

In a Short Time I Will Bring the Best of All Gifts'

Editor: The following is a translation of a letter written by Renee Ramos Latour, who died for Cuban freedom...

My Dearest Daughter: Today you reach your first anniversary without feeling on your tender, rosy cheeks...

And whose cause is that? It is yours, and all your brethren who suffer. Yes, my little daughter, it is for you...

After taking on the enormous responsibility of bringing you into the world in an enslaved country, your father would be unworthy if he had not gone to the mountains...

Because I cannot yet offer to you, as the most valued of gifts, a country free of chains and affronts, I must stay here...

Cuban Conditions Fifty Years Ago

These last three years, I have read acres of print "about Cuba," but even the labor press carries not a paragraph about what has happened to the workers in that unhappy island...

tary Governor in Oriente Province from 1906 to 1908. In 1907, laborers in a sugar factory in Mayori, in Oriente Province, got \$1.35 for a 10-hour day...

In 1907, one third of the entire Cuban interior was marked on the map as "despoblado," uninhabited. During the half century, American sugar interests took over all of that land — about half of it for building wagon roads to it...

In this country, around 1850, a banker syndicate made a deal that gave them all public lands west of the Allegheny's. In 1862, the Supreme Court declared that deal void and against public policy...

I'm sick of the sugar-coated, tobacco-filtered, fruit-flavored "news" I get about Cuba in this country. But I do have a radio that gets Havana, and what I hear is a lot different from what I read in the Detroit daily papers.

Cuba's Right To Free Trade

Russia needs sugar. Cuba needs oil. They want to trade. No nation has a right to forbid the Cuban people to do so or to interfere with their commerce...

Unholy Alliance Rules Democratic Party

The following comments on the Democratic convention in Los Angeles form part of a broadcast by Theodore Edwards, Socialist Workers Party organizer in that city, over KPFFK-FM on July 15. He speaks biweekly on national and world events on that station, alternating programs with Dorothy Healy, Communist party spokesman in Southern California.

the Eisenhower administration." It also pledged to overhaul and improve the Taft-Hartley Act. Passage of the anti-labor Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act by an overwhelming majority in Congress was the resulting double-cross...

With only token resistance by the Southerners, the Democratic convention this year passed what is hailed as the most liberal platform ever adopted by any of the major parties. If past performance is any test, and that is how platforms should be judged, the 1960 Democratic platform will prove to be a worthless scrap of paper...

Urged T-H Repeal The 1956 Democratic platform said: "We unequivocally advocate repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act." The 1956 Republican platform professed that "the protection of the right of workers to organize into unions and to bargain collectively is the firm and permanent policy of

See Policy Change by NEA As Aiding Teachers' Union

By Donald Morris The executive board of the National Education Association shattered tradition at its annual conference last June in Los Angeles, by voting for the first time to approve collective bargaining for teachers...

Only 5 per cent or some 60,000 of the 1,250,000 teachers in this country belong to a real union, the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. The vast majority, 700,000, are associated with the NEA and its affiliates.

This is organizationally and ideologically controlled by school administrators (superintendents, principals, etc.). It is closely tied to the American Legion, and has been consistently anti-labor, and has been condemned by the AFL-CIO as a company union.

The NEA ignores two fundamental facts. One is that other professionals like musicians and actors are organized into effective unions. The other is that, unlike individual professionals, teachers have no control over their jobs, salaries or working conditions.

It is a sign of changing times in the teaching field that this ultra-conservative body has been obliged to reverse its position on collective bargaining. This has been brought about by the intensified pressure it has felt from its rival, the American Federation of Teachers.

This came to a head in the spring of 1960 when the New York City local of the AFT, after setting a date for a walkout, succeeded in wresting from the Board of Education a promise to hold a collective-bargaining election.

Howard Le Compte

Howard Le Compte, a founding member of the Socialist Workers Party, died on July 30 in Philadelphia at the age of 59. He had been suffering from cancer for over a year.

Howard did not finish high school. But he had a great thirst for knowledge, and as a young man spent most of his free hours in the public library.

He became well-versed in literature, history, science and philosophy. By reading the works of the great philosophers, he hoped to find the answers to his quest for a rational and humane social order.

Howard often related in later years how, in his reading and thinking, he had retraced the course of German philosophical thought. The ideas of Kant, he said, had posed problems to him for which he sought answers in Hegel's writings.

Bay Area Labor Urges Boycott Of Sears Chain

By Virginia Kaye The San Francisco AFL-CIO Labor Council has instituted a boycott against Sears Roebuck and Co. for firing 262 employees from its four locations, replacing them with non-union strikebreakers, and refusing to negotiate fairly with the machinists union.

The Sears workers were victimized for their solidarity with the strike of Production Machinists Local 1327. Over 400 employees refused to cross its picket lines. Sears obtained a court order, which temporarily halted the strike and then set a lockout in motion.

These reprisals against its workers for respecting a picket line are tied up with Sears' union-busting tactics against the machinists. Sears is using the company's stand on "national policy," arbitrarily fixed in Chicago, to make a mockery of collective bargaining.

Over the years, Howard taught many classes in socialist principles and lectured frequently. He considered his most useful role in the socialist movement to be that of encouraging young people to join the party and of imparting to them his extensive knowledge of socialist theory as well as his experience in the class struggle.

Howard spent virtually all his life in Philadelphia. It was there he married Margaret Murphy and helped raise their only son, George. A memorial meeting for Howard Le Compte will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 P.M. at the Socialist Workers Party hall in Philadelphia, 1303 W. Girard. Max Goldman and Louis Shoemaker will speak.

178 of Penn Faculty Score Senate Threat Against Dr. Pauling

The threatened contempt citation of Dr. Linus Pauling by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee was denounced Aug. 3 by 178 faculty members at the University of Pennsylvania. At a June 22 hearing of the subcommittee, the internationally famed chemist and outspoken foe of nuclear testing defied a demand to turn over the names of scientists who helped him gather 11,000 signatures from 44 countries for a ban-the-bomb petition that he presented to the United Nations in 1958.

The University of Pennsylvania faculty petition declared its opposition to "the current harassment of Dr. Linus Pauling by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee" and agreed with Dr. Pauling that turning over the names of the petition gatherers "would result in unwarranted harassment" of those involved.

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