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CIO Convention Winks At A Year Of Defeats

To cover up an abject capitulation to the capitalist war machine, the recent CIO Convention in Boston occupied itself exclusively with pin pricks at the war effort.

Instead of forging an offensive to guarantee some economic freedom during the war and some measure of security after the war, the CIO leadership sat back placidly evidently completely content with things as they are.

Primary concern of the delegates was to get more "labor" representation in the war effort. The resolution condemning the War Production Board and the Manpower body was passed after much abuse of these two agencies by Walter Reuther, vice-president of the Auto Workers, and Phillip Murray, National President of the CIO.

Reuther described conditions in Washington as "anarchic" and pointed out that there are a hundred times more jurisdictional disputes in the agencies of government than there are in the trade Union movement.

Grievances of Membership Ignored

But what a miserable picture these "leaders" of labor made. The major problems of the working class were completely ignored. Dozens of thousands of grievances have piled up in the steel, auto and other plants. Industrial capital is just laughing at the labor movement... and ignoring it, despite the existing contracts. Not a day goes by without the sloughing off of old time militants. Contracts are observed more in the breach than in the observance.

The whole government wage ruling is a hammer blow against labor. By its machinery the working class is absolutely excluded from gaining an increase in REAL wages. The best they can hope for is that they may have no wage cut. But for the overwhelming majority of the class the War Labor Board program means a CUT in wages. Prices are still going up, and taxes on workers' incomes are simply skyrocketing.

The CIO failed to condemn this major catastrophe of the working class. In fact it endorsed the general principles of "wage stabilization" and the War Labor Board.

Not a word at the Convention about elimination of premium pay; not a word about the need to regain the right to strike. Of what value was the condemnation of

racial discrimination, when the CIO has no machinery, no weapon to fight it? Of what value were the empty resolutions on organization when the CIO has given up the right to strike and getting an increase in wages through the War Labor Board is a rare phenomenon?

Bureaucratic Control, Maintained and Strengthened

The CIO Convention as a whole was a dull affair. Whatever disputes there were, were disputes only in the labor lobbies and caucuses.

A sharp difference existed between Sidney Hillman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and Phillip Murray, over unity with the AFL. Hillman was in favor of unity "immediately and without qualification," and for ironing out any differences within the united organization. Murray was for unity based on the continued existence of ALL the present CIO Internationals and for the ironing out of jurisdictional disputes after unification through a 13 man committee—6 AFL people, 6 CIO people and one government man as the impartial chairman.

All sides, however, agreed on unity on a CLASS COLLABORATION basis, on the present defensive and capitulatory program. This dispute failed to reach the floor; it was pigeon-holed in the

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Workers Rebuke New Deal In Elections

The working class paid dearly on Tuesday November 3rd for the unbridled treachery of its social-patriotic leadership.

The character of the New Congress is definitely a few notches to the right of the old Congress. With only a majority of 13 in the House, the Democrats of the New Deal type will be a definite minority, since a coalition of reactionary Republicans will no doubt find common cause with the right wing Southern Democrats, to snow under any New Deal move.

What will follow in the months to come can only be, either increased government by decree by the President, or the revocation of dozens of the old New Deal reforms. In either case, American politics has taken an important step in the general direction of reaction and a native brand of Fascism. The threat to revoke the forty-hour week, the Wagner Act and many other New Deal measures is becoming very insistent. With the working class shorn of its right to strike, its right to gain a closed shop, its right to premium pay for Sunday, its right to fight the speed-up, and many other rights, it is today in a semi-helpless position to fight the growing reaction.

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African Campaign Wall St., London, Vying For Gains

November 16, 1942—The war in Africa testifies to the gigantic scale of the military battlefield and the unity of the military, political, and social phases of the war.

The entry of American troops in Algeria, Morocco and now Tunisia is directed at establishing a three quarter circle around the Nazi forces. With the Germans expelled from Africa the vast military might of the Axis in Europe will be ringed by the Soviet Army in the East, by the Allies in the South on the African Coast, and by the British on the West. The strategic advantages of this ring are easy to understand. The United Nations may now choose the point of offensive at any number of embarkation points—either Italy, Western or Southern France, Greece, or Norway. The job of defending Europe has been multiplied considerably.

What the German Imperialists do now will depend on their strength. If Allied power is now at parity or better, the German will remain on the defensive. On the other hand, the Nazis may now attempt a push through Turkey and Syria, to break out of the ring.

Political Intrigues

More interesting, however, than all these military possibilities are the political intrigues involved in the invasion of Northern Africa.

First point that suggest itself is that the imperialist world is an entity. No major nation may withdraw from that world economy. The French imperialists tried to come to terms with Hitler, only to be consistently decimated by Japan in Asia and the Allies in Madagascar, South America

At best, it would only have given the New Deal an edge over its opponents in the South and in the Congress. This, of course, was the political motive behind the bill and would still permit the masses of Negroes and poor whites in the South to remain under the lash of their Poll Tax masters by their control of State and National elections. Furthermore, it has been proven that in Senator Peppers' State of Florida, where the Poll Tax was abolished, the disfranchised, after having received the "right to vote" didn't get to vote due to the ingenious extra-legal method invented by the landlords

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and now Africa. Overrun by the Nazis, bereft of her colonies, France today is at the most crest-fallen point in her history.

Second point of interest is the continuing struggle between America and Great Britain, even in victory. The United States has almost completely disregarded General DeGaulle, leader of the Fighting French from the outset. On the eve of the invasion of Africa, the United States picked out its own puppet, General Giraud, and elevated him to the major post in the Allied French forces. DeGaulle's "crime" is his association with British capital. Giraud, it may be safely assumed, is much more emanable to the overtures of Wall Street, and no doubt in the long run will assume the priority over DeGaulle.

What About Darlan?

Third point to ponder is the flirtation of the Allies with the most reactionary forces. Darlan, handmaiden of French and German fascism, rests as the kingpin of American-controlled Africa. One of the leaders of the DeGaulle movement is a notorious Fascist. Worse than all this however, is the callous attitude of the Allies to the colonies they are supposedly "liberating."

What happened to the Four Freedoms when Morocco was invaded, or Algeria? Why haven't these cruelly oppressed people been promised or permitted self-rule? Why haven't the slave-bonds of French Imperialism been burst asunder by the great "defender" of the rights of small nations? Why does Roosevelt hasten to proclaim intention of RESTORING the colonies to France, instead of liberating them?

Truly the words of imperialism are meant only to catch the unwary. The deeds NEVER match up with the words.

Freedom For Colonies Mocked

The invasion of Africa, from the social point of view, served only further to unmask both the Allied and the Axis imperialists. The empty promises of "protecting" the integrity of Vichy France have faded into the historical night. The gilded words of Self-Determination have been glossed with the grime of imperialist reality. The maturing revolution in France, as well as the revolt of 2 years ago in the French colonies, are both bound to deepen further in the immediate future.

Anti-Poll Tax Bill Pigeon Holed Again; Political Football Put Away Until Next Election

The defeat of the anti-Poll Tax bill by a cheap Parliamentary trick—a coalition of Southern Democrats, Western Senators, and Northern Republicans, headed by Senator Bilbo of Mississippi (who once asked for 30 days to present a speech against the anti-lynch bill) is self indicative of the cowardice of the so-called "liberal" Congressmen and the degeneration of the Congress itself as an instrument "of the people."

The sponsors of the anti-Poll Tax bill agreed to drop it if a motion to limit debate was lost after the Poll Tax bloc had threatened a filibuster. To carry such a motion, a two thirds vote is re-

quired, but this, the sponsors of the bill were unable to muster. In this peaceful way the bill was defeated without even being brought to the floor of the Senate for debate or vote. It is not hard to discern that with this type of chicanery, neither side wanted the passage of the this anti-Poll Tax bill, but preferred to settle it in the corridors so that each side got what it wanted—the sponsors a show of liberalism; the Poll Tax bloc the defeat of the bill.

The Geyer bill offered no real solution to the disfranchisement in the South since it was designed only to abolish the payment of the Poll Tax in National Elections.

Little Pigs Go To Market -- Find Wolf There

Perhaps the next time Disney makes a Big Bad Wolf cartoon he will have that clever villain smoking a cigar and bearing a remarkable resemblance to Leon Henderson.

Only trouble is the Big Bad Wolf is supposed to be foiled in his nefarious schemes and there isn't much chance for any true to life stuff about Henderson and his fellow wolves getting the worst of it. If the three little pigs are to represent the consumer, they are sure to get gobbled up this time.

All sorts of mysterious and unexplained "shortages" are cropping up in the market. One grocer who used to have coffee salesmen calling on him in droves now complains that he can hardly get any coffee at all. Chase and Sanborn's salesmen let him have four pounds one week and told him he would be lucky to get any the next week. (Remember the good old days when some several millions pounds of the stuff was dumped into the ocean to keep the price up?)

An astute gentleman, some years ago, won lasting fame by saying that what this country needed was a good 5c cigar. This was later amended (in practice) to 2 for 5c cigars. Every drug store and every cigar store had more brands of two for a nickel cigars than Carter has little liver pills. Now dealers complain that they are unable to get the two for a nickel variety in any brand. Many leading brands, whose manufacturers claimed they craved only to "serve" their dear public, have suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from the market. If you are gambling man you can get plenty of bets at a 2-to-1 ratio that these same brands will soon reappear marked up to 3 for 10c. No doubt Mr. Henderson doesn't smoke the 2 for 5 or even the 3 for .10 brand, but the cigar manufacturers are looking to him for some substantial assistance and most likely they will not be disappointed. Just as soon as Leon

gets around to it, and gives the high sign, then "shortages" in coffee, cigars and many other things are going to fade away, like mist in the noonday sun, properly rationed and higher priced, of course.

PRICES KEEP GOING UP
Henderson foresaw that these manufacturers would need some "protection" in taking their wares off the market in order to return them at a higher price, so last month he made it plain that when he said he was "trimming out business frills and furbelows" that he didn't mean advertising. "To forestall inquiries," declared the watch dog of profits for profiteers, "I may say that OPA has no intention of issuing any regulations limiting advertising." So that it may again become patriotic to smoke cigars—at a 25% higher price. Once again national defense may depend on drinking huge quantities of coffee—at a price. One famous chain store brand jumped from .13c a pound to .21c but that soon "disappeared" from the market, and only the more expensive brands, with proportionate price raises are available—sometimes.

What does Henderson mean by "trimming out frills and furbelows"? Authorizing merchants to reduce deliveries and compel consumers to carry home everything but a piano or its equivalent? Telling dealers to refuse to accept returned merchandise or deliver goods on approval?

Then there was the famous sugar "shortage"... today warehouse owners are screaming for help—they have no room for incoming harvest products and to quote an article in the Chicago Sun "the sugar is rapidly deteriorating."

The Campbell Soup Company products disappeared, only to reappear at a higher price marked "new and improved recipe" but the only thing changed is the wording of the label, and the price.

Thomas Paine can say again: "It's a great system!"

Workers Ignore Elections

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The Labor Faker—the CIO-AFL bureaucracy and the Stalinists — have prepared the way (as reformism always does). Open reaction will now attempt to finish the job.

MIDDLE CLASS DISILLUSIONED

Two things stand out in the present election:

First, the results indicate that the middle class was severely dissatisfied with the sacrifices imposed upon it by the war government and that it longed for the "good old days" without priorities, government control, etc. It protested against the ruination of thousands of its members by the war. (while the upper bourgeoisie grew richer than ever). The middle class responded to the lying and hypocritical propaganda of the Chicago Tribune, the New York News and the other right-wing bourgeois press, calling for a return of "laissez-faire" capitalism. In truth, of course, the forces are preparing for a more complete burial of "laissez-faire" than even the New Deal has accomplished. The vacillating, weak, and politically unwise middle class, however, is an easy prey for such propaganda, especially since there was no proletarian force to expose it.

The second thing to note about

the election, was the absolute apathy of the working class. Never before in all history did the trade union bureaucracy devote such efforts to bring out the proletarian vote. In millions of pieces of literature the CIO called upon the masses to vote for the New Deal. For the first time, large sections of the AFL participated most actively in the campaign behind the New Deal. The Stalinists have never before tried so hard to get the workers to vote.

And yet they stayed away in droves, millions of the working class. Had they voted as their leaders had counselled, the results of the election would have been radically different. But a year without the right to strike, a year of mounting unsettled grievances, a year of one retreat after another, has exposed the treacherous social-patriotic role of Murray-Green-Lewis-Browder and company. The masses showed their disillusionment by refusing to vote. Had there been a Eugene V. Debs or any other outstanding fighter against the war, he would no doubt have received a record vote. But there was not; and so the proletariat voted with its feet.

POLES WIDER APART

The result of the elections indicate that the poles in American politics are moving wider apart, both to the right and left. The

Clerks Win 18 Month Fight For Clean Union

The 18 month fight of 1100 grocery workers in Chicago against racketeers and collusion between the local AFL officialdom and the Hillman Pure Food Company ended last month in a notable victory. A small but militant CIO Union, Local 329, which had cleaned the labor movement in this city of the Capone mobster Max Caldwell and had been on strike for six weeks last year, won a labor board election against Caldwell's successors by a three to two vote.

Caldwell came into the Chicago labor scene during the National Tea warehouse strike in 1937. He promoted an "insurance" scheme to the three big chain groups in the city, A & P, National Tea and Hillman's. In return for closed shop agreements with him (at the time he had not a single member in his AFL chartered Local) Caldwell pledged to police the grocery employees against raises or any attempt to form a progressive Union in the city.

For four years the reign of terror of this man robbed the clerks of enormous initiation fees (up to \$100 for \$18 and \$20 a week clerks) and \$2 a month dues, along with fines, assessments and what not. But last year the Hillman clerks blew the lid off this terror. The AFL officialdom which had sheltered Caldwell for years was forced to accede to his removal. Due to the political power of the Capone mob in Chicago, however, Caldwell escaped prison for a whole year. Attorney Frances Heisler, a left wing labor lawyer, instituted suit against Caldwell, but after being kicked around for a year the suit ended in a master-in-chancery ruling in Caldwell's favor.

PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP

The militant leadership of the Hillman clerks eventually brought their membership into the CIO. A six weeks strike, a year of Labor Board manouvers, and a settlement with the Company out of court paved the way for the present Labor Board election. Those strikers who wanted to come back were reinstated with \$10,000 in back pay and they took the lead in reorganizing Hillman's clerks against a Company controlled AFL group which signed a new back-door contract after Caldwell was out of the way, and forced on the strike.

The Hillman clerks now face an uphill fight for a good contract. While the CIO International to which they are affiliated is not a racketeer outfit, it pursued a weak class-collaboration policy and has been unable to gain any high scales in the retail field. But at least the Hillman clerks have won their own autonomy and with their present progressive leadership they are equipped to make important steps forward.

opportunity for a Communist force, a new Fourth Communist International force, is favored more today than yesterday by the objective picture. Undoubtedly the left-reformists and the centrists will make quite a bit of organizational hay out of the disillusionment of the working class. Undoubtedly too the reactionary capitalist forces will grope toward a Fascist milieu.

Out of this welter is coming the inevitable showdown of the near future in American politics, either COMMUNISM or Fascism.

Poll Tax Block Useful As Whipping Boy

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and bosses to keep them away from the polls. This is particularly true of the Negro masses against whom the venom of the KKK is specifically directed.

The existence of a small bloc of Poll Tax state Senators and Representatives in the Congress is a very convenient instrument for the landlords and bosses of the entire country, since these gentlemen can sponsor and fight for the enactment of vicious anti-labor bills without fear of ever having to face an irate voting population composed of Negroes and white workers—against whom such legislation is usually directed. The members of Congress, from the non Poll Tax states must face from 40 to 50 percent working class population at each election, and they would have no one on whom to pass the buck were the Poll Tax block wiped out.

It has long been the practice of the National Administration to permit the majority of all important House and Senate Committees to be chairmanned by the Poll Tax State Congressmen, again forming a screen of protection for the rest of the pack who must eventually face a voting workingclass population, and meanwhile the practical powers of that body become embodied in the hands of this powerful minority. Thus it can be seen what a miserable demagogues' circus was put on by Congress in the recent "fight" to abolish the Poll Tax. The only real sincerity in that long campaign came from various workers' organizations and the Negro people who once again fell prey to the mouthings and promises of "the liberals" who are liberal with words only.

Poll Tax - The Sword of Damocles
The skirts of the New Deal have never been clean on the Poll

Tax question, which is obviously a political football to be annually kicked around like its partner the defunct anti-Lynch bill, which died the same inglorious death. The New Deal plays with the Poll Tax issue only insofar as it serves as a vote getting device and as a Sword of Damocles over the heads of its opponents in the South.

The Southern Electoral Reform League, the still-born bastard child of the New Deal and the Socialist Party, while apparently it opposed the anti-democratic nature of the Poll Tax system, entered upon a conspiracy to disfranchise the Southern Negro even further, by advocating in place of the Poll Tax stricter literacy tests,—such tests to be in the hands of the local election boards. Past experiences with the literacy test in the south have shown that a Negro professor, with a string of PDH's could not make the grade, while the most illiterate white hill billy could. This maneuver was necessary for such an organization in order to eliminate the millions of southern blacks who traditionally have supported the Republican Party, and would never be convinced to vote for the Party of the Bilbos, Rankins, Georges, Connollys, Lees, etc.

The right to vote for the millions of disfranchised Americans, Negroes, migratory workers, white workers and other elements will never be won by parliamentary measures. The farce in Congress should clearly bring home one positive lesson to the working class; that nothing can be expected for them from the capitalist controlled Congress. Class action must be met by class action and only thru the struggles of a united working class will there be social, political and economic freedom for the disfranchised.

CIO Hampers Organization

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caucus rooms.

Another dispute rose over the question of vice-presidents. Almost all the International Presidents were in favor of electing 11 Vice Presidents and giving this group of 11, plus Murray and Carey, the power to run the organization in between conventions—very similar to the AFL structure. Up to now, Murray has been a power unto himself, and the Executive Board has only been advisory. But "democratic" Phil opposed this idea 100%; he stormed into the Constitution Committee room and handed down an ultimatum, "there will be only one President, not 11." The proposition was thereupon dropped. Nine vice-presidents were elected, but they have no power.

The Convention voted to request wage stabilization by industries. A return, in other words, to the old NRA. The partly organized industries, like the retail clerks, were strongly opposed to this measure because it would hamper organization, but the resolution was passed anyway.

Basic Problems of Future Welfare Ignored

The main shortcoming of the CIO Convention, as the RWL sees it, was not so much however in what was done (and that was bad enough), but what was overlooked. The Convention didn't see any further than its immediate nose. The coming problems of unemployment after the war, the gigantic rationalization of industry, the replacement of male labor

by female labor, the coming race riots, how to regain the right to strike and every other concession yielded in the last year—all this was just disregarded.

The Union movement never has had such a favorable situation in all its history for making important advances. Twelve million American workers are organized. At least that much more could be enrolled in an intensive campaign in the next two years—providing, of course, that labor took the offensive and insisted on its right to strike and to gain REAL wage increases.

But instead of marching forward the Murrays and Greens have given up all the major advances of the last six years—the right to strike, premium pay, the closed shop, independent working class action, etc.

This capitulation is the greatest blow to workers' democracy in the United States in a number of decades. The victory of the right wing reactionaries in the November elections is a direct result of the labor faker's treachery.

National Progressive Trade Union Movement Needed

The answer of the workingman and women to the disloyal acts of the CIO and AFL leadership must be a determined move to set up rank and file shop steward committees in every plant, to bring the Union back to its members in the factories, and to forge a progressive national movement, regardless of affiliation, based on a militant class struggle policy.

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Quotation From Lenin

"Imperialism in particular, the era of financial capital, the era of gigantic capitalist monopolies, the era of the transformation of simple trust-capitalism into state trust-capitalism shows an unprecedented strengthening of the 'State machine' and an unheard-of development of its bureaucratic and military apparatus side by side with the increase of oppression of the proletariat, alike in monarchial and the freest republican countries."

25 Years After October

Workers all over the world last week hailed the 25th Anniversary of the October Revolution—the 25th year since the Soviet Union came into existence. They will continue to hail the heroism of their class-brothers, in Stalingrad, Leningrad, and on every front of the Soviet-Nazi struggle.

Never in the last twenty-five years has the October Revolution been in such grave danger—the danger from within (from the Stalin regime) supplementing and augmenting the dangers from without (both from Nazis and from Russia's "allies", British and American imperialism.

The Stalinist regime continues harping on the second front as all important for the winning of the war. But the working masses in Russia, like those throughout the world, see only too clearly that the October Revolution can emerge successfully from this great death struggle only by a CLASS DEFENSE. The class defense necessarily involves a repudiation of Stalinism, since the latter is completely bound up with compromises toward American and British imperialism.

CLASS WAR VS BOSS WAR

The class defense of the Soviet Union means the offensive against world imperialism. It means the arousing of workers of all lands to revolt against their imperialist rulers. It means an open denunciation of the British role in India, instead of a boot-licking acquiescence to assure Britain's niggardly shipments to Russia.

It means an appeal to workers in uniform in Germany, France, Rumania and all other imperialist countries to break the chains of capitalism—to convert the imperialist war to a war against their own boss class. This was the political guide to the military functions of the Red Army in the Civil War and the intervention, under Lenin and Trotsky. It is a method that must be repeated today. Only by such a policy can the workers be convinced that they must point their guns against their leaders in the imperialist camps.

All hail to the heroic workers of the Soviet Union. The 25th anniversary of October finds them pushed back to the Volga, fighting with their backs to the wall. The fight they are conducting is the most heroic, the bloodiest in world's history. They are fighting a relentless foe in the desperate showdown between rotten, dying capitalism, which refuses to be buried, and the workers' fatherland. The International Contact Commission and its American organization, the Revolutionary Workers League, pledge all their efforts in the struggle.

British "Democracy" in India

Why has Britain refused to collaborate with the mild non-revolutionary leaders of the Indian National Congress? Why has Britain decreed to the masses of India the whipping post, and the hangman's noose for demanding Britain's own 'cherished democratic principles'? How can we explain the Jekell and Hyde personality of this "leading democracy"?

To answer the above questions would bring out in bold relief all the contradictions of capitalism in its period of decay. The so-called democratic imperialists and the fascist imperialists represent various stages of capitalist decay, the latter the more acute stage. When the German industrialists and financiers could no longer appease and bribe the working class with reforms and higher wages they ushered in the bare faced unbending role of their class via the Nazi dictatorship.

MAILED FIST

In India, Britain is in somewhat a similar position. She can no longer sufficiently appease, with a few meager crumbs, the masses of India, so she resorts unflinchingly to the whipping post and the noose in spite of the reverence she pays at the altar of democracy. These measures simulate strength, but indicate only the hardening of the arteries of British imperialism.

Louis Fischer, the "liberal", has stated in several articles appearing in "The Nation," that Gandhi's whole attitude has been conciliatory. As one writer puts it, "Gandhi is deeply religious and forgives easily." This with reference to Gandhi's willingness to compromise on

the demands of the National Congress. In essence these demands have been exceedingly non-revolutionary, asking only for a greater participation of Indians in the ruling of India. To this, the Empire recoiled as if it was confronted with a revolutionary ultimatum, and clamped the leaders in jail.

The British empire, in its 11th hour can't give even nominal independence to India. Its high handed methods in dealing with India has been considered a mistake by the liberals that will alienate 400 million inhabitants of India from the United Nation's struggle for "democracy." This calling of the only logical step that London could take, a mistake, reveals a lack of understanding of capitalist economy and the basis of the Empire's greatness and ability to pass as democracy.... the exploitation of hundreds of millions of colonials.

GANDHISM REJECTED IN ACTION

The arrest of the Congress leaders has one fortunate aspect; it has released from the control of the Gandhis and Nehrus the workers and peasants of India, who can now act in a revolutionary fashion. The waves of strikes present a force a thousand times greater than Gandhi, the loyal agent of the Indian Bourgeoisie, for independence.

Up to date thousands of Indian workers have been arrested and some 69 executed with no sign of any weakness on the part of the Indian masses. Moreover, there are indications that the struggle has been extended to the remote rural areas of India. In the final analysis only a Socialist India, led by the revolutionary working class and its party, can remove from India every vestige of imperialist rule. Long live a Soviet India!

Class Relations In France

Whether the new stories of strikes in France over the forced migration of skilled labor to Germany are exaggerated or not, the vivid conclusion remains that the Revolution in France not only has not been crushed but is beginning to kindle again.

Class relations in that country have been seething for eight long years ever since the Fascist riots of February 6, 1934. The French proletariat has reeled back from one set-back after another. They rose up gloriously against the Croix De Feu of LaRocque in 1934. They continued the advance with a series of sweeping sit down strikes that established the 40 hour week as a cardinal social feature of the French scene.

PEOPLE'S FRONT PAVED WAY FOR REACTION

But the capitalists of France were able to derail the thumpings wheels of revolution. In 1935 Stalinism made a giant sweep to the right. The Blum Socialists, the Stalinists and the Radical Party of Daladier and Herriot combined in a People's Front that sapped all the revolutionary energy of the masses.

Step by step the gains of 1934 and 1935 were brushed aside in favor of a war program and war time reaction. Daladier replaced Blum and government by decree began making inroads. The 40 hour week was brushed aside, the standard of living lowered, and the rich monopolists waxed fat on the spoils of war preparation.

DEFEAT IN SPAIN

The defeat of the Spanish Revolution, directly across the Pyrenees dealt another stinging blow to the French Revolution, and paved the way directly for the Second World War of September 1, 1939.

French politics again shifted to the right. The reins of government moved over to the reactionary Reynaud and to the even more reactionary Petain. The General Staff, rather face the revolt of the masses at home, turned the nation over to the German invader.

At that time the Social-Patriots pointed to the defeat of France as an excuse for their arch betrayal, for their support of the "Democracies." "We must lick Hitler first, or Hitler will lick the revolution."

REVOLUTION INEVITABLE

But the new uprisings in France, today only in embryo, throw the lie into the cowardly faces of the social-patriots. Even the victory of Hitler has not yet smashed the French Revolution. And that, despite the fact that the revolution was reeling under a dozen blows. Likewise even the accession of the semi-Fascist Petain to power, and the growth in influence of the open Fascists like Doriot, was not enough to quench the flame of revolution.

Mere victory for an invader, as Lenin proved so conclusively in the past, can not defeat the revolution at home. Only the treachery of the bourgeoisie in the native country and an open struggle with the native Fascists can defeat the proletarian revolution.

If anything proved the slogan of Lenin correct; "that the MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME," then the present struggles of the French working class offers that proof.

Dr. Jordan Lets Cat Out of Bag

Let us forget what the war is all about. Here is from the mouth of none other than Dr. Virgil Jordan, President of the National Industrial Conference Board, speaking before the Investment Bankers Association:

"In peace time it is the accepted custom and normal manner of modern government to conceal all important facts from the public, or to lie about them; in war it is a political vice which becomes a public necessity. People in every country, including our own, have reconciled themselves to being pushed around by their public employees and treated as though they were helpless wards or incompetent inmates of some vast institution for the feeble-minded. It is much in this spirit and atmosphere

that the chatter and prattle about our national defense program proceeds in this country."

Hard to believe, isn't it? But this is not the voice of a revolutionist. It is the voice of a rock-bound American capitalist talking to his banker friends and admitting the truth.

Why is America in the war? Dr. Jordan continues:

"Whatever the outcome of the war, America has embarked upon a career of imperialism, both in world affairs and in every other aspect of the life, with all the opportunities, responsibilities and perils which that implies. This war inevitably involves a vast revolution in the balance of political and economic power, not only internationally but internally. Even though, by our aid, England should emerge from this struggle without defeat, she will be so impoverished economically and crippled in prestige that it is improbable she will be able to resume or maintain the dominant position in world affairs which she occupied so long. At best England will become a junior partner in a new Anglo-Saxon imperialism, in which the economic resources and the military and naval strength of the United States will be the center of gravity. Southward in our hemisphere and westward in the Pacific the path of empire takes its way, and in modern terms of economic power as well as political prestige the sceptre passes to the United States."

Dr. Jordan is very clear. American aid to Britain does not in the least eliminate the Anglo-American antagonism. America is bent on replacing Britain as the dominant power. America is anxious to become the world's greatest imperialist power, particularly expanding in South America and the Pacific.

In the closed, secret meetings of the Bankers they can certainly be very frank, can't they?

"The Future Belong To the Youth"

Many noted sociologists clicked their tongues in dismay when they heard the inevitable report that juvenile delinquency in England rose by over 45% since the outbreak of the war, and that is about all they have been able to do. In the United States the spiral has begun its ascendancy in the same direction, despite the lack of much of the tension and terror that existed in England. The background of today's youth is nothing to look back on with any kind of fond memories.

The thoughts of youth today, are long long thoughts, but of a different nature than what Mr. Longfellow meant. Coming out of a childhood reeking with the privations and fears of a ten year depression, maturing into a world of hate and carnage, of useless killings and astronomical profiteering they don't look ahead with any cheerful countenance.

For all that stares them in the face is another period of depression, and another war. For them there has been no interlude of peace, and there is no nostalgia for "the good old days." The few social reforms which were enacted have never had time to bear fruit and this generation haven't even seen the blossoms.

CHILDREN FOR FARMS

Since the war began, for the first time since 1918, school children have been used as farm labor. From Maine to Florida, New York to California they have been picking fruit, harvesting, and pitching hay. Even in localities where there is no "labor shortage" the children have been used at this dreary toil, either as volunteers or low paid scab labor.

Major Hershey, announced last month that "We will find in the future school children doing some sort of war work three or four hours a day and going to school at the same time..." And now the National Education Association policies commission recommended that the senior high school and freshman college years be "telescoped" in order to give the youths a "taste" of higher education before they become subject to the teen age draft act.

The youth sees himself clearly, destined in the near future to become a robot with a gun, or a robot with a shovel or hoe, forced to work instead of study, forced to fight, for what he hasn't yet had time to find out, forced to die without knowing what life is. And over his future he sees only that orders from Washington have the power to regiment him where it wills.

This administration has abused the youth to an extent never before perpetuated, excepting in the openly fascist countries. Senator O'Daniel has no qualms about publicizing how the youth are used against themselves, and against the bettering of conditions for their brothers and fathers. Said the Senator: "that unless overtime pay and the 40 hour week is abolished for the duration 16 and 17 years old boys may have to be drafted."

Dr. Buswell, U. of C. Professor of psychology, at a meeting of teachers said: "The mess we adults have made of the world is not likely to inspire the confidence of youth" but the chairman of the Big Brother Committee in Chicago was more explicit. He urged that plans be drawn up now to cope with "an enormous outbreak of lawlessness in the wake of the present war... to expect anything else, would be inconsistent with past experience which shows definitely that delinquency becomes a more acute problem in wartime than under normal conditions." And that is all the solution that capitalism has for its youth,—C.C.C. camps—or "work or fight" decrees.

To the youth we say, it is up to you. If you do not want to see this same mess reenacted over and over again, join hands with workingclass forces who are striving to establish a society of production for use, not for profit. Build a future for youth!

"Land of the Free"

In these days of war and many speeches one of the most often repeated claims of the bourgeoisie is that of the extension of the "4 Freedoms" at home and abroad—and that this is based on the best of all possible systems with the United States set up as the paragon of all the virtues that mankind could possibly wish for. Let us look at some excerpts from recent news and business publications and examine more closely FOR WHOM these "freedoms" are extended:

THE "RIGHT" TO BE HEALTHY

Chemists of the Consumers Union recently tested 124 brands of toothpastes, powders and dentifrices. Many of them failed to meet even the minimum government requirements (but are still advertising full swing and on the market). Colgates, Iodent and others contain sharp particles which may scratch tooth enamel. Albodon and Calox contain chemicals which are not safe, Pebeco and Boriclor contain potassium chlorate, a poison which can affect the users health, even in small amounts. Special claims such as whitening or removing film are meaningless....

In the near past the American Medical Association was convicted in the federal courts for violation of anti-trust laws in attempts to stop group medical services in Washington D. C. and elsewhere, but a little thing like a conviction doesn't stop such a powerful association. Today they are busy threatening the physicians of a large ship-building concern with the draft unless they stop organizing and aiding group health activities among the families of these workers....

A survey by the CIO estimated that the increased cost of food prices cost the American public \$9,000,000,000. (that's right, 9 billion dollars) since January 1941....

303 firms in six middle western states have been caught violating the provisions of the price control act....

The dairies along the eastern coast have already stopped selling—rich cream because of the mounting demands for domestic and foreign use. Now the Chicago area dairies are awaiting orders from Washington that will help them "economize" by curtailing deliveries, reducing the butterfat (nourishing) content of milk and cream and the possible "adjustment of selling prices"... the conserved butterfat will go to the army and lend lease, the extra profits from the curtailed deliveries and adjustment of selling price will as usual go to the company.

A grand jury investigation in Monmouth county, New Jersey, was forced to come to the conclusion that the local "Joads" of the community "exist, rather than live, in filthy hovels" and put forth demands that the living conditions of these people be improved....

52 British sailors volunteered to help out the Associated Farmers of California with the fruit and vegetable harvest, last month, because they heard there was a labor shortage. They were willing to use their precious furlough time in the fields and utilize their wages for their ship's service fund. This well meant gesture by the sailors resulted in a sit down strike because the powerful and immensely wealthy Farmers Association provided them with unbearably unsanitary housing conditions and violated the wage contract to boot....

When a tenant rents an apartment or house his rent includes the cost of heating, hot water, etc. in apartments of that type. Now the OPA has devised a way to make him pay twice for the same conveniences. It has just released an order permitting the raising of rents for landlords who wish to change over from oil to coal heating or who have installed "insulation of a substantial nature"... That roll of weatherstripping may force you to pay for your heated apartment not once, but twice. Once, when you agreed to certain rent, and now again when the time is due for those conveniences to be put into effect....

Health, says some of the posters from the "morale" department, is vital for victory. Health is also vital in order just to live. But even health has its price and such things as balanced diet, sanitary housing, adequate medical care and even safe food and drug products are as remote from the range of the workingclass as they were during the apex of the relief crisis....

THE "RIGHT" TO MAKE PROFITS

The Federal Power Commission released the report that 374 electric utilities, representing more than 95% of the privately owned electric utility industry in this country, have assets worth—\$17,794,542,310.00....

General Motors Corporation announced in September that deliveries of war materials from its plants in the U. S. and Canada for the single month of August totaled—\$205,667,029.00....

American Airlines, Incorporated and Consolidated subsidiaries reported that for the nine month period ending September 30th their profit was—\$2,407,480.00, but this statement did not include the profits from the sale of aircraft and other properties....

The Bendix Aviation Corporation of South Bend, Indiana (and the rest of the world) is under fire for violation of the anti-trust act. President of the Corporation, E. R. Breech, has this to say: "The Corporation will defend itself to the limit"... "Bendix makes no apologies for its contractual arrangements, on the contrary, it points to its records with justifiable pride." The record, as filed by the Department of Justice contains 7 conspiracies to restrain world air device trade as follows:

1—Between Bendix and Siemens, A.M. of BERLIN to divide world territory on patented and unpatented aviation devices and to exact non-competitive prices from purchasers of aircraft instruments.

Capitalists Plan Terror Campaigns Against Negro Advancement

While President Roosevelt glibly broadcasts his gilded promises of freedoms, sorted and unsorted, to the oppressed minorities of the world a concerted program of oppression against the Negro population of this country is becoming more clearly defined.

For years the Negro worker and farmer and petty business man had been led to believe that his enemies were the "poor white trash," the "peckerwoods" of the south and the worker in the north. But this myth is being gradually exploded, and the real enemy of the Negro masses in this country are to be seen lurking behind their unctious veils counting the extra profits which their policy of divide and rule has brought to them.

NEW DEAL FOSTERS DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

The New Deal administration, for all of its liberal mouthings, for eight long years made not one single concession to the needs of the Negro people as a whole, and only because of the pressure brought on by the war, by the labor shortage, by the need for "National Unity" and by aroused groups of militant Trade Union and Negro Organizations was even the hypocritical Executive Order 8802 passed. This flimsy document deals only with discrimination in plants working on War Orders and has no provision at all for consumers goods or peace time industries.

And what about AFTER the war? When there are no War Orders being filled? Then, where are the Negroes to find employment? And what about Executive Order 8803? This document, so far as the majority of Negro workers are concerned, washes out the little leeway that was granted to them in Order 8802 by the simple process of demanding birth certificates before one is eligible to work in a War Plant.

Practically none of the rural born Negroes have such a certificate, so those eligible for any of the better paid jobs are reduced to what actually amounts to a token hiring of colored men and women in these places. The FEPCO, set up to enforce this law (8802) was swamped with complaints most of which still remain unsettled. And many plants are evading the order by hiring skilled workmen and women in menial capacities, then they shout that there is a "labor shortage," that it is necessary to hire girls—(at lower wage scales of course), or to lower the child labor law age limits, or that it is necessary to "import" Mexican cheap labor, or that a manpower draft must be imposed, or that the Unions must be liquidated in effect with a longer work week imposed, that time and a half for overtime is "unpatriotic."

All these crocodile tears while in Detroit alone there are close to 400,000 unemployed, the majority of whom are Negroes, many trained and skilled but prevented from working because of their color.

Now, in order for the capitalists to achieve their aims, of lower pay for the worker, and more profit for the bosses, it becomes necessary to have a good method of dividing up the working class, which has stood together solidly despite the pleas of the \$1 a year patriotic profiteers, and the "race issue" has become the weapon they are trying to use to exploit the workers still further.

- 2—Between Bendix and Ottico Meccanica Italiana of ROME, to divide world sales territory and to limit competition in aero-photographic apparatus.
- 3—Between Bendix and TOKIO Keiki Seisakusho, Ltd. of Tokio, to restrain trade, to exact non-competitive prices, and to divide world sales territory in rate-of-climb indicators for aircraft.
- 4—Between Bendix and a group of French companies known as "Zenith" and a group of British companies known as "Solex," to exact noncompetitive prices, to restrict competition among themselves and to restrain trade in aircraft carburetors.
- 5—Between Bendix and Smith and Sons, Ltd. of London, to exact non-competitive prices on aircraft and marine instruments and to restrain trade.
- 6—Between Bendix and the Robert Bosch Co. of Stuttgart, GERMANY, and Societe Anonyme Air-Equipment, of Bois-Columbes, FRANCE, to restrain trade, set up sales territories and fix prices in decers, fuel injection nozzles and supercharges as part of a cartel arrangement.
- 7—A conspiracy in restraint of trade between Eclipse Aviation (Bendix owned), Eclipse Manufacturing (Bendix owned) and Joseph Lucas Ltd. of Birmingham, England; Rotax, Ltd. of London and Northern Electric Co. Ltd. of Montreal, to exact non competitive prices and divide sales territories on various aircraft devices.

The similar greedy practices, when they were revealed, of the Dye and Chemical Industries, involving du Pont's dynasty, were shelved for hearing until after the war, so there would be no "prejudice" in the verdict. From the point of view of the monopoly capitalists, there is nothing at all wrong in these practices. To insure their "contractual arrangements," to protect their interests, is why this and every previous war has been engineered. The soldier gets a free grave, or a medal.

PLANNED TERROR

The wave of terror against the Negro in the last few months is not an accident, it is part of a plan to stop the staunch growing unity of the Negro and white workers who are fighting together, to better their conditions.

This summer a bulletin issued by one of the most powerful Landlord's Association in Chicago's south side stated that "due to the economic betterment of the Negroes in this area they have made attempts to move out of the restricted area... We cannot permit this." The University of Chicago is one of the largest property holders in the city, and the University is controlled by Rockefeller funds, which in turn dominate the Landlords Associations and determine its policy on major issues.

This week in Baytown, Texas, the oily Rockefeller dynasty again sows discrimination, but even more openly. The Rockefeller controlled company Union at Humble Oil and Refining Company, issued a pamphlet to its 4,000 employees stating, "(the CIO) is building up within the Negro workers a sense of false superiority, by promising them absolute equality with all white workers, not only in matters of wages and hours but socially and economically, within the refinery and outside as well... the place to check them is HERE and NOW. Will you thousands of Texas country boys here in Baytown refinery please give this problem very serious thought: The Federation (Company Union) needs the immediate active help of every white worker in the Baytown refinery. We cannot hope to hold our colored members against this barrage of CIO promises."

In the troubles in Detroit Henry Ford tried with all his might and main to foment race hatred in order to prevent the unionization of the River Rouge plant. At the Sojourner Truth housing project riots were fomented by a Landlords Association in conjunction with a Church group, and the militant auto workers, instead of heeding the cry for prejudice came to the defense of the Negro occupants of the project.

MOUTHPIECES OF RACE HATRED SPEAK

William Green, AFL chief, and a chief lieutenant for capitalists to hold down the workers, came to the defense of the Henry Kaiser shipbuilding concern, when it was recently charged that this company also has been discriminating against colored workers. Said Mr. Green (scheduled to dine the next evening with representatives from the vicious National Association of Manufacturers and the chairman of the War Labor Board among others) "the action of the Board in issuing a complaint against three Kaiser shipyards on the West Coast is the outstanding Axis victory of the month." So, Mr. Green uses the same formula—anytime a minority group in this country demands equality they are helping the axis.

But the Rome, Georgia, daily paper, the "News-Tribune" is even more blunt and outspoken in its policies and advices. In an editorial which dealt with recent lynching of two boys in Mississippi it openly encourages more of the same terror and brutalities. The editorial states: "Mississippi will receive much severe denunciation for the outbreak of lawlessness... much of the denunciatory material will come from persons who share in the guilt of the youth who committed the brutal attack." (the editorial here refers to the boys who were lynched, not the mob).

It goes on to say; "for months now a group of hair-brained fanatics have been at work upon a systematic campaign to bring about racial equality in the south... Colored women have been shown modeling fashionable garments and there has been continuing stress upon the claim that racial distinctions in the south are hurtful to the war effort because of the influence of Indians, Africans and other far peoples. The sum of the whole campaign has been to prove that there should be no lines of division among the races, that one is as good as the other... (this is) poisonous propaganda which has put false and dangerous notions in the minds of many thoughtless colored persons, as well as the more reckless type of men, and to such influence may be traced the crime of the Mississippi youths who paid with their lives for a hideous attack upon a young white girl."

(This vicious lynch inciting article concludes by saying) "there are wise southern leaders in the south who disagree with the politically minded northerners who care nothing for the fate of the southern Negroes. They are determined to put over racial equality, no matter how many lives of southern Negroes may be sacrificed in the process, and it is going to require much more sound sense in the north than has yet been displayed, to bring this dangerous movement to a close."

That this campaign, of segregation and discrimination is purely a policy which emanates from the capitalist class and its government, to keep the workers divided in the factories, the farms, and in uniform should be clear to all. And the solution to this problem lies in the recognition of the facts. Karl Marx put forth two slogans which fit the scene today as neatly as they did a generation ago. "This worker in white skin will never be free so long as the worker in black skin is in chains." and the other—"Workers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains."