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The trade unions in the present epoch cannot simply be the organs of Democracy as they were in the epoch of free capitalism...

-Leon Trotsky, 1940

Lewis and the Taft Act Fight

Press accounts of John L. Lewis's stirring appeal to the AFL convention not to submit to the Taft-Hartley Act said the scene was "reminiscent" of the historic battle over industrial unionism led by Lewis in the same San Francisco auditorium in 1934.

His denunciation of the AFL conservatives rang no less clearly. But—he lacked an effective program. His words inspired action—but he had no effective action to propose.

Democrats and Republicans Beaten in Norwalk

Upon taking office as the new mayor of Norwalk, Conn., (45,000), Irving C. Freese announced that "This is not a victory for the Socialist Party" although he ran as "Socialist."

capitalist parties. He became known as a "municipal watchdog," as a man who "knew more about city finances than the city treasurer."

Stalinist Strikebreaking under the Belgrade Bureau

A strike of the subway and bus workers in Paris, France, may not seem as vital as union problems here at home. Still this strike, which has almost completely shut down that city's transportation system should interest every militant worker who is troubled with Stalinists in his local.

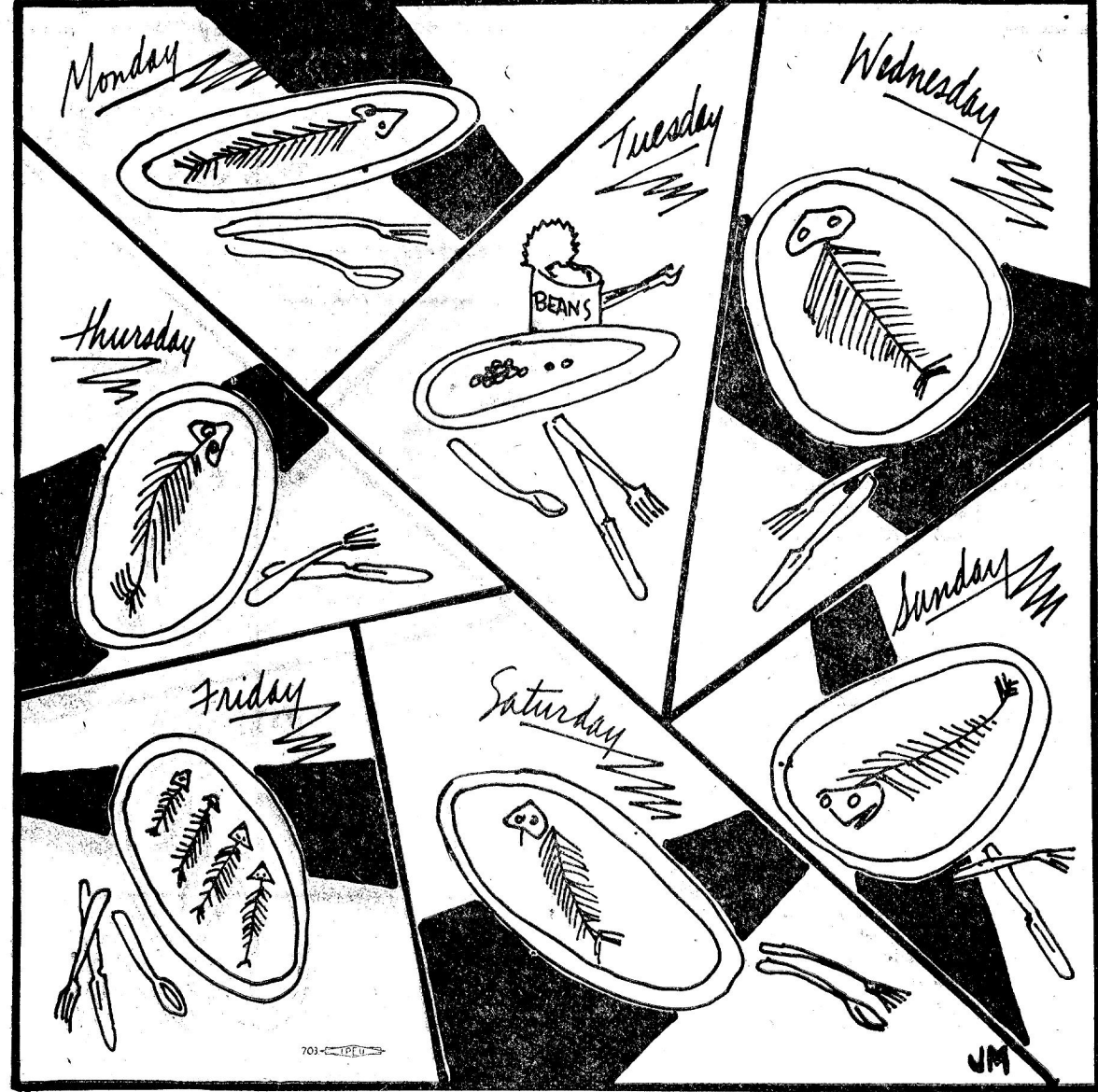
Sciencé Monitor. The strikebreaking Stalinist union officials decided it was time for a hand-spring. They came out in favor of the strike!

We Are Against Partition of Palestine

The Militant is dead set against the U.S. State Department position on the future of Palestine as expressed last week before the UN General Assembly's Special Committee on Palestine, and we think all American workers ought to be too.

Middle East. Under such circumstances, neither the Arab nor Jewish "state" will have any real independence; the imperialists will have the real power in the carved up country.

Meatless Tuesday



Beginning Next Week—Story of Mother Jones

Beginning next week The Militant will publish a serialization of The Autobiography of Mother Jones.



Mother Jones lived to be 100 years old. The great majority of her life was devoted to the fight of the working class. From 1873, when she participated in the strike of the Baltimore and Ohio railway workers, until her death in 1930, no important strike occurred without Mother Jones giving her all.

rested by the militia. Imprisoned and then deported from the Trinidad-Ludlow area of the state, she sneaked back with the help of railroad workers who well remembered Mother Jones.

As late as 1923, at the age of 93, she was still on the firing line, in miners' strikes in West Virginia. Two years later she wrote her autobiography.

Because of her unwavering devotion to the rank and file unionists, Mother Jones often came into conflict with the union officials. She reacted violently and without mincing words to the formation of a privileged bureaucracy in the labor movement.

Workers' BOOKSHELF

JADIE GREENWAY by I. S. Young, Crown Publishers, 1947, 250 pp., \$2.75.

which leads to many conflicts with them. Unable to find companionship with the girls of her acquaintance, Jadie seeks it elsewhere.

Railroad Labor Paper Peddles Prize Absurdity

The lead editorial in the Oct. 11 Labor, weekly newspaper of 15 railroad unions, "explains" why it opposes the formation of a Labor Party.

The editors claim that as a result "during the last quarter of a century" the railroad organizations "have won victory after victory in the political field."

Then comes the pay-off in this brilliant "explanation." Labor says that if "labor helped organize a third party, it could not help its friends in either the Democratic or the Republican party.

Gallup Poll Reveals War Disillusionment Growing

The latest Gallup poll reveals a significant increase in the number of people who think it was a mistake to plunge America into World War II.

"Voice of Local 212" Rips New Labor Board

The reasons why labor should fight and not comply with the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law and its NLRB are forcibly stated by Tony Czerwinski, president of UAW Briggs Local 212, in the Oct. 10 issue of Voice of Local 212.

-Charles Carsten

