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Police brutality

You had to see it to believe it. We're referring to the sudden onslaught by the police upon the N. Y. hospital workers yesterday. The police barged into the wild clubbing of the defenseless strikers with a brutality not seen in New York for a long time. About 50 policemen charged into the pickets.

What makes this strike-breaking attack by the police so remarkable, is that it occurred at a time when the hospital strikers have obtained the widest support from the organized labor movement in decades, and are on the verge of victory.

The strikers themselves have evinced a militancy and determination that has

made them a shining example of all the rest of the organized workers in America.

From the very inception of the strike, it became apparent that the strikers were faced, not with a group of small, isolated and unimportant employers. On the contrary, the so-called voluntary hospitals have behind them the backing of more than a score of multi-millionaires, who are linked to the most powerful financial oligarchies in America. We need only mention two; Buttenweiser of Kuhn-Loeb & Co., and John J. McCloy of Chase Manhattan Bank, to show the influence of the most powerful millionaire corporations in America.

Strikers get measure of strength!

Under the circumstances, it was absolutely necessary to warn the strikers that the police were bound under the pressure of these mighty financial titans, to employ force on the defenseless strikers as a method of busting the strike.

Instead of plainly explaining this to the strikers, the top echelons of the bureaucracy merrily went along from day to day relying on the good will of the city administration, and that of Mayor Wagner, the "friend of labor" who would use his "good offices" to effect a speedy settlement. This has been the daily diet dished out to the strikers, and had brought no fruitful results.

Worse still, the top union leadership was the first to ask for a fact-finding board to be established by the Mayor. It is sometimes necessary, after a strike has been in progress a long time, and has considerably weakened, for the union to employ such a tactic, merely out of expediency, but certainly not because of any faith or confidence in "im-

Who are the fact finders?

So, the Mayor appointed a so-called fact finding committee (a lily-white committee, in a strike where 85 per cent of the workers are either Negro or Puerto-Rican) headed by Mr. Wm. H. Davis, a sly old patent and corporation lawyer, and two other bureaucrats. These three have done just what should have been expected of them all these many days that the strikers have been on the picket line. They sat on the case, carefully watching from day to day the morale of the strikers, as it goes up or down. They offer a little more when the strike seems militant, then slowly retreat with the first sign of low morale or weakness on the picket line.

In the meantime, the inevitable has happened. The open strike-breaking tactics, long in the making by the conspiracy of bosses, has begun. That is the meaning of the club-swinging at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital. It has exposed the hand of the city administration, for the police could not have done this without the permission of the high-ups, and Mayor Wagner should be

partial" fact finders or boards of mediation.

Past history proves without a shadow of a doubt, that they are usually stacked with corporation minded lawyers, who even under the best of circumstances, give the strikers only what they have earned on the picket line. The entire history of all labor struggles in America show — that the strikers in any struggle get only the measure of their strength.

There was no justification whatever, in this strike—the one strike in decades, which has shown the greatest militancy, and obtained the widest support, to ask for a fact finding board.

No, there was no reason for it whatever, except the cringing fear of the very top union leadership — the Van Arsdale-Iushewitz high command. What is it that they fear? They fear to alienate their "friends" in the city administration. They prefer a quiet deal, arranged by City Hall, to a widening struggle of the workers.

held directly responsible for it.

As we go to press, the fact-finders have come out with their "findings". They have not yet been made public. But this much has been learned by advance information.

The fact finders have denied full recognition to the union, and granted them only a form of "de-facto" recognition, the exact terms of which have not yet been disclosed.

It has been an axiom of militant unionism in America, for over a hundred years, never to permit an "outside body" to decide the fate of the union, especially when the workers are on strike — and are strong, and are receiving such absolutely splendid support. The strikers have just cause to be suspicious of the fact finders recommendations.

We hope that the local leadership of Local 1199, which has shown remarkable devotion and courage in the face of great odds, will see fit to a settlement which will guarantee no less than full union recognition.

The Meaning of the Williams Suspension

Why was Rob Williams suspended? What crime has he committed? What has he done to injure the cause of the Negro people? These are questions that are on the minds of millions of Negroes, and many whites.

The answer is that he has roused the Negro people to the necessity of armed self-defense in the struggle for Negro freedom. He gave an impetus to the struggle of the oppressed and raised new hope in the hearts of many. He struck terror into the hearts of the white-supremacists. He made them look up and listen. It was the voice of a new, bold, and threatening offensive, by an authentic spokesman born out of the very depths of the Negro struggle itself.

That's the crime of Robert F. Williams, organizer, leader and inspirer of the Monroe County NAACP, the citadel of the real offensive against the enemies of the Negro people, the Klu Klux Klan, their white supremacist allies everywhere, and the American ruling class which supports them all.

And what are the reasons given? Elsewhere on page four you will see the conclusions drawn up in expertly written legal language, by the NAACP. There are some things that stand out such as he "made a statement"—mind you—a mere statement, "which is contrary to the basic NAACP policy."

Wants to fight lynchers!

And what was the nature of this statement? He urged his fellow-oppressed to strike back with all the power at their disposal against the lynchers. He urged "meeting violence with violence." What in the name of the cause of the Negro people, is wrong with that formula? Can anyone, with a clear conscience and sympathy for the cause of the Negro people be really opposed to it except those who live in cowardly fear of their oppressors, except those who want to crawl at the feet of their tormentors?

It is stated in Part 2 of the conclu-

themselves, but armed resistance in the face of lawless attacks against the Negro people. How could this possibly be misinterpreted?

Perhaps the best clue to this is to ask ourselves the question—who are his prosecutors? Who are his judges?

Who are his judges?

For many, many years, it has been widely known that the NAACP is conservative, timid, and lacking in bold initiative, and steeped in the tradition of cheek-turning tactics, in the face of brute assaults on the Negro people. But more has to be said. Perhaps the most alarming fact in this shameless trial is the racial and class composition of the committee which tried him.

A majority of them are whites!! — This sounds incredible, but it is true. A Negro leader, in a Negro organization—tried before a Committee, the majority of whom are white! Moreover, these are not just whites, but very rich whites, such as Alfred Baker Lewis, millionaire, and Andrew Weinberger, big corporation lawyer. And what about the Negro minority on this committee? They are drawn from some of the wealthiest Negroes in the country, such as Judge Hubert Delany and Dr. Wiggins.

And that explains the character of the verdict. Can a better verdict be expected from them?

Two different worlds!

True, the Negro minority on the Committee are themselves subjected to discrimination. But the man who rides in the Cadillac, and the man who washes it for him—live in 2 different worlds. Although they may suffer from the same whiplash of the oppressor, it is never to the same degree. For example, an

N. Y. June 9th: The NAACP's Board of Directors, through its Public Relations Director, announced today that it had voted unanimously to continue for 6 months, the suspension of Robert Williams, courageous Monroe, N. C., president of NAACP.

The decision came as a shock to large sections of the Negro people who look upon him as a symbol of resistance to the white-supremacists terror. The full text of the Conclusions and Recommendation of the NAACP Board is printed on Page 4.

sion that William's statement endangered the effectiveness of the NAACP in the South, that "it can be used by segregationists to spread the false impression that the NAACP supports lynching and mob violence."

Capitulation by NAACP

But this accusation levelled against the undaunted leader of North Carolina is music to the ears of the white supremacists. It helps them. It's a humiliating capitulation to Eastland and Faubus. It's a degrading form of appeasement. It throws the hard-won popular support of Williams as a sacrificial lamb, to the wolves of white-supremacy.

Every honest man and woman who has read this statement issued by Williams on May 5th, which he clarified a dozen times since, knows what he meant; not individual violence against innocent people, not mob attacks against those who do not practice violence

examination of the more than 5,000 victims that have been lynched will show that it is by far the impoverished Negro who is far, far more likely to face death by the mob. Yes, it is the poor that suffer the most everywhere, and that is why they are the ones who are in rebellion and that is from where the staunchest fighters are drawn.

It is the poor people who support Rob Williams. We didn't notice many Cadillacs in front of the hall last Sunday where he made his rousing talk and got such an enthusiastic response.

The action of the NAACP board should in no way discourage the mass of the Negro people from joining the NAACP and supporting by every possible means its progressive struggles, but in the process, to make sure that they obtain a leadership that is truly representative of their aspirations, and can measure up to the demands of the struggle.



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Behind Geneva Conference

It is useful at this time to review at least one fundamental issue which is at stake between the East and the West as reflected in the diplomatic struggle at the foreign ministers meeting. That issue is, of course, the status of Berlin. There can be no doubt as to where lies the interest of the German workers and that of the international working class.

Berlin is in East Germany. East Germany is a workers' state, even though it suffers from very grave and serious bureaucratic deformations. These have their origin in the military conquest and occupation by the Soviet army and the political policy pursued by the Stalin regime in attempting a military, bureaucratic overturn of the capitalist structure in Germany rather than permitting the German working class itself to accomplish the job in its own way.

Nevertheless, as things stand now, the private ownership of the basic industries has been wiped out. The capitalist class has been eliminated. A new social system based on a planned economy, that has as its aim, production for use by the many, rather than super profits for the few, has been instituted. The system has demonstrated a tremendous potential for growth and development in spite of stupendous obstacles. The standard of living is rising consistently, and has been especially noteworthy in the last few years. All this is in spite of, not because of the bureaucratic leadership, and in spite of the tremendous power wielded over East Germany by Moscow.

Proletarian internationalism in this instance requires complete and unconditional support for the evacuation of all the capitalist armies from Berlin. This is made all the easier because the Soviet government has, from time to time, made clear its willingness and readiness to withdraw the Red Army the moment the imperialist powers are ready to do likewise. There is no reason why the East German workers should not be permitted to exercise full and complete jurisdiction over Berlin.

To the extent that the Soviet leadership supports the demand for the complete evacuation of the imperialist armies from that beleaguered city it is playing a wholly progressive role, and merits the support of the international proletariat.

Robert Thompson

The U. S. government can find no violation of federal law in the case of the bloodthirsty, degenerate hoodlums who lynched Mack Parker. It can find no violation of federal law in the case of the "law officer" whom the FBI knows to have assisted the hoodlums. For that matter it can find no violation of federal law in the denial of equal rights as U. S. citizens to millions of American-born people.

But this same government has just found that Robert Thompson has indeed violated the federal law. This same government has just put Robert Thompson back in prison for 18 months, after already serving one three year sentence and part of a four year sentence.

Did Robert Thompson persecute the Negro people? Did Robert Thompson help to lynch Mack Parker? No, he fought against such things all his life.

Did Robert Thompson ever engage in any violence at all? Yes, he fought in the Second World War in defense of the Wall Street government that now imprisons him. And he suffered violence while in prison, and was nearly killed by a fellow prisoner (depraved by Wall

Street propaganda). He now wears a steel plate in his head as a result of the attack.

Robert Thompson's only crime is that he is Executive Secretary of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party does not advocate the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism. (We do.) But it is a workers' party. It is in favor of the Soviet Union. It is persecuted by the Wall Street puppets who run the government and hate the workers' states.

Big business wants to crush all opposition and silence every critical voice. Therefore Big Business tells its Congressmen to pass reactionary thought-control laws. Big Business tells its judges to carry out these laws. Big Business throws Robert Thompson back into prison as a warning to the oppressed not to rise, as a warning to all critics to be still.

Therefore, every honest worker and every person who favors the workers' cause must throw this warning back into the bosses' teeth, and protest this brutal imprisonment.

Reign of Terror in Peru

While the Peruvian ambassador to the U. S. was throwing one of those lush garden parties at the Peruvian embassy in Washington on May 24, his government was dealing out bullets to hundreds of demonstrators in the Peruvian capital of Lima. Two were killed, about twenty were wounded, and many were arrested according to AP dispatches. The demonstration against the Prado government was set off by the suspension of all constitutional guarantees by the government and the establishment of a virtually naked police dictatorship.

The revolutionary masses of Peru were led by the Trotskyist POR (Party of the Workers' Revolution),

The background of the desperate situation in Peru, is the unspeakable poverty of the mass of the peasants, workers and petty-bourgeoisie of the larger cities, which is reaching catastrophic proportions, partially on account of a severe drought now in its third year.

The Prado government is merely a tool of Yankee imperialism, and does its bidding with a servility rare even for the most docile tools of the American finance capitalists.

The insensitivity of the government to the acute economic problems confronting the mass of the peoples, and their fierce hatred of Yankee imperialism was vividly shown in the anti-Nixon demonstrations early last year. This, however, has in no way changed the tactics of the cruel Peruvian minions of Wall Street.

Nor is it only in Peru that a reign of terror is being unleashed against the masses, South of the border. As we went to press, the Ecuadorian government dispatched army units to suppress student and worker demonstrations which were engulfing the country. There, too, the hand of the Yankee imperialist reigns supreme, even if not so apparent.

A country that oppresses others can never itself be free. This is an old adage and never was it more true than in this case. It is the duty of American labor, and in particular, of all the radical and Socialist organizations in the United States, to render all assistance to our Latin American brothers, and help them in the liberation struggles against the very same giant financial corporations who exploit the workers here at home.

Capitalist India—Workers China

J. Bielinski

Recently officials of the Indian capitalist government tried to wheedle more economic aid out of Vice-president Nixon by raising the threat that India would go Communist without the aid.

Nixon understands very well that the threat is a real one. But he replied that India must find its principal source of aid in private, not government, sources. The reason for this is of course to make the Indian economy immediately dependent on the leading capitalist concerns in the U. S.)Government-to-government aid would only accomplish this in an indirect way.)

Under the present capitalist economy of India, leading Indian economists estimate that it will take 35 years before the per capita income rises to two dollars a week.

India after World War II had the

second largest industrial system in Asia. India has iron ore deposits unrivaled in the world. But it plans to have a steel output of only four million tons by 1961.

China, which suffered through war and civil war from 1911 to 1949 and had practically no industry after World War II, will in 1959, have a steel output of 18 million tons. (But of course China has had a socialist revolution.)

And the Indian slowdown in industrial output is not compensated for by any increase in agricultural production. Between 1950* and 1958, agricultural production increased only 13 per cent. The per capita daily cereal supply actually decreased from 13.4 ounces in 1953 to 12.3 ounces in 1958.

China's agricultural production, by contrast, increased 100 per cent in the last two years. The sharp difference between India and China will deepen as the years go by if there is no revolution in India.

However, we have great confidence that the Indian workers and peasants will follow the Chinese example and bring India into the workers' camp.

MAIL BAG

"The Twain Has Met"

To Southern White Women,

we now appeal:

You must know what excruciating pangs we Black Women feel, To see our men folk of Rape

wrongly accused,

While our women, by your men, are violated and abused.

Not long ago, we won

Women's Suffrage Rights, The very foundation of that struggle, was the Slave's Freedom Fight, For emancipation from

your very own race,

Who held us in bondage

while keeping you in your place.

When Susan B. Anthony

and Lucrecia Mott,

Attended London's Anti-Slavery

Conference, what a lesson they got;

They were shunted to the gallery,

just as we are now.

For White Women had no more voice,

than the slaves Or a Sow.

In your very homes you've suffered,

for your husbands have sown,

Seeds that produced mulatto children,

Resembling your own.

Millions of mulattoes, yet,

no white man has paid,

The supreme penalty for raping us,

As the law said.

The Louisiana Rape Law of 1892

is ignominiously used,

To protect only you.

Oh White Women! Too long

you have been silent on this;

Let not history record that

you're woefully amiss,

Of your civic duty, now that

you have the vote,

While your men violate the law,

Don't be used as the scape goat.

Let your men explain

all these teasing browns,

Which will expose many reasons

For keeping the Black Man down.

Courageous truth must now come

out of your mouth,

For it is you, destined to save

The South.

From the mire of debauchery

for your children's sake,

Who must face the world's challenge,

embarrassed by

The Laws you make.

So, Southern White Women,

isn't your cause the same

When "Half-white children"

are produced in

White Supremacy's name?

As sure as the sun doth rise and set,

There is no doubt,

that the twain has met.

By AUDLEY MOORE

New Orleans, La.

L.A. Protest Rally

Los Angeles: Last week we attended a lynch protest meeting for Mack Parker, at which we distributed the Workers World.

The speakers were Mrs. Parker, mother of the lynch victim, and Medgar Evans, Field Secretary for the NAACP in Mississippi, and a real fighter for Negro rights. . . .

The headline of our paper, "Workers: Answer Racist Terror With Civil Rights Defense Guards!" had a lot of punch, and was exactly right for this meeting.

Distributing also were the Black Nationalists—followers of Elijah Muhammad.

Because of the importance of the issue, it was unfortunate that a good deal of the meeting was taken up with minutes, membership reports, presentation of life members, etc.

However, Medgar Evans gave an inspiring speech. He spoke quietly and with power, and tremendous militancy.

We handed a resolution to the presiding minister, concerning the four rapists in Florida, calling for their execution.

At this meeting we feel we reached a lot of people who read the paper, and who agree with us that the only course of action is to unite and fight, black and white, to stop rapings, lynchings and mob violence.

G. H. and J. P.

Our Japanese Correspondent

To the Editor:

I thank you very much for your kindness in sending me a copy of Workers World each time it comes out.

I will act as a correspondent for WW in Japan, and I will write of the national elections for the Japanese Upper House, which will take place on June 2. After summing up the result, I will send you my correspondence on about the 5th or 6th of June.

As you say, only the renaissance of revolutionary socialist spirit will emancipate the workers and other toiling peoples. But, is there any socialist spirit without revolutionary character? We must recognize the difference between the socialist spirit and the reformist mind. The REFORMISM should not be mis-understood as synonymous with SOCIALISM.

A Japanese Socialist

W.W. PROTESTS PERU TERROR

President of the Republic of Peru

"We hereby protest in the strongest terms the use of troops, and the terror that you permitted to be used by the army against the workers and students who demonstrated in Lima on May 24, which resulted in the death of two workers, the wounding of many others and the arrest of many of the leaders. We demand the immediate and unconditional release of all who were arrested.

(Signed) Workers World

Youngstown Steel Local Protests Lynching

No More Poplarvilles Organize Against Lynchers

A local union in this city has demonstratively joined the nation-wide protest against the lynch-murder of Mack Parker in Mississippi.

Local 1330 of the United Steelworkers AFL-CIO became the first union local to sponsor a meeting to protest the lynching and demand that justice be done.

Norman J. Malachi of Lumberton, Miss., lifelong friend of Mack Parker, was the featured speaker of the meeting. He gave some details of the case and some first-hand background on Mississippi justice.

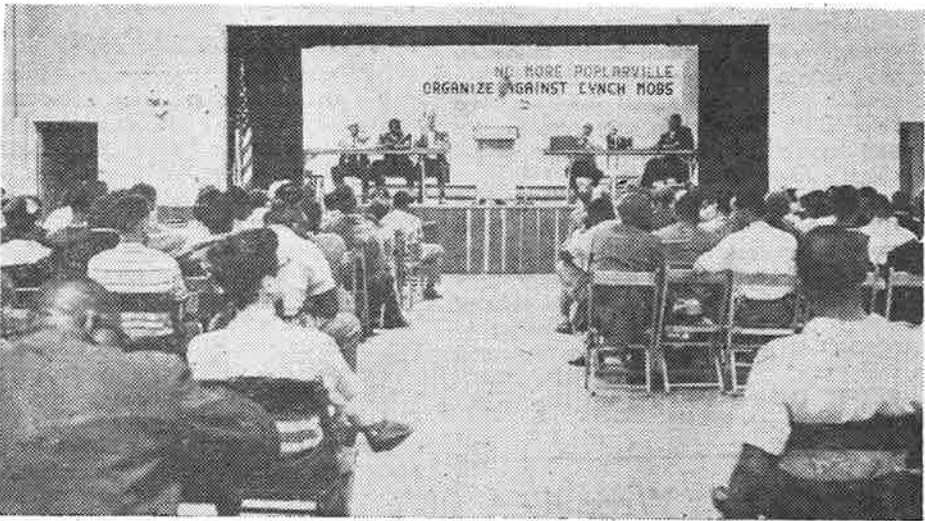
Marvin Weinstock, the local's president, and Nate Lee, chairman of the local's civil rights committee, also spoke.

Ted Dostal, long-time fighter for job rights and civil rights, gave an eloquent talk on the causes of race persecution

and the cure. He especially stressed the need for Negro self-defense and the duty of all union members of both races to help in that self-defense.

Several hundred workers attended the meeting, about half of them from Local 1330. The hall was decorated with lively signs, full of solidarity and fight. One sign spelled out the anti-discrimination oath in the United Steelworkers Constitution.

This is the kind of action the whole labor movement must begin with, in order to end these lynching outrages once and for all. In the long run, the question of full equality and freedom for the Negro will prove to be a life-and-death question for the labor movement itself. Local 1330 should be commended for its far-seeing wisdom as well as its militancy in organizing this protest.



PROTEST VIOLENCE— Local 1330, United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO, Youngstown, Ohio, sponsored a meeting to protest violence against the Negro people. Speaking is Ted Dostal of Youngstown, long-time fighter for job rights and civil rights. Norman J. Malachi of Lumberton, Miss., second from left, seated with Local 1330 officials, life long friend of lynch victim Mack Parker, addressed a gathering of several hundred.

From Pittsburgh-Courier

Chinese Poet and Peasant

V. Grey

I am not an expert on literature and I am certainly not qualified to pass on the literary merits of Chinese poetry.

But I cannot restrain myself from saying a few words on some other people's criticisms of Chinese poetry even though these people may be experts indeed.

The New Leader (May 25) features a discussion of Chinese writers, which criticizes their mediocrity and shows their "regimentation." After disposing of the professional writers, the article makes the following observation about the non-professionals:

"A drive was started which pushed practically the entire population of China into writing poetry. It has been estimated that no less than one billion poems were produced during the 'giant leap forward' of 1958."

Now the New Leader values literature very highly. It publishes several book reviews in every issue and is greatly concerned with the lives and problems of professional writers. But it does not make a single favorable comment on the fact that amateur poets, who never wrote before, wrote a billion poems in a year—in China!

In fact, it creates the impression that there is something mediocre and unpoetic about the very thought of a billion poems—as though poetry has to be exclusive and rare to be good.

(Some Polish intellectuals, by the way, close cousins, if not blood brothers of the New Leader editors, also raised their eyebrows in print over the billion poems.)

Of course, when China was a nation of illiterates who could not read poetry, let alone write it, there was some very precious poetry being written by a select and superior few, whose names are unknown to me, but very well known to the critics of the New Leader, I am

sure.

But at that time these poetry lovers did not seem to notice that millions of Chinese people could not enjoy this elegant verse. True, the unlettered peasant was an unlovely, unpoetic being, living among his lice. And the cloistered intellectual of the West could not be expected to take note of his existence.

But now, when the hundreds of millions not only learn to read poetry, but for the first time try to write poetry on their own, shouldn't the Western poetry lovers greet this with a little more than polite shrugs and less polite sarcasm?

The Chinese peasant has taken up his pen after the silence of the ages. What a refutation of the pessimists! What a resounding answer to all the unbelievers in human progress!

Everybody that loves literature and hopes to see it enjoyed by all humanity will rejoice at it—everybody, that is, except capitalist puppets and literary snobs.

Chu-Teh

Once there was a man 44 years of age. He was of royal birth. He was very rich, had lots of money and several businesses. He liked women very much, had several of them. He liked to smoke—opium not tobacco.

He renounced his Royal titles. Gave away his businesses and his money.

He gave up women.

He quit smoking.

He went into the hills.

He later led the victorious Chinese Communist Armies in China. His name is Chu Teh. Today word comes out of China that he is to succeed Mao Tse-tung as the head of the Chinese Nation of some 601,000,000 people.

From Afro-American

Story of Hunger in China Famine Before—Food Now

K. Calvin

"China has one quarter of the world's population but seems capable of feeding it well." So concluded one of the foremost food authorities of the world, Lord Boyd Orr, after his trip to China.

Behind this statistic lies one of the most far-reaching developments of the Twentieth Century, the conversion of China, "The Land of Famine," into a land where food production has helped to eliminate starvation as a major cause of death. The phenomenal increase in food, occurring at a time when the Chinese population is increasing by 15 million a year, drowns the ancient argument blaming China for all her ills—"There are too many Chinese"—just as surely as the historic peril of the Yellow River, "China's Sorrow," has been eliminated.

How was this made possible—in ten years—when for centuries the invading masters of China failed?

For centuries China has been attacked by drought and floods—one flood a year over a 2,000 year period—pests, typhoons and earthquakes, all evils in themselves, but always resulting in famine bequeathing to China one of the highest death rates in the world. As recently as the early 40's, the starving Chinese millions ate the bark of trees

"You have to look to find a weed in the fields. And to see a fly in China is a case for amazement. All flies have been killed, so have rats and other pests."

Lord Boyd Orr

and the feces of silkworms. Some 10-15 million died of starvation during and after World War II.

In earlier centuries one might say that the death of millions due to starvation could be attributed to lack of scientific knowledge and development, and yet more advanced cultures conquering China never eliminated these evils or seriously wanted to. Western powers representing the most advanced technology and science were solely interested in extracting profits from the Chinese peasants and workers, just as they were from the workers of their own native lands.

Ten years ago the Chinese peasants and workers overthrew all their native and foreign bosses, establishing a workers power in China. By that act alone they laid the foundation for all the

staggering changes wrought in China within a mere decade. Within the framework of the communes, the highest social organization in our times, food is produced for use not for profit; disease is fought by mass inoculation and vaccination, all human labor is directed to take care of the needs of the great masses and not the profits of the few.

The former rulers of China did not eliminate famine, stave off drought, or improve transportation. The only changes made were those which accom-

Their Morals & Ours

The United States will abstain on a UN resolution to abolish prostitution. The U. S. representative says "her country is sympathetic" to the idea but could not sign the resolution because "there is no Federal law on prostitution in the United States." —N. Y. Times, May 12.

The "backward" Chinese have abolished prostitution both by law and by deed.

modated their exploitation plans. But a regime basing itself on the needs of the masses has provided in ten years irrigation projects servicing 59 percent of China's farmlands, projects which are compared, together with hydroelectric works to 774 Suez Canals, 387 Great Walls. Water shortages in one area are taken care of by a vast canal system with connecting trunks. Whereas before millions were made homeless when whole villages were submerged, now they can till the fields without fear, and if shortages develop great inter-connecting railroad lines can bring supplies to needy areas.

And how does China stack up to an imperialist attack or one of those great natural catastrophes which have been the bane of past Chinese history?

Lord Boyd Orr, certainly no friend of communism, and the outstanding expert on the European continent on issues of food and population gives this estimate: "Thus China in the event of a natural catastrophe or war is much more capable of surviving than more complex and advanced [capitalist] economies since large destruction could occur but the self-contained nuclei of individual communes would survive."

His statement needs no elaboration. This is not only a tribute to the Chinese but also a warning to the brink-of-war policies of Wall Street.

The Joe Louis Story — Boss Fist Drives K.O. Punch

Lester Graham

Did you ever wonder why Joe Louis is flat on his back, broke, and up to his ears in debt? Did you think it was because he was a spendthrift, or because he had a hard manager or a thoughtless wife?

The real reason he owes a million dollars in taxes he can never possibly pay, is because the capitalists make the tax laws. And they make those laws in the interest of capital, not in the interest of people.

The billionaires don't care about talent, ability, even genius, or any other live, human quality. These qualities last just a few years, be they those of Joe Louis or a simple worker in the plant. They are qualities for the capitalist to exploit. These qualities live; but they also die. Capital goes on forever.

How did it work with Joe Louis? Joe made several million dollars in his boxing career. He paid the same rate of tax as a billionaire who made millions of dollars income from his capital—that is, from factories, mines, railroads, etc. The tax on such high income is high. It is ninety cents on the dollar—after deductions.

But the billionaire capitalist still has his capital, every bit of it, after he pays his taxes. And his capital is always growing. Of course, he hires lawyers, whole law offices, sometimes by the dozen, to figure out his deductions. He gets all kinds of deductions for business expenses (lots of them phony), deduc-

tions that Joe Louis could never get.

The most important deduction the billionaire gets is for capital depreciation.

Joe's only capital was his wonderful talent—his timing, technique and training. This "capital" depreciated at the rate of nine and one eleventh per cent a year for the eleven years he was champion. It was down to absolute zero when Marciano knocked him out of the ring in his come-back try in 1951. But he was never given one single per cent of capital depreciation allowance on his tax.

This discrimination was perfectly legal and applies to all nationalities and races in the United States. Capitalist law says that capital is only machinery, buildings, steamships, railroads and so on (all built for the capitalists by the workers). When these things wear out, the capitalists must be compensated. When human beings wear out, that is just a heavenly dispensation, according to capitalist law.

Not just the capitalist tax law, but the capitalist system itself, has made a wreck out of the greatest champion of them all. It does no less to the average worker. It preserves its machinery and destroys the creator of the machine.

We need a system that exploits the machine and saves the man. We need a system that honors, loves, and appreciates the genius, the talent—and the ordinary life's work of a human being.

Puerto Rican Family Eviction Foiled by Civil Rights Group

Pedro Sanchez

You're Raymond Rivera, 35 years old. You and your wife have 10 children, the youngest of whom is 3 weeks old; your 5 year old has heart trouble.

You're Raymond Rivera; the paper in your hand is an eviction notice and the constable has just been pounding at your door. He told you that you and your family are going to be thrown out into the street. He claims you owe \$500 in back rent, but you have receipts for rent paid through April, and even \$15 on May.

Your rent is \$115 a month, and it hasn't been easy to meet that out of your welfare check. When you first got a paper charging you owed back rent, you showed it to your case worker, and he told you he'd take care of it and not to worry. Now you are going to be put out on the street. You are getting another taste of gringo justice!

You're Raymond Rivera and you came to Long Island from Puerto Rico in 1951. Your first experience with this "rich country" was a migrant labor camp. You learned first hand that the wealth of the few is built on the toil of the many. You sweated in that camp in Setauket, and you got damn little outside of aches and pains to show for it.

Finally you get a job in a steel tape factory in Patchogue. In September of 1958 you were in an automobile accident, fractured your leg and got cut up. There was a big Court settlement and you were to get \$8,000 for your injuries. THE WELFARE TOOK EVERY CENT OF IT.

Last week you were able to go back to work again. After 2 days on the new job, the constable came around with that paper. It was the final notice. You had to get out. How? What is a man with 10 kids going to do? Where can he go? It was now Saturday; you couldn't reach the welfare office and time was growing short.



The Rivera Family

You had been to a meeting a few nights ago and you had heard a young woman tell of what the Mothers Alliance was doing up in Buffalo. You knew an organization—the Suffolk Supporters of the Bill of Rights—claimed to be fighting for the same thing—for civil liberties and civil rights and against the privileged interests who were kicking Puerto Ricans, Negroes and other work-

ing people around. You liked what you heard and joined SSBR. Would they really fight for you? You wondered.

You told SSBR chairman, George R. Stryker your story, and he promised the organization would back you up. He told you to be sure and keep your door locked, to refuse to let the constable in.

On Monday morning Stryker went with you to the office of Sanford Davidow, who had represented you in the accident case. The lawyer let you think he would handle the case but by evening, he hadn't done a damn thing, and merely said, "We can't do anything for you."

In the meantime, the constable had been to your house twice and had gotten pretty rough when your wife refused to let him in. He said he'd be back Tuesday around 9:30 A.M. and that he'd break in and carry everything out unless you opened the door.

You then went down to Stryker's home and he phoned Wilfred V. Reape, Jr., a young lawyer, past president of the central Long Island branch NAACP and a vigorous fighter for civil liberties. Attorney Reape agreed to take the case, and swung into action without delay.

Members of SSBR posted themselves in the Rivera home to meet any emergency—but the constable did not show.

Wednesday, after considerable legal wrangling, the landlord finally threw in the sponge, and conceded defeat. He promised Mr. Rivera and family a new rent lease. Meanwhile, organizationally and legally, SSBR stands ready to re-enter at any time necessary.

The Suffolk Supporters of the Bill of Rights has won its first case. They have proven themselves a fighting organization. They serve notice upon the greedy, racist real estate interests, and similar forces of reaction that they mean to fight them every inch of the way, and they say, "We mean to win. Build SSBR! Defend the Bill of Rights for ALL."

Harlem Meet Cheers Williams

Robert Williams eloquently reiterated his stand on self-defense at an enthusiastic rally sponsored by the International Committee in Defense of Africa. The rousing meeting was attended by several hundred.

Some of the other speakers were Ennis Francis — Chairman of the Committee, Eloise Moore—the Secretary, who made a stirring appeal for funds for Monroe, N. C., NAACP, and Conrad Lynn, noted civil liberties fighter, and attorney for Williams.

"Invest in America"?

In April, some Stock Exchange officials began warning about the dangers of an inflationary stock market. But the Trentonian (newspaper) of Trenton, N. J. during the same month, took its delivery boys on a guided tour of the New York Stock Exchange to dramatize "Invest in America" week.

South Africa Uses Goon-Cops To Terrorize African People

Teen-age goons masquerade as cops in Union of South Africa. The most reactionary youth, black and white, are used to oppress the toiling black masses of this African country. These teen age cops beat, intimidate and rob the native population at gun point.

In one case, a young, 20 year old goon-cop pleaded guilty to stealing \$25 from an African at gunpoint. According to the Judge in the case, there is nothing that they can do about these goon-cops.

We expect this kind of statement from a representative of the class enemy. But there is a forthright answer to this kind of terror; and that is mass action by the black and white workers themselves.

Supreme Court Curbs Civil Rights; Rightward Trend Deepened Again

The Supreme Court of the U. S. dealt a heavy blow to Civil Liberties today by upholding on a 5-4 vote the contempt conviction of Lloyd Berenblatt, a former Vassar College instructor who refused to answer stool-pigeon questions about alleged Communist connections by the so-called House Un-American Activities Committee. The case has great significance because Berenblatt in 1954 had relied for his Constitutional protection on the 1st Amendment which guarantees freedom of speech rather than on the 5th Amendment which is supposed to protect the individual against self-incrimination.

In a similar action, the court also upheld by a 5-4 majority the contempt conviction of Willard Uphaus, executive director of World Fellowship, Inc. who had challenged the New Hampshire Anti-Subversive Law, a thinly disguised attempt at thought-control.

In his dissenting opinion, Justice

Black, speaking for the minority of the court, admitted: "Today's holding in my judgment marks another major step in the progressively increasing retreat from the safeguards of the First Amendment."

This, in effect, increases the powers of witch-hunting Congressional committees.

The same reactionary trend in the court was evident in the 6-3 vote by which the Supreme Court refused to rule on anti-NAACP laws until the state courts have interpreted them. This is a clear concession to the White Supremacists who dominate all the state courts in the South.

It should become clear to ever wider sections of the population and to the labor movement, in particular, that the Supreme Court is a Big-Business-controlled institution and that the working people can, under no circumstances, rely upon it to safeguard its rights.

Stores Biased, Buffalo Mothers Say; Grants' Discriminatory Hiring Shown

W. T. Grant and Co., the nation-wide multi-million dollar chain store was accused of bias in its hiring policy by the Mothers Alliance, a Buffalo civic group. This was revealed in a front page news story by the Empire Star, the most influential Negro newspaper on the Niagara frontier, in its issue of June 6. According to the Empire Star, "a delegation organized by the Mothers' Alliance — last Tuesday went to the Main St. store of W. T. Grant and Co. in Buffalo to protest against that company's discriminatory hiring practices. The women, Negro and white, approached the manager of the store, to bring their grievances before him. They wanted to get an answer from him to their charges that many Negroes who had applied for jobs there recently have been denied application blanks while whites applying at the same time were hired."

"The manager refused to see the delegation as a whole," the story continued. This was interpreted as discrimination. "In cases brought to our attention," the Mother's Alliance state-

ment read, "white applicants have been treated with cordiality, told to come back and report again, given application blanks and in some cases hired. Negro applicants have been treated with abruptness, refused application blanks even when specifically requested and of course not hired."

The text also pointed out that a survey of Grant's stores conducted by the Mothers' Alliance completely confirmed the pattern revealed in these cases. "Even in the Jefferson Avenue branch in a predominantly Negro neighborhood we saw only a single Negro employee among numerous white workers."

The statement added: "There is every indication that Negroes are hired only for the most menial jobs, for example as cleaning women and on jobs where only other employees are served. We did not see a single Negro saleswoman on the entire floor of the downtown branch. Informed sources tell us that there are no Negroes on the office staff. These facts which are surely well-known by the management, point to flagrant violation of the New York State Anti-Discrimination Law."

Something's Wrong!

United States industrial production is now at an all-time record peak. More things and more values are being produced than ever before.

But there are three million, six hundred thousand people unemployed, according to conservative government figures.

Wonderful capitalist system!

Weapons of the Rich

The AFL-CIO leadership is "trying to compromise with the headman's axe" in supporting the Kennedy Labor Law, says Joseph Curran of the NMU. John L. Lewis heartily seconds him and adds that some labor bills are better than others, but all are weapons of the rich to oppress the poor.

Text of Conclusion & Recommendation of NAACP Board CONCLUSION

1. Mr. Williams, while president of the Monroe County Branch of the NAACP, made a statement to the press on May 5 which is contrary to the basic NAACP policy.
2. This statement endangers the effectiveness of the NAACP especially in the South. It can be used by segregationists to spread the false impression that the NAACP supports lynching and mob violence.
3. However understandable these emotional outbursts may be in terms of the gross injustice to Negroes in the United States and the failure of the courts and law enforcement agencies to protect the rights of Negroes, the NAACP cannot support any sentiment calling for the use of violence to correct injustice, and public expression of such sentiments by its officers cannot be condoned.
4. The NAACP has never condoned mob violence but it firmly supports the right of Negroes individually and collectively to defend their person, their homes and their property from attack. This principle has always been the policy of the NAACP. For example, the Arkansas Riot Case in 1919, the Sweet Case in 1925, the Columbia, Tennessee Riot Cases in 1946 and the Ingram Case in Georgia, 1947.

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMEND to the Board that the action of the Executive Secretary suspending Mr. Williams be approved and that the suspension continue for six months until November 6, 1959, and during that period Mr. Williams be ineligible to hold any office in the NAACP or any of its branches or sub-divisions and that until the next election the Vice-President or his successor shall discharge the duties of the President.

BY THE COMMITTEE ON BRANCHES
Judge Hubert T. Delany, Chairman

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