Mass Action Brings Victory Over 2 Jim-Crow Holdouts

By Alex Harte

The antisegregation movement has scored notable victories in Atlanta, Ga., and Oklahoma City.

Several Negro students were arrested for staging sit-ins at Jim-Crow lunch counters. These柜台 are accused of violating the Communist party in seeking adherents.

In Oklahoma City, particularly gratifying is the fact that the city's first lunch-counter sit-ins and demonstrations were without incident.

On September 1, the Oklahoma City Negroes did not have to employ the Dearborn PLAN in order to engage in their food garnishing demonstrations.

The Victory in Oklahoma City is particularly gratifying since it is the most significant of the nation's first counter-collaborator strikes and did much to help spark the south-wide demonstration that followed.

Organized by the NAACP Youth Council, the demonstrators were encouraged to hold in Atlanta in 1938. The youth council, which had 14 members, organized a mass meeting and a march.

During the three-year drive by the NAACP youth, 116 stores were closed.

The major holdout was John A. Gross, a hardware store which covers a block and a half. Last September the Youth Council organized a campaign against the store. While it was doing so, based on information gathered, it grew steadily until an estimated 80 per cent of the city's Negro community was participating.

Captivated

Feeling the pressure where it hurts most, the store's owner, who had denied the almost nationwide publicity that his establishment was participating.

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Tell 'Em About a Cuban Who Went Back'

By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Gabriela Huasca has returned to Cuba. She wants to defend and help develop the land of her birth that has thrown over the hated Batista tyranny. She became an exile from that tyr­anny shortly after the birth of her only son.

Just before Gabriela left for Cuba, I interviewed her for The Militant. Gabriela, whose vibrant smile and personality make her a natural for the radio, was a commercial writer. She had heard about Cuba. They are full of stories about the people who want to go to Cuba because of the revolution. They feel as if they are helping to build the revolution.

"And I am not the only one," she emphasized. "From Los Angeles, particularly in the inner city, and the outlying areas, there has been a large number of people who have expressed interest in going to Cuba." The CIA and FBI, which have been organizing the systematic hijacking of flights to Cuba, have been in close contact with the Cuban authorities.

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**Weekly Calendar**

**DEPOT**
- Black Nativity — What It Offers, 5 p.m. (63rd Annual Assembly). George Brown Lib., Fri., Aug. 4, 4 p.m. Open to the public. 
- Clifford Brown Memorial (in Boston). Freedom Trail, 11 a.m. Open to the public. 
- Free speech in the park. Shakespeare Garden, Washington Park, 7 p.m. Open to the public. 
- Tour of the 30th Street Station. 30th Street Station, 9:30 a.m. Open to the public.

**LOS ANGELES**
- Earl Browder, former Communist Party general secretary, debates Theodore Edsall, former America First leader, at the Social Welfare Feder­ ation Workers’ Rally, on America’s road to war. Social Welfare Federation, 450 W. 35th St., Sun., Aug. 6. 6 p.m. Open to the public.
- Jerry Wexler. New York Times, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public.
- John L. Lewis. President and Executive Director of the United Mine Workers of America. Woodward. Forum every Friday night at 8 p.m. Open to the public.

**MINNEAPOLIS**
- The Cubans Revolt in its World Setting. 7 p.m. Open to the public. 
- Communist Party Hall, 8th & 9th Streets. 
- Minnesota Center for Action in Defense of Cuba. 7 p.m. Open to the public. 
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**NEW YORK**
- Cuba & Puerto Rico: A Move to National Independence, 3rd floor, City College, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. In Spanish. Free admission. 
- Every Saturday. Harlem. Latin American students and workers, 7 p.m. Open to the public.
- All activities held at City College of New York, Washington Heights campus. 
- Labor Day Picnic at Prospect Park. ACLU. 7 p.m. Open to the public.
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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- Cuban news commentary, Theodore Edsall and others. SPW, Fri., Aug. 11, 7:45 p.m. Film Sta­tion SF 270, 107 Woodrow. 
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**WEST COAST**
- 100 Days in America. Free Cuba and the Women’s Political Action Committee. 
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A Labor Administration Could Provide Decent Homes for All

By Clarence Franklin
Socialist Workers Party Candidate For Manhattan Borough President

I live in a one-and-a-half-room apartment provided tenement in Manhattan and I have to pay 45 percent of my monthly wages for rent. I know that hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are in pretty much the same fix. For many workers who are not in as good a financial shape as I am, it is bad enough when there is nothing that can be done about it, but it is worse when the buildings are not even maintained, like this miserable housing complex in which I live in New York City, then it is a crime to let it go.

Any good, honest architect will tell you that it is perfectly possible to build modern apartments in the same areas now do, in the same area. The cost may now take up, but it is doable, and the projects were undertaken on a large enough scale. The rent money now being paid in New York City would be enough to finance such projects, with enough left over to provide adequate maintenance on the existing buildings that are worth saving.

No Parastites

Provided—and here's the catch—all the profits were eliminated from the non-productive groups that now control our city—the large landlords, so-called management agents, real estate speculators, high-pressure salesmen, pawn brokers, and mortgage houses, certain builders, and even the construction contractors. This plan would, of course, be a boon to the working poor; it would do away with the pernicious interests who control thought, opinion, and the press, and also contribute to the funds of the organized labor movement.

The solution is to have the city collect all rents. These should go in to a special fund to be used exclusively for regular taxes, new building (all low-rent projects until the slums are replaced), and maintenance: except for a small amount to provide a reasonable income to small landlords and small investors who had their houses tided up in real estate. Maintenance should be supervised by elected committees of tenants, which could also organize the tenants to keep the neighborhood spic and span. People owning their own homes would continue to do as now, but maintenance should be taken away from the finance companies and banks and interest on them reduced to two percent.

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Labor Needs Open Ticket, Not Capitalist Politicians

By Fred Halstead
Socialists Workers Party candidate for New York City Council

The leaders of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council have announced the formation of a new party, called the United Labor Party. But instead of making a clean break with the Democratic Party, they have emulated the bosses and put their name on the ballot on the Freedom Party line.

I have been for years advancing the idea that the unions should organize their own party, both on a national and a local level. The organized labor movement could become the most powerful political force in the country, and it is only a large, well-organized, and controlled by the big-business interests as they have been above human welfare. Therefore, I believe there is a need to oppose this.

By putting Wagner on the Freedom Party line, the leaders are simply directing labor's strength behind the political leaders who have been running the city. The unions should be independent of the real estate shockers and financiers.

The real catch is that the union movement is said that labor will be able to get significant concessions from the different factions of the capitalist politicians by getting its own list. Wagner has been able to get out to the masses and win their votes as a "balance of power" politician. The Central Labor Council intends to nominate Wagner instead of running genuine labor candidates.

"Auction"

As a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which for years has followed this policy through the Liberal Party line, I am familiar with what's wrong with this game. It's also known as "auction" on the ballot over the highest bidder. The catch is that the union movement is being directed by capitalistic politicians over whom they have no power. The leadership of the Liberal Party may obtain significant concessions from the different factions of the capitalist politicians by getting its own list. Wagner has been able to get out to the masses and win their votes as a "balance of power" politician. The Central Labor Council intends to nominate Wagner instead of running genuine labor candidates.

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The major factor in the solution is the second. The new Cuban government, the leaders of the AFL-CIO unions in Canada and the Republican ticket don't care a hoot for organized labor; they are simply misdirecting labor's energies towards increasing consumer purchases and to the "So-called liberals who head the Liberal Party. But instead of making a clean break with the Democratic Party, they have emulated the bosses and put their name on the ballot on the Freedom Party line.
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