





## WHY DE-CONTROL? NEW POLICY BEGINS

By Harry Frankel

With his action ending price and wage controls, Eisenhower has taken the first step in a Big Business offensive against the labor movement.

This may not be clear at the moment, chiefly because Eisenhower's action does not put an immediate squeeze on the labor movement. As a matter of fact, his action was demanded by the CIO at its last convention. The CIO said that wage controls were oppressive and discriminatory, and price controls had become a farce. Needless to say, however, the reasons which Eisenhower and his Wall Street advisers had for the de-control are different from those advanced by the CIO. The question is: What were these reasons?

It appears to me that the basic motivation for the Republican action was to yank the federal government out of the sphere of labor-capital relations on its old basis precisely in order to prepare its re-intervention later on a new basis.

In his "State of the Union" address, Eisenhower rejected "political expediency," "slanted partisan appeals" and "government paternalism" in the field of "labor relations." Of course it is nothing but typical Republican demagoguery to speak of the past Democratic administration as though it were "partisan" towards labor and against business. The reactionary and anti-labor character of the Democratic administration was becoming increasingly evident to any careful observer of labor's real gains or losses.

But it must be understood that in the twenty years of Democratic rule, a certain mode of operation had developed which was maintained to the end. Because it was tied up in a loose electoral bloc with the unions, Negro organizations, etc., the Democratic Party had to work out a governmental role which gave the appearance of mediator between the contending classes. Thus the Democratic regime, with its ties and obligations, had to create a complicated structure of balances and a network of appearances behind which facade capital worked its will.

However, not in every case were mere appearances involved, and in some important instances the Roosevelt and Truman administrations can be said to have played the role of actual mediator, placing restraints from time to time upon the most battle-minded sections of the capitalist class.

Eisenhower's de-control action is intended to cut off this former role clearly and demonstratively. By dumping former policies, dissolving former agencies, shedding thousands of personnel tied up with the old policy, he at one and the same time cuts away the old role and prepares for federal intervention in the class relations, when it is required, on a more open and unrestrained pro-capitalist basis.

He is aided in this action by the fact that, despite the war program, controls may at the present moment be eliminated without any big immediate repercussions.

It must be added that this was the direction in which the Democrats were heading also, but their progress was impeded by past traditions and structures, and the electoral entanglements involved in its mode of rule. The Republicans—and this was Wall Street's big victory in the elections—were able to install a new regime based on the same reactionary program but without previous alliances and restrictions.

Does this mean that we can expect an immediate all-out drive against the unions? Not necessarily. We are only witnessing the first steps in the deck-clearing process. The progress of the class struggle and the political and economic situation, both on an international and national scale, will however lead inevitably to that stage, and it is this which Wall Street is now beginning to prepare for.

## LABOR FACES TRAP IN MOVES FOR AMENDING TAFT-HARTLEY

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an opportunity for amending the Taft-Hartley Act as the one we had just lost.  
"I replied: 'In 1953.'"

### BIDE THEIR TIME

The labor haters await only a "favorable" opportunity. Such "incidents" as the 1948 coal strike can be created by the employers whenever it suits their purpose. The only effect of the retreat of the union leaders from their previous position of outright repeal will be to embolden the Taft-Hartley gang to push their own amendments. They know that labor is going to get nothing substantial out of their demand for "truly fundamental" revisions favoring the unions.

The Wall Street Journal, Jan. 27, summed up the whole business

by quoting what they call "one old-time Capitol Hill labor expert," who said, "I don't think anything will get through that he (Taft) doesn't want, and when he gets through you can still call it the Taft-Hartley law."

Sixteen candy stores in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn were visited by a delegation who objected to the display of books proscribed by the Decent Literature Committee of Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church. Included on the list were comic books, crime novels and memoirs. The store owners removed the books from the shelves and posted signs indicating their compliance with the orders of the self-appointed censors.

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## Killing of Koje War Prisoners -- Atrocities or 'Communist Plot'?

By Art Preis

Hardly a week goes by without more murders and woundings of Korean and Chinese war prisoners in U.S. prison camps. A steady stream of massacres has been perpetrated against POWs confined behind barbed-wire in compounds on isolated, desolate islands off South Korea. The latest massacre resulted on Feb. 9 in death to five North Korean prisoners of war and injury to 19 on Koje Island. "There were no U.N. casualties," reported the Associated Press.

Col. C. C. Cadwell, U.S. commander of the prison camps, complained the killings followed a "deliberate attempt" by the "Communist prisoners" to carry out "the plan to constantly harass the U.N. command." They forced the camp commander to order their wounding and death with gas, concussion grenades and bullets by "shouting Communist slogans in violation of written orders," reported the United Press.

These massacres, which have taken a toll of hundreds dead and

more than 1,300 wounded, have been explained invariably as a diabolical Communist plot, engineered all the way from North Korea. The Communist generals pass the word mysteriously to the isolated prison camps and the POWs proceed to hurl themselves into machine-gun fire and under tanks.

This excuse for the repeated mass-murders of unarmed prisoners has appeared completely phoney to most of the world. Therefore, Gen. Mark Clark in Tokyo on Jan. 29 issued a "hitherto secret intelligence study" which "proved" that generals Nam Il and Lee Sang Jo, the two top North Korean delegates to the Panmunjom truce talks, had been "assigned to mastermind the incidents within the United Nations' prisoners of war camps." The report claimed they "hold direct responsibility" for the so-called "riots."

### TIMELY "PROOF"

This "proof," dug up so conveniently by the U.S. command's own "intelligence agents" from their "interrogation" of POWs was presented to the world only after the facts leaked out about the report of the International Committee of the Red Cross, which had investigated the massacres of February, March and April 1952.

To this day, the capitalist press has concealed the detailed contents of this report from the American public. But we do know of its existence and general findings. A dispatch from Gen. Clark's headquarters in Tokyo to the Dec. 21 N. Y. Times details his reply "to criticism by the International Red Cross in Geneva of the United Nations Command's treatment of the prisoners on Koje Island and in stockades near Pusan earlier this year." These "findings in Geneva" found that "the Allies 'appeared' to have acted in contravention of the Prisoners of War Convention in denying food and water and using force against the Koje Island mutineers." This is all the dispatch permits us to know about the Red Cross report.

On Dec. 23, the Times carried a Washington dispatch reporting that a "State Department spokesman" had complained of the

"recent release" of "documents by the Red Cross in Geneva" that "had provided grist for the Communist propaganda." The Times explains: "The Red Cross had cited incidents at Camp 1 on Koje on Feb. 18, March 13 and April 10. In the last incident, the Red Cross said firing upon prisoners constituted a violation of the Geneva convention."

### WHY CONCEAL REPORTS?

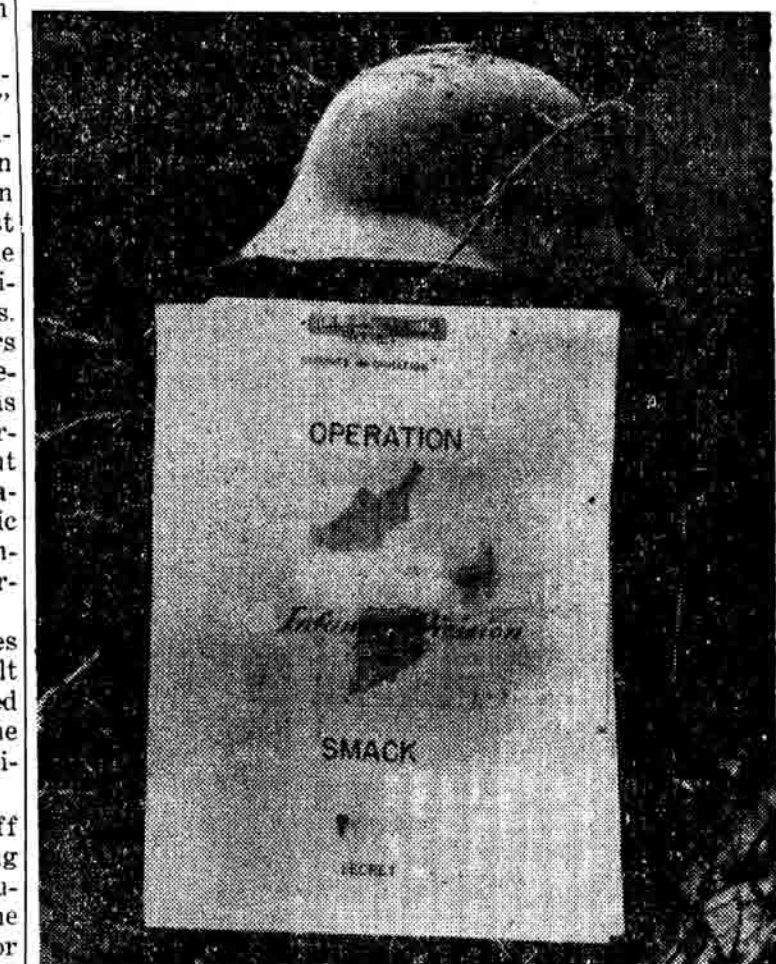
Why do we get only the replies to these Red Cross reports and not the reports themselves? Why is such a careful effort being made to conceal their detailed contents? They give evidence from an independent source showing that the U.S. military's excuses about the Koje massacres are lies.

But the internal evidence of the events themselves also show what a crude fabrication Gen. Clark's "hitherto secret intelligence report" is. Some of the most terrible prison-camp atrocities have been perpetrated against South Koreans and civilians. Thus, on Feb. 18, 1952, some 750 U.S. battle troops entered a Koje compound and slaughtered 81 "civilian prisoners," according to the Feb. 23 AP dispatch. In the most recent major massacre, the killing of 84 prisoners and wounding of 118 on Pongam Island, the Army's own report spoke of a "mutiny" of "die-hard Communist civilian internees."

Did the North Korean general Nam Il direct the "mutinies" of these South Korean civilians? Was he also the "mastermind" behind the "riot" of Chinese POWs on Cheju Island who suffered 52 deaths and 113 injuries when they caused a "disturbance" by attempting to celebrate the third anniversary of the victory of the Peiping government?

Rather than being proof that isolated war prisoners are manipulated by some "mastermind" hundreds of miles away to force their captors to butcher them in order to create incidents "embarrassing" to the U.S. generals, Gen. Clark's "intelligence reports" are evidence only of desperate lying by some one to excuse the U.S. top command's shameful actions against war prisoners.

## Operation Smack Program



Shown against barbed wire and helmet background is bound copy of battle orders for Operation Smack, name given to successful infantry raid by U.S. seventh division in Korea. Charge that battle was a show put on for visiting brass and war correspondents raised storm in Congress. It was alleged that the raid on T-Bone hill cost needless casualties.

## The Depression Danger and the War Danger

By Harry Frankel

(Last of a series of four.)

Life Magazine, in a typically glossy appraisal of U.S. economic prospects (Jan. 5) said: "Won't everything start collapsing when defense spending declines? The answer is no. The reason is: our economy has been equipped with a number of stabilizers."

This is an often-sounded note in the reassuring articles published these days about the American economy. Like publicity agents for an airline, the businessmen and economists assure the public: "Don't worry. We used to have big crashes, but we don't expect to have any more because our flying machine is equipped with the latest thing in built-in stabilizers. You can soar with impunity, so get on board."

More cautiously, the Commerce Department's survey "Markets After the Defense Expansion" says: "Nothing has taken place which will automatically prevent the recurrence of the traditional downward spiral. . . or keep it from proceeding once it has been set off. The chain has, however, been weakened. . ."

The highly touted "stabilizers" break down into three general categories: (1) The regulation of financial institutions and speculative markets, (2) the props to personal income and (3) the tax structure.

### WILL THEY WORK?

(1) Any theory that the present regulations over banking, such as regulation of interest rates and deposits, or over stock and other speculative markets, such as certain restrictions on margin trading, can prevent a collapse is a false one. The crash of speculative markets, the bank panic, etc., were not the causes of the 1929

collapse, but symptoms and consequences of a far deeper process. This can be seen from the fact that, in 1929, the first sign of the crisis was not the stock market collapse, but the beginning of a decline in heavy industry in the summer of that year, five months before the panic. Thus while the tinkering with the financial and credit structure might soften the initial panic impact, it does not touch the basic crisis tendency.

(2) The next class of so-called "stabilizers" refers to those, such as unemployment insurance, social security, veterans' benefits, etc., that are lumped together under the title "transfer payments." These transfer payments came to only 2% of the national income in 1929. That was before most of the New Deal legislation had enlarged the importance of this factor. But in 1946, at the postwar peak of transfer payments, they amounted to only 5% of the national income. It can be seen that this "shock absorber" acts within only a very limited range.

### ONE-THIRD OF INCOME

Consider for example unemployment insurance, which is by far the most important of the "cushions" to personal income that would come into operation in case of a crisis. A worker who draws unemployment insurance receives only about one-third of his usual income, on an average. Moreover, this support continues for only 26 weeks, a very short time when compared against the duration of mass unemployment during the last crisis. On top of all this, the unemployment insurance funds at present contain only about \$9 billion, or only a portion of the projected decline in the arms market. Thus the limits on what can be accomplished by this most important of all the "stabilizers" are very tight indeed.

(3) The final "automatic stabilizer" is, we are told, the tax structure. If a decline of consumer income sets in, then tax payments, being tied to income, will be lower, thus restoring consumer purchasing power. This is not a very strong stabilizer either. Under present tax laws, the drop in personal income compared to the drop in after-tax income would be in the ratio of about 20 to 17, in case of a "moderate" depression. This means that, for every \$20 of income drop, the actual drop will

be \$17, due to the fact that taxes will be lower. In other words the decline in personal income can be arrested by about 15% by the lowered taxes. But even that small effect would be lessened in the case of a deeper depression.

### LOWER TAXES, HIGHER SPENDING?

There is another side to this tax matter. It is an example of how the capitalist economists like to eat their cake and have it too. When they talk about all the other stabilizers, they assume increased government expenditures, for unemployment compensation, for public works, for bank deposit insurance, for maintenance of farm prices, etc. In other words, for any of these other government props to work one must visualize a great increase in government expenditures. But when they come to taxes, they talk about a big drop in federal taxes that would lighten the load on consumers and increase purchasing power in their hands. How they propose to have both at the same time they do not explain. Nor do they bother to take account of the fact that, while we entered the last depression with a negligible government debt, we would start the next one with a debt of fantastic size.

Thus while we can agree that present government programs of support to income would slightly soften the initial impact of a crisis, they could never hope to significantly retard the progress of such a crisis; nor would their initial effect extend very far into a crisis of long duration.

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This series of articles has attempted to estimate the possibility of an economic decline in case the present arms expenditures decline, in the absence of larger warfare, to a "maintenance level." We have found that the prospects, in such a case, are for economic decline and even severe crisis.

### WITH A WHIMPER?

A word of caution is now necessary. An extended and deep economic crisis comparable to that of 1929 would certainly, by its effects on European capitalism, by its effect on U.S. social struggles, and by giving the leadership in the world industrial race to the Soviet Union, mark the rapid and final doom of world capitalism. In such a case, socialists would be gratified to find the capitalist world ending, as the poet said, "not with a bang but a whimper."

The End

## The American Way of Life

### New Light on Wilson's Patriotism

C. E. Wilson, former General Motors president and now Secretary of Defense, won't have to sell the old family mansion after all to keep his new job. In fact, he'll be able to buy one or two new ones. His annual net income figures to be HIGHER than it was before, despite the loss of his GM position and the sale of his GM stock.

Last month the newspapers played on our heart strings about how Wilson had demonstrated "a \$2,500,000 Worth of Patriotism" when he disposed of his GM stocks, paying a capital-gains tax of \$500,000, and gave up his \$2,000,000 GM salary for the next four years to "serve his country."

Capitalists who sacrifice even a dime for anything — including patriotism — really suffer. So I could see what anguish it must have cost Wilson to make the Supreme Sacrifice of \$2,500,000, even if it still left him \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000 away from the Poor House.

But even while I got a lump in my throat with the newspaper visions of Old Glory flapping in the breeze over the haloed head of the old GM labor-hater, a little whisper in the back of my mind told me there was something not quite right about this picture.

The famed tiger-tamer Clyde Beatty, musing on the approach of his fiftieth year, recently said: "My reactions are slowing up. . . Those babies are beginning to worry me." And I thought, well, if those cats do get him, it won't be because he's kidded himself about any change in them.

Applying that thought to C. E. Wilson, I asked myself, "Has this typical specimen of a capitalist tiger changed, or have my reactions slowed up?"

I had to confess sadly to myself that perhaps my reactions had slowed just the tiniest bit — especially after I read in the financial section of the Sunday, Feb. 8, N.Y. Times an article by Burton Crane. Mr. Crane gives the detailed facts put together by the well-known tax experts William J. Casey and J. K. Lasser. And what they figure is that Wilson isn't losing, but making on the Defense Secretary deal.

"If Mr. Wilson sells his General Motors stock for \$2,700,000, pays \$450,000 in capital gains taxes and puts the balance into 2½ per cent tax-exempt municipal bonds, his 'take-home' pay will rise under any method of figuring," explains Mr. Crane. "Next year he will get \$22,850 more after taxes than he did as president of General Motors at the peak of his earning powers."

The figures submitted by tax experts Casey and Lasser to the Senate Armed Services Committee showed that if Wilson had gone into the Cabinet and been allowed to keep his GM stocks, his net income after taxes, would have been \$102,500. But by investing the net proceeds from the sale of his GM stocks in tax-exempt municipal bonds — "which seems a sensible thing to do" — Wilson will get an "after taxes total of \$145,600, or a favorable difference of \$43,000," explains the Times financial writer. "By this method of figuring, that last total is actually \$26,100 higher than the total he would have received as president of General Motors, drawing full salary."

So, I guess I can wring out my crying towel and hang it up to dry. The tiger hasn't changed his stripes. The capitalists aren't turning soft, either in the head or heart. We still need socialism.

Lewis Peterson

## THE MILITANT ARMY

Literature Agent Jacki Booth writes that the Chicago comrades are making plans for the extension of regular Militant sales at street corners, college campuses and union meetings. "We have already started some sales at Roosevelt College, UAW Local 719, and two street corners. Participating in these sales have been Don and Muriel, Belle,



John, Kenny, Mary Lou, Ines, La-Flora, Bob and myself. Other work includes a distribution of papers at Harvester by Marj and continued sales at the Post Office News Bookstore."

San Francisco Literature Agent Nick Bennett reports plans to step up Militant sales at trade union meetings. He and Bertha sold 12 papers last week at a longshore meeting.

Literature Agent Helen Sherman tells us that the Minneapolis comrades really look forward to receiving their issues of Socialist Outlook. She writes, "Interest in the British Labor Party has sharpened up considerably with the recent reports of the activity and progress of the Left-wing Minority, particularly as it has come to us first-hand through their magazine and newspaper."

"The enclosed Militant renewals were brought in by Wally, Chester, and Bill. Charlie got the new one-year sub from one of the men he works with on the railroad. After seeing just one issue of the paper, the rail worker decided The Militant was the paper to read."

R. A. M. of Berkeley, Calif., writes in to subscribe to The Militant. He doesn't mention where he first came across the paper, but he writes, "I am greatly impressed by The Militant's candor and spirit. You have a sympathizer in me and many others you've never heard from. So keep up the fine work."

F. V. of Detroit, Mich., also wants to express his appreciation of The Militant. "Thank you for the reminder that my subscription is expiring. I wait patiently each week for the paper. There's nothing like it anywhere."

D. S. of Portland, Ore., especially liked the recent articles by Harry Frankel. He writes, "In fact all The Militant is very good information and also true. This system is at the end of the road and living on borrowed time so give 'em hell and lots of it. You are not alone."

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## Asians Against Whom?

During his election campaign, General Eisenhower first raised his slogan, "Let Asians fight Asians." This was intended to convey the idea that there are vast forces in Asia eager to fight "communism." All they would need is arms and supplies, plus U.S. commanders and military training, and these "anti-Communist" forces would be able to replace American troops on the battle lines.

This is an alluring idea to desperate mothers, fathers and wives ready to grasp at any means to save their loved ones in Korea. By projecting this idea, Eisenhower hopes to blunt the edge of the popular demand to end the war and bring the American troops home from Korea. If the people will just accept the war a little longer, Eisenhower implies, soon a great force of Asians themselves will take over. Meanwhile, of course, the U.S. troops will continue on the battle lines in full force.

This whole proposition is a fraud and one of the crudest deceptions ever practised on the American people.

Take the people of South Korea, whom U.S. bombers are supposed to be "liberating." Eisenhower is trying to sell the idea that they will provide a force, in time, to relieve all or most American troops from the front lines. The potentialities of the South Koreans as holders of U.S. battle lines are more accurately disclosed, however, by the Scripps-Howard staff correspondent in Korea, Jim G. Lucas. Writ-

ing from Seoul, Feb. 6, Lucas reluctantly admitted:

"The truth is that the Koreans are sick to death of war. . . They know mainly that we have never shared their burdens, their misery or their privations. We eat well; they never get enough. Since we came here, their homes have been destroyed, their rice paddies trampled. This has been going on three years. They are often afraid of us. . . They do not understand us. In their hearts, they associate us with all that has happened since 1950 and wish we had never come. . ."

The greatest non-Communist nation in Asia is India. Will the people of India fight as "Asians against Asians"? Their views are reliably reported by Taya Zinkin, Bombay correspondent of *The Wall Street Journal*, in a Feb. 13 dispatch on India's reaction to Eisenhower's threat to use Chiang Kai-shek's troops against China: "The Eisenhower administration's new 'get-tough' policy in Asia is being almost unanimously condemned by the people of India — the country whose views often provide the lead for the rest of South East Asia."

Far from any serious prospects of Asians fighting Asians for the benefit of Wall Street's war in the Far East, the probabilities are the other way around. The overwhelming majority of Asians hate U.S. business interests, their striped-pants diplomats, arrogant brass hats and invading troops. All they ask is that the Americans go home and leave them alone.

## Productivity and Wages

The National Association of Manufacturers, in a Feb. 8 statement, came out against wage increases based upon rising productivity of labor. They insist that it is too hard to measure increases in output per man-hour of labor, and therefore it is not proper to give workers more pay in return for the higher output they produce.

The American Federation of Labor, in a statement issued the same day, called for pay rises as a means of heading off a major depression in 1954 or 1955. They said there is an "ominous disparity" between how much workers are able to produce and how much they are able to buy.

It is true, as the NAM says, that it is very hard to measure productivity increases for any single year. But it is very easy to estimate productivity increases on an average over a period of years.

All estimates agree that output per worker-hour has been going up at a rate somewhere between 2½% and 3¼% per year for the past dozen years. Since 1946, the product produced by each worker in an hour has risen, on the average, about 22%.

Now what about consumer purchases in the same period? Sumner H. Schlichter, Harvard economist whose work is authoritative at least

in business circles, pointed out in the February issue of *Harpers Magazine* that "per capita purchases of consumer goods by the American people have been virtually stationary for six years. . . in the third quarter of 1952 the physical volume of consumer goods bought per capita was less than 2% higher than in 1946."

Thus the American Federation of Labor is right when it says that this "ominous disparity" can lead straight to a depression. But is the AFL right when it says that higher wages can avert the possibility of depression? All depressions under capitalism have been preceded by high wage periods, but the crashes were not thereby averted. Should the disparity between productive capacity and consumption be corrected by big wage increases, this would lead to such a sharp decline in the rate of profit that investment would shrink and a depression be precipitated by a slightly different course.

That is one of the insoluble problems of the capitalist system. But it should not stop workers from demanding wage increases commensurate with their increases in production. If this leads the capitalists into trouble, that is their funeral, not ours. If the capitalist system can't give the workers a rising standard of living based on higher production, then it's time to replace it by a system that will.

## Put the Killer Cops Behind Bars

Police brutality against strikers, Negroes and other minority peoples is no new story. It flourishes because almost always superiors support and cover up the brutal actions of their cops.

This is shown by the virtual impossibility of getting justice in a police brutality case. Investigations of crimes committed by the Police Department, carried out by the Police Department itself, almost invariably end in a whitewash. Now it has been revealed that the cover up for police brutality in New York also involves federal officials.

As you might suspect, federal protection in this field is pretty toothless. The maximum penalty under the federal law is one year and \$1,000 fine.

But even this weak federal law seems to irk New York's "finest." According to sensa-

tional revelations, they made a deal exempting them from federal investigation of any charges involving police brutality.

Let us recall just a few samples of the tiny percentage of cases involving broken bones, bleeding flesh and dead men.

John Derrick, Negro veteran, celebrating his discharge from the army, killed by police. The killer cops assert, contrary to what eyewitnesses say, that Derrick attempted to draw a gun. First search of his warm body revealed no gun. A cop leaves the scene, returns later, another search is made and this time a gun is "found" on Derrick's body. Over \$1,000 in back pay and mustering out pay Derrick was carrying was never found.

Herman Newton, Negro, killed by New York police. Departmental investigation exonerates the killer cops. An impartial jury hearing the evidence awarded Newton's widow \$50,000.

John Harvey Brown, Negro, beaten by cops and paralyzed for the rest of his life. Awarded \$60,000 by a jury.

Dozens of similar cases have been whitewashed by the Police Department and marked "closed." In the light of the revelation about a secret deal, they should be re-opened — every one of them.

Already the basis exists for prosecutions of New York police officials and a former Assistant Attorney General for conspiracy to deprive New Yorkers of federal civil rights protection. These guilty public officials should be suspended at once from office and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

And just to make sure that the heat stays on the Police Department, every organization and individual interested in civil rights should keep up the pressure for action. It's high time that sadists and dehumanized brutes in blue uniforms were taken off the police force and put behind bars where they belong.

# Wall Street's NATO Headaches in Europe

By Charles Hanley

The American plan for the military setup in Western Europe is based on the re-militarization of Germany, the strengthening of the armed forces of all the Atlantic Pact nations, and the integration of all the Western European forces into a European Army under a unified command dominated by American brass. Some kind of political and economic organization is projected to provide the military system with more stability.

Carrying out this ambitious program is one of the major headaches of the U.S. Government. New obstacles arise almost every week. Many Germans, for example, even among the capitalists are reluctant to spearhead a future attack against the Soviet Union. Most workers do not want to see the pro-fascist generals reactivated nor the hideous image of Teutonic militarism reappearing under another label.

Erich Ollenhauer and the other reformist leaders of the German Social Democratic Party demand that Germany be given "equal rights and equal duties" with the other NATO members in a collective European defense system. They basically agree to military collaboration with the imperialists, but not under the present conditions.

On the other hand, numerous German generals and bourgeois nationalists favor a German Army under its own autonomous high command that would not be completely integrated into a European Army. These elements obviously want to revive the traditions of the Wehrmacht. West German President Heuss, however, is uneasy about the entire rearmament plan and, wishing to delay ratification of the American-inspired "Peace Contract" and "European Defense Community" by the Bonn parliament, appealed to the German Constitutional (Supreme) Court in 1952, asking it to determine whether or not adherence to that military system is contrary to the new German constitution.



Gen. Eisenhower, assigned by Truman to speed up construction of NATO, now finds it in a state of crisis. He is pressuring his allies to resume the break-neck pace he originally set down.

Chancellor Adenauer then urged the President to withdraw his appeal and succeeded in suspending the Court's action, temporarily at least. Adenauer does everything he can to get the defense treaty ratified; but even if he should succeed in finally winning the necessary parliamentary support for his (and Washington's) policy, the actual recruiting of German troops could hardly start before 1954, as authoritative observers have pointed out.

### ON PAPER

Up to now, the 12 German divisions exist only on paper, and the unified European Army is essentially a paper army, too. It is part of the situation's irony that the Allied occupation of Germany has encouraged the resurgence of Nazism, but that the Nazis do not want a new German Army to be a tool of American imperialism.

They dream of an armed neutrality which would permit them to become the arbiters of the world, to rebuild a new German imperialism, to eventually

sell their assistance to the U.S. at the highest possible price (recognition of Germany as a world power, independence of the Wehrmacht command) and to even come to an agreement with Stalin if this should be more advantageous to them.

The U.S., Britain and France therefore show some concern about the activities of Nazi generals like Remer and Ramke and Nazi politicians like those who were recently arrested by the British. Adenauer and his regime are still the best allies the imperialists have in Central Europe.

### NATO CRISIS

"The military shoe is pinching Europe and she does not want to wear it," states Hanson W. Baldwin, the N. Y. Times military expert. The military forces and armament efforts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, "though formidable, are still inadequate in size. . . Their fusing into one efficient combat organism is another major problem."

Defense expenditures are already 30% to 40% of the budget in the traditionally anti-militarist Norway, 30% in Denmark, 29% in The Netherlands, 25% in Belgium, 34% in France, 37% in Britain, 29% in Italy, 43% (!) in poverty-stricken Greece, 38% in Turkey. It is unlikely that these countries will be able to considerably increase their defense spending; yet they have not reached the goal set by American imperialism for 1952. This is due to economical and financial difficulties and to widespread popular opposition against all-out rearmament.

The crisis described by Baldwin is not merely "the product of national and service rivalries," but also of conflicting political trends inside the main European NATO countries like France and Britain. It is true, of course, that these also reflect the national rivalries between capitalist powers.

The German question haunts the French government. The Pinay-Schuman cabinet, despite

some misgivings, clearly approved the notion of a European Army in which Germany was to participate with twelve divisions, and warmly advocated the Franco-German coal and steel pool. The attitude of the Rene Mayer cabinet is more complicated. It takes into account the alarm of numerous French capitalists about the growing industrial strength of West Germany and its threatening competition and the Gaullist demand that France's armed forces remain autonomous and undivided.

In fact, Mayer, a representative of the big banking interests, was approved by the Gaullists only after he had promised them to have ratification of the "European Defense Community" delayed until he obtained from the U.S. an amendment undoing it to a certain extent by admitting the autonomy of the French forces in that "community."

The Saar question and the Indo-Chinese war are further hurdles which the French Government finds on its road. Many French politicians demand that the industrial and mining region of the Saar be definitely made a part of the economic and (if possible) political structure of France as a price the French capitalists should receive for permitting a new development of Germany's heavy industry and a rebirth of its military forces. Of course, the Germans are reluctant to completely abandon all their hopes concerning the Saar basin. Chancellor Adenauer does not exclude a compromise solution but cannot agree to a pure and simple renunciation of German claims.

The "dirty war" in Indo-China is an even bigger headache. A heavy drain on the financial and manpower situation of France, it continuously undermines the morale of the armed forces. Half of its 12 active divisions are stationed overseas and not available for the "Atlantic" defense system. And the activity of the North African Nationalists also requires the presence of French troops if the French bourgeoisie wants to keep its rich colonial empire a little longer.

### OTHER TROUBLES

Five British divisions are in European areas and six overseas. The British Army is modern and undoubtedly one of the best among the NATO forces. The British government objects, however, to its integration into a European Army, while Field Marshal Montgomery has come out in favor of this measure, thus

airing a controversy on military matters existing between him and Prime Minister Churchill. For economic reasons Britain has been obliged to somewhat reduce the tempo of its armament drive.

Most of the NATO powers have been unable to completely fulfill the armament quotas established by the NATO council under American pressure. Imperialist states like France and Britain have world-wide commitments; other nations like Italy do not possess sufficient military equipment and material resources. NATO's defense line is stretched from Norway to Turkey, and its 2,400,000 men in uniform are no overwhelming force for such a gigantic front. Its main strength is naval.

Naval power is a formidable protection for the U.S. and Britain but cannot shield continental NATO states against invasion; nor can it give them a feeling of security. As for atomic bombers, they only inspire among the European masses a ghastly fear of retaliation. These people do not want atom bombs to fall on Paris and Rome. They hate all the war preparations imposed on them by U.S. imperialism. This attitude is also reflected in the morale of soldiers all over Europe — in France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Greece.

### UNABLE TO UNITE

Structural differences make the European Army a goal which will be difficult to attain. The rivalries between European capitalists constitute the basic reason for the failure of all attempts to set up a united capitalist Europe. A real United Europe in which the sovereign rights of the member states would be effectively limited, can hardly be created by the pompous resolutions and speeches of the Strasbourg "European Assembly."

U.S. imperialism is interested for military reasons in the unification of Europe; but the European capitalists, America's allies, are not. Military unification calls for corresponding measures in the political and economic sphere. But capitalism is unable to unite Europe. Only a socialist Europe can destroy the economic and political barriers that still exist. Decaying capitalism is the only ally the Wall Street billionaires and their government have in Europe. It is not an enthusiastic ally. And it cannot do all the things the State Department wants it to do. That is NATO's fundamental problem.

## World Events

By Charles Hanley

**DENMARK'S EXTENSION** of the draft term from 12 to 18 months stirred militant protest in several Army garrisons Feb. 16. Hundreds of soldiers tried to march toward Copenhagen while 200 enlisted men went on a hunger-strike at Aarhus.

A **BRITISH** journalist, D. W. Brogan, who has lived in America for nearly 28 years, writes in the liberal *Manchester Guardian* Feb. 12: "I am sometimes asked what is the greatest change in American life. . . And my answer is always the same: . . . the militarization of the country. . . and the tenfold increase (of the armed forces) is really one of these changes from quantity into quality that Hegelians and Marxists talk about. . ."

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL** complains that the drop in American wheat exports is speeded by American aid to foreign countries. Turkey, for instance, modernized its farming methods after World War II under the guidance of American farm experts. Now Turkey exports some of its wheat to neighboring countries — in competition with American wheat.

**THE YUGOSLAV** Government disclosed that the U.S. Mutual Security Agency is considering proposals for allocating funds to Yugoslavia for a long-term investment in industry and agriculture as well as direct food and defense aid. The Feb. 13 N. Y. Times, reporting this from Belgrade, adds that Yugoslav officials are thinking of the possibility of permitting foreign private investments under limited conditions.

**ASIAN-AFRICAN** members of the UN held a meeting Feb. 13 in New York to discuss the Korean question. They decided to abandon efforts to approach it on specific issues like the prisoner-of-war repatriation. "The delegates felt a general apprehension over the possibility of an extension of the Korean war to the Asian main-

land," says the N. Y. Herald Tribune.

**THE SOVIET UNION** broke off diplomatic relations with the State of Israel Feb. 12, using a terrorist bomb attack against the Soviet Legation in Tel-Aviv as a convenient pretext, although this incident was provoked by the Russian and satellite Stalinists' current anti-Semitic campaign.

**RESISTANCE** to the Malan Government was called for by members of the African National Congress. Bearing banners reading "Freedom in Our Lifetime," they paraded past the parliament building in Capetown Feb. 15. The native Africans are supported by the South African Indian Congress and the Franchise Action Council (persons of mixed blood). The capitalist opposition "United Party" surrendered to Malan's demands for dictatorial powers, preferring his segregation program to racial equality, which they fear would affect their economic interests.

**BOLIVIA'S UNION** of Factory Workers demanded the expropriation of the Cochabamba newspaper *Los Tiempos*. Nationalization of that paper is, however, opposed by the other capitalist papers and by President Paz Estenssoro. *Los Tiempos* was shut down during the revolutionary upsurge last April because of its notorious anti-labor and pro-trust propaganda.

**THE MEXICAN** authorities are facilitating the illegal emigration of agricultural workers (so-called "wetbacks") to the U.S. by withdrawing border escorts that used to prevent them from crossing back over the border after their deportation by the U.S. immigration service, according to the Feb. 6 *Christian Science Monitor*. The Feb. 15 N. Y. Times says an average of 175 Mexicans enter the U.S. illegally every hour of the day. The extreme poverty in Mexico and the American demand for cheap farm labor are responsible for the mass emigration to the U.S.

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## Not in Stalinism

By Jean Blake

The current Stalinist anti-Semitic purge demonstrates again how completely the Communist Party has abandoned socialist aims and methods. I say, "again," because the C.P. has a long record of crimes against the international working class, of sacrificing anything and everything in the interest of maintaining the Stalinist bureaucracy in power in the Soviet Union.

American Negroes in great numbers lost their illusions about Stalinism when the Kremlin provided materials to Mussolini for his imperialist attack on Ethiopia. Many more lost their illusions and left the Communist Party during World War II, when the Stalinists sold out the Negro struggle in the United States as part of the payment Stalin felt he should give in return for lend-lease.

And today others are thinking, "If the Soviet State can sink to anti-Semitism, what guarantee is there that they wouldn't use Negro-baiting, too, if it served their purpose?"

There is no guarantee. Not even in the fact that one aspect of the anti-Semitic campaign is the attempt to curry favor with Arabs by exploiting their anti-Zionist feeling. Less than five years ago, the Arabs recall very well, the Soviet Union instructed its representatives at the United Nations to support the demands of the Jewish state, the same state they are now condemning as the hub of an "international Jewish Zionist conspiracy."

How does all this affect the Negro struggle

in America? Well, on the one hand it should end remaining illusions and confusion in the ranks of the Negro movement about Stalinism. It should make it absolutely clear that the Communist Party cannot be trusted to lead any native movement for freedom and equality or for civil rights because the Communist Party is concerned with such movements only to the extent that they serve the interests of Stalin's diplomacy.

On the other hand, it will not help the Negro struggle to jump from the frying pan into the fire by lining up in the camp of Wall Street as a protest against the betrayal of the cause of the working class by Stalinism.

Cynicism of the type that says, "Socialists, Communists, fascists, Dixiecrats, capitalists — they're all alike!" is based on ignorance. It cannot be substituted for scientific solutions to the problems of the Negro struggle, for a fundamental approach that asks: What is the cause of discrimination? How can we eliminate the cause?

And with such an approach we must conclude as before that capitalist class division and class exploitation is the basis today for pitting white against black, Christian against Jew, nation against nation.

The whole history of capitalism has demonstrated this. Now the Kremlin is making it clear that the solution to the problem of capitalist discrimination is not to be found in Stalinism.

## Anti-Semite Lauds Stalin

By David Swenson

The *Daily Worker*, which voices the opinion of the Communist Party, is not the only publication in the United States that supports the recent judicial frameup in Prague of 14 Czechoslovakian Stalinist leaders.

The Dec. 1, 1952, issue of *Common Sense*, a vile anti-Semitic rag published in Union, N. J., joins the *Daily Worker* in approving the legal lynching of what it calls the "Trotsky-Zionist conspirators."

In the opinion of George Thomas Adams, fascist-minded author of the article, the current purge shaking the Soviet bloc is a praiseworthy effort by the "gentiles" to throw off the "Jewish yoke." Speaking as an avowed anti-Semite, Adams declares: "If the Russian people wish to throw off the Jewish yoke, what right have we to criticize them?"

The principal critics of the Czech trial, according to this perhaps unexpected applauder of the bestial actions of the Kremlin, are "the Trotskyites" and "the Warburgs," who, in his world of poisoned fantasy, are trying "to persuade Eisenhower to declare war against Russia to keep the Jews from being punished for their crimes."

The present purge is interpreted by this typical American disciple of the *Mein Kampf* tradition as a continuation of the struggle of Stalin against Trotsky, a struggle in which he thinks Stalin was completely justified.

If you can stomach it, read the following

## Notes from the News

**NON-UNION COAL** companies have met United Mine Workers efforts to organize in Leslie County, Ky., with a reign of terror. Since last June there have been 36 dynamiting of homes, automobiles and stores in addition to numerous shootings, according to the Feb. 15 *United Mine Workers Journal*. In the most recent incident, Jan. 29, two automobiles of union men returning from a UMW meeting were ambushed. One car was hit 17 times, the other 21, with machine gun or automatic rifle fire. Four men were wounded, two of them seriously. When the driver of one car fell with two bullets in his neck and another in his leg, breaking the bone, a 16-year-old hitch-hiker he had picked up took the wheel and drove to safety.

**THEY WANT BLOOD.** White supremacists have raised a clamor in Georgia because the State Pardon and Parole Board reduced the sentence of William Oglethorpe, Negro and Korean war veteran, from death to life imprisonment. Oglethorpe was convicted of the murder of a white man who had started a fight with him. Governor Talmadge attacked the action of the Pardon Board and the Monroe County Grand Jury is conducting an investigation of the Board's merciful action.

**STATE DEPT. BACKS DOWN.** The attempt to rescind the passport of Dr. James H. Robinson, prominent Negro clergyman, has been abandoned by the State Department following the campaign of protest that culminated in a mass meeting at Harlem's Church of the Master.

**WHAT ABOUT THE PRINTERS?** The Texas Board of Education has authorized the Education Commissioner to ask textbook publishers to "indicate whether or not each of the authors, illustrators and editors of the books submitted can qualify" as non-subversive.

**CONGRESSMEN** and Senators are planning to raise their own pay again, according to the Feb. 14 *Wall Street Journal*. To side-step criticism they are thinking of appointing a "non-partisan commission of outstanding citizens" to "suggest a fair scale of pay and allowances." The lawmakers "would then enact whatever the commission recommends, and try to use this impartial recommendation to beat off any political attacks."

**THE CIO POLITICAL** Action Committee on Feb. 13 published the first issue of *Roll Call*, a pocket-size magazine. Put out from time to time, it will deal with Congressional debates and actions.

"analysis": "Trotsky, a typical Jewish fanatic, lived only for the mass-murder of white Christians. Stalin finally became disgusted at the continuation of the blood-bath in Russia. . . Trotsky's pathological thirst for gentle blood totally incapacitated him for the duties of government, and nobody was sorry to see Stalin kick him out. Accompanied by a sizeable group of Yiddish gangsters, Trotsky travelled in luxury around the world, organizing a Fourth Communist International to return to Russia and overthrow Stalin. He also set up a considerable fifth column of Jewish officials in the Kremlin and Stalin wiped out these conspirators in the Moscow Purge Trials of 1937-1938. When Trotsky was murdered in Mexico in 1940, the Trotskyite Jewish Communists, now a headless Hebrew group, joined with the Zionists in their world conspiracy."

I have quoted this ugly diatribe at length because it constitutes undeniable evidence showing how the anti-Semitic purge provides aid and comfort to the fascist-minded type.

This example indicates the response of an American would-be Hitler to the Czech trial. But this response is not uniquely American. We may say with certainty that the same kind of response to Stalin's anti-Semitism is being registered among the most backward sections of the population in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. It is this dark kind of mentality to which Stalin is appealing with his new sinister use of anti-Semitism.

**LIBRARY PURGE UPHOLD.** Librarian Ruth Brown and Trustee Darlen Essary, who were fired from their jobs in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for allowing "left-wing" books in the library, have lost their suit against the city government.

**BOMBINGS** or attempted bombings resulting from racial or religious prejudices totalled at least 68 in the period 1949-52, according to the report of the Tuskegee Institute. Forty-nine of the bombings were against Negroes, eight against Jews and one against a Catholic church.

**SENATOR MCCARTHY** is leading an attack on the liberal Washington Post. He called it "the Washington Daily Worker," in a recent interview. His witch-hunting pal Representative Velde, chairman of the House Un-American Committee, declared that a speech on academic freedom delivered by Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, wife of the Washington Post's editor, was "typical of those being made by intellectual pinks and others following the Communist Party line."

**STEVE NELSON**, who has spent the last eight months in prison on a 20-year sentence for "sedition" because of his Communist Party membership, was granted \$20,000 bail by the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court when it promised to review his appeal. The victim of the witch-hunt in Pennsylvania is reported having difficulty raising the huge bail. He was originally arrested on the demand of Pittsburgh Judge Michael A. Musmanno, who got Nelson held on \$100,000 bail, later reduced to \$50,000 and then, by the State Supreme Court, to \$10,000. Nelson is reported to have suffered brutal treatment, including bread and water diet, in a dungeon of the Workhouse at Blairwood, Pa.

**DR. SEYMOUR HARRIS**, noted Harvard economist, states that only through a system of national health insurance "can the health needs of the people be adequately met." He points out that only the U.S. and Canada of the large western nations are without national health insurance setups. Further, that although voluntary insurance plans have grown, more than 18 million U.S. families cannot afford them.

**THE ESCALATOR CLAUSE**, now accepted throughout the union movement as good insurance against sudden decreases in the purchasing power of wages, is still denounced by the Stalinist *Daily Worker*. "The real problem is to get rid of the escalator entirely," says George Morris in discussing UAW-CIO contracts in the Feb. 6 issue. Many employers see eye to eye with him on this.

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## Hit Expulsion Attempt in N.Y. Painters

By Fred Hart

**NEW YORK, Feb. 17** — In a move aimed at beheading the Stalinist opposition to the union administration, charges have been preferred against six members of AFL Painters Union, District Council 9, under the notorious "anti-Communist" clause in the union's international constitution. This clause, embodied in Section 107 of the constitution of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, is so loosely drawn and sweeping in its provisions that from the beginning genuine progressives in the union have condemned it as a bureaucratic device capable of being used to victimize any critic or opponent of the union administration.

Section 107 provides that: "Any member who associates himself with any organization or any group that expounds or promotes any doctrine or philosophy inimical to or subversive of the fundamental principles and institutions of the government of the United States or Dominion of Canada, the American Federation of Labor or of this Brotherhood, shall be granted a hearing by the local and, if found guilty, shall be disciplined in the manner provided for in this constitution."

The Communist Party is specifically named as one of the organizations falling within the provisions of Section 107. Of the six against whom charges have been preferred, two are union business agents, two are District Council delegates and two are rank-and-file members. The two business agents have entered vigorous public denials of membership in the CP but under the catch-all provisions of Section 107 such denials are unceremoniously brushed aside.

The charges against the six are the most recent of a series of similar charges and trials of leading opposition spokesmen. For years, District Council 9, with jurisdiction over Manhattan

## Dockers Picket "King" Ryan



Rank-and-file dockworkers picket Int'l Longshoremen's Ass'n (AFL) headquarters in New York to demand resignation of Joseph P. Ryan, lifetime president of the union. Demonstration came after Ryan's appearance before New York State Crime Commission, where large-scale corruption and siphoning off of union funds for personal use were revealed.

and the Bronx, has been the battleground of two main opposing groups: The Rank-and-File Group, under the influence of the Stalinists, and the Progressive Group, now heading the administration.

In 1947 the Progressive Group ousted the Stalinist-led Rank-and-File Group and has since retained its control of the administration. The Stalinists had been greatly discredited, especially by their war-time policy of surrender to the bosses. The candidate of the Progressive caucus, Martin Rarback, although never before holding office, was elected on the basis of a genuinely progressive program. However, the Stalinists retained control of four locals affiliated to District Council 9.

By pursuing a correct policy

based on their 1947 election platform, the new administration could have gained the support of the members still under Stalinist influence. Instead, the program became more and more a dead letter. The Stalinist opposition was thereby permitted to retain and even extend its influence. Many former adherents of the administration no longer support it.

Having apparently abandoned any hope of winning the members of the Stalinist-controlled locals on the basis of a positive program designed to meet their needs, the administration has embarked on a policy of trying to head off the opposition leadership with the aid of Section 107. In the long run, such a policy can only deepen and extend the opposition mood in the ranks.

## KREMLIN "UNCOVERS" TROTSKY LINK IN PURGE

By John G. Wright

After a lapse of 15 years, the name of Leon Trotsky is once again beginning to figure prominently in blood purges inside the Soviet Union. The first instance of this

was the report in Stalin's personal Moscow periodical *Pravda*, Feb. 6 that three men and one woman had been arrested on charges of espionage. One of the defendants S. D. Gurevich was identified by *Pravda* as an alleged "veteran follower" of Leon Trotsky.

From the scanty information supplied by *Pravda* it is not possible to establish definitively the identity of this rather obscure figure. According to *Pravda*, S. D. Gurevich was "educated in the family of a Bundist-Menshevik." This establishes the Jewish origin of the defendant, in line with the Kremlin's current stress on anti-Semitism.

Gurevich is further placed in the United States in the period from 1914-1917 where he allegedly first established ties with "Trotskyites." (Trotsky spent in 1917 a little more than two months in America, arriving on Jan. 13, 1917 and departing from New York on March 27, 1917.)

Gurevich returned to Russia at an unspecified date and thereafter allegedly "became an active participant and active member of an anti-Soviet Trotskyite group."

*Pravda* then adds: "In 1927 (the year Trotsky and the Russian Left Opposition were expelled by Stalin from the Russian Communist Party) Gurevich submitted to the party organization a declaration of renunciation of Trotskyism. This was deceit and double-dealing. Remaining a hidden Trotskyite and an inveterate enemy of the Soviet people, Gurevich established in 1939 ties with a foreign intelligence service and for a number of years supplied it with espionage information."

It is obvious from the above information that Gurevich remained a Stalinist party member in good standing for at least the last 25 years. He escaped the purge of 1927 in the course of which every active Soviet oppositionist, no matter how obscure, was subjected to expulsion, arrest, exile. Gurevich also escaped the monstrous purges of the mid-Thirties during which Stalin destroyed physically the entire generation of revolutionists who, with Lenin, built the Bolshevik party and carried through the October Revolution of 1917.

In the course of these purges Stalin's secret police acted on the guiding principle that it was preferable to permit hundreds of

## Working Mothers

Editor:

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## FBI Deal Abets Police Brutality To N.Y. Negroes

By George Lavan

The lid has been blown off the police brutality situation in New York City. Underneath, an ugly sight has been revealed — a conspiracy between the New York police

department and the U.S. Department of Justice to cover up New York police beatings and killings of innocent citizens, particularly Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

Almost simultaneously with the disclosure of the secret agreement, a federal Grand Jury started hearings on a police brutality case against a Negro; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called for the resignation of New York Police Commissioner George P. Monaghan.

## SECRET MEETING

Last July, Commissioner Monaghan allegedly arranged a secret meeting at the N. Y. federal court house where his First Deputy Police Commissioner and his Chief Inspector made a deal with Assistant Attorney General McInerney. The deal was, according to the revelations, that whenever the Department of Justice was asked to investigate New York police violations of civil rights, the investigation would be conducted by the FBI or any federal agency. Since every New York police department investigation of itself in brutality cases has invariably resulted in a whitewash the agreement was tantamount to withdrawing federal civil rights protection for New York citizens, particularly Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

This secret agreement, giving N. Y. police a free hand for brutal conduct, remained in effect till the middle of last month. Last week the story was broken by Frederick Wolman of the *World-Telegram* and a federal Grand Jury began hearing testimony on

a police brutality case covered up by the "gentlemen's agreement."

## JACKSON CASE

This is the case of Jacob Jackson, a Negro truck driver. Last August he was arrested on the sidewalk in front of his house. Police had just chased away a gang of kids who had been gambling on the sidewalk. A cop ordered him to move and kicked him. He protested and was arrested. So was his wife. A Negro passerby remonstrated with the cop and asked his badge number, whereupon he, too, was promptly arrested. At the West 54th St. police station the two arrested men, handcuffed together, were brutally beaten and kicked by the police who took turns at their "fun."

Six days later, still in a stupor from head injuries and having convulsions, Jackson was taken to a hospital. The diagnosis was a cerebral hemorrhage. Surgeons performed two brain operations to remove blood clots. Jackson is still unable to work at his job. His hospital expenses so far have been about \$1,600. He and his wife are both out on bail on charges of "felonious assault upon an officer," since reduced to the lesser charge of simple assault.

The other Negro police victim, beaten into submission, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was sent to prison.

The Jackson case has been handled by Edward J. Jacko, chairman of the legal redress bureau of the New York branch of the NAACP. Before the revelation of the secret agreement an "investigation" of Jackson's complaint by New York authorities had brought no results.

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much a part of China as North Carolina is a part of the United States) some Eisenhower backers say. There are strong hints that we are going to help Chiang Kai-shek and his 300,000 to return where he and his millions have already been driven out by the Chinese people. This, of course, will be a very effective way to turn more American weapons and supplies over to Mao to be used in his legitimate defense of China against our aggression. . . .

My advice to the people, including the editors, is to make public opinion known in clear strong and certain tones. The time to halt World War III is now, before it is too late. . . .

Vernon Ward Kansasville, N. C.

## McCarthy Seating Indicts Policy of Backing Democrats

Editor:

Enclosed is a clipping from the *United Automobile Worker* entitled "An Arrogant Scoundrel Sits in the U.S. Senate." It is about the dirt that came out in the investigation of McCarthy's finances and how he was seated in the Senate despite that.

It seems to me that this is an unanswerable indictment of Reuther's political action policy of supporting the Democrats. Not a single Democrat, in or out of the Senate, made any serious move to block the seating of McCarthy. This in spite of the fact that they had the goods on him. What a perfect illustration of the straw-like character of the "protection" labor obtains from the Democrats.

It occurs to me that the public issue being made of the Big Business domination of Eisenhower's administration affords an opportunity to popularize Marx's statement that "the executive committee of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the bourgeoisie." Perhaps we could take a bit of political license and use "Big Business" instead of "bourgeoisie."

C. S. Cleveland, Ohio

## Can Capitalism Prolong Its Life Another 100 Years?

Editor:

Regarding Mr. Cannon's Jan. 26 lecture on the dark outlook for American capitalism. His final conclusion that American capitalism has no place to turn for

further expansion to prolong itself is denied by some of the Pan Socialists of Girard, Kansas. We would like to learn of your analysis of the Pan Socialist thesis that the meaning of Eisenhowerism is the determination of capitalism to take direct charge for the dismemberment of Russia whose capitalist exploitation would prolong the effective life of capitalism for a possible further 100 years. A. Non Chicago, Ill.

James P. Cannon demonstrated in his lecture that capitalism has no further possibility of expansion within its present limits. Consequently it can expand only by extending its system into those areas of the world where it does not now have a foothold. If it should succeed in this enterprise, it is not easy to say how long it could continue to survive. Hitler thought capitalism could survive another thousand years by crushing the Soviet Union. But Hitler lasted only a few years after making this boast. Another attack on the Soviet Union, even though headed by Wall Street, would quite probably end in similar disaster. — Ed.

## Shopping Around For Tougher Judge

Editor:

Something which I believe is very unusual has happened here in Baltimore:

Friday night, Jan. 23, a white man and a Negro had a fight on the street, and when the case was tried in court, the Negro was fined \$25 and sentenced to serve 60 days in jail. The white man claimed, of course, that he did nothing to start the fight, and that the Negro jumped him from behind and cut him with a knife. I understand the knife used was a small penknife.

There was a storm of protest and the case was taken before the Grand Jury, and the Negro was indicted on the more serious charge of "assault with intent to murder." I understand that "double jeopardy" means that a man cannot be tried the second time if he is once acquitted, but this business of "shopping" for a judge who will give a sentence which will satisfy reactionary people, is something new to me. The general attitude can be understood better when you read in the papers that some of the whites have threatened to form "vigilante groups" and patrol the streets looking for trouble.

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