only one connected with the loyalty program before the higher Federal courts. In view of previous Supreme Court decisions which have placed the status of the subversive list in doubt, it may become the decisive test of its constitutionality. Kutcher's fight for reinstatement is backed by hundreds of organizations representing millions of Americans alarmed by the restrictions upon democratic rights in the loyalty purge. Among them are the National CIO, American Civil Liberties Union, American Friends of Democracy, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Veterans Committee, the United Automobile Workers CIO, as well as hundreds of other CIO and AFL bodies.

The argument on Kutcher's plea will very likely be heard by the Appeals Court judges in October. Several thousand dollars will be needed to defray the expenses of taking the case through the higher courts. Contributions for the legless veteran's defense should be sent to the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 West 10th St., N. Y. C. 11, N. Y.

Was Adamic's Death Suicide Or Murder?

By George Breitman
SEPT. 12 — New Jersey local and state police have indicated that they are almost certain to issue a verdict of suicide in the mysterious case of Louis Adamic, the noted author who was found shot through the head at his farm home near Riegelsville, N. J., on Sept. 4.

The cops, who don't like to have "unsolved" cases on the records, may think this will "close" the Adamic case. But it is safe to predict that the verdict of suicide on the basis of the evidence thus far made available will not be accepted by informed public opinion. The suicide theory hastily adopted by the cops, and stubbornly maintained by them despite all kinds of contradictory facts, has too many holes to stand up against a serious investigation. Naturally, without additional definite evidence, all possibility of suicide cannot be ruled out. But, on the basis of information already made public, a considerable number of reasons for strongly doubting it can already be pointed to.

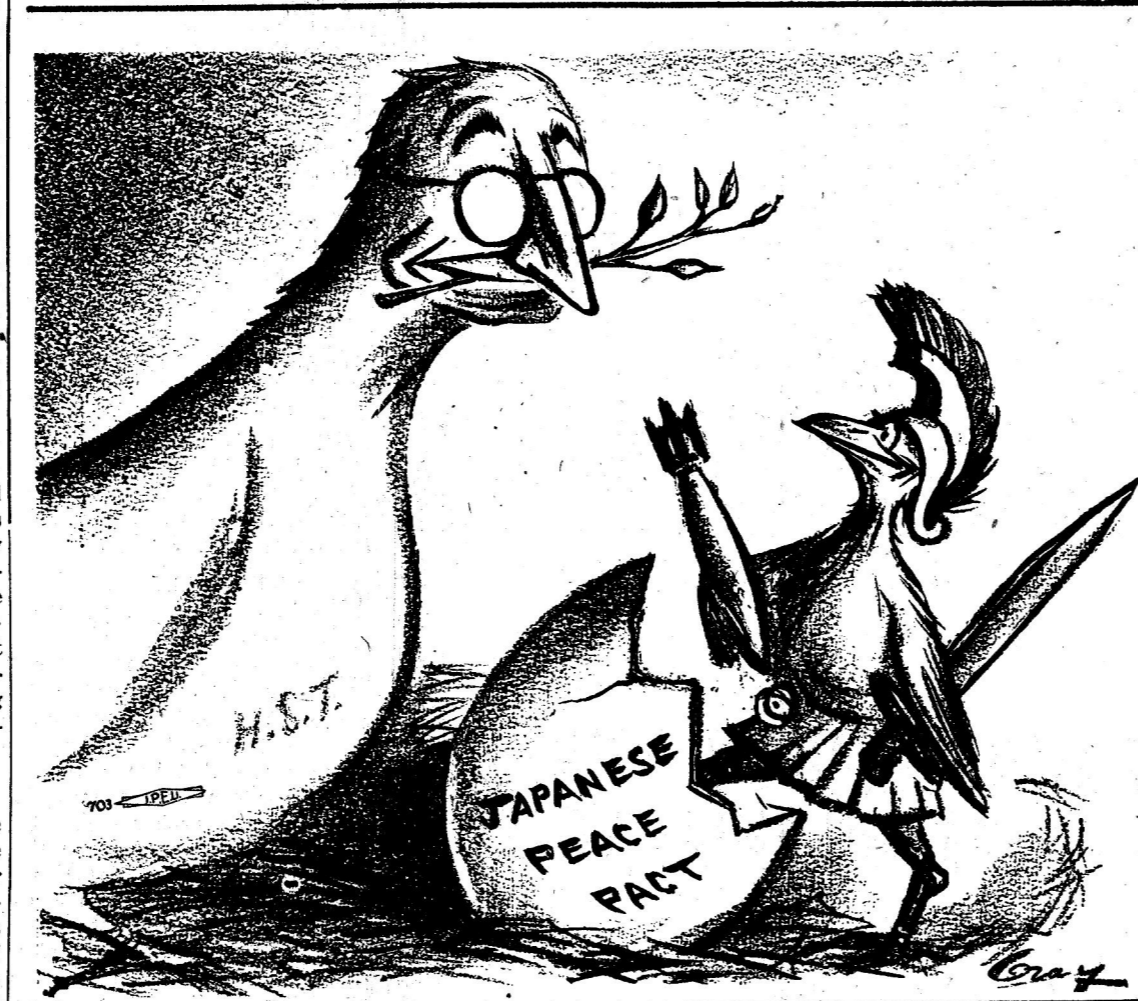
WHY NO NOTE?
1. No note, explaining why Adamic should take his life, was found, or apparently written. This fact strikes those who are well acquainted with Adamic's writings as especially strange. He was the kind of writer who is in a very close, personal and even intimate relation with his readers; who explains everything to his readers about himself and his ideas and how he came to hold or change them; who evidently feels a compulsion not to be misunderstood, even at the sacrifice of so-called author's privacy. His closest collaborators find it impossible to believe that he could kill himself without leaving behind any motivation for the benefit of those he loved and worked with.

2. There were no identifiable fingerprints on the rifle he is supposed to have shot himself with, or on the handle of the axe he is supposed to have used in prying open oil cans with which to set fire to two of the three buildings on his property.

3. What reason could Adamic have had for wanting to burn down his home — something that would be detrimental only to his relatives and heirs?

One speculative answer is that he had come to despair over the difficulty of completing the book on Yugoslavia he had been working on for two years, and that he wanted to destroy the manuscript, which was found strewn around the oil-soaked room where his body was found. But Adamic knew that carbon copies of virtually the whole work were

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'52 Presidential Campaign Plan Hailed in N. J.

By George Breitman
NEWARK, Sept. 11 — Members of the Socialist Workers Party in New Jersey enthusiastically greeted the proposal for a 1952 presidential campaign made last week by the National Committee of the SWP, as the local SWP executive committee adopted a resolution pledging all-out support to "the biggest and best political campaign in the party's history."

"1952 will be a year of great opportunity for the revolutionary socialist movement," said the resolution, which was adopted unanimously. "The anti-war lessons of Korea which are being learned by the American people; the ever-increasing tax and price burden which already have produced resentment and are sure to provoke resistance by the working people; the assaults on the Bill of Rights, which alarm everyone interested in preserving our democratic liberties and traditions; the arrogant refusal of both capitalist parties to make good on a single one of their civil rights promises to the Negro people; the collapse of the Progressive Party and the withdrawal of the Socialist Party from independent electoral activity — all these facts add up to the most magnificent opportunity in decades for socialists to wage an effective election campaign for a Workers and Farmers Government."

BANKER HITS TOP
Robert A. Lovett, new Secretary of Defense, is a Wall Street banker, and, by all accounts, a grim warmaker. His nomination for the post is being seized with glee by the militarists and reactionaries. The Senate Armed Forces Committee has given him unanimous approval, and the Hearst press has hailed the choice.

REAL WAGES
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"Big 3" Plot War Pact With West Germany

Pact With Japan Revives Reaction And Militarism

By John G. Wright
There is undisguised gloating in Washington over the signing last week at San Francisco of the pact with Japan. Publicly the pact is being painted up as notable for its "generosity," its "humaneness," its "enlightenment," etc. On this there is remarkable agreement between Gen MacArthur and the Truman administration.

In his Cleveland speech on Sept. 6, MacArthur, while attacking the Truman administration, went out of his way to laud the pact with Japan as the embodiment of "much of human justice and enlightenment." This would-be conqueror of Asia "has every reason to gloat. For the real architect of the Japan treaty is neither Dulles nor Acheson but none other than MacArthur."

BEST 1948 VOTE
In New Jersey, where requirements for getting independent nominations on the ballot are relatively liberal, it is felt certain that the SWP ticket will appear on the ballot next year. In 1948 more votes were credited here to Dobbs and Carlson than in any other state.

"We intend not only to get on the ballot next year, but to conduct a broader campaign, distribute more literature, reach more workers with our socialist message and get more votes than we did in 1948," the resolution concluded. "With such favorable political conditions, we have every reason to expect resurgence in the movement for socialism."

REARMING UNPOPULAR
This is intended not only to reassure jittery European allies, especially Britain and France, and small Asian puppets, like the Philippines, who view with dismay and fear the prospect of a resurgent Japan. It is also intended for home consumption where the rearmament of Japan is still just as unpopular as the projected rearmament of Germany.

When it comes to rearming, there is no halfway house. Short of full-scale rearming, there is no restoring of Japan to the status of a first-rate military power. The "inhibitions" that are now being imposed, especially on

Follow Japan Treaty by Arming German Militarists

No sooner was the pact with Japan steam-rollered through at San Francisco than the Truman administration again started pressuring its European allies to toe the line on an agreement with Western Germany. This "new partnership" with the German capitalists and militarists, patterned after the Japanese treaty, was the main item on the agenda of the top-secret talks held last week in Washington between Secretary of State Acheson, and Herbert Morrison and Robert Schumann, the foreign ministers of Britain and France respectively.

What the American imperialists are determined to force through is a "contractual agreement," that is, a definitive German settlement without the formality of a treaty. This settlement, as outlined on Sept. 10 by the N. Y. Times which on these matters serves as Washington's semi-official mouthpiece, would provide for a "generous non-vindictive" deal, that is, offer the industrialists and militarists of West Germany concessions far beyond anything that London and Paris have been willing to agree up to now.

Elevated to the status of junior partners of U.S., the German ruling class in the person of the Bonn government "would get full sovereignty subject only to specific security safeguards." They would agree to the continued stay of the occupation forces, henceforth to be designated as "defense troops."

The main task of this "sovereign" Bonn regime would then be to carry out full-scale German rearmament. "Some officials," according to the N. Y. Times "hope that West Germany could be brought into the general Western Europe defense program within two months."

German economy, the most advanced and powerful sector of European economy, is, of course, capable of playing a decisive role in raising the living standards not only in Germany but throughout Europe and the world. But such a revival is the last thing envisaged by Washington.

Their aim, in Germany as at home, is not an increased flow of consumer goods, but an ever greater flow of arms at the expense of civilian needs. As in the days of the Kaiser and Hitler, Germany economy is to be revived as a war machine. German man-

power is to be mobilized as military power.

Plans for this military revival have been laid by Washington long in advance. That is why, for years now, Capitol Hill and the Pentagon have extended such zealous protection and patronage to Prussian generals and officers. That is why the notorious Krupp and other German industrialists have been released from jail and their industrial empires — key branches of arms production — restored to them.

Nor is it accidental that under the "democratic" sponsorship of the U.S., reactionary forces have been gaining in strength. As the last elections have shown; the neo-Nazis in Germany and the neo-Fascists in Italy have doubled their strength in the last two years.

However, Washington will not be able to ram through the projected "contractual agreement" with Germany as easily as it did its pact with Japan. As the sole occupying power in Japan, Washington could and did dictate the terms on "a take it or leave it" basis both to the Japanese ruling class and to its European allies. In dismembered Germany it is impossible to proceed without previous agreement not only with France and Britain but also with the German capitalists — an agreement which, as the entire past experience has shown, has not been so readily forthcoming.

Escalator Pacts Undermined by Tax Grab

By C. Thomas

Real wages for factory workers have remained frozen since January 1950. Price rises and tax increases have drained off purchasing power created by higher money wage rates. The new tax measure now before Congress will soon cut real wages again. Bounding prices, punitive taxes, frozen wages, and more of the same — such is the inflationary trend charted in a statistical study published in the Aug. 31 issue of the AFL Weekly News Service.

The survey covers only the earnings of factory workers, a large part of whom are covered by union contracts. The inflationary squeeze on other sections of the working population is undoubtedly worse.

REAL WAGES

Real wages as distinguished from money wages is a matter

of vital distinction to every wage earner. It is take-home pay translated into terms of what the dollar can buy in the way of goods and services. With rare exceptions it is the sole source of income for the wage earner. With his paycheck the worker must provide food, clothing and shelter for himself and family. Schooling for the kids, recreation and medical care, groceries and rent, and a host of other obligations must be met out of the wage earner's pay envelope.

It is not difficult to understand, therefore, that the standard of living of the worker and his family is immediately and directly affected by what happens to his real wage. Rising prices and higher taxes, unless offset by a corresponding increase in wages, mean a lower standard of living for the wage earner and dependents. An increase in money wages which does not correspond

to the increased cost of living means a cut in real wages.

In an attempt to offset the worst effects of inflation a number of unions have included cost-of-living (escalator) clauses in the union contract. Approximately 3 million organized workers are now covered by some form of escalator clause. Although a small minority, the tendency is for this section of the labor movement to set the national wage pattern inasmuch as the escalator clause is pegged to the cost-of-living index put out by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLS INDEX

Tying the escalator clause to the BLS index constitutes the most serious flaw in existing cost-of-living clauses. The validity of the BLS index has been repeatedly challenged by both the CIO and AFL. The BLS method of compiling cost-of-living data results in a spurious index rigged against the wage earner.

Taxes, for example, are not included in the BLS cost-of-living index. Yet taxes, federal, state and local, bite a huge chunk off the take-home pay of the wage worker. Current tax deductions and the threat of still higher taxes, unless compensated by increased wage rates, can result only in a drastic cut in real wages with its inevitable lowering of living standards.

Union militants are beginning to realize that the power to tax is being utilized by the agents of Big Business in Washington to cut the heart out of their escalator clauses. To ward off this flank attack on labor's standard of living they are raising the demand that taxes be included as a factor in the determination of the BLS cost-of-living index. This is an absolute minimum protection without which the whole purpose of the escalator clause will be negated.

Taxes are paid out of wages. Taxes, therefore, are a part, and an ever increasing part, of the wage earner's cost-of-living. To ignore this factor, as the BLS index does, amounts to a blatant fraud. The escalator clause can function as a safeguard to the worker's standard of living only if ALL factors affecting the cost of living are included in any cost-of-living index to which it is pegged.

The demand to include taxes in the BLS cost-of-living index is a step in the right direction. It must be recognized that so long as the time-servers of Big Business in Washington retain the power to decide what constitutes a proper index, the escalator clause, potentially the sharpest weapon in labor's fight against the ravages of inflation, will be blunted.

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Notebook of an Agitator

MURDER IN THE GARDEN

This begins as a straight news story with the who, what, where and when right up at the front. The why and the wherefore come later...

Things were not quite so formal and official with Elaine Flores, the young widow of the slain boxer. According to all the reports...

ENOUGH FOR A DOWN PAYMENT

Elaine didn't see the fight where George got hit. She didn't like him fighting and was always afraid he would get hurt.

Elaine and George met at Coney Island. They went together a year before they were married. She has the baby to show for their brief time together...

THE 'GAME' MUST GO ON

But some exceptional circumstances in the killing of George Flores have caused a sort of uproar and a public demand for some kind of an investigation...

Young Fighter Dies



George Flores, young welterweight, in the ring at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., after the fatal bout in which he was knocked out in the 8th round...

ENVOY GRADY RESIGNS IN RIFT ON IRAN POLICY

Henry F. Grady, Ambassador to Iran, resigned last week in protest over the Truman administration's policy in that key Middle East country. Officials in the State Department have conceded that...

The real story behind Grady's "dissatisfaction" was reported by Marguerite Higgins, Herald-Tribune's roving correspondent who interviewed Grady at Tehran before the public announcement of his resignation...

Recounting information undoubtedly supplied to her by Grady, Miss Higgins confirms that the British have persisted throughout in "bludgeoning" Iran and resorting to traditional (British) methods of bribes and manipulations...

Japanese Pact OK's Revival Of Militarism and Reaction

(Continued from Page 1) air and naval armaments, will be adjusted or eliminated step by step. The Japanese islands are now being pictured, in the words of MacArthur, as "vital sectors" of an "island defense system" in the Pacific...

These islands served as the springboard for the attempted conquest of Asia by the Japanese conquerors; and they are assigned exactly the same role by the mad strategists in the Pentagon who dream of reconquering all of Asia, with Japan as a central base of operations...

With these sources barred, the attempt to revive Japan militarily and economically may yet prove the most expensive item on the long list of costly projects upon which Washington has embarked so recklessly...

Was Adamic a Suicide Or Was He Murdered?

(Cont. from page 1) available in other parts of the country. 4. Why, if his aim was to kill himself and then burn the house down around him...

5. Why was Adamic's telephone, a four-party line, out of order the night before his death, and back in order when his body was found? The probability is that the receiver had been taken off the hook...

6. Why did someone, identifying himself as "Samec" of the Yugoslav consulate in New York, twice phone the undertaker and order him to cremate it? The real Samec denies that he or anyone else at the consulate ever made or would make such a call...

7. Why is it that none of Adamic's closest associates — with the exception of his wife — give the slightest credence to the suicide theory?

8. What is the connection between his death and the repeated warnings he got that his book on Yugoslavia had better be written "right" and the severe beating he received at the hands of some hoodlums earlier this year?

THE POLICE THEORY On the other hand, the police stress that it was physically possible for Adamic to have fired the rifle so that the bullet would enter his head above the right ear...

It is difficult to decide how much weight to attach to the opinion of Mrs. Adamic, who was in California when he died, where she had been convalescing from an illness. When first reached there, she said she knew of no reason why Adamic should commit suicide...

There is one aspect of her testimony, as related by a police statement of the Ownership, Management and Circulation required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1918, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933...

THE OWNER: (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total stock...

official, that provides possible motivation for suicide, and should not be overlooked. Mrs. Adamic, according to the official, said her husband was "fighting against time and a changing political picture" in the completion of his book on Yugoslavia...

But acknowledging the possibility of suicide is not the same thing as glossing over the above-listed reasons for doubting it, nor does it at all conflict with the possibility of murder.

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But the GPU is not the only possible suspect. Adamic was also the hated target of a group of Yugoslav fascist elements, who served as quislings for Hitler in Yugoslavia during the war...

For these reasons, it would be wrong to accept the present police suicide theory and to rule out the possibility of political murder until conclusive evidence to the contrary is brought forward.

MATTHEIEN RECALLED

Suicide, therefore, cannot be completely ruled out. This would not be the first time that a man of talent and radical views killed himself in a mood of despair at least partly induced by the tensions of the cold war...

Literature Agent Katherine Cooper is successfully applying the experience of the recent subscription campaign to building Militant circulation in Akron...

Labor Day, she reports, she and Lou went out and sold three new six weekers and a new six month sub to The Militant...

With the end of summer, and everyone back from vacations well rested after the strenuous sub campaign, Chicago's literature committee has begun to make plans for increasing sales of Militants...

"Mary Lou has been doing yeoman's work in the past period taking a bundle of 20 papers each week and selling them over the weekend. Last Saturday she and Ruth sold 30 Militants at a street corner...

others. Adamic was distressed by the course of current politics and conflicts, which were so different from the kind of world they expected to emerge from World War II.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Literature Agent Katherine Cooper is successfully applying the experience of the recent subscription campaign to building Militant circulation in Akron...

The fact that The Militant can be sold to rank and file Stalinist supporters was demonstrated again in New York this week when Militant salesmen sold 21 copies of the Sept. 3 issue at a rally to defend Louis Weinstock...

The issue featured an open letter to Weinstock from Harold Robbins, member of the union, explaining why he is ready to defend Weinstock against the indictment. New York Literature Agent George Rock says that "the Stalinist hacks didn't like it one bit as they watched the interested response of their supporters to our slogans indicating why Weinstock should be defended against the Smith Act despite his active support of its use against the Socialist Workers leaders in 1944."

Local Addresses Of Socialist Workers Party

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Letters from Readers

The Militant welcomes every expression of opinion, whether pro or con, and will make an effort to print all letters received from readers as promptly as possible. Names will be withheld upon request.

Protest Judges' Action

Editor: I meant to send you an item a few weeks ago that attracted a lot of attention here. Judge Nevin threw a Shamokin, Penna., mother of three into jail for speeding and turned her kids over to the County Welfare. Judge Ford upheld Nevin.

MYRA WEISS Tour Schedule

Table with columns for Day and Location. Monday Sept. 17 Buffalo, Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Friday 21, Saturday 22 Cleveland, Sunday 23, Monday 24 Akron, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 Youngstown, Thursday 27, Friday 28 Pittsburgh, Saturday 29 Travel, Sunday 30 Detroit, Monday Oct. 1, Tuesday 2 Flint, Wednesday 3 Detroit, Thursday 4, Friday 6 Chicago, Saturday 7 Milwaukee, Sunday 8 Chicago, Monday 9, Tuesday 10 Chicago, Wednesday 11 St. Louis, Thursday 12 Travel, Friday 13 Twin Cities, Saturday 14, Sunday 15, Monday 16, Tuesday 17 Travel.

courts and police was expressed in thousands of phone calls. As a result, the woman was released. For unconscious humor, this enclosed item in the CIO News is good - I know it gave me a big laugh.

(An enclosed clipping reads: "Glazer is filling in for Robert R. Nathan, nationally known economics expert, who usually appears on the CIO show. Nathan is making a quick trip to Burma to help strengthen that country's economy.")

Republican Steel transport workers here shut the whole plant down (9,500 men out) Sunday and Monday in protest over the firing of a railroader. A good Labor Day.

"THE JEWISH QUESTION" A Marxist Interpretation By A. Leon

Leon died in the Auschwitz gas chambers at the age of 26, but the book he left behind is one of the finest products of the underground resistance movement against the Nazis.

"Leon's approach is that of the orthodox Marxist. . . His analysis. . . is refreshingly lucid and sensible, and it offers us the opportunity to examine a solid statement of the materialistic interpretation of the Jewish question." - Oscar Handlin in the magazine Commentary.

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Can Tell Onions Yet

Editor: I am past 80 and have arthritis in my knees. I cannot get around. But I still have my right mind. And I say that the man who votes the capitalist ticket has not his right mind. We have left the capitalists in power so long they think they own us. They are the class that think wrong is right.

I have tried to tell the truth the biggest part of my life. We Socialists have to tell the truth. The Republicans and Democrats can cross their legs and tell all the lies in the book.

I may have grown older and weaker, but I can tell onions yet. Keep up the good work. L. B. Courts Sharonville, Ohio

Likes The Militant

Editor: Enclosed is 25c. in coin for 2 copies of The Militant Sept. 3rd (Labor Day) issue. Also a couple of other copies of different date. I ran into a copy of The Militant at the Cleveland Public Library and like it very much. C. M. C. Cleveland, Ohio

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Report from British Trade Union Congress

By T. Burns
BLACKPOOL, England, Sept. 7, 1951 — British labor hates war, and its attendant evils. That was the lesson of the Trade Union Congress which has just concluded its sessions here. The Congress results show the leftward movement of the British workers. In spite of the considerable mobilization of the right wing machine, and its block voting and procedural trickery, nevertheless the warmongers in Washington and London can derive little satisfaction from the results.

A gentleman by the name of Richard Gray, who came as a fraternal delegate from the American Federation of Labor, spent much of his time telling a sympathetic Congress about the injustices of the Taft-Hartley Law. In winding up his speech, however, he astonished everyone including some prominent right wingers, by telling us that he believed sincerely in the two-party Gompers political theory as practised by the trade unions in the United States. He sounded like a man from another world to people who understand the importance of a Labor Party, and there were many noticeable smiles, even on the platform.

There were three main debates: defense, budget charges on teeth and spectacles, and the wage issue. General Secretary Tewson opened with the usual stuff about the "free" world being attacked by the "Russian aggressor." After a long harangue compiled from notes which more than likely passed through the hands of the Labor attaché at the U.S. Embassy, Tewson called for an all-out rearmament effort.

During the discussion it was obvious that the conference was in an uneasy mood. When one considers that the delegations from the big right wing unions number sometimes as many as 150 per union, and that these delegates constitute a special team of cheer leaders, it was noticeable that on this occasion there was a relative quiet about the proceedings. Even the thickest blockhead could recognize that rearmament means a lower standard of living, and in terms of a rank-and-file union member, it signified a very uncertain future.

The right wing of the Congress lauded Washington; the Stalinists lauded Moscow, while in between some old-time centrists such as Bob Edwards from the Chemical Workers Union, made the usual pleas for conscience, God and pacifism.

The Stalinists as usual acted stupidly even from their own point of view. Armed with quotations from the speeches of the mineworkers leader Lawther, who had led delegations of workers to the Soviet Union in the Twenties, the Stalinists set out to prove that the bureaucrats position was against war on Russia then, and in favor of it now.

Without the slightest hesitation Lawther took the floor and said that it was all right to quote from his speeches of the Twenties, but the majority of leaders who were prominent in the Soviet Union at that time had since been liquidated. This finished the Stalinists. They made no reply.

The debate ended with two and a half million votes cast against the General Council (Pro-Government) report, out of a total vote of about seven million.

Had President Tanner of the Amalgamated Engineering Union voted in accordance with the mandate of the last meeting of the national committee of the union, he should have cast his vote against, and this would have brought the minority vote to well over three million. This is a substantial vote when the bureaucratic character of the Congress set-up is understood.

The debate on the budget cuts in the health service was the highlight of the Congress. The right wing held its position by a vote of approximately 3,700,000

to 3,250,000. Unfortunately, Jim Figgens, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, misled his voting card, which carried 320,500 votes. Since he would have cast these votes against the official policy, the right wing majority would have been reduced to something in the region of 100,000, which is in effect a left-wing victory.

With the votes of the constituency parties (local Labor Party organizations), there can be no doubt that the government will be defeated on this issue at next month's Scarborough Labor Party conference.

There was great uneasiness also on the issue of wages. The General Council was forced to effect a compromise in its own ranks by accepting a resolution admitting the validity of wage demands, which is a long way from wage freezing, (last year's policy). A resolution openly demanding wage increases sponsored by the E.T.U. received over two million votes, in spite of some vicious right wing tirades. This once again demonstrated the unmistakable leftward trend.

The Trade Union Congress is always the forerunner of the Labor Party Conference. (It usually takes place one month earlier.) There can be no doubt that this year, the Labor Party conference will go much further to the left as a result of this spurt from the Trade Union Congress. Bevan is going to roll up some victories, and since the domestic question of wages and cuts in the Health service is linked directly to the arms pro-

CIO and the Witch Hunt

Speaking to the recent New York State CIO Convention, Frank Rosenblum, national CIO vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said:

"Our civil rights are insidiously being impaired, restricted and curbed. A wave of legislation, beginning with the Taft-Hartley Act and the Smith Act, and embracing the McCarran Act and similar measures, has created in effect a parallel legal system superseding the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and our traditional body of law. This is a dangerous movement toward fascism, representing a real threat to labor and liberal elements in the community. This reactionary movement is deliberate, and is being engineered by those who would substitute fascism for democracy, even though they seek to create the impression that it is being directed against the Communists."

Rosenblum's statement, and the implication that the CIO should do something about the conditions he describes, will be welcomed by every fighter against the witch-hunt now sweeping this country. Everything he said on this score was true; all it lacked was the naming of names, which would show that the Trumanites (whom the CIO leaders helped to elect) are just as responsible for this situation as the McCarthyites.

Perhaps the other CIO leaders recognize, along with Rosenblum, that labor

is the chief target of the rabid anti-communist drive. They used to in previous years, when they and the AFL leaders denounced the Smith Act and similar repressive measures. But in recent months, especially since the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Smith Act, they have not put it in the unequivocal terms used by Rosenblum and they have not acted in accord with the urgency of the issue. General statements of mild protest or doubt, which is as far as they have gone lately when they were not altogether silent, are of little avail against a powerful "threat to labor."

It is to be hoped that Rosenblum's remarks at the New York CIO Convention were not meant merely for the record, and that they signify the beginning of an understanding in labor circles of the need to combat and stop the witch-hunt now, before it becomes more powerful. Rosenblum should raise this issue in the national CIO Executive Board, and urge a free and frank discussion of this danger and how to overcome it at the coming national CIO convention. Labor has the duty of mobilizing the American people to defeat the conspiracy of those who would substitute fascism for democracy, and it can accomplish this only by organizing an independent Labor Party to challenge the political monopoly of both parties of capitalist reaction.

Last Meeting of ULPC



Scene at Washington meeting of the United Labor Policy Committee (left to right): Walter P. Reuther, President UAW-CIO seated alongside AFL President William Green; in the rear, James B. Carey and George Meany, Sec.-Treas. of CIO and AFL respectively. AFL's break with the ULPC was formally announced in the course of the Washington sessions.

EUROPE MUST "EXPORT" MILLIONS OF JOBLESS

By Charles Hanley

The International Labor Office of the United Nations, headed by David A. Morse, has prepared a five year program for shifting 1,750,000 of Europe's "surplus" population to new homes in the Americas and Australia. Morse and his collaborators think the problem of Europe's 4,000,000 unemployed should be solved mainly by mass emigration. A special international conference on migration will open in Naples on Oct. 2.

Last week The Militant pointed out the difference between capitalist and socialist ideas on the problem of the so-called surplus population in relation to the Italian situation. (Militant Sept. 10, P. 2). It was pointed out that the capitalist politicians and journalists pretend that Europe cannot feed its entire population. Without the "safety valve" of mass emigration, "explosions" are to be expected, they say.

NEED MORE GOODS

Yet there is a great need for more production of consumer goods in Europe, and a great amount of labor is necessary to rebuild those areas devastated by World War II. How can there be mass unemployment when there is so much work to be done?

The system must be wrong, if it cannot put the unemployed to work. But the capitalists and their publicists tell us that World War II has impoverished the Old World, and that a lack of money prevents the employment of the

Culture Workers and the United Rubber Workers, were unable to send delegates, doubtless for financial reasons.

One of the delegates, known as a strong administration supporter, moved toward the end of the convention, that the committee in charge of next year's convention arrange for fewer outside speakers so that the business of the convention need not be delayed to the last day. This motion received a noisy ovation.

"surplus." (What a word to describe human beings!)

This "lack of funds" persists in spite of the Marshall Plan. Billions of dollars were taken from the American taxpayers for the supposed purpose of providing Western Europe with the money needed for reconstruction of its economy.

SERVES CAPITALISTS

The Militant explained from the start of the Marshall Plan that it would not serve reconstruction, but would only enrich European capitalists.

Today, after several Marshall Plan years, many capitalist politicians have to admit that it did not really give European economy a shot in the arm. Those American billions flowed into the bank accounts of the European industrialists and their go-betweens. They did not help the toiling masses, whose misery remains appalling. American economic aid to Europe helped the profiteers but not the workers.

Morse's statement is an implicit admission of the Marshall Plan's failure. European capitalism is so rotten that real prosperity cannot be restored without changing the social and economic structure of the continent. But that is precisely what Wall Street and the State Department want to prevent.

They prefer a mass emigration of Europe's unemployed to a mass upsurge of the European masses. There will be more than enough work in Europe — there will also be enough food — if Socialism takes over the industry and resources of the continent, modernizes the whole productive set-up, and produces goods for the needs of the people and not for the profit of a few.

Instead of trying to get rid of an "undesirable" surplus of "human material" — capitalism's solution — a socialist economy will need the aptitudes, talents and help of everyone who is willing to work in order to achieve a better world to live in.

IMPLICATE DETROIT COP IN REUTHER SHOOTINGS

DETROIT, Sept. 9 — Police Detective Sgt. Albert DeLamielleure, who has been in charge of the investigation of the Reuther shootings, was suspended last Thursday on charges of having an "indirect interest" in the Canton bar, located at 6925 E. Jefferson. It is charged that plans for the near-fatal shootings of Walter and Victor Reuther were hatched in the Canton bar.

The bar is located just across the street from the Detroit Stove Company, 6900 E. Jefferson, employers of the infamous Perrone gang. The Kefauver Committee investigation in Detroit uncovered evidence connecting Perrone and his son-in-law, Carl Renda, with the beating of several members of Briggs Local 212 UAW-CIO. Perrone held a lucrative scrap contract with the Detroit Stove Company, and Renda a similar contract with the Briggs Mfg. Co.

At the time it became known that the police probe had been ordered, DeLamielleure had the gall to attack the UAW-CIO, holding the union responsible for

his investigation, and charging that it was "interfering" with his attempts to solve the shootings of Walter and Victor Reuther, and the beatings of other CIO officials.

The investigation into DeLamielleure's suspected hidden ownership, revealed that the bar has been managed by the detective's wife, Marie, and is listed in the name of her brother, Mrs. DeLamielleure was given power of attorney for the bar three months after its purchase, and only she was authorized to sign checks for the establishment.

DeLamielleure is scheduled to appear before a police trial board Sept. 11. Nineteen witnesses will be called. His interest in the bar and a beer store, also listed in his brother-in-law's name, violate State laws and Police Dept. regulations. Police Commissioner Boos hurriedly stated that no evidence had been uncovered to support the charges that the plots resulting in the Reuther shootings were hatched in the Canton bar.

This development is only one more in a series which have strengthened the well-founded suspicions that there are connecting links between the Police Department and the underworld.

Dunne Pays Last Respects To J. Holmes

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 5 — Vincent R. Dunne, national labor secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, delivered the main address at funeral services held here this afternoon for James A. Holmes, 72, who died on Monday, Labor Day.

"We pay tribute today to the memory of a loyal, devoted, earnest workman," Comrade Dunne said. "His great pride was that he raised two daughters who utilize their talents for the benefit of all mankind."

Father of Grace Carlson, vice-presidential candidate of the SWP in 1948, and of Dorothy Schultz, who has run on the SWP ticket in this area, Mr. Holmes was a boilermaker in the Great Northern shops until 1946.

"He always tried to do something for working people in trouble," the speaker continued, "but his last 5 years were the most satisfying period of his entire life. He became an active partisan of the anti-war movement and a staunch supporter of the idea that oppression of colonial peoples is unjust — he had a hatred both definite and clear for the actions of imperialism."

Pointing out that Mr. Holmes understood that a better life is possible and that working men and women should organize and struggle for that attainable goal, Comrade Dunne said: "The notable fact is that this wrecked and outmoded capitalist system, causing misery and death to so many, makes so little provision for staunch men like James Holmes — to give them an opportunity to really have time to think and work for the causes they believe in."

The funeral parlors were filled with flowers sent from friends, neighbors and fellow workmen, and many of them from all races and creeds came to pay their last respects to "a great heart that never tired of helping his fellow man."

"James Holmes was a true 'son of Martha,'" Vincent Dunne declared, quoting from Kipling's poem:

"Not as a ladder from earth to heaven,
Not as a witness to any creed,
But simple service, simply given,
To his own kind in a common need."

Leaders Challenged at Minnesota CIO Parley

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 9 — The 14th annual state CIO convention adjourned today with a very modest record of accomplishment. A labor party resolution, submitted by Local 722, was not even reported out by the resolutions committee, but was instead returned to the union. This high-handed tactic does not often occur even in the hide-bound American Federation of Labor. Many other resolutions submitted by various unions suffered similar treatment. They were referred to the incoming executive board for future action.

The business of the convention was almost a side issue compared to the very generous treatment accorded the speakers from national CIO. For two days the restive delegates listened to speeches and then on the third and last day were given the issues with which the delegates were most concerned.

DUES INCREASE

A proposal to increase the per capita tax paid to the state CIO Council by 5 cents was defeated by a close margin, as was a compromise proposal to increase it to 3 cents. The small locals pleaded poverty as the reason for their non-support, and several of the large locals voted likewise, although for different

reasons, one of which was — no confidence in the state CIO administration.

There were 29 local unions too poor to send delegates to the convention, and yet the state CIO administration proposed to raise the already heavy per capita tax — one of the largest among the 44 state CIO councils.

The proposed dues increase was scheduled to go to the state CIO department of research, headed by Robert Gannon, former secretary to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. This department had operated on a voluntary contribution of 10 cents per member among state CIO members. Gannon's work consisted of compiling the voting records of state legislators and lobbying for CIO-supported measures in the state legislature. His record in the latter was almost nil.

There were a few gleams of light in the darkness as witnessed by the fact that Secretary-Treasurer Rodney Jacobson chided Senator Humphrey for sponsoring an amendment to the hated Taft-Hartley law, in conjunction with Taft himself. Jack Kroll, Political Action Committee Director for the national CIO, gave lip service to "independent labor political action," independent of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party as well as the Republican

party. Such a policy, by its very logic, must lead to formation of a Farmer-Labor party divorced from the Democrats.

OPPOSITION STATE

For the first time since he was in office, Jacobson had opposition for his post. Ray Novack, of the United Steelworkers union was defeated decisively, but a start had been made. Elected president was Robert Hess, of the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, who was opposed by William Richter, president of the Duluth CIO Council.

An executive board of 18 was also elected, which is looked upon as being friendly to the present state CIO administration. It was reported that the state CIO comprises 56,000 members, an increase over that reported at the last convention. This is the result of the re-affiliation of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which withdrew when the struggle between the right and the so-called left, or Stalinist, wing was in progress. Coming in for the first time were the Communication Workers of America, who had just won a jurisdictional fight from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL.

On the other side of the picture, however, two international unions, the Barber and Beauty

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