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STALIN'S GUILT IN TROTSKY MURDER BARED BY EX-DAILY WORKER EDITOR

Why Stalinism Uses Terror In Labor's Ranks

An Editorial

The Trotskyist movement was the first to sound the alarm against the menace of Stalinism to the working class. Since 1923, we have followed the successive stages in the degeneration of the Communist parties and the Soviet Union, exposed the crimes of the Stalinist bureaucrats, and fought their treacherous policies. World labor is indebted to Leon Trotsky for a correct understanding of the nature of Stalinism. Stalin had Trotsky murdered because Trotsky, as world leader of the working class struggle for socialism, was Stalinism's most dangerous opponent.

In his confessional, *This Is My Story*, Louis Budenz, former National Committee member of the Communist Party and *Daily Worker* editor, gives new and convincing proofs of Stalin's guilt in the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Leon Trotsky was not the sole victim of Stalinist terrorism; he was the most famous. Before Trotsky, the GPU destroyed hundreds of his friends in the USSR, including members of his family. In Spain the GPU killed his former secretary Erwin Wolfe and many others. In France they killed his son, Leon Sedov. In Switzerland they liquidated Ignace Reiss who broke from the GPU and joined the Fourth International. In Greece the Stalinist murder machine killed over one hundred Trotskyists during December 1945-January 1946.

Instrument Of Stalin

Budenz confirms the well-known fact that the Communist Party is a blind and obedient instrument of the Stalin regime in the United States. He explains just how Stalin's operatives function in the Communist Party. Within the Central Committee and in its national headquarters sit all-powerful representatives of Stalin, whose identities remain unknown to all but a few highly-placed people. On orders transmitted from the Kremlin these GPU men lay down the policies followed by the CP and direct its work behind the backs of the membership. In this fashion the CP line is abruptly changed, a Browder deposed, and a Foster-Dennis leadership set up.

Millions of American workers have experienced in recent years the treacherous political and trade union policies of the Communist Party, its open strikebreaking, its support of Wall Street's war and collaboration with the capitalist political machines. These workers have come to understand that the Stalinist line and its sudden somersaults are determined not by regard for labor's fight against capitalist misrule but by the shifting requirements of Moscow's foreign policy. The best militants have learned to despise and combat the injurious policies which the American servants of Stalinism have sought to impose upon their organizations.

The Communist Party not only spreads false ideas and fatal policies among the American workers. It likewise serves as a terror and murder machine in the hands of Stalin's secret police. These two functions are inseparably connected. The terroristic acts are an integral part of the whole political system of Stalinism.

Slander, Frame-Ups, Murder

Their practices include slander, character assassination, frame-up and physical violence against their political and union opponents. The Stalinist leaders do not stop there. Not only in Russia but here and in other countries, they have conspired to do away with their opponents in the labor movement by means of murder.

Countless crimes were organized by the international apparatus of the GPU and carried out with assistance from carefully selected leaders and members of the Communist parties in various countries. As a prominent member of the American CP National Committee for six years, Budenz was exceptionally well situated to observe the innermost operations of the GPU. He was himself drawn into its espionage network.

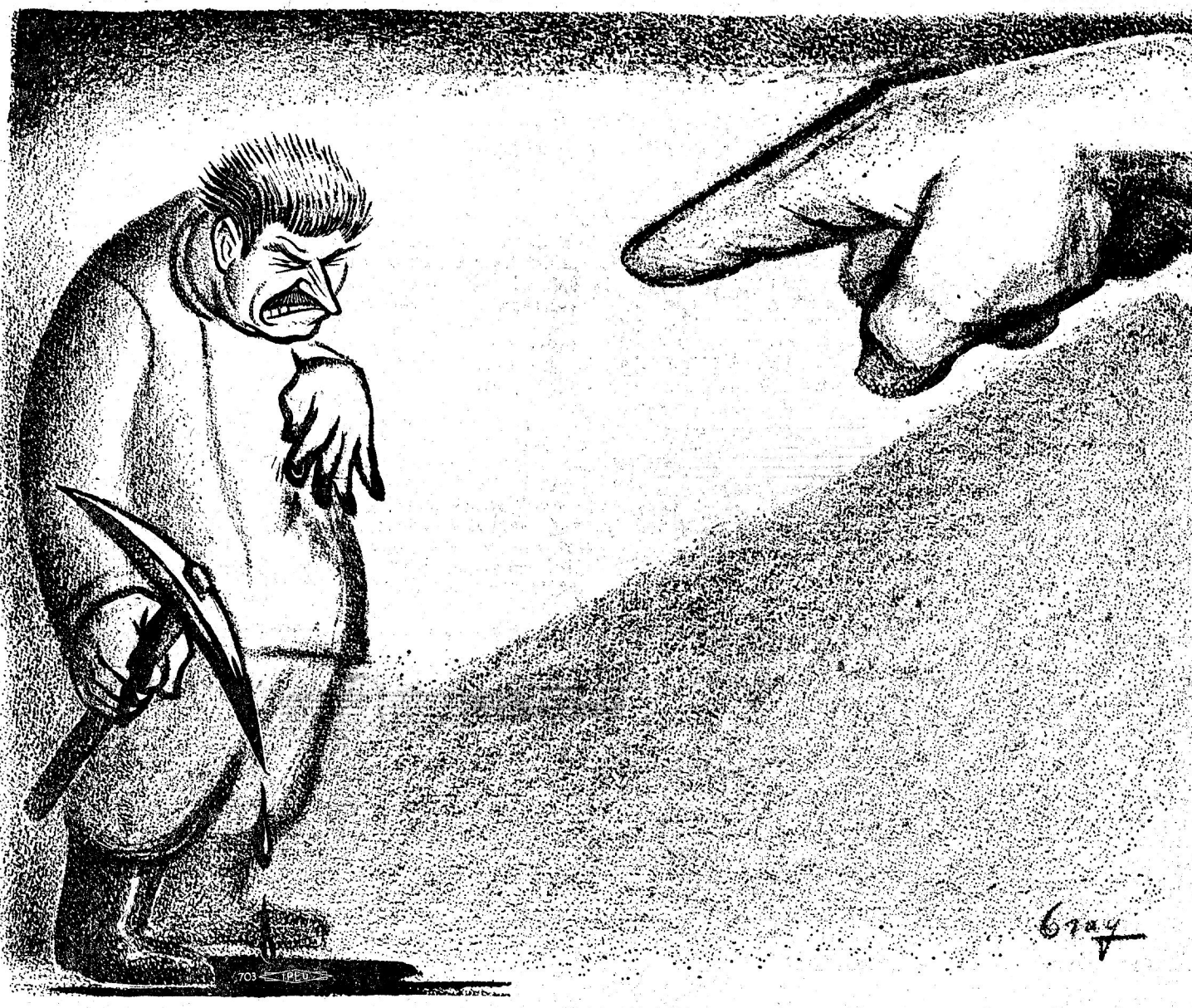
What do these murderous methods of the Stalinist leaders flow from? The Kremlin bureaucracy they serve is a corrupt caste which has taken power from the workers inside the Soviet Union and grabbed for itself the lion's share of the national income. This bureaucracy is in a very contradictory position. While claiming to speak for Communism, in reality it fights neither for the advancement of communism nor the welfare of the workers, but exclusively for its own unlimited power and colossal material privileges. This is the source of the crimes perpetrated by the Stalinist bureaucrats and the two-faced role they play.

The Stalinist gang is obliged to defend its power and privileges, not simply against hostile capitalist forces, but above all against the workers who hate and mistrust their new oppressors and misleaders. Both within the Soviet Union and abroad the secret police enforce and safeguard Stalin's totalitarian rule. The most consistent opposition to Stalinism within labor's ranks comes from the Trotskyists. Since the CP leaders in this country, like their masters in the Kremlin, are unable to criticize the real ideas of the Trotskyists, they must resort to falsifications, frameups, and finally assassinations.

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Budenz Discloses Details Of How 1940 Assassination Was Prepared

Guilty!



How Stalin's GPU Gang Organized Slaying Of Trotsky In Mexico

By Joseph Hansen

At what date Stalin decided to murder Leon Trotsky is still unknown. After Lenin's death in the twenties Russia's vast masses, freshly liberated from Czarist oppression, still knew Trotsky as co-founder with Lenin of the first workers' state in history. They venerated him as the organizer of the Red Army that successfully defended that state against the combined attack of the Allied imperialists. Stalin had to move with circumspection.

First he banished Trotsky to remote Alma Ata, and then exiled him abroad. Stalin counted on the friendly Turkish government handing Trotsky over when the time became ripe.

However, Trotsky found a haven for a while in France and then in Norway. In 1936 the Kremlin staged the first great Moscow frame-up trial. One of Stalin's aims was to put pressure on the Norwegian government to turn Trotsky over to the GPU executors. Minister of Justice Trygve Lie (now Secretary-General of the UN) placed Trotsky under house arrest. The fate of Trotsky and his wife seemed sealed.

This attempt, however, failed when the Cardenas regime in Mexico offered the persecuted revolutionary couple the right of asylum. The GPU was forced to resort to less favorable variants from their point of view. JACSON IN MEXICO

Jacson, the Kremlin agent who later succeeded in killing Trotsky, arrived in Mexico in October 1939. For months Jacson remained discreetly in the background, not even attempting to

enter the household with his wife, Sylvia Agoloff, when she, as a loyal and trusted friend, visited Natalia and Leon Trotsky. In January 1940, the GPU took another step in the conspiracy by reorganizing the leadership of the Mexican Communist Party. A mysteriously-ap-

pointed "Purging Commission" ousted Hernan Laborde, who had been leader of the Mexican Stalinists for many years, and along with him the Central Committee. Why the GPU had to make this extraordinary change in leaders is still unclear. Trotsky thought that possibly the Laborde leadership drew back in fear of the consequences when the GPU ordered them to help organize the murder.

The Stalinist press in Mexico, aided by Lombardo Toledano,

stepped up its rabid propaganda against Trotsky, smearing him with such epithets as "enemy of Mexico" and "agent of Wall Street." The Stalinist-controlled trade union publications, *El Popular* and *Futuro*, participated, of course, in this mud-slinging.

Out of the ranks of the Mexican Communist Party, the GPU organized a murder machine. Meanwhile Jacson, shielding himself behind his wife, had become acquainted with the guards

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Implicates Leaders Of Communist Party In GPU Conspiracy

By John G. Wright

Sinister and secret details connected with the assassination of Leon Trotsky by Stalin's hired killer in Mexico City in August 1940 have been disclosed by Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of the *Daily Worker* and member of the National Committee of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. These revelations are made by Budenz in his book, *This Is My Story*, which will be shortly released to the public by Whittlessey House.

As an eyewitness and direct participant, Budenz, who served the Kremlin loyally for ten years, now supplies conclusive evidence that top operators of Stalin's secret police worked for years on American soil to prepare for the murder of Trotsky.

American Stalinists, including Budenz himself, helped pave the way for the assassin "Frank Jacson" to worm his way into Trotsky's home. Involved in the preparation for this crime were the then highest placed leaders of American Stalinism, in particular, Earl Browder and Jack Stachel.

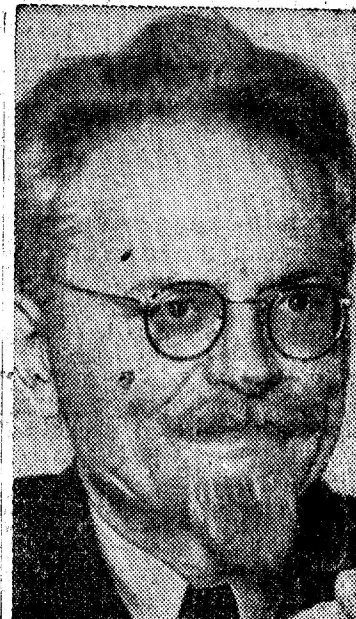
BEGAN IN 1936

Budenz's confession places the beginning of these preparations in December 1936. This is a significant date. It was on the eve of the Second Moscow Trial which was staged in January 1937. Trotsky was at that time aboard a Norwegian oil tanker en route to Mexico. The GPU was busy before he had even set his foot on land.

To penetrate the Trotskyist organization and to establish connections for the killer, the GPU required specific information. Since the American Trotskyists were at the time members of the Socialist Party, additional information about left wing Socialists was likewise required.

Because of his previous, even if brief, contacts with Trotskyists, Budenz, who was then labor editor of the *Daily Worker*, was selected for the task of "cooperating" with the secret GPU network.

In his disclosures Budenz confirms the charge repeatedly made by Trotsky in his lifetime that at least one representative of the GPU sits within the Central Committee of every national



LEON TROTSKY

Stalinist section and exercises unbounded authority. The selection of Budenz was approved by this semi-public, semi-private figure.

Budenz's meeting with the GPU chieftain in charge of "Anti-Trotskyist" activities, "friend Richards" by name, was arranged by Jack Stachel, in the presence of a member of the party's Control Commission. Both of these CP leaders emphasized that any and all instructions issued by "Richards" took precedence over all other duties.

ASSISTED GPU

Budenz conferred with "Richards" and accepted the assignment, which included collecting all sorts of information concerning the Trotskyists. Always a bitter enemy of Trotskyism, Budenz does not hide even today that he was eager to assist the GPU in every possible way. He supported and defended, as he still does, all the monstrous false charges concocted by the Kremlin, above all, those presented in

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Collapse Of Stalin's Frame-up Structure

A series of massive blows have crumbled to dust the thick wall of falsification, slander and frame-up Stalin built to screen his wholesale murder of workingclass political opponents. These bloody crimes he climaxed with his assassination of Leon Trotsky.

The foundations of Stalin's frameup structure were the infamous Moscow Trials in 1936-37. Through these GPU-staged trials of several score Old Bolsheviks, Stalin sought to smear the victims of his bloody purges, and above all the exiled Trotsky, as saboteurs of Soviet economy and agents of Nazi Germany. Stalin chiefly aimed to slander and discredit Lenin's co-worker Leon Trotsky. Trotsky had organized an implacable Marxist opposition to the Stalinist bureaucracy and from his

exile was striking daily hammer blows at the traitorous Stalin regime.

When the miserable, tortured victims of Stalin's hate stood in the dock to spew out the "confessions" stuffed in their mouths by the GPU, Trotsky's voice rang out in the world press with probing questions and devastating analyses. His exposures of the flimsy, contradictory "evidence" in the Moscow Trials roused world public opinion against the frame-ups.

TESTIMONY FALSE

At his appeal, an international Commission of Inquiry into the Charges against Leon Trotsky was established in March 1937. This commission, headed by the world-respected philosopher and educator Professor John Dewey, conducted an exhaustive investigation into the

Moscow Trials testimony.

Trotsky himself was subjected to a rigorous interrogation at 13 Commission hearings in Mexico from April 10-17, 1937. His movements for the times he was supposed to have been in contact with various Moscow Trial defendants were checked from documentary sources and government records.

On the basis of overwhelming proof of the falsity of key testimony in the Moscow Trials, the Dewey Commission of Inquiry on September 21, 1937, issued a unanimous verdict: "We therefore find the Moscow Trials to be frame-ups. We therefore find Trotsky and Sedov (Trotsky's son) not guilty."

These findings, published in *Not Guilty* by Harper & Brothers, had world-wide repercussions. They knocked the very

foundations from under the Moscow frame-ups.

The final blow to the frame-ups was dealt by the Nuremberg trials of the Nazi leaders last year. In these 10-month trials, concluded last September, the leading Nazi officials were cross-examined by top Soviet prosecutors. These included Vyshinsky, chief prosecutor in the Moscow Trials. The prosecutors had their hands on tons of Nazi documents, covering every inside phase of Nazi activities.

DEMAND IGNORED

Natalia Trotsky, widow of the murdered Bolshevik leader, addressed an appeal to the Nuremberg court demanding that her attorney be permitted to cross-examine Rudolph Hess, a leading Nazi defendant, who was said in the Moscow Trials to

have been the "direct link" with Trotsky.

Her demand was ignored. The Soviet prosecutors kept dead silence. That silence rang louder than any spoken confession. Trotsky never had dealings with the Nazis. The Moscow Trials were a frame-up from beginning to end.

All the Kremlin's agencies and the Stalinist press used the Moscow Trials slander to conceal the GPU-origin of the assassin Jacson, who struck down Leon Trotsky with a pick-axe on Aug. 20, 1940. Now Budenz's testimony about how the GPU prepared Trotsky's murder has blown away the last wisp of this camouflage. It is Stalin himself who stands completely bared with the bloody pick-axe in his hand.

AFL Leaders Use Issue Of Organic Unity To Block Immediate Joint Action With CIO On Anti-Labor Bills

AFL President William Green, in a letter last week to CIO President Philip Murray, interpreted Murray's proposal for joint action against anti-labor laws as a rejection of the AFL's proposal for organic unity.

Last Dec. 5 Murray made his appeal for united action. On Jan. 31 the AFL Executive Council replied by rejecting any joint action and insisting that the two organizations must be merged "in one parent union."

The CIO set up a committee to meet with an AFL committee, but reiterated its plea for immediate joint action.

This latter plea, says Green, indicates "that you (Murray) declined the request I submitted" that representatives of the two organizations meet to set up a single organization on a permanent basis.

What the whole issue boils down to, it has become clear, is that the AFL craft-minded leaders advanced the proposal for "organic unity" to cover up their rejection of united labor action NOW against the imminent threat of laws to repress the unions.

THE REAL NEED
Organic unity, as proposed by the AFL leaders, does not meet the need of the hour. That need is for all organized labor to get together as speedily as possible on a minimum program of action to fight the swiftly-moving Congressional anti-labor offensive.

Obviously, the achievement of organic unity, even granting the utmost good-will on both sides, involves numerous complicated problems requiring lengthy consideration and negotiations. The impatient labor-haters in Congress certainly don't propose to wait around until the AFL and CIO are fused before pushing their union-cripping program into law.

The AFL leaders were well aware of this when they offered their organic unity proposal as a pretext for rejecting the CIO's joint-action appeal. In effect, they said then and they repeat now that they will block any form of united labor action unless and until the CIO is merged with the AFL under terms and conditions determined by the traditionally-hostile and narrowly-conservative AFL hierarchy.

The AFL Executive Council's proposal was suspect from the start. It was made at the very time its policy of jurisdictional war against the industrially-organized CIO was being intensified. Nor did the AFL leaders give any hint that their well-known opposition to industrial unionism had changed. This has been and remains the chief obstacle to organic unity.

On the other hand, joint labor action is entirely feasible. Such action around a program of fighting against anti-labor legislation can be realized in short order — if the AFL leaders really mean business about halting the passage of anti-union laws.

CONGRESS OF LABOR
We have proposed that a National Congress of Labor, with representative delegates from all local unions of every affiliation, be convened in Washington. Such a body could map out an effective program to block the anti-labor drive.

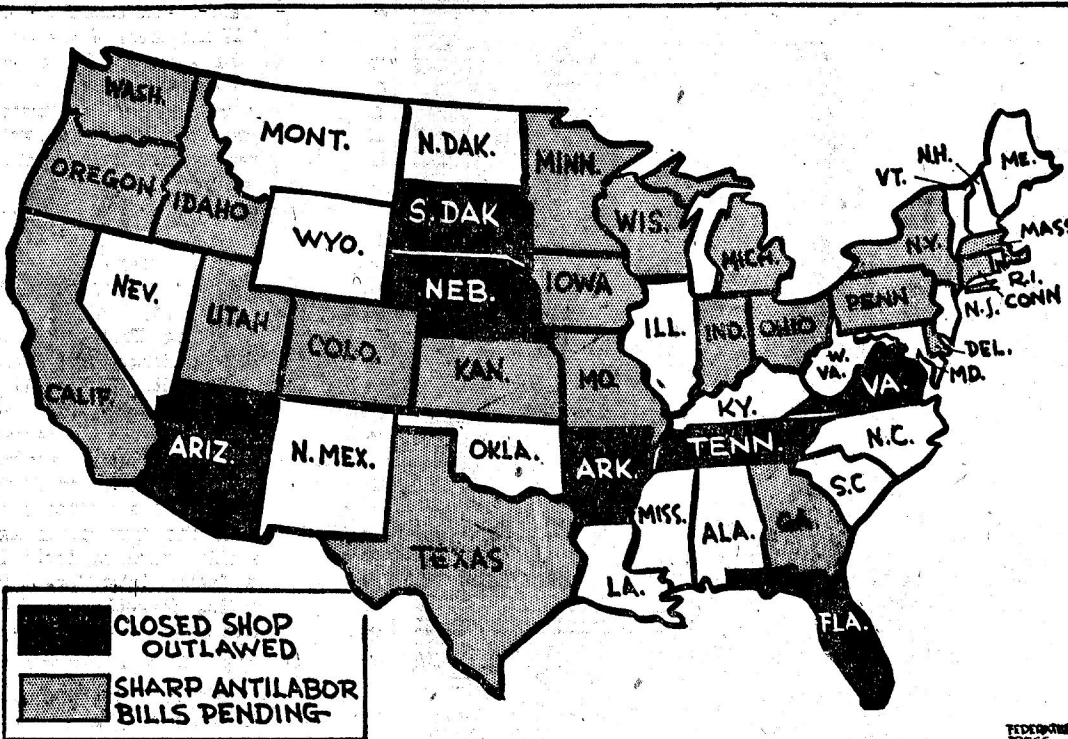
It could mobilize the pressure of millions of workers in united militant mass actions — nationwide demonstrations, mass meetings, mass delegations to Congressmen, a labor march on Washington.

It could start a counter-offensive of tremendous power, arousing large sections of the unorganized workers and lower middle class against the Big Business monopolists who control the government.

At the same time, a National Congress of Labor could project the most effective answer of all to the Congressional labor-haters: It could launch a program for the immediate building of an independent labor party.

It could meet the political power of the capitalists with labor's independent political power. It could fight not just for the privilege of begging favors from a Wall Street-controlled Congress, but for direct control of Congress by organized labor, the true representative of the vast majority of the American people.

States Push Anti-Labor Laws



This map, based on a Federated Press survey, shows that a large majority of the states are not waiting for Congress to destroy labor's hard-won gains.

Why Union Bureaucrats Weaken Labor's Defense Of Its Rights

AFL President William Green, speaking against anti-labor laws before the House Labor Committee last week, engaged in what the daily press called a "shouting, red-faced exchange" with Republican Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan.

After Green read a statement condemning proposed anti-labor laws and amendments to the Wagner Act, Hoffman contemptuously baited him. The Michigan spokesman for the auto corporations taunted the leader of 7 1/2 million organized workers with being "negative" because he offered no "constructive" proposals to "improve" the Wagner Act.

Green pleaded frantically: "Now wait! I'm willing that the Wagner Act be changed so that the employer can engage in free speech. On financial reports of unions, we're willing. If it's a matter of union registration, licensed on a voluntary basis, we have no objections."

He begged further: "Listen to me. If you will go out among the workers of this country you will find there is developing in their minds and hearts a bitter hatred and you are going to menace the free enterprise system in this nation if you go ahead and enslave the workers."

Green's reply to Hoffman, the auto magnates' agent, reflects the core of the trade union leadership's weakness before the Big Business anti-labor legislative drive.

SEES NOTHING WRONG
The AFL leader sees nothing wrong in principle with capitalist government regulation of the unions. His concern is lest such regulation and suppression arouse the workers to resistance and thus ultimately endanger the capitalist system itself.

Green wants the top labor bureaucracy, which is violently opposed to labor militancy, to be permitted to cooperate with the government in imposing "voluntary" restrictions on the organized workers. Under pressure from the government agents of Big Business, Green is even ready to concede to a measure of legal restraints on the unions. He pleads only that the main task of policing the unions for the bosses be left to the labor leaders themselves.

This is what Green has in mind when he agrees to certain "mild" revisions of the Wagner Act which pave the way for further anti-labor laws, while he protests against any openly harsh laws that would provoke the workers.

Green doesn't regard the government of Big Business as an enemy. He supports it and all its agencies. He pleads before the House Labor Committee as if he were petitioning some impartial agency standing above the contending capitalist and working classes. He does not dispute the capitalist government's right to impose restraints on the unions. He disputes merely the advisability of such restraints from the viewpoint of "free enterprise" — that is, of capitalism.

The capitalist politicians also argue from the standpoint of the defense of the "free enterprise" system. They not only claim it is necessary to pass laws against labor to safeguard capitalism — they have the political power to do so.

NOT IMPARTIAL
The government, far from being an impartial agency, is expressly designed for the defense of the interests of the ruling class, the capitalists who control the country's economy and exploit the workers.

If Green had appeared before the House Labor Committee as a real leader of labor defending the interests of the working class, he would have answered Hoffman along the following lines:

"This government is the instrument of labor's enemies. This Congress serves Big Business alone. You yourself, Mr. Hoffman, are the well-known and notorious agent of the automobile monopolies. The auto billionaires have sent you to Congress to serve their interests and do a job on labor. You and the rest of your Congressional colleagues represent only a handful of rich parasites and labor exploiters."

FOR THE WORKERS
I represent 7 1/2 million organized workers and their families. I speak for the class that does all the useful work and produces all the good things of life. I am opposed to any laws of any description to restrict labor.

"I have come before this public hearing for only one purpose — to expose your ties with the monopoly corporations and to help arouse labor to throw you and all your capitalist political henchmen out of Congress."

But Green and the rest of the labor bureaucrats are not tribunes of the working class fighting against the Capitalist class. They are defenders of the capitalist monopoly system, falsely labeled "free enterprise." They consider their interests as union officials bound up with capitalism. They fear any conflict with the system under which they are honored as "labor statesmen" and get a fat living for keeping a conservative grip on the workers.

Green stands for the capitalist system and seeks only to cooperate with its government. He supports the government and the political parties of Wall Street which control it. That is why he and his kind will not put up an uncompromising fight against the capitalist government and its anti-labor drive. That is why they will even knife labor's fight.

Only labor leaders who are opposed to the capitalist profit system and who have broken all ties with the capitalist political machines can be depended upon to lead an effective struggle against the government's anti-labor drive.

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SWP Supports Negro Candidate In Santa Monica
SANTA MONICA, Calif., Mar. 1—The Socialist Workers Party branch here this week announced its support to the candidacy of Rev. W. P. Carter, united Negro community candidate, for City Council. All Militant readers are asked to give active support to his fight for one of the seven council seats to be filled in the March 18 elections.
The SWP welcomes the break of the Negro community from its traditional support of capitalist politicians, and supports its right to representation on the council.

San Francisco To Hold Dinner
SAN FRANCISCO, — Funds to buy food desperately needed by European workers who led the class struggle against fascism will be raised by the San Francisco branch of the American Committee for European Workers' Relief through an Italian dinner to be held Sunday, March 16, at 305 Grant Avenue.
Tickets to the meat balls and spaghetti dinner will be sold for a dollar and funds raised in this manner will be used to buy food wholesale, the committee announced.

Detroit FEPC Parley Urges Demonstration

DETROIT, Mar. 2—Highlight of the city-wide conference of local FEPC committees held here yesterday was the decision to call for a monster demonstration in Cadillac Square, protesting the anti-labor campaign in Congress and supporting passage of a state FEPC law in the April 7 referendum.

A lively discussion took place over the kind of mass meeting needed to get out the vote for the state FEPC bill. One proposal was for a meeting to deal with this subject alone. The other proposal was to hold it jointly with the big demonstration against the Congressional anti-labor campaign.

Erwin Baur of the UAW Budd local explained how these two issues were inextricably tied together, and pointed out how many white workers, who might ordinarily be passive or even opposed to the FEPC bill, would vote for it when they were shown its connection with the reactionary drive in the state and national legislatures. The motion for a joint meeting was adopted without opposition.

The 60 delegates also discussed progress and problems in organization and activities of their local FEPC committees.

Joe Tuma of the UAW Fair Practices Department reported on several outstanding jobs of breaking down discrimination and segregation that the Department had participated in. Notable among these were the abolition of special seniority lists for Negroes and enforcement of the so-called union principle of promotion based on seniority at the Glenn L. Martin in Baltimore.

Tuma also singled out for praise the excellent work done by the GM Local in Southgate, Calif., which won new job opportunities for Negro workers.

V. R. Dunne Hits Ball As Tool Of Capitalists

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2 — Senator Joe Ball is the symbol of reaction for millions of workers in the United States today.

That was the statement of V. R. Dunne, national labor secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, when he addressed 60 workers at the Twin City Sunday Forum held in the Minneapolis SWP headquarters this afternoon.

Rising from the ranks of the workers, Ball is all the more useful in doing a job for the bosses, Dunne pointed out. He tells the workers that the unions have too much power and that he wants to "stop them from hurting themselves."

"Of course Ball is merely one member of the anti-labor pack that is howling for the blood of the workers in Congress," the speaker declared. "A flood of propaganda has been loosed to prove that the workers are to blame for the present chaos and are threatening the peace of the world," he added.

Following the capitalists' program of an anti-union drive to clean out the militants in the organized labor movement, Ball is preparing the American workers for a drive against the Soviet Union. "To the bosses, the Soviet Union is a union that threatens their profits and their exploitation," Dunne declared.

Workers must organize an independent labor party, based on the trade unions, and put their own representatives in Washington, Dunne concluded.

Twin Cities Net \$250 For Relief In Europe

The Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters of the American Committee for European Workers Relief held a very successful concert last week. The proceeds, which amount at this point to \$250 will be used in the work of sending food, clothing and medicine to stricken Europe.

The concert, held at the Minneapolis Women's Club Assembly, featured Ruby Brank, Soprano, Donald Strange, Baritone, Aileen Hompe, Pianist, and the Lisowsky String Quartet. All those attending the concert enjoyed an evening of excellent music and had the added pleasure of knowing that they were aiding anti-fascists in Europe. Already as a result of this affair, new people have called the local ACEWR chapter to donate clothing to be sent to Europe.

Both Twin Cities ACEWR chapters hold regular sewing bees at which men and women volunteer to repair and pack clothing donated for overseas shipments.

\$270 Netted In Tri-City Pennsylvania Bazaar

Many militant readers who attended the Pennsylvania Tri-City Bazaar have inquired about the success of that affair. Mrs. Goldy Goldman, chairman of the Philadelphia chapter of the ACEWR, announces that the net proceeds were \$270. The booths run by Allentown netted \$220.00, by Reading \$41.70 and by Philadelphia \$171.40.

Mrs. Goldman also reports that her chapter has a can for collection of donations to purchase medicine. When last opened, this can yielded \$16.08.

THANKS FROM ABROAD
Among letters recently received by the ACEWR from European workers is one from Hamburg, Germany which states: "For your letter, as well as for your dear package of Nov. 8, my thanks. You can probably well imagine what great joy you have caused me in the present condition in Germany."

"In 1933, I was under arrest for half a year and again in 1935 because of illegal activity."

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Story Of Margaret McNett

By Theodore Kovalesky

She was a little blond kid. You couldn't call her pretty; there was a certain lean hardness about her face instead of the soft roundness that people think about when children's faces are mentioned.

Now I don't know what kind of life little Margaret McNett had. All I know about her is what I read in the Buffalo newspaper that carried her picture. And her little face had that kind of leanness.

I guess you get the idea by now. Margaret got on her carton and slid down. A train passed, and the other kids thought she was waiting on the other side.

It's a dirty part of the city. The Republic Steel Plant is right around there, and so is the big Donner-Hanna Coke Co. Besides these, there are the chemical plants not far away.

There is no room here to discuss the reasons for this significant transformation, but the following factors should be stressed and studied:

These developments have shaken up the South, torn it out of its routine, set new forces in motion and laid the material basis for the waging of struggles that will have a vital effect on the whole country.

In Nashville, Tennessee 2,500 white and Negro workers march together in a mass demonstration against anti-labor legislation.

There is possible that within a few years the "backward South" may make the rest of the country look backward by comparison.

"Advice" On Making Ends Meet

By Grace Carlson

The other day, one of The Militant readers from East Chicago sent me a clipping from the Chicago Times with the suggestion that I should "take on" the Times writer.

I wish that I knew Mrs. N. H. I'd give her some very different kind of advice, I'd say, "Mrs. N. H., it's an outrage that a woman should have to struggle to take care of a family of 10 on \$25 a week!

Bill payments	\$1.15
Rent	2.31
Milk for baby	1.40
Dry skim milk (9 qts.)	.50
All other foods	17.50
Cafare	.70
Miscellaneous	1.44
TOTAL	\$25.00

Notes From The News

Fascist demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith was one of the featured speakers at Bilbo's sponsorship ceremony of the Juniper Grove Baptist Church in Mississippi, which figured prominently in the recent Bilbo war contract-corruption probe.

The American Newspaper Guild is now publishing its own daily paper in Camden, N. J. — the Camden Free Press.

Herbert K. Sorrell, leader of the seven-month old Hollywood studio strike, was kidnapped and badly beaten this week. One of the thugs wore a police uniform and badge.

Application of the fascist Tool Owners Union to operate in New York has been rejected by the State Department of Labor's Bureau of

things about life under capitalism. Imagine little Margaret living in this section. Imagine her prowling along the railroad tracks in bad times helping to fill burlap bags with chunks of coal that had dropped from passing engines.

There are plenty of things you could imagine about little Margaret McNett's living and growing up in the south side of the city of Buffalo, N. Y.

Only it isn't necessary to imagine anything now... particularly about Margaret's growing up. Because she isn't going to grow up. She stopped growing up on the first day of March.

Little Margaret's life had been taken, and we won't talk about her any more. But she had three sisters and a brother. And there are thousands of other kids in the same section who must grow up near those railroad tracks, sliding on cartons and improvising games that don't need toys to play them.

The newly-enacted "white primary" law. In all Southern states the membership of the NAACP stands at a new high.

Even if one looks only at the number of people involved, it is plain that the Negro struggle is entering a new stage in the South (and therefore in the country).

In a newspaper interview last week Aubrey Williams, former head of the National Youth Administration and now publisher of The Southern Farmer, declared that "the next great liberal movement in this country will come from the South."

The Board of Education attempted at first to keep a few of the schools open. One of these, Lafayette High School, was closed down at noon the first day due to the absence of half the teachers and large student demonstrations.

The whole working class of Buffalo, an open-shop town ten years ago, backed the strike. AFL truckdrivers refused to deliver coal to the schools.

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STALINIST STYLE The tenants then adopted a vigorous program of action: All tenants will refuse to pay any rent increases, above the present OPA ceiling rates.

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge granted an order of eviction against Mrs. Isabel Crocker and her three daughters on the grounds that she was violating a restrictive covenant.

John R. Franco, usher in Father Coughlin's Shrine of the Little Flower Church, has just been elected chairman of the Democratic Party in Michigan.

The Socialist Workers Party branches in New Jersey will soon be initiating a vigorous campaign to elect delegates to the forthcoming convention, to revise the state constitution.

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WASHINGTON AGREES TO SAVE GREEK KING

Buffalo Teachers Strike Wins Salary Increases

By Libby Jones

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 3—The biggest teachers strike in American history ended today when the Buffalo Teachers Federation (Independent) accepted Mayor Dowd's proposal for salary increases of \$300 to \$625 annually to start this July 1.



Students, parents and local AFL and CIO unions rallied to the support of the striking members of the Buffalo Teachers Federation. The teachers' demands were a permanent salary increase of \$1,025 a year and a \$500 cost-of-living bonus.

This settlement represents a compromise on the original demands of the Buffalo teachers for a general raise of \$1,025 a year, with a \$2,400 salary minimum. However, under Governor Dewey's proposed teachers salary schedule, wage increases would not begin until July 1948.

The Buffalo Teachers Federation, representing the majority of teachers here, began its scheduled strike on Feb. 24, a week ago. Prior to and during the strike they were subjected to a constant barrage of intimidation from the Board of Education and reactionary press.

As officers of the Revere Copper and Brass Local of the United Automobile Workers, these candidates had the official endorsement of the CIO. With the Revere workers actively electioneering, they got off to a good start.

Tenants Organize For Action To Halt Evictions In Detroit

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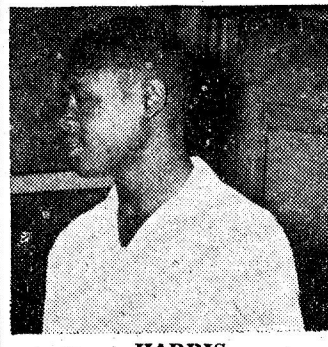
Labor Political Weakness Shown In Chicago Municipal Elections

CHICAGO, Mar. 2—The election campaign of the three labor candidates for Alderman in the 32nd, 35th and 36th Wards revealed how seriously weak the Chicago labor movement is on the political field.

Charles Chiakulas in the 35th Ward got 282 votes, about 1% of the total. Sammy Massa in the 36th Ward got 296 votes, less than 1% of the total.

All-White Louisiana Jury Acquits 5 Identified Lynch Mob Killers

An all-white jury in Shreveport, La., last week acquitted five members of a Louisiana lynch mob after they had been identified by one of their youthful victims as the murderers of Negro war veteran John C. Jones last August.



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where he got into touch with the NAACP and provided the evidence to bring members of the mob to trial. But even direct identification of the lynchers — which is something rare in the South — was not enough.

Without bothering to wait for Congressional approval, still less approval of the American people, the State Department on March 1 replied favorably to a request of British imperialism for help in keeping the Greek people strapped in the strait-jacket of the reactionary Glucksburg monarchy.

News of the British request was made public Feb. 27 after Truman and Secretary of State Marshall told Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress in a "secret" meeting that Britain could hold out no longer than March 31 against the resistance of the Greek masses.

The "secret" conference between the White House and the Congressional leaders was stripped of all pretense. If Allied bayonets should be withdrawn, the hated Greek monarchy would collapse. The Greek people would set up a government of their own choice.

First Chicago SWP Candidate Gets 113 Votes

CHICAGO, March 1—Homer Lewis' Socialist Workers Party candidate in the Third Ward, received 113 votes in last Tuesday's aldermanic elections, or about 3% of 1% of the total vote cast.

Neither the Democratic nor Republican machine candidates received an absolute majority, and will engage in a run-off on April 1, when the mayoralty election takes place.

Newark CIO Stewards Map Action Program

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 3—350 shop stewards, representing 75,000 CIO workers in the Greater Newark area, filled the City Hall Chamber here last Tuesday night to plan action against the anti-labor onslaught of the Wall Street politicians.

The plan of action set forth at the meeting called for more intensive political action in the local neighborhoods, shop gate rallies, wide leaflet distributions to arouse the workers, petition signing and letters to Congress.

LABOR'S OWN PARTY

Al Barkin, executive secretary of the New Jersey CIO, brought forth a burst of applause when he called for the building of labor's own party.