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'Association' Gives Militant Leadership

BULLETIN

First results of the demonstrations and pressure of the Cleveland jobless was the hasty move of the authorities and the national administration to provide 6,000 WPA jobs and send in 17 carloads of food from the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

BY C. B. COWAN

Cleveland, December 1 — Cleveland is now in the 3rd week of the worst relief crisis in its history. For the past week even the unemployables (children and sick people) are living at starvation rations. All employables are left to shift for themselves, without even the miserly few items they used to get from Surplus Commodities once a week.

Already there are thousands of people at the city clinics because of malnutrition, rickets and other ailments. Under a number of bridges (of which Cleveland is so proud) have sprung up new Rooseveltvilles. Hundreds of relief clients are forced to rummage through the garbage cans of the city for a morsel of food.

Those in whose districts the relief stations are still open are not permitted to express themselves but are forced by the police and special firemen to form lines out in the street. Only a few at a

time can enter.

ASSOCIATION'S DEMANDS

In the City Council meeting of November 27 the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief brought out 1,500 workers in response to their leaflets calling for:

1—An emergency ordinance to declare a moratorium on the interest payments to bankers.

2—That the money saved by the interest payment moratorium be transferred that night by another emergency ordinance to the city's general fund, and from there appropriated to the "Emergency Division of Charities and Relief". This would make available about two million dollars to feed, clothe and house the hungry, and provide sponsorship money for more full time WPA jobs.

3—That the relief Commissioner Jones be removed by Welfare Director Ramsey and an unemployed worker on relief, chosen by the unemployed themselves, be put in Jones' place. Jones is the man at the head of the EDCR who believes the relief standards are too high, that too many are on the relief rolls. Jones is the man who leads the Emergency Division of Charities and Relief at the relief district offices in giving the old-run-around to the unemployed and abusing them.

4—Rescind reductions in relief

allowances. Restore persons who have been arbitrarily cut off. Transfer all necessary funds from other city departments. Provide funds for next year.

C. B. Cowan, organizer of the Association of Unemployed, presented the above program and concluded that "if Council does not act to feed the hungry, our only conclusion will be that Council is bankrupt and can do nothing, and we will have to take steps to establish our own authority and feed ourselves."

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18 Jobless Eat; Refuse To Starve

"Eighteen men who said they were members of the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief entered the Blue Boar Cafeteria at E. 6th St. and Euclid this noon and had luncheon. Finished, the leader, who said his name was Stanley Mackneish . . . picked up the checks, amounting to \$9.96 and handed them to Miss Weaver, cashier, with the remark, "I'm sorry, we cant pay."

Miss Weaver called the manager, Joseph Pratt, to whom Mackneish said: "Charge this to Mayor Burton and the city administration."

Pratt surveyed the situation and said tactfully: "I hope you enjoyed the meal." His guests filed out and there was no disorder."

— from the Cleveland News, Dec. 1, 1939.

big plum in the present imperialist war.

As America closes the door in the Western Hemisphere to all and sundry, she more insistently demands an open door in Asia.

In a very important sense the powderkeg in Asia is far more dangerous even than the existing military struggle in Europe. All the isolationists and pacifists glibly overlook the economic and political struggles of American, British, and Japanese Imperialism in Asia. In fighting against the European war, a most important task for American workers is to expose the role of American Imperialism and its conflict with Britain and Japan over spoils in Asia; as a means to helping the colonial masses in these lands to free themselves from imperialist domination.

SOVIET-FINN WAR INCREASES THREAT OF ATTACK ON USSR

December 5 — The invasion of Finland by Soviet troops follows a whole series of actions that have won concessions in the Baltic. Both the capitalist press and the Stalinists have presented these actions as gains and a sign of strength on the part of the Kremlin leaders. Anyone who understands the dynamics of politics on the part of Stalinism are desperate attempts to break out of the tightening ring of world capitalism around the Soviet Union. It is a sign of the weakness of Stalinism.

Stalinism's policies will not defend the Soviet Union. They are a continuation of the anti-working class program of "socialism in one country", with its corollary of power politics — playing the game of the imperialists. Under the flag of "defending the interests of the Soviet Union," the criminal methods of Stalinism in the Baltic, now extended to Finland, are jeopardizing the very existence of the Soviet structure. In the end this course will not save the bureaucrats — it hastens their destruction.

The vicious campaign of American imperialism and the "liberal-

als" in condemnation of the "Red" invasion of Finland is so much hypocrisy. The Finnish exploiters were among the worst of the White Terrorists in middle Europe against the workers and peasants. We shed no tears over their riddance. Nor do we place any faith in the "humanitarian" cloak of American imperialism.

GROWING BOURGEOIS FORCE

What is of concern to the workers is that these policies and methods of Stalinism weaken, rather than strengthen the position of the Soviet Union just like the Franco-Soviet pact, the entry into the League of Nations, the participation in the Non-Intervention Committee, the Hitler-Stalin pact, etc. They indicate the growing strength of the bourgeois force and the counter-revolution inside the Soviet Union.

Hitler can afford to let the fires burn in the Baltic. They are a forcible demonstration to the Anglo-French and other imperialists that they had better make terms with Germany before it is too late — that Germany and FASCISM is the only bulwark against communism. The antics and criminal Stalinist actions in the Baltic will aid him in this.

We have stated before that the war cannot end without involving the Soviet Union. This is now developing. Sooner or later,

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Struggle For Asia Sharpens U.S. DEMANDS OPEN DOOR

Dec. 1, 1939 — Japan in the last few months has been trying to consolidate her empire in Asia, to do there what the U. S. has done in Latin America. The U. S. has already succeeded in practically expelling all the other imperialists. But Japan's problem is far greater.

Britain's constant retreats, such as the recent troop withdrawals, have made the task of Japan easier, but she still must reckon with America. The tone of conversations between Ambassador Grew and the Japanese government, and the threatened embargo against Japan when the old treaty lapses in a few months — indicate that the struggle between the U. S. and Japan is becoming sharper.

Certain factors favor the United States. Japan has been seriously weakened by the campaign in China. She has been unable to consolidate the Chinese people behind the proposed puppet government of Wang Chin-Wei, former Kuomintang leader. The Japanese "knock-out" blows for China, which Tokio promised within three months after the undeclared war started, have not materialized. China is getting enough financial and military aid from the U. S., the Soviets, and other sources to involve the major military and economic strength of Japan for some time.

It is true that the war in Europe favors Japan in its quest for further domination of Asia, but it also has increased greatly the danger of American rivalry in that sector. Asia, after all, is the

Armour Workers Vote C.I.O. Dies Red-Baiting A Failure

December 1 — The recent elections held by the National Labor Relations Board at Armour mark a gain for the workers in the meat-packing industry. The Chicago plant, center of the nation's packing-house workers, voted overwhelmingly for representation by the Packing House Workers' Organizing Committee, CIO affiliate, as against the AFL union, the Amalgamated, which has been shamelessly cooperating with the management in an effort to destroy the influence of the PWOC organization campaign.

The PWOC won a decisive majority of the votes cast. But the results are all the more significant because of the open use of the Dies Committee by the company in the attempt to defeat

the PWOC. Just a few days before the elections Dies moved into Chicago in a last effort to stem the overwhelming tide of the workers toward the CIO mass union. The notorious red-baiting committee began hearings to determine the extent of "red" influence among the packing-house workers. Star witness was Al Malachi, who was kicked out of the presidency of the Armour local this summer for his secret negotiations with the Amalgamated leaders. This stool pigeon testified that only "Communists" were allowed to become organizers for the PWOC, that no one opposed to the "Communists" had a chance in the union, and similar trash. The rule or ruin, class collaboration policies of the Stalinists play into the hands of such people. The Chicago papers

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TRADE UNIONS AND REFORMS

The general question of the trade union movement is one of the most important problems facing the working class in the present period of the decline and decay of capitalist society, when permanent, mass unemployment, misery and social degradation, wars and revolutions have become characteristic features of the social system.

Can the trade unions still be used to protect the working class, as they did in the period of developing capitalism? Or has history made obsolete these instruments that won reforms and crumbs from the table of capitalism when it was driving forward on the basis of the industrial revolution?

We are of the opinion that, although the trade union movement today must be radically renovated, it will play a most important role in the further development of mankind, providing it is really understood. Mistaken concepts about the character and role of the trade union movement can lead to disastrous results for the working class. Its positive aspects as well as its limitations must be clearly defined.

EACH GAINS BY THE UNITY OF ALL

The trade unions were the first important organizations of the working class. As capitalism developed, the new working class, divorced from the land, found itself at the mercy of those who owned the mines, mills and factories. If they could not sell their commodity, labor power, they would starve. They soon learned that by banding together for a better price for their labor power each could gain from the strength of the many.

The class as a whole had a broad historic task and an immediate subordinate task. But because the subordinate problem was the important IMMEDIATE problem of the day, it became the axis of the trade union movement. That is, the workers banded together into trade unions in order to sell their labor power for a better price from week to week or from month to month. But the working class did not realize that this immediate problem was only a part and an effect of the real cause of their misery and poverty. Only a small part of the most active elements of the class understood that private ownership of the means of production is in reality simply the ownership of that which has been robbed from this and past generations of workers. Only a few understood that a "fair wage" can never solve the problem of exploitation so long as there is private ownership of the means of production, and capitalist instead of social appropriation of what is produced.

THE "FAIR WAGE" AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Labor power is a commodity, bought and sold on the market. But it is a unique commodity. It can be sold for its full value, then brought into the production process, where, as labor (belonging now to the capitalist), it produces a value greater than its own value. This surplus value, from which the capitalist gets his profits, belongs to the capitalist although he did not pay the worker for it when he bought and paid for the labor power. So long as the social system has as its foundation the rights of private property, instead of the human rights of social ownership of the means of production, so long will exploitation continue and a "fair wage" be a myth.

The trade union movement has fought for a "fair" price for the workers' labor power. It has not fought for the abolition of the wages system, the abolition of the exploitation of man by man. It has not fought for human rights based upon social ownership. Its leadership has defended private property and capitalist appropriation of what labor produces. To call for these just rights has been presented as a terrible crime by the paid agents of the exploiters, and the average worker has accepted this capitalist viewpoint. The working class must break out of this ideological fetter if it is to go forward.

CLASS GAINS VERSUS REFORMS

The rapid growth of capitalism made it possible to pass on some of the crumbs of its tremendous profits to a section of the working class. This served the double purpose of dividing the workers, and pitting the better paid against the great mass of unskilled, in order to stem the tide of the class struggle.

In the broad sense, the economic and political reforms that were "given" to the working class were only by-products of the class struggle. The gains made, even though the bosses warped them and turned them in many instances against the workers, were due to the pressure of the working class against the capitalist class.

These by-products of the class struggle — reforms — were hailed by the Gompers and trade union leaders of yesterday as gains arising out of their policies of class collaboration. In reality, the workers obtained only the by-products instead of the substance, because their class pressure was diverted from its real mark by these collaborationist policies.

There is a world of difference between reforms as by-products of the class struggle, and real working class gains made on an independent class basis.

Reforms are those material gains obtained as a result of the class pressure, but handed down from above to CHECK the class struggle. Real class gains include not only the day to day material gain, but, above all, are the direct result of the class pressure with the class taking a step forward under its own independent leadership. It is the difference between strengthening the grip of the labor agent of capitalism upon the workers, or disrupting this hold so that the workers can better fight the exploiters and their agents.

There are two aspects to this problem: the actual material gain and the relation of working class to capitalist class. The material gain is, in the last analysis, always due to class pressure, even when "granted" from above as a reform. The second aspect is the important question. How was the material gain won? Did the exploiters and their agents "beat us to the draw"? Were they able to tighten their political grip and domination over the working class? Or were we, as part of the working class, faster on the trigger? Were our organization and leadership under rank and file control, did we carry through a class struggle policy, was our leadership able to consolidate its position as a preparation for the next battle in the whole CLASS WAR? Here is the essence of the difference between reforms and class gains.

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IMPERIALIST AGENTS IN MEXICAN ELECTIONS Workers Must Fight On Independent Line

December 6, 1939 — The rising discontent of the Mexican workers and peasants now confronts a new boss class obstacle in the form of the next presidential election, scheduled for July 1940. Cardenas' government party (the "Party of Revolution"), representing the decisive section of the bourgeois agents of Yankee Imperialism, has already published its platform and named its candidate, General Manuel Avila Camacho. Opposed to this capitalist group and its candidate, stands a heterogeneous group of capitalist and land-owning elements who are, at least temporarily, throwing their support to General Juan Andreu Almazan, one of the many cut-throat militarist stooges which Yankee and British imperialism have produced in their struggles to decide who will control Mexico.

BOSS CLASS RULE OR... BOSS CLASS RULE

Six years of the Cardenas' regime have proved to the hilt that in the period of the world decay of capitalism, the democratic revolution cannot be completed by the capitalists; that Mexico was, is, and will continue to be an oppressed semi colonial vassal of US imperialism. Despite all the talk about land reforms and "Workers control", the plight of the Mexican masses grows worse. The cruelly exploited peasants remain without land; the workers, misled by the socialist-stalinist liberal-bourgeois coalition, continue to sweat at low wages, and have strike after strike sold out through government "arbitration". Camacho,

who presents a more flowery version of the Cardenas demagogy, means only to continue this set-up. Almazan whom the Stalinists and "liberals" snarl at as a "fascist", presents a more open program of busting strikes, maintaining private ownership of land, etc. The difference is one of DEGREE as to how best to exploit the Mexican masses: the difference is over the FORM and METHOD which this exploitation shall take.

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

The Mexican workers and peasants who, for over a quarter of a century have been shunted from pillar to post by precisely such "opponents", should at last become clear that no matter which general is elected, the oppressing domination of American Imperialism will continue; that regardless of all the talk of "reform vs. reaction", their strikes will continue to be broken, the peasants will remain landless — as long as the issue is posed on the basis of WHICH general, WHICH gang of exploiters shall hold the reins of rule.

Only on the basis of rejecting both generals as tools of imperialism and the native bourgeoisie, and by adopting the clear-cut road of independent working class struggle for the smashing of Yankee and other imperialisms and their Mexican agents, can the Mexican workers and peasants achieve their economic, social and political aims. For this a new Communist Party must be built to give leadership to the coming Mexican social revolution.

BUILDERS of the FUTURE

A report of the National Youth Commission, part of the National Youth Administration set-up, throws much light on the situation of American youth under this wonderful "American System" that the youth are asked to die for. These government figures will naturally be conservative. The Commission is forced to admit that almost five of the 16 million youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five are unemployed. Moreover, the majority of those who do work are earning substandard wages. It was further revealed that not even the war boom in America, which has made millions for the bosses already, has appreciably lowered the unemployed army. The richest country of the world harbors one-fifth of the total unemployed population of the world MERELY among its youth. (And if five million youth are jobless, then at least twice as many adults are in the same position — which makes a total of 15,000,000, more than half the world's 25 million unemployed!)

YOUNG "CRIMINALS"

The result of this mass unemployment has made itself felt in the crime statistics as well. The magazine "Scholastic", a weekly school organ devoted to upholding the American capitalist system and its "educational" system, reveals that from 1932 to 1935 more persons 19 years old were arrested and fingerprinted than any other single age year.

By 1938 the most popular age had risen to 22. As many as 18.8% of the total number of people arrested in 1938 were under 21 (the 1937 total — smaller than 1938 — was 1,415,816!) over one-third (35.9%) of the total were less than 25 years old; and over half (53%) were less than 30. "Scholastic" got these figures from none other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation itself!

ONE QUESTION

A personal note to the propaganda bureau of the U. S. recruiting service: I have seen your beautifully colored posters describing the wonderful life that a young fellow lives in the army, navy and marine corps. I have seen your appeals for my enlistment into the service in order to "do my duty to my country" and to its national security. I have listened to the personal appeals of National Guards officers in my neighborhood who spoke for the same purpose. But just one question, gentlemen-patriots. And I speak for 16,000,000 youth throughout the country, not for the politicians, capitalists and militarists that you are stooging for. If you can make life so wonderful for us in the army, why don't you give us a little sample of that right now before we join?

Debate

Friday, Dec. 15, 8 P. M.

"IS SOCIAL REVOLUTION NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE WORKERS PROBLEMS?"

Yes! Wm Stricker, RWL.

No! W. C. Wines, attorney.

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**Revolt Seethes
 In India**

As India seethes with revolt against the bloody domination of British imperialism the strategic problems of the Indian Revolution become of prime importance. In the last war, Britain promised India dominion status; the passing of 22 years has seen only a greater exploitation and oppression of the India masses. The British rulers, knowing full well how weak their Empire is, refuse to grant even this demand.

The India National Congress, representing the upper peasantry and native bourgeoisie, headed by Ghandi who in the last war became a recruiting sergeant for British imperialism, has caused the resignation of eight of its ministers, and has raised the sloan of a constituent assembly. The National Congress' call for a constituent assembly must be viewed as an expression of the brewing revolt against British imperialism; in a distorted fashion it reflects the bitter indignation of the Indian workers and many-millioned peasantry who are moving to the revolutionary road to throw off imperialism's yoke.

**THE NATIONAL CONGRESS — TOOL OF
 IMPERIALISM**

But it must not be forgotten for a moment that the National Congress asks ONLY for "dominion status" — independence" with the continued frightful exploitation of India's masses who die off twice as fast as any other people. The National Congress is a native bourgeois instrument that can serve only as a tool of one imperialist or another. The goal it sets itself cannot solve the problems of the Indian masses. The slogan of a constituent assembly can be used for more than one end. For the national bourgeoisie it is only a move to achieve ITS ends — the "right" to have a greater hand in exploiting the Indian masses. Even its method of gaining this "ultimate goal" — for the national bourgeoisie — is calculated to choke off any real mass struggle.

SOVIETS OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS

Even if won, dominion status would not end the brutal capitalist exploitation in India. The slogan for a constituent assembly will not IN ITSELF rally the vast millions of exploited. It will not solve their basic bread and butter problems. Only the social revolution can do this. This slogan can win allies to the struggle of the masses, but it must be subordinated to the policy of building WORKERS AND PEASANTS SOVIETS. The numerically small industrial working class and the millions of peasants in the 500,000 villages must be rallied to the creation of THEIR OWN organs of political expression, to attain THEIR OWN historic interests — the smashing of imperialist rule and its native capitalist tools, and the establishment of the India Soviet State as a section of the United Soviet States of the East.

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**Anarchy In
 Cleveland**

Over 1500 unemployed workers stormed the Cleveland City Hall last November 27th, demanding immediate relief. C. B. Cowan, representing the Association of Unemployed, voiced the sentiment of the workers, when he informed the right Honorable Mayor Burton that the unemployed would take measures to feed themselves, instead of starving amidst plenty, if relief orders were not immediately restored.

To this Mayor Burton replied, "That is anarchy. It must not be permitted in America and will not be permitted in Cleveland . . . We have been meeting this relief situation and we will meet it." Burton of course blames the situation on his political opponent in the Governor's chair, Bricker.

According to the exploiters and the office boys it is anarchy if the starving unemployed threaten to feed themselves.

To anyone with common horse sense it is the other way around.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN CLEVELAND and every other city where the unemployed are starving amidst plenty. Profits are soaring, but the millions of unemployed cannot find jobs and are cut off relief. There are billions for war preparations but nothing for the unemployed.

**IDLE FACTORIES AND I D L E M E N . That is
 ANARCHY OF PRODUCTION.**

The workers of Cleveland must make the Mayor and the exploiters eat their words. The anarchy in America as the result of capitalist production must be ended. In its place the workers must struggle for WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE, under a Workers Council Government.

Just Out
 New Pamphlet
**Uncle Sam's Stake
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SOVIET-FINN WAR

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 the Soviet Union will be attacked. The Soviets are not fighting only Finland. Finland is obtaining aid, openly and secretly, from the imperialists to fight the Soviet Union. The United States, England, and also Germany are each working against the Soviets, but each trying to obtain the key position. Germany is working to gain this position within the Soviets.

SOVIETS VS... CAPITALISM
 It is not a question of who "started" the war in Finland, just as it is not basically a question of Finland. Finland is a part of the capitalist encirclement. National boundaries mean nothing to the exploiters; and the exploiters boundaries mean less to the working class.

We condemn the steps taken by Stalinism, which they present as measures of defense and herald

as advances and progress, because in reality these steps are further undermining the Soviet Union and making it easier for the imperialists to intervene.

The only ALLY the Soviet Union has is the world working class. But it is precisely this ally that Stalinism has fought against and betrayed; just like any other agent of the capitalists in the workers' ranks. Without the solid base of the working class in revolution against their exploiters (it is this factor which would justify the Red Army coming to the aid of the workers), without the revolutionary program and action for the extension of the October Revolution, the Stalinist "victories" will only pave the way for greater capitulation tomorrow.

Defend the Soviet Union against the imperialists and their agents within the Soviet Union, the Stalinists and others.

**Dies Red-Baiting
 A Failure**

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played the testimony up to the fullest extent (Weymouth Kirkland, counsel for the Tribune, is a director of Armour and Co., as is Sewell Avery, who is also a director of the News), and tried to make the most of the situation. Every red-baiting trick known was used in the attempt to discredit the PWOC in the eyes of the workers. Under these circumstances the victory in the election is a blow at the red-baiters, an answer by the workers to the concerted drive by the boss class.

The election, however, is only a small part of the workers' struggle in packing-house. Unless the workers gain some real advantages for themselves, such as decreased speed-up, higher wages, better working conditions, etc., then the election victory is a victory not for the workers but for Van Bittner and Don Harris, for the Lewis machine. These bureaucrats are concerned with the interests of the workers only so far as militant rank-and-file pressure forces them to be. This is already shown by the haste with which Bittner threw overboard the demand for a national contract, a demand unanimously approved by the PWOC convention this summer.

**BUILD SHOP STEWARD
 COMMITTEES**

Be on your guard against the class collaboration policy of Bittner and Harris as much as against Prince and Cabell.

Build your shop committees, your stewards' organizations as the best representatives of the workers' interests. The stewards, because they are fellow-workers and not highly paid bureaucrats, are vitally interested in your demands, because your demands are their own demands. The struggle between Armours and the workers must be decided in the plants, and not behind the closed doors of the bosses and their agents in the unions, — the Lewises, Bittners, and others.

PAMPHLETS

HAVE YOU READ?

STALIN-HITLER PACT AND THE IMPERIALIST WAR

WHY COMMUNISM

SHALL WORKERS SUPPORT A LABOR PARTY?

THE SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

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AUTO WORKERS MUST FIGHT WAR SPEED-UP

Labor Agents Accept 'No Strike' Clause

December 2 — For 53 days, 56 thousand Chrysler workers showed the power of their unity in the struggle for wage increases and against the speed-up and other attacks of the auto barons. The powerful Chrysler corporation was completely tied up. The Department of Labor sets \$1425 per year as a bare minimum standard, but the workers average is only around \$1190 a year. The workers demanded a 10 cent per hour increase, a union shop, seniority, representation in deciding production standards to offset the terrific speed-up which the barons had instituted. To increase their war boom profits the bosses demanded more speed-up. Beginning as a slow-down against the speed-up, the workers' answer to the company's firing of militants was to completely shut down the plants at the height of production. To all the usual boss terrorism was added the refusal of the State "Unemployment Compensation" Board to give them unemployment compensation, but the workers stuck it out for almost 8 weeks. They showed their power, two days before the settlement, by massing 6000 history of Detroit strikes.

STRIKE SETTLED FROM THE TOP

Now the strike has been settled from the top. The workers return to the plants with 3 cents an hour increase, an additional 3 cents for certain skilled workers, a flimsy promise of the company to arbitrate production schedules and other grievances. In the light

of the powerful struggle which the Chrysler workers have made, if there had been rank and file control instead of the class collaborationist leadership, much more could have been won from the Chrysler barons. But Phil Murray, John L Lewis' right hand man, backed up the compromising policies of Thomas and the other UAW leaders by settling the strike from above and shelving all the other important demands of the workers.

PREPARE FOR NEW STRUGGLES

Moreover, these labor agents of the bosses agreed to absolutely prohibit ALL strikes of a sit-down, stay-in, or slow-down nature! Ever since the last big strikes, the auto barons have been trying to whittle down the workers' gains then made. The present strike was a direct result of this same bosses' offensive. The workers must recognize that the speed-up will continue, that even with the slight wage increase, REAL WAGES will drop under the price rises of the war boom, that new battles lie ahead. The workers must realize that the top CIO bureaucracy which agrees to NO STRIKES thereby declares it does not want to give leadership to these necessary struggles to come.

The top bureaucracy tried to come to terms with the bosses and now tries to prevent new struggles and prohibits strikes. They understand as well as their capitalist masters that the super profits of the bosses and the needs of US Imperialism in the war, demand the stifling of real unionism and class struggle activity.

No Free Lunches; Communism Feared

"Members of the Elgin school board may be old fashioned but they believe there is too much stress these days on government help... For this reason there will be no more free lunches in the Edward H. Abott Junior High School starting today." (Chicago Tribune, Nov. 27.)

The school board considered that it was un-American to "give school children the idea that the government owed them a living. Some members even said that it would make WPAers out of the children."

Maybe you don't know it but there's (sh... sh...) a red plot in our nation's kindergardens. At the ripe old age of 6 years or maybe 11 years, American children are already refusing to work for a living. They have organized a secret conspiracy with the aim of poaching on the government, getting so many meals that taxes will have to be raised, government solvency will be threatened, and the whole country will go to pot...

The Tribune (we have heard it called the "Chicago Spitoon") and the Elgin board are united in the defense of the inalienable right of children to learn how to starve at an early age. They're in for some surprises. For out of these starved children of today will come the red soldiers of tomorrow.

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1904 DIVISION STREET
Chicago

PEONAGE

December 2 — A bright spotlight was thrown on the widespread inhuman forced labor practices in the South by the sworn testimony of 14 workers on Chicago's South Side. The 14 have escaped from the plantation of a Mr. Cunningham in Oglethorpe County in Georgia, where they were working out jail sentences imposed for trivial violations of the law.

After sentence by the court, the workers and their families are moved out to the plantation and forced to work 14 to 18 hours a day. All members of the family from the age of 7 upward work in the field. They receive no money and only the barest amount of food in return for their labor. They can not hope to pay their fine. Money sent by other escaped relatives is confiscated. Some families have lived on the farm for all their lives!

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WALL STREET'S PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA

Sacrifices U.S. Farmers For Profits

The US is moving in on the Latin American markets while its main imperialist competitors are at war.

The Inter-American Financial, Economic and Advisory Committee (its chairman is Wall Street's man Welles) is mapping out a whole series of proposals from a Pan American Bank to special economic advisory committees.

The Committee faces some complicated problems. Within a few months after the Panama conference, Argentina (in which British capital is heavily invested) has again delivered a slap in the face to Uncle Sam by revising her import-export quotas to give special consideration to Britain and France, and "discriminating" against the US.

EXPORT-IMPORT PROBLEM

In the last war the United States won the markets of Latin and South America, but tried to use them mainly as a field for investment and export of manufactured goods. She ignored the problem of imports from these countries, which is the only way these producers of raw materials could pay for their purchases from the US. The loans granted to make payments possible are still unpaid to the bondholders, although the Wall street clique has collected its cut more than once; and has been able to obtain a financial stranglehold over these countries.

The fight for the South American markets is sure to sharpen the internal struggle among the different sections of the American

exploiters over policy. To hold these markets means buying their exports. But the products of these countries are to a great extent already being produced in the US. Past loans are still unpaid, and stand in the way of further loans, although these will undoubtedly be made. The only capitalist solution is to reorganize internal production for the needs of the big capitalists at the expense of the small. The process of sacrificing agriculture to industry will continue.

FIGHT YANKEE IMPERIALISM

Toward this end steps are already being taken to cut down production in the US of commodities which the exploiters can BUY CHEAPER in Latin America. In this way they can not only make possible the payment for their exports, but also the payments of interest on their loans. At the same time this brings down the living standard of the workers in the US, so that their profits are increased in two directions.

The farmers and small producers who are pressed to the wall by this policy are already putting up a fight against its extension; they are backed by sections of the big exploiters who are dependent on their support and whose investments lie in these spheres.

Against these plans of American Imperialism the workers of the United States must give the Latin American workers and peasants full support in helping to throw off the yoke of Yankee imperialism and its Latin American agents.

CLEVELAND JOBLESS FIGHT

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The Mayor, Harold Burton, spoke immediately after the Association spokesman and tried for 45 minutes to answer him (ignoring, by the way, the remarks of Arnold Johnson, president of the Stalinite controlled Workers Alliance, who also spoke for 20 minutes. In conclusion Burton asked the unemployed to have confidence. This was met by the audience with a dead silence.

STALINISTS REJECT UNITED FRONT

At the close of the council meeting, the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief, held a short meeting outside on the City Hall steps and called for a united front with the Workers Alliance on the program presented in the City Council. Johnson, of the W. A., after vainly trying to disrupt the meeting and get everyone to go home, finally spoke. After stating that the Workers Alliance would not participate in a united front with

the Association, he launched into a personal attack on Cowan.

The press in Cleveland has seized upon these things to show the disunity of the workers and to laud Burton for his "patience" in dealing with the relief problem (he has repeatedly stated "The people of Cleveland shall not starve if only they have patience" — this while tens of thousands of workers are starving!)

The Association is consolidating its forces and picket lines are being organized at the homes of the councilmen by workers in their own wards. Action committees are to be set up in the relief districts to plan actions to secure food and clothes, and to insure shelter.

The AUDWR is calling upon the membership of the Workers Alliance for unity of action on the above program and to repudiate the disruptive and splitting tactics of Johnson and other such elements.

Smash The Du Quoin Miners Frame-up!

The campaign for the freedom of the 5 Du Quoin boys will meet with the whole hearted support of every class conscious worker.

These boys have spent 6 years in the pen for an unidentified shooting following a pitched battle during a strike at the United Electric Coal Company strip mine near Du Quoin, Illinois. The following day two local leaders of the Progressive Miners were murdered in cold blood by deputy sheriffs.

The trial was moved out of the mining community where the trouble had occurred, to Jonesboro, Ill. a farming section hostile to the labor movement. They were convicted on purely circumstantial evidence; 4 were railroaded to life imprisonment and one to 40 years.

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