

# CP Raps Press Hubbub on Browder

## CALL 'SPECULATION' LIBEL ON PARTY AND ON SOVIETS

The following statement was issued by the Secretariat of the Communist Party yesterday:

The reactionary speculation in the American press as to whether Earl Browder, expelled as a renegade from the Communist Party, may or may not visit the Soviet Union while on his trip to Europe is designed for one thing—to create confusion and to try to brand the American Communist Party as a foreign agent.

More than this: The attempt of the Lords of the Press to construe the possible granting or denial of a visa to Browder by the Soviet Union as interference in the internal political affairs of the United States is a clumsy provocation calculated to impair American-Soviet relations.

The Communist Party has no knowledge as to whether or not the government of the Soviet Union will issue a visa to Browder. Nor, for that matter, does the Communist Party have any knowledge as to why the United States State Department issued a passport to Browder and facilitated his trip to Europe.

But the Communist Party does know that Browder revised and abandoned Marxism. It does know that Browder's anti-party policies and actions caused great damage to the American Communist and labor movements. This is why our party expelled Browder from its ranks.

Despite the slanders of the press, the Communist Party of the United States is a completely independent political party of the American working class. It is responsible only to the will and decisions of its own membership, which alone has authority and power to fix its policies, decide its actions and elect its officers. The policies of the Communist Party of the United States are based on the interests of the American people and its Marxist-Leninist analysis of the political situation both in the United States and on a world scale.

On the basis of such an analysis, Browder's policies were rejected and repudiated by the membership and leadership of the Communist Party because they were, and are, policies profoundly anti-Marxist and, therefore, contrary to the interests of the American working class and nation. Browder was expelled from its ranks by the Communist Party as an unreconstructed revisionist, as a social-imperialist, as an enemy of the working class. He remains a renegade and his policies remain those of an apologist for American imperialism.

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## OPA Foes Feel Heat, Shift Senate Tactics

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, April 29.—A change of tactics from bucking through center to broken field running began to emerge today as opponents of OPA in the Senate Banking Committee began to dicker for terms with representatives of pro-price control group.

Witnesses before the committee included AFL President William Green, Caroline F. Ware, speaking for 23 national organizations with a combined membership of 15 million, and Chat Paterson, legislative representative of the American Veterans Committee. All three vigorously opposed House amendments to the price control bill.

Senator Homer Capehart (R-Ind) asked Miss Ware at what point she would be willing to remove price control. The House decontrol amendment called for removal of price ceilings when current production equals that of the 1941. Would Miss Ware okay their removal when current production was 150 percent of 1941—or 200 per-

cent—or even 300 percent? The witness answered that she could not deal in flat numbers, but would have the Price Administrator remove controls when they were no longer needed to protect consumers.

Sen. Eugene Millikin (R-Colo) asked whether the witnesses would approve the House cost-plus-profit guarantee for some items only.

"I would be very wary of it," she replied. "I wouldn't want to buy production at the cost of price increases."

She gave a like answer to a further Capehart question suggesting applying the cost-plus-profit deal to manufacturers only.

Capehart, not to be daunted, came

back later to Paterson:

"Would you be willing to see a 10 percent rise in prices in order to get full production?"

The veteran said he would not agree on any percentage for price rises.

Discussion over the black market was highlighted by a call from Sen. Abe Murdock (D-Utah) for increased OPA enforcement personnel.

"If we would increase OPA personnel in the enforcement division," he said, "we might in some degree eliminate the black market. We should employ some of the veterans who are suffering from black market activities."

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Describing the danger of inflation as "a shadow which is hanging over the masses of people," AFL President Green urged the Senate Banking Committee today to pass the Price Control Act without the damaging House amendments.

"The specific question posed to the Senate by the action of the House," said Green, "is how the Senate will act on the series of amendments stamped through the House and deliberately designed to amend price control to death . . ."

"I plead with the Senate to reject the amendments promptly and unhesitatingly . . . Every day of postponement of the decision will help the profiteer and harden the speculator."

Green attacked the cost-plus-profit amendment, the decontrol amendment, the plan to end subsidies, the forbidding of cost absorption and the shortening of OPA life to March 1947.

## City CIO Pickets GOP Office to Save OPA

The City CIO yesterday threw a mass picket line around Republican National Committee headquarters at the Hotel Roosevelt and warned the GOP that the voters would retaliate at the polls in November if OPA were crippled in Congress.

The CIO line was joined by many consumers angered at Republican hatchet work in wrecking the price control program.

Councilman Michael Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers Union, declared from the line:

"I have been on picket lines and in strikes for the last six months, and I know that all of labor's gains will be lost if they wreck OPA."

Two city Congressmen, Ellsworth

B. Buck and Henry J. Latham, both Republicans, voted for amendments crippling OPA.

The CIO is planning other actions in the city to save OPA. Postcards and petitions are being circulated in shops to bombard Senators with demands for price control. Monday a large rally will be held in the fur market, 29th St. and Seventh Ave., at noon.

Mass rallies were held throughout Brooklyn last night as approximately 30 American Labor Party

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