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## Procedure in Mine Settlement Is Not In Labor's Interest!

By DAVID COOLIDGE

The miners are returning to work from a four week's strike. One day after this is written John L. Lewis will face Judge Goldsborough on a contempt charge. Nothing can be said here as to what will be the outcome of the trial. At any rate that result is relatively unimportant. What is far more important is the manner in which the strike came to be settled.

The manner of the strike settlement is really more important than the settlement itself, because the settlement did not come about from any activity of the miners and their union. To a certain degree the coal-diggers have been misled again by John L. Lewis. They have been used and are being used as pawns in a game being played by Lewis, the Republican party and the Democratic party.

The whole settlement procedure stinks. In part it looks like some kind of frameup. On Lewis's side the settlement has a more reactionary cast than his support of Willkie in 1940. From Martin's side it was merely a cheap little every day political trick. Bridges of course was willing to help out a fellow Republican and friend. It is difficult to say anything about the position of Van Horn. It looks as though he was caught in the Martin, Bridges, Lewis double play.

## Miners Win Pension; New Fight Looms

By G. McDERMOTT

WEST VIRGINIA—"Your contract has been honored." This telegram from John L. Lewis has reached the UMWA locals only a few hours ago as this is written.

Two courses of action appear possible at this moment. The miners are debating whether to return to work at once or to wait until the outcome of court proceedings against Lewis is known. If the diggers do return to work at once, any sentence passed on Lewis will mean a renewal of the stoppage.

The Republican Party, with their eye on the labor vote in the coming elections, stepped in through Speaker of the House Joseph Martin. At Martin's suggestion, the operators agreed to Republican Senator Styles Bridges, a man approved by Lewis, as third trustee on the welfare fund board. The operators' anxious to resume profit making and foiled by the determination of the coal miners, gave in.

### WON'T "FOOL" WORKERS

The Republicans have left Truman holding the bag over use of the Taft-Hartley Act that the Republicans themselves wrote. Now that the strike is settled, the government's case against Lewis in court action is now even weaker than before.

We hope that this Republican move will fool no one. Lewis himself is a Republican in politics despite his economic militancy. We suspect that Lewis would like to see this settlement get the GOP some labor votes.

The Republicans think that their maneuver will "fool" the "dump" workers. The Republicans are just as reactionary and anti-labor as ever, however. Only a few days ago, Republican Representative Hartley opened a drive to have congress break up the UMWA and other international unions by using anti-trust laws on them.

### FACE CONTRACT FIGHT

With the pensions won, the miners still face two problems. One is the winning of an improved contract when the present contract expires on June 30. Contract demands are reported to be a 35 hour week, two week vacations, and increased royalty payments. All of these are necessary. Other workers have two week vacations and the miners deserve them, too.

A thirty-five hour week will help prevent unemployment resulting from the increased mechanization in the coal industry. Increased royalties will make possible cultural and educational projects long needed and planned by the union.

The remaining problem is political action to smash government by injunction. The miners have so far escaped the Taft-Hartley slave law only because 1948 is an election year. However, contract time can mean more injunctions in a few months, and there is always 1949!

Here is a strike which has been going for four weeks. The miners have a strong case. Their claims are indisputable. They are holding their line with the usual solidarity and tenacity. Nobody will make a single gesture toward compromise or settlement. Lewis has been ordered by the court to get the men back to work but the men are not back at work. They give no indication that they will ever return to work without their pensions.

Right in the midst of this stalemate and just before Lewis is to be hauled into court on a contempt charge, little Joe Martin, of Massachusetts and the House of Representatives, gets the bright idea that it might be profitable to his future if he can effect a settlement of the strike. After all, a neighbor of his, with just as little brains, had reached the White House on the back of the slogan: "He Broke the Boston Police Strike." How much better the slogan: "He Got the Miners Back to Work," thus ending the "most devastating strike in all history." Such a slogan would be in line with other winners such as: "The Full Dinner Pail," "A Chicken in Every Pot," and certainly far more attractive than "Back to Normalcy."

This may be all well and good for Joe Martin and the Republican party but it is not so good for the miners to be pulled here and there by Lewis in line with his reactionary thinking. He consents to this little trick of Joe Martin's and his Republican conspirators as a slap at Truman and the Democrats. The Democrats, of course, may be expected to retaliate. And what has all this got to do with miners' pensions, wages, working conditions? Nothing at all.

Any miner who has kept himself informed as to what was going on will not be misled by this cheap little political stunt of Republican Joe Martin, aided and abetted by Lewis. Out of the night, or from nowhere, Martin suddenly becomes enamored of the bright idea that he can get Lewis to listen to him. A proposal is made to Lewis that Republican Bridges become the "neutral" member of the pension board. Lewis accepts. Bridges accepts. They get Van Horn. Bridges shows up with a pension plan acceptable from an actuarial viewpoint. He and Lewis vote yes to Van Horn's no and the play is over. No one had seen Bridges' plan before he got to the conference. He did it all himself. And behind the scene is little Joe Martin thinking how nice it would be to have 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue as his address beginning January 1949.

### INDECENT HORSEPLAY

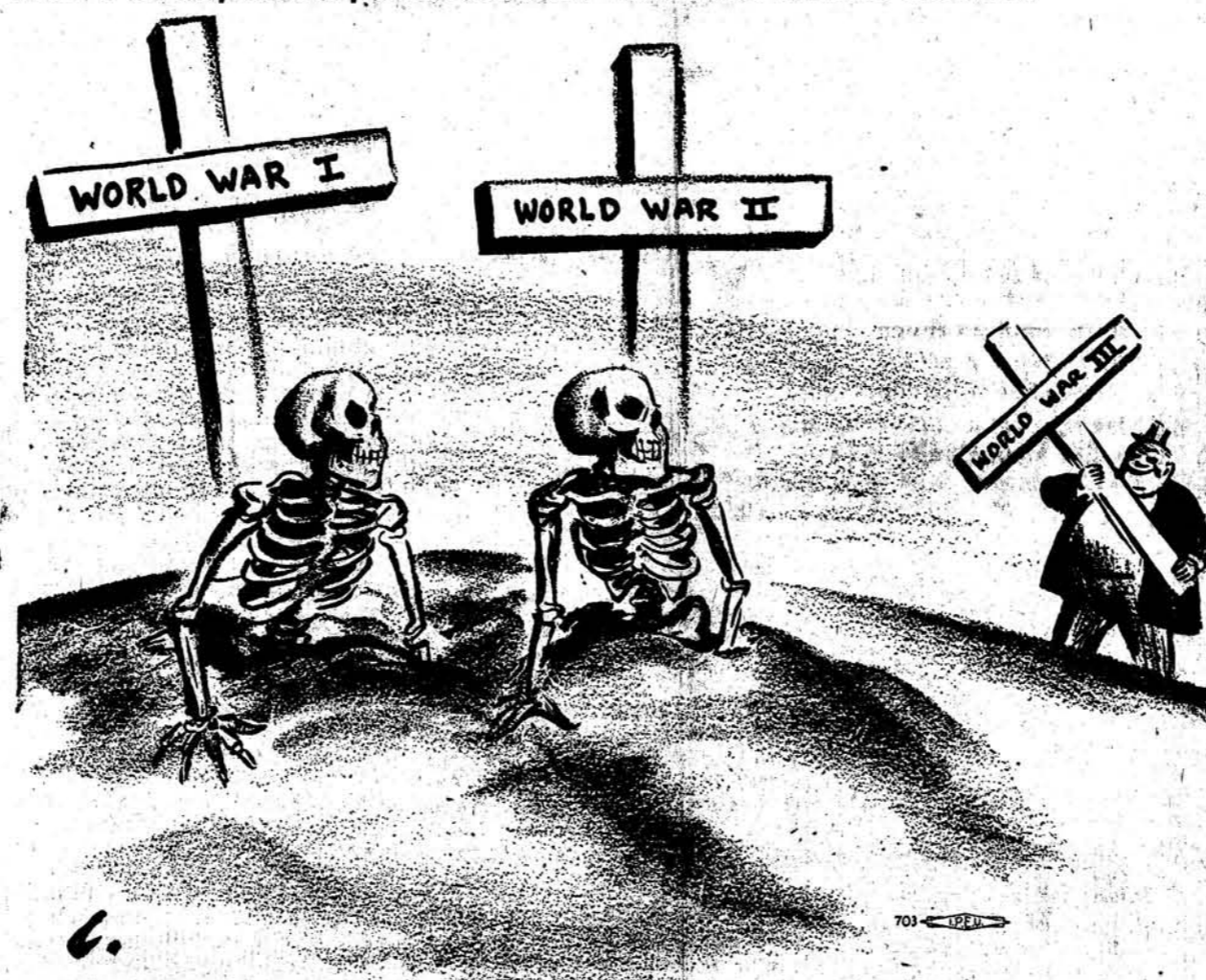
Some day the miners will begin to realize that this Republican party horseplay carried on by their president is somewhat indecent, reactionary and not in the interest of the men who dig the coal. We do not mean of course that we would approve if Joe Martin had been a Democrat with whom Lewis was making these questionable deals. Not at all. That would be just as bad. But it is extremely difficult to understand how Lewis's mind functions.

He pretends to be engaged in opposing the Taft-Hartley act. The act was passed by a Republican Congress. It was supported by Republicans and Democrats, on demand of the NAM and the big capitalist employers. Lewis however, makes a deal with the most powerful Republican in Congress next to Taft and a man no less reactionary than Taft. In fact they are two of a kind. On what ground does Lewis continue to make this distinction between the Republicans and the Democrats? Does he believe that the Republicans are more "progressive" than the Democrats? Where, when and how?

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# There Is No Substitute For Labor's Own Party!

MOVE OVER, BUDDY, DEMOCRACY IS BEING SAVED AGAIN!



## Colombia Crisis Reveals Profound Mass Discontent

By A. FERRARA

APRIL 10—According to the latest news reports, the tremendous wave of popular protest against the government which swept through Bogota, Colombia's capital city, on April 9 and 10, has subsided. President Ospina's conservative government continues in power with the support of the army and a new coalition cabinet, composed of 6 Conservatives and 7 members of the leading Opposition party, the Liberals. In addition, a state of siege has been proclaimed and martial law prevails in the city.

These mass demonstrations, bordering on insurrection, were touched off by the cold-blooded assassination of Jorge Eliacer Gaitan, "Left-Wing" leader of the Opposition, Liberal party. Although the political affiliation of Gaitan's murderer has not been established, his murder is but the climax of a whole series of assassinations and acts of political violence committed by members and supporters of the ruling, pro-clerical Conservative party during the last year against the political opposition, with the avowed purpose of perpetuating their party's stay in power.

The murderous determination of the Conservatives to stay in power is explained by the fact that they were out of power from 1930 until 1946. In August of that year they came to power only because of a split in the ranks of the ruling Liberal Party. The recent re-unification of the Liberal Party under the leadership of the assassinated head of the "Left-Wing" of the party, Jorge Gaitan, spelled political doom for the Conservatives. The combined votes of both wings of the Liberal Party in the presidential elections of 1946, and the municipal and congressional elections of 1947, far outran the vote of the Conservatives. In addition Gaitan had recently instructed the Liberal majority in both Houses of Congress not to co-operate with the government, and had withdrawn the Liberal members from the Cabinet until the government ceased fomenting acts of political violence against his followers.

The American Bourgeois journalists, on hand in Bogota for the 8th Pan-American Conference, have attempted to explain the political strife in Colombia as one more "incident" in the struggle between "the ins" and "the outs," and the strivings of the Bogotan masses to directly intervene in the political life of the country as a series of "riots." But this only shows them to be... vulgar bourgeois journalists.

In reality, these political events reflect the profound social crisis which exists in Colombia as in the other countries of Latin America. While the Second World War produced tremendous profits for a small clique of landlords, industrialists and importers, the shortages of imported food and manufactured goods brought on a terrible inflation and wrought havoc with the living standards of the impoverished masses. The consequences of the Second World War and the threat of a Third World War have forced Colombia to enter the road of industrialization in order to survive. The masses of Colombia demand industrialization, demand agrarian reform, demand greater democracy. A program which is being resisted by the reactionary Conservatives and the right wing of the Liberals.

Because of Colombia's comparative industrial backwardness, because its proletariat is undeveloped, the social

and national aspirations of the masses were voiced by the clever, bourgeois politician, Gaitan, who came out for a program of greater democracy (woman suffrage, election of provincial governors), agrarian reform, and industrialization. Because Gaitan, expressed the aspirations of the masses he became a political power of the first magnitude in a phenomenally short period.

It was this program which split the Liberal Party, the traditional agency of American Imperialism, living off the revenues derived from American exploitation of Colombian oil. It was the knowledge that Gaitan was basing himself on the masses and, so it seemed to the landholding Conservatives, deliberately upsetting the traditional political structure and the parliamentary game of compromise, which set the arch-reactionary Right on its murderous course, a course which culminated in Gaitan's murder.

**INTERRUPT CONFERENCE**  
The demonstrations which followed Gaitan's murder "accidentally" interrupted the 8th Pan-American Conference called by the United States to consolidate its political, military and economic control over the Latin-American countries. What will not be accidental will be the increasing difficulty encountered by American Imperialism in trying to restrict the Latin-American countries to the traditional colonial role. No matter what rotten agreements the reactionary governments of these countries may sign, the masses will "interrupt" all such negotiations with revolutionary upheavals and protests. The masses of the southern half of the Western Hemisphere are still suffering the consequences of the Second World War and have no intention of being involved in the third holocaust. In this sense the recent events in Colombia are a symbol of the stormy developments which are brewing in South America.

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The stampede of labor leaders and liberals to the Eisenhower-for-President boom is now in full swing.

CIO president Philip Murray finally broke with Truman this week, and is presumably lending his voice to the "Draft Eisenhower" cry.

UAW President Walter Reuther is reported to have plumped for Eisenhower.

And a conference of Americans for Democratic Action, the anti-Stalinist liberal front, decided that life had no meaning without Eisenhower.

That Murray has severed his ties with the man whom he called a strike-breaker not a short two years ago is perhaps progress. But it is the progress of a man walking on a treadmill.

## Palestine Tossed Into UN Again

By AL FINDLEY

By the time the reader will see this article, the UN Assembly will once again be in special session to consider the future of Palestine. Like the Special Assembly of last year it faces the unsolved problem of 250,000 Jewish Displaced Persons rotting in converted concentration camps and thousands of other Jews who have found no place for themselves in the "brave, new world" that was to be ushered in by the victory of Stalinist and American imperialism.

Today, three years after liberation, the entire Jewish population of Europe would be in D.P. camps were it not for two facts: (1) the police states of Eastern Europe have made it a crime to migrate to these camps, and (2) the U. S. by decree has refused to accept any new displaced persons. What a sad commentary on conditions in Europe that these unfortunate prefer the stifling and cordoning camps to the life offered them by the "new" and old democracies. The breakdown of European society has re-enforced the nationalist sentiments of the Jews the world over and there is a genuine mass sentiment for independent existence in a concentrated form in their own territory.

The majority of Jews in D.P. camps would refuse to go to any other country except Palestine even if the doors were open to them, but sorry to say, the most concentrated misery of the world has seen has not touched the conscience of humanity. In this era of mass destruction and atom bombs humanity seems to have lost its moral sensibilities. The DPs are left to rot. Even where some vast countries like Canada and Brazil permit handfulls to enter, they make restrictive quotas so that there are very few Jews among their immigrants.

One of the first steps that labor must take to create a better world is by opening the doors of the countries of the world, particularly the United States, to the DPs of all nationalities.

### OIL COMES FIRST

The UN also faces the awakening nationalist forces of the Arab Near East. As a result of deliberate English incitement and the policies of the reactionary sections of the national...  
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Disgraceful as is the support that the labor leaders have been giving Harry-the-injunction-man, their conversion to "everybody's friend," Eisenhower is no less reprehensible.

Harsh things have been said about AFL President Green's reasoning abilities, but at least it can be said for him that he takes his shameful politics straight.

Speaking to reporters in the White House lobby (how these labor leaders love that lobby!), Green denounced "so-called labor leaders who are backing a man [Eisenhower] whose position on labor questions is unknown. Labor doesn't know the economic, social or industrial views of Gen. Eisenhower who has been a military man all his life. We don't know whether he would be for the Taft-Hartley law or against it. We do know that President Truman vetoed the Taft-Hartley law."

Of course, we also know, even if Green appears to have forgotten it, that Truman is the first president in years who dared to reinstitute government by injunction which is as abhorrent to labor as anything in or intended by the T-H law.

But leave that aside. The fact is that there is as much reason to vote for Truman as for Eisenhower, Taft, Stassen or any of that gang. In other words there is no reason to vote for ANY of them. Severally and collectively they are capitalist politicians, and therefore do not even belong in a labor discussion of whom to support!

The Eisenhower idiocy is more incredible than the rest in that nobody knows what the man thinks, if he thinks. That is, nothing is known about him except that he is a man who has dedicated his life to defending the capitalist system in his capacity as a military man.

### ANSWERING WALLACE

Murray and his friends are obviously motivated in their choice of Eisenhower by fear of the Wallace movement. The Wallace movement looks attractive to millions of people who are fed up with the capitalist parties, are sucked in by the appearance of a "good" program, and do not see that his third party is little more than an invention of the Stalinists to promote their service to Russian imperialism.

Murray, a loyal servant of American imperialism, is unable to answer Wallace in the one way Wallace can be answered. Hence, the panicky call  
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## Report Opposition Caucus Opposes Secessions in UE

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 11—It is reported that a national caucus meeting of the opposition group within the Stalinist controlled Electrical Workers union was held here over part of the week-end.

Concerned with the harmful effects of UAW raids and the secession of several UE locals, on the fight against the dictatorial stranglehold maintained by the Stalinist leadership in the union, the delegates are reported to have condemned the raids and the secessions.

It was apparently the prevailing opinion that locals which left the UE weakened the fight that the opposition caucus, UE Members for Democratic Action, is waging. The secessions represent a loss at district council meetings and at the national convention. In addition, the Stalinists were accused of using the secessions in an attempt to discredit the UEMDA caucus.

It is further reported that in the resolution opposing the secession...

moves, the delegates laid major responsibility at the door of the Stalinist leadership which precipitated the widespread unrest among UE workers by the intolerable conditions they have created in the union. However, the resolution is said to have insisted that the fight must continue inside the UE and not outside.

The caucus meeting is also supposed to have incorporated in resolution a condemnation of the General Executive Board of the UE for deviating from national CIO policy on upholding the Marshall Plan and rejecting the Wallace-Stalinist third party movement.

According to our informants, the meeting issued a call to seceded locals to return to the UE, and resolved to demand the readmission of these locals without sanctions from the present leadership of the union. The CIO was also called upon to investigate the situation in the UE which has provoked this internal unrest.



Editorials

Hoodlumism Cannot Be Tolerated!

In various cities on his tour, Henry Wallace is being met by hoodlum mobs. In Evansville, Ind., there was not only attempted interference with his meeting, but Wallace was denied hotel space.

These acts of organized hoodlumism and gangsterism call for the strongest condemnation. They are insupportable and indefensible from any point of view except that of vigilante reaction.

Walter Reuther, president of the auto workers union, is reported to have called up Truman to broadcast a nationwide appeal against this interference with the Wallace campaign.

It is also reported that Philip Murray let it be known that the steel union would not tolerate hoodlumism when Wallace spoke in Gary, Ind., a steel town. Again, we say, splendid!

We have heard it argued that the Stalinists who are the initiators of and the powers behind the Wallace movement have themselves been guilty repeatedly of hoodlumism.

The Shame of Deir Yassin

On Friday, April 9, units of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern gang massacred the bulk of the inhabitants of the Arab village of Deir Yassin. The bodies of some one hundred and fifty men, women and children had been thrown down a cistern while some ninety other bodies were scattered about according to Jacques De Reynier.

The brutal carnage at Deir Yassin is the first instance of mass extermination in the Palestinian war. Its occurrence, however, was no accident. It took place in accordance with the philosophy and avowed aims of its perpetrators, the Jewish Revisionists.

The daily press in New York, which has played up the spectacular exploits of the Zionist terrorists in catering to Jewish circulation, has buried the handiwork of these "heroes" at Deir Yassin at the bottom of the dispatches from Palestine.

The Jewish workers of New York, traditionally in the front ranks of organized labor, cannot but view the Jewish Revisionists with their anti-labor program, as implacable enemies, once they are informed of their true nature.

The press reports that Haganah, the official military force of the Jewish Agency, "dissociated" itself from the outrage and took over Deir Yassin from the Irgun and Stern gangs.

more often than others) have brought injury to the labor movement, in which the Stalinists manage to operate. Hoodlumism, when committed by Stalinists against socialist opponents is no whit different from hoodlumism committed by reactionary mobs, no matter who organizes these mobs.

We are not protesting merely because the Wallace movement has managed to suck in thousands who have joined it out of their disgust with Democratic and Republican politics, and not at all because they are Stalinists.

Branches of the Workers Party, in circulating leaflets announcing meetings to discuss the Wallace movement, meetings which would be devoted to a criticism of Wallace, have included in these leaflets protests against attempts to deny Wallace the right to speak.

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and the Jewish Agency could do little less. One has a right to expect much more. To "dissociate" and to mark as "utterly repugnant" is a feeble gesture when compared with the enormity of the crime.

Those persons who, either wittingly or unwittingly, have acted as the American representatives of Jewish fascism owe a terrible responsibility for the role they have played. The so-called "Ben Hecht" committee mulcted millions of dollars from American Jews (and Gentiles) by carefully concealing the true character of the Irgun organization which they represented.

The secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, Dr. Khalidi, has stated that the Arabs do not intend to take reprisal actions for Deir Yassin. Without probing the sincerity of the announcement, it is obvious that the story of Deir Yassin will inflame Arab fighters and cannot but bring closer a war of extermination.

The glorious chapter written into Jewish and world history by the Jewish resistance movement under the Nazis, above all the imperishable pages written by the heroic Ghetto fighters of Warsaw, must not be dimmed by the kind of chapter which the craven murderers of Deir Yassin would contribute.

WORLD POLITICS

Italy's Crucial Election:

Italy votes at the end of this week. Approximately 25 million people are expected to cast their ballots in one of the most crucial and decisive elections of modern times.

The campaign has developed into a test of strength. This test is not merely between the Italian Stalinist movement and the ruling, capitalist class of bourgeois Italy. In a far greater sense, it is a political test between American and Russian imperialism, their powers of propaganda and persuasion and their strength in determining the fate of Europe.

HOW THE BLOCS SHAPE-UP

How do matters stack up on election eve? The parties of the so-called "left," organized in the Democratic Popular Front constitute a solid group, entirely under Stalinist leadership.

An exception to this is the Saragat Socialist Party, now part of the government, and an extremely conservative and right-wing Social Democratic party. It is running candidates and will obtain a measure of support from the more skilled and privileged workers, particularly of northern Italy.

In the bourgeois camp there is, of course, primarily the Christian-Democratic party which has governed Italy for over two years. It is the Party of Catholicism, the Pope and American imperialism. It is committed entirely to a conservative, pro-American course and its victory is naturally strongly desired by Washington.

For the Right, there is the Christian-Democratic party and the Republican party, representing the so-called liberal forces; then, further to the Right, stand the various nationalist, neo-fascist and monarchist movement (l'Uomo Qualunque, Italian Social Movement, etc.).

WHO WILL WIN THE ELECTIONS?

The Italian Stalinists seek to come to power legally and constitutionally. Above all, they would like to gain

51 per cent of the votes, form a government under the new Constitution—perhaps invite a few Nenni Stalinist-Socialists and even some liberals to participate—and, having peacefully gained control of the state apparatus, set about their job of building a totalitarian state in Italy.

There is no peaceful road to power for Italian Stalinism. Even if the Stalinists should legitimately gain 51 per cent of the votes, it is clear that the present Italian government would never admit this publicly but would count the Stalinists out by fraud and miscounting of ballots.

But it seems most unlikely that the Stalinists will win a majority of the votes. Present indications of the most objective kind give them between one third and 45 per cent (maximum) of the total. This is more than enough (8 to 11 million!) and would indicate their solid base among the masses!

AND AFTER THE ELECTIONS?

And what after the elections? Armed with their vast popular vote which fell short of a majority, what will the Stalinists do? The Christian Democrats, still in power, and now reinforced by operation of the Marshall Plan will appear to have a durable perspective in the country.

Certainly these are possibilities and Stalinist calculations, dealing with the masses as so much capital to be expended for definite goals, will not quail before such adventures provided that (1) the conviction existed that American imperialism would not fight over this, and (2) such a civil war could be isolated and confined as, for example, that of Greece is. While we do not believe this possibility will materialize, it certainly cannot be excluded.

Far more likely is that the Stalinists will confine themselves, for the present, to a protracted hit-and-run game against the Marshall Plan. This means strikes, open sabotage, a constant stirring up and disturbance of the country. Keep the Italian pots of discontent boiling—this will be the probable Stalinist strategy.

OFF LIMITS By James M. Fenwick

Everyone, we suppose, has those days when he feels that the human race is one of the good Lord's poorer inventions. Here we are crawling around on this earth waiting for the day when pin-ball machine and Beethoven quartet, the New Look and the Old Urge, the Communist Party and the Established Church will all impartially vanish in an atomic cloud.

We admit the problem. During the period preliminary to the establishment of socialism, before the garbage disposal units now accessible only to the well-off are available to all, garbage collections will have to be made. A friend of ours who reads all the confession magazines informs us that he learned from Dwight Macdonald's "Politics" that Fourier, the great utopian socialist, proposed that thirteen and fourteen year-old children be delegated to the job.

We have a better idea. Why not employ all the scoundrels and fools in public life who have made a career peddling filth of all sorts? We'd like to begin by nominating a few persons from the ranks of those who have been contributing to the present war crisis.

First there is John L. Sullivan, the secretary of the navy. This is the character who recently announced that submarines "not belonging to any nation west of the Iron Curtain have been sighted off our shores." It turns out that "off our shores" when translated from Political English means "in the Johnston-Palmira Island area southwest of the Hawaiian Islands" and "in a vague area defined as 'off the Aleutians,' the westernmost of which lies 400 miles from Russian Kamchatka."

Then there is our old buddy of World War II days, George C. Marshall, now secretary of state. Marshall testified at the same time as Sullivan that the army is "a hollow shell." This prompted Hanson W. Baldwin, the military analyst, to remark that "the obvious retort of the citizen in this country is an inquiry into the intellectual capacity and administrative efficiency of our military leadership if \$10,000,000,000 and \$11,000,000,000 defense budgets can buy us only a 'hollow shell.'"

There is Bernard M. Baruch, with thirty years of war mongering behind him, who recently testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee that UMT would be useful as a means "of rehabilitating youths with physical and mental defects which can be corrected" . . . by such persons as "off-shore" Sullivan, no doubt.

Gen. Eisenhower easily makes the grade by his latest action in accepting membership on the national executive board of the boy scouts, an act calculated to accelerate the militarization of the very young and condition them for the slaughter.

Philip Murray, the head of the CIO, is another. Numerous sources report his as ready to dump—what's his name? Oh yes—Truman and support Eisenhower for president. Such support would be all that is necessary to ensure the success of the strong Democratic draft-Eisenhower boom which is in the making.

Add to the list Republican senator Morse of Oregon who "voiced deep concern over a threat by two Negro leaders to call millions of their race to a sit-down strike against UMT and the draft." The threat came from A. Philip Randolph, president of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and Grant Reynolds, New York state commissioner of correction. Their purpose, the Negroes said, "is to force an end to segregation and racial discrimination by the armed forces." This would lead to charges of treason said Morse.

Throw in Professor Arnold Toynbee, who is called as a historian. Toynbee contributes his bit to making the coming war seem more palatable by suggesting that the atom bomb is so horrible it may not be used.

Count in a Mr. A. V. Cleave, author of a report in the "Journal of the British Interplanetary Society" who contributes to the general hysteria by saying, " . . . I find it very easy to believe in a future race to establish national bases on the moon. . . . This means whoever first establishes a working base on the moon will be able to launch infinitely bigger and better missiles than any earth-bound enemy."

Then last and least there is Col. H. S. Ruth, General MacArthur's fiscal director. Late last month all American occupation money defaced with political slogans was called in. Most of the slogans, said Ruth, were favorable to MacArthur. Yeah.

And there are people who think it will be difficult to get garbage collected under socialism!

Making It Plain "We must have military support and protection for our economic investments wherever forces threaten everything we hold dear."—Gen. Wedemeyer before House Foreign Affairs Committee, March 4, 1948.

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New UN Palestine Debate - -

(Continued from page 1) tionalist groups, and as a product of the wrong policies of the Zionist leadership, this movement mistakenly looks on the Jewish immigrant and his aspirations, as an enemy. These are the two main forces directly concerned and their focus lies not only in Palestine, but in the Jews of the world and the Arabs of the entire Near East.

Overshadowing them both is the danger of war. The jockeying for position between the two giant imperialisms—American and Russian—dominates the Assembly and will determine what decision it will arrive at. One thing is clear: none of the proposals, plans or schemes will have as their base the interests of either Jew or Arab. At best, they will be secondary or tertiary to the problems of oil, strategic bases, etc.

This special session was called into being by a resolution of the Security Council, offered by the United States. Russia claimed to be opposed, but did not veto the resolution. Russia is not reluctant to use its veto when its own imperialist interests are at stake, but the interests of the Jews is not sufficient to move the Stalinists into determined action.

In conjunction with this resolution a motion for a truce was unanimously adopted. The United States, which had announced its plan for a UN Trusteeship failed to press for it and contented itself with the call for a special session. The so-called independent states on the Security Council in private, sharply criticized the U. S. proposal on the grounds that Trusteeship would require more force than would Partition, and that the U. S. proposal was vague as to how the Trusteeship would be implement-

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brought up. Is there any wonder then that Steadfast Harry vacillates and announces that he is still for partition—after Trusteeship. The State Department permits "leaks" that it would accept a Federal solution.

TRUCE FAILS Both Jews and Arabs have categorically rejected Trusteeship, as was predicted by LABOR ACTION. U. N. attempts at arranging a truce—which some considered a test point and a preliminary to Trusteeship—has failed. Rumors are circulating that the Arab League is considering allowing Abdullah to occupy all of Palestine. Other rumors have the Arab League accepting Trusteeship on condition that it or an Arab State be the Trustee.

Fighting in Palestine continues—and continues to grow in intensity. Two months ago LABOR ACTION wrote "Defeat of Partition by the Mufti will not bring peace." It has not, and will not. All it can do is intensify the fighting.

The U. S. abandonment of partition struck a body blow to the Zionist leaders who placed their hopes in smart politics and maneuvers with the big powers. A Jewish State was proclaimed—but only after May 15. England still legally rules until then, and hasn't she given her word that she is leaving on that date? Whatever one may think of the advisability of declaring a Jewish State, one thing is clear: independence—with an appeal to the Arabs to make it an all-Palestine independence—should have been declared immediately. It's an open secret that anything that the Big Five may do between now and May 15 will be some scheme that will make Palestine independence more difficult.

