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*The Fight of All Labor!*

## Steelworkers Stiffen Battle Lines As Bosses Reveal Record Profits

### Uncle Tom Triumphs At NAACP Convention!

Dorothy Ballan

The NAACP celebrated its Golden Jubilee convention by suspending Robert Williams, its most militant Southern fighter for Negro self-defense against white-supremacist terror.

The issue of Rob Williams had tremendous significance to the delegates. This was clearly shown by the enormous attendance at the plenary session when his case was discussed. It was the largest and liveliest such session of the entire convention. However, those who looked forward to a full, frank and open discussion of the crucial issues of militant self-defense at the convention, were doomed to disappointment.

To bottle up the discussion as much as possible, the Arrangements Committee skillfully maneuvered to reduce the convention to little more than a barrage of speeches by billionaire politicians like Rockefeller, Harriman and Humphrey, who as usual, gave nothing more than lip service to Negro equality, and cynically used the convention for their own selfish political aims.

For example, Nelson Rockefeller, largest plantation owner in the world, who lives in fabulous luxury on the blood and sweat of colored and white workers all around the world, was invited to speak an unlimited length of time.

On the other hand, Robert Williams, courageous fighter against the Ku Klux Klan, was reduced to a mere five minutes to answer the burning issue of whether Negroes should fight the white-supremacist terror in the South with militant, armed defense.

Robert Williams is the fearless builder of the Monroe, N. C. branch of the NAACP, composed largely of poor working people like himself. He transformed

this branch into a strong fighting bastion of self-defense.

At the convention, the NAACP tops, some of them millionaires themselves, connived on every side to ostracize, isolate, and discredit him, as well as distort everything he said. In the short steam-rollered period allowed for the Rob Williams discussion, they filled the air with accusations that he was for "mob violence" and claimed this to be "the single issue."

Rob Williams, in the pitifully few minutes allotted to him on the convention floor, explained that he was *not* for mob violence. On the contrary, he was for preventing the mob violence of the white supremacists in the only way possible—that is by organizing for self-defense.

So critical was the issue, that in spite of all the political chicanery the top leadership indulged in, they were not able to ram through the suspension of Williams without a concession in which they themselves were forced to come out for "self defense."

However, it was obvious that this statement was not issued to gear the delegates to a new bold tactic for the future, but rather as a sop, a cover-up for the leadership's cowardly refusal to take a bold and militant stand.

Yes, they finally came out for self-defense, but by rousing the convention against the best proponent of self-defense, Rob Williams, they in truth removed the very guts from the statement.

Courageous Rob Williams stands suspended for six months by the organization he risked his life on the firing line to strengthen, but he nonetheless symbolizes the aroused and militant Negro people in this country, whose staunch support he still holds.

### U.S. Steel Co. Nets 254 Million in Six Months And Says Steelworkers Don't Work Hard Enough!

The steelworkers are now in the third week of a strike that may prove to be the most crucial since the first organizing strikes of 1937-1941.

The steel corporations, always more crafty, aggressive and especially more class conscious, than their hard-working employees, coldly provoked this strike and shrewdly maneuvered the union leadership into giving up nearly all its wage and improvement demands before the strike began.

Behind the smokescreen of the nonsense about "inflation" is the sinister company drive to destroy the half-way human working conditions that the steelworkers have won from these inhuman companies over the years.

The steel corporations demand an end to what they call "featherbedding" That means they want a return to the working conditions of the open shop.

Imagine a blast furnace worker loafing around the furnace floor as three hundred tons of molten iron come charging down the open runners five feet from where he stands. He wears a heavy woolen coat in the middle of the summer to keep from burning to death. He works with heavy crow-bars, picks and "hoes," some of them as long as 18 feet, and too heavy for a weak person to lift off the ground. He has to wring the sweat out of his clothes several times a day, and rinse his stinking underwear in the brackish water trough over the bustle-pipe.

This featherbedder knows what he is striking for.

Imagine the second and third helpers in the open hearth, also soaked with sweat, standing before the three thousand degrees heat of the furnace, two feet from the open door, shoveling in the dolomite, or wheeling up the heavy manganese rocks.

These featherbedders will strike a long time before they work harder for the steel trust!

Nevertheless, the steel executives are still talking big at press conferences in their air-conditioned Wall Street offices. They vow to all the gods of the whole

reactionary anti-labor chorus that they will end this feather-bedding once and for all.

And they mean it! They are even willing to forget about their phony argument that a raise in pay would cause inflation—if they can just get more production out of the workers!

They are trying to go back to the days when a blast furnace foreman could throw a miserable home-made bench into

#### Featherbed

The United States Steel Co. reported on July 28 that it made a record profit of \$254,948,496 the first half of this year.

a hot slag ladle to burn to ashes, so the men couldn't ever sit down during working hours.

And of course they are trying to go "forward" to automation and more layoffs—without any back-talk from the union.

They have enormous strength on their side. They have the big newspapers which spoon-feed the middle class with daily lies about the steelworkers. They have the other big corporations just panting to get in the act and pin the rest of American labor to the mat if the Steelworkers are beaten. And they have the pliable Eisenhower in their side pocket, only sticking his head out occasionally to say exactly what the corporations want him to say.

But the steelworkers have even greater strength on their side, if it can once be aroused. The many millions of American workers have the same stake in the strike as the steelworkers themselves do. And they have the power to win their own future battles by helping the steelworkers to win this one now.

All that is necessary is that they should understand the issue.

The Rockefellers, the Morgans, and the Mellons, who own or control most of Big and Little Steel, with a few other families also control the majority of all American industry. These billionaire bandits are now attacking the steelworkers. But they are conspiring to attack all American labor and set it back to a lower standard of living and a higher standard of sweating.

If the steel strike succeeds, this attack fails.

#### Fantastic Governor!

Governor DiSalle of Ohio says it is "fantastic" to think that striking steelworkers should receive unemployment compensation. It is "fantastic" to him, because he is an agent of the bosses and cannot see why workers should get any help in a strike.

He doesn't think it odd that the big executives of the steel industry continue to get their thousand dollars a week to ten thousand dollars a week during the strike. But he thinks it would be "fantastic" to pay a whole family forty to forty-five dollars a week.

Isn't it "fantastic" that labor leaders should ask steelworkers to vote for such a man?

### 200 Bosses Locked in!

At the J & L (Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp.) plant in Pittsburgh, rank and file steelworkers showed their determination to have a tight strike and not let the bosses go in at will.

They stopped the supervisors from entering, but let as many out as wished to leave. This determination was immediately met by the corporation with an injunction against the workers to stop them from stopping the bosses.

Thus, in one plant, in one part of the country, the real struggle suddenly broke loose. The workers showed their mettle. The company showed its teeth.

Does the leadership of the union support this rank and file action? On the contrary, the heads of the union had issued directives to all the locals that arrangements should be made with the bosses to let the supervisors in and out, making for a "friendly" war between the workers and their class enemies.

The top leadership has now put out this particular fire. But it cannot snuff out the life of the union. The class character of the strike breaks out all the time, and all over. The bosses are grim and determined, ready to starve the workers; but the workers are equally ready to fight back, even when their leaders are not. This action proves it.

### Call For A CONGRESS OF LABOR

In attacking the steelworkers, the Wall Street-owned steel companies are attacking all of American labor.

The American labor movement should call for a congress of all bona-fide labor unions to come to the aid of the striking steelworkers. Such a congress of labor would serve to unite the forces of the whole working class in the United States. It would be a powerful instrument to answer the bosses, blow for blow, and to take to the offensive against the big business monopolies in steel and other industries.

A congress of labor would emphasize to toilers in every industry that they are all involved in the steelworkers' fight. It would raise the morale of the striking steelworkers themselves, and would tell them to hold firm against the corporations.

Such a congress would raise the issue of 30 for 40, and thus re-inspire the steelworkers and the rest of labor. It would re-inforce the strikers in their demands for surplus food and unemployment compensation.

With all labor conscious of its stake in this class battle, the steelworkers would take to the offensive; they would tighten the strike by closing the plants to all foremen and bosses, and by stopping "scab" steel from flowing through the economy.

Such a congress is the need of the hour and the times. Every working man and woman should demand its early convocation.



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## MAIL BAG

### Joining Our Ranks

Dear Comrades,

The following is a copy of letter I have sent to the L. A. branch of the SWP:

Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party:

Dear Comrades:

After giving the matter mature and serious consideration, and after attending the recent SWP convention as a visitor, I have come to the conclusion that the only way to fight for socialism is to join the Workers World Party as it is the only truly revolutionary working class party.

Among the factors which influenced my decision was the fact that the SWP has not recognized or admitted the mistakes of its opportunist regroupment policy. I was shocked to see that the majority of the party leadership was unable to come out with a clear decisive line of support to the momentous efforts of the Chinese people to build the Chinese Communes, for an entire year and not even now. And this in addition to the fact that they would not recognize the working class character of the Chinese Revolution for six years!

I also cannot see the 1960 presidential elections campaign as the only and outstanding activity for the near future. Naturally I am in favor of parliamentary activity, but not as a "safe" substitute for class struggle work with the masses.

For the above-mentioned reasons I am resigning from the SWP and joining the Workers World Party.

Comradely,  
M. Y.

### Friendly Criticism

To the Editor:

Every word in the Workers World is read with interest and appreciation by my family and me. For this reason I seldom miss anything (I hope!) In this last issue I see a letter from some folks in Los Angeles and it is to them I address this message.

In reporting on a lynch protest meeting for Mack Parker I read with approbation until I came to the following—

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

This is indeed "sad revenge." We want capitalism to die—not four white boys who have been moulded and distorted by that very same "capitalism." We surely do not want them to die!

I do not personally believe in capital punishment at all, and most certainly not for rape. But more important than any consideration is the fact that we should not call upon the capitalist law makers, judges, etc. to execute anyone.

We have fought long and hard to save the lives of Negro men accused of rape, but let us not make the error of calling for the murder of anyone accused of rape because they are white, even to prove a good point. Socialism as a system in the United States will end these evils, brought about by the system of "free enterprise." The reason and the cause of the blight of segregation, lynching and rape will disappear from the land.

Lets keep our eyes on the goal, and demand justice (altho we won't get it), but let us not only demand justice, let us as the Workers World suggests, "arm the Home Guard." Meanwhile as we demand justice and do not get it, a few more people will realize that there "ain't no such animal" under capitalism.

Yours in the spirit of friendly criticism.

G.  
Seattle, Wash.

### Editor's Note:

We featured an editorial in our issue of June 15 (which the above writer apparently missed), openly calling for the death penalty for the four Tallahassee rapists. We were the first paper in the country to do so.

We agree with many of the sentiments expressed by the writer. We are against the "revenge" concept of punishment. We are opposed to capital punishment for rape—in general. And above all, we

are opposed to the idea of relying on the capitalist courts for justice. (Generally speaking it was precisely those who do rely on the capitalist courts, who opposed the death penalty.)

Basically, our approach was this: to mobilize the Negro masses and their white allies in the strongest possible protest movement against the lynching and raping of a whole race. We felt that the death penalty would serve notice on the white supremacists to cease and desist.

We shall be glad to send any of our readers a copy of the July 15 issue on request.

### "30 for 40"

Dear Editor,

I am a confused steelworker. I don't even know what the union leadership has asked from the steel corporations. I have read in the newspapers that it may be a 15c package but of that I am not sure. And by the reports I understand that the leaders have asked the companies for an "offer." I am sure of one thing and that is that the companies wanted to cut the guts out of the old union agreement.

It seems to me that when workers have a grievance and want to win it, they should be specific and tell the boss. They should not say "What will you give me?" They should demand "You do thus and so or else!"

I am convinced that if all the steelworkers knew that we had specific demands such as the thirty hour week at forty hours pay, we would feel much stronger and would fight much harder.

Sincerely,  
A Steelworker  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

### Impressed With Us

To Whom It May Concern:

Received a free copy of the Workers World in the mail today. I've read it this week and have read every issue published since March. I thank you very much for sending the last copy free. I enjoyed every bit of rereading it.

From your very first issue of Workers World I was very impressed. I saw what the Militant, official organ of the Socialist Workers Party, ignored. You stated specifically that they neglected the China communes. I've discovered before Workers World was published that the Socialist Workers Party called the Progressive Party, formed in 1948, a third Capitalist party. You also stated that in recent years the Socialist Workers Party had been moving over to the right. . . .

I see you are doing a fine job on the Negro question, all about the evil of the trusts and bringing about the revolutionary tradition of Lenin and Trotsky. May I suggest that you appeal to the people! Try to contact people to a great extent who have been associated with the radical movement.

Appeal to the ex CP's, members of the defunct ALP and progressive parties to get them interested in Workers World. Let them see their past mistakes. If possible, try to conduct forums beginning in the fall or winter depending on your convenience. If possible, get some pamphlets published which the SWP has not done. I would appreciate if you could appeal to the readers of Workers World with a broad program for labor which could bring peace and abundance for all.

When Workers World was first published I was talking to a few SWP's. The way they insulted you by calling you pro-Stalinists and said you have no program and called you left-opportunists I wasn't pleased about it. I find you as a movement are much more militant.

E. B.  
New York, N. Y.

### Military Duty

Retired Army sergeant, Joseph C. Bagwell, revealed that he had to wash dishes and lingerie, baby-sit, and clean up after the dog for General James R. Pierce. He worked more for the general's wife, he said, than for the general.

### U.S. Captives

Eisenhower proclaimed "Captive Nations" week for the third week of July.

He made no reference to the 20 million captive Negroes in the United States, however.

## Cops in Harlem

There are 1,200,000 Negro people in New York by the last official count. Most of these live in Manhattan Island in the ghetto called Harlem.

Capitalist-fostered white prejudice keeps them there. It segregates them, shunts them aside, kicks them down, and holds them there. Big white landlords cash in on this by packing the population into the ghetto at exorbitant rents.

There are 122,228 people living in two thirds of a square mile there. The buildings in that particular area were originally constructed to house less than 50,000.

Big white capitalists employ the people in menial positions and low-paying industrial jobs. Little white capitalists take the people's pay-checks over the counters of their stores.

Big white racketeers rob them. And little white racketeers in police uniform beat them up as well.

The New York City authorities have a solution for this tragic and terrible problem, however. Their solution was announced last week by Police Commissioner Kennedy. It was: more police.

#### More police for Harlem!

Not more schools, not more homes, not more and better jobs,—but more *police*,

and mostly white police at that!

What will the police do? Will they arrest the rent-gouging landlords? Will they arrest the sweat-shop employers who pay human beings starvation wages? Will they arrest the big manufacturers who give Negroes the lowest-paid jobs in the plant? Will they arrest the lily-white bosses who hire no Negroes at all, and drive them to "crime" to live?

Will they arrest the home-owners and real estate sharks who make "covenants" to keep Negroes out, and thus make Harlem bigger and more congested than ever?

And who will arrest cops who dragged Camilla Castiglione from a Harlem restaurant, dragged her forty feet by the hair, kicking her unmercifully on the way? Who will stop the crime of police brutality?—More police?

No. The additional police will serve one purpose: to keep Harlem segregated and keep it down.

The people of Harlem need protection. They need protection from the police, as well as from all the other agents of capitalism that prey upon them. They should call upon all progressives, black and white, to help them to organize this protection.

## Independence for Algeria

The heroic Algerians have been trying to expel the French from their land for five long years. In those five years, French imperialism has murdered 600,000 Algerians and made a million homeless.

In France itself, those who speak against this terror have been physically attacked. Newspapers who protested have been confiscated; books have been burnt.

The first attacked were the Trotskyist papers whose editors were jailed. Now the government uses fascist bands to attack Jacques Servan-Schreiber editor of the Paris Express for daring to expose the true story of French atrocities in Algeria.

At a veterans' meeting called to protest the "Dirty War" against Algeria, De Gaulle's fascist hoodlums attacked Servan-Schreiber with gas grenades while he was on the platform.

In his drive for complete "national

unity" on this issue, De Gaulle visited the Vatican. In the words of the New York Times, he wanted to make sure that "criticism by churchmen of army methods should not be aired publicly."

De Gaulle may succeed in silencing the Frenchmen who tell the truth about Algeria. He will more easily succeed in making a deal with the Vatican. But it is completely beyond the power of this old imperialist general to stop the Algerian revolution. That struggle has gone on far too long for the Algerians to be satisfied with merely formal independence with the French in real control.

Moreover, Algeria is now part of a world movement, just as France's decline is part of a world crisis of capitalism. There will be much more fighting, and many more reverses both in Algeria and within France. But the revolutionaries will win out. And Algeria will win its freedom.

## Frankly speaking

The following paragraph appeared in the New York Times of July 22:

"While General Eisenhower is firmly convinced that the Soviet Union does not want a major war at this time, he is not so sure that its leaders understand that their insistence on ending the Allied occupation in West Berlin could bring on a series of events that might lead to a war of unpredictable proportions."

We ask our readers to re-read this remarkable statement. It is a frank admission that the rulers of America are determined to start a war rather than to "lose" West Berlin!

West Berlin is a little island of capitalism within the workers state of East Germany. It is 110 miles east of the eastern border of capitalist-owned West Germany. And Eisenhower is willing to start a war of "unpredictable proportions" to perpetuate the Allied occupation there.

Suppose some country had defeated the United States in war, and fourteen years later that country still occupied North Philadelphia. Most Americans would want to get the occupation soldiers out. They would be surprised to hear that the president of the occupying country was willing to start a nuclear war to keep his troops in North Philadelphia.

Eisenhower is usually portrayed as a kindly and bumbling old man, rather like most people's grandfathers. But here he says he is willing to sacrifice the lives of tens of millions of youth, hundreds of millions of women, children, and the aged, for the "principle" of keeping West Berlin free—that is, capitalist.

This is madness. But it is not simply a softening of Eisenhower's brain. It is a special kind of madness which affects Democratic politicians as well as Republican. It is the madness of the leaders of a dying system, who do not know that its time has come.

### Where the Blame Lies

A coroner's jury in Kenya "could not apportion blame to individuals" for the death-beating of 11 Mau Mau prisoners by guards at the Hola detention camp.

But we can! The blame lies squarely on Prime Minister Macmillan, Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd and their accomplices in the British Labor Party, Hugh Gaitskill, Aneurhan Bevan, etc. The blame lies on the British capitalist exploiters and on the Labor leaders who teach the masses not to overthrow these exploiters.

# To Make Strike 100% Effective, Stop Scab Steel Production Now!

While the steelworkers in over 85% of the nation's basic steelmaking plants are out on strike, unorganized steelworkers at the Weirton plant in Weirton, West Va., and at ARMCO (the American Rolling Mills Corporation) in Middletown, Ohio, are still turning out steel.

What is happening to this scab steel? It is being used to fill orders of steel buyers. It is flowing into steel users' hands. It is helping to prolong the strike.

Why doesn't the union do something about this? The policy of the bureaucrats in the steel union is to permit this steel and any other steel that is not in steel mills to go its merry way. Why? Because they fear that if the union should stop this steel from moving, the bosses would get injunctions against the

union. They fear calling upon the power of their own union to defy the injunction.

But can the workers win strikes if they do not fight injunctions? Injunctions against unions have been used throughout labor history. And workers formed unions and marched forward, not by fearing the injunctions, BUT BY DEFYING THEM.

Actually, the argument about injunctions is only a means of singing the workers to sleep with the old class collaboration lullaby. The plain fact is that the strike is now only 85 per cent effective. And the steel union leadership is really saying that that's all right.

The sooner the rank and file take up this problem the better. They've got to lick it before it licks them.

## Billie Holiday

A great artist and a flaming personality died at the age of 44, murdered by capitalism and white supremacy.

She had been raped, mauled, persecuted. She fought back. She resisted. She rebelled. But cocaine defeated her.

Raped at the age of ten, she was imprisoned in her early teens. She was literally steered into prostitution. Trampled into the dirt, she still grew strong. And she sang her sorrows into passionate love songs.

She was arrested and re-arrested long after she was "successful." She served a year in jail for taking cocaine. She was flat broke on her death bed, facing jail once again for resuming her tragic addiction. But no powerful voice defended her. No capitalist newspaper pleaded for her.

But now, in a few days after her

death, the liberal press has made her an almost respectable legend, applauding her victories and commiserating with her defeats.

Great actors, singers and prize-fighters are always loved by the masses irrespective of race or nation. And good or bad as they may be in private life, the capitalist press always idealizes them and gives them a swell send-off when they die.

The press thus gives the masses cheap consolation for their own sorrows. And it creates the impression that all classes are one in mourning the passing of the beloved great.

Billie once said: "There's no damn business like show business. You smile to keep from throwing up."

She was wrong. All capitalist business is like show business in this respect—especially the newspaper business.

# Pasternak's Fortunes Rise Again Due to Khrushchev's Zig-Zag Line

Ana Kezman

What ever happened to the Soviet campaign against Boris Pasternak?

The near-millionaire writer is openly holding court in his country estate, meeting Soviet intellectuals and world travelers, and pouring out his bourgeois soul to them. There is even talk about a forthcoming trip to the United States by this redoubtable Nobel Prize winner.

Whether or not his novel, "Doctor Zhivago" should have been published in the Soviet Union, it is obviously an anti-Soviet novel, and still more obviously an anti-revolutionary novel. But all the Soviet steam generated against this bourgeois book and its bourgeois-minded author seems now to have been dissipated.

This spring at a Soviet writers' congress Nikita Khrushchev urged the writers to forgive their colleagues who had "strayed from the path" and called for "moderation" in the campaign against them.

Accordingly, in the last days of May, the play, "The Yershov Brothers," opened in Moscow. It was an adaptation of a novel of the same name, written at the height of the anti-Pasternak campaign. The novel was an extremely sharp indictment of Pasternak and all his imitators who had succumbed to bourgeois influences. But the playwright has ironed out and eliminated all the savage attacks that were in the novel.

The playwright has certainly heeded Khrushchev's appeal to be "moderate." And he was conforming to Khrushchev's orders just as obediently as those who called Pasternak an enemy, a pig, etc., last fall.

This incident again illustrates Khrushchev's political character. He is a centrist, a bonapartist, a middle-of-the-roader, who strikes out against the Right, or against the Left, whichever

is the greater danger to his leadership at a given moment.

The foolish virgins of the American Left who at first thought Khrushchev was a "liberalizer," a "democratizer," will be hard put to explain this latest switch.

According to them, the campaign against Pasternak was a terrible relapse, a return to totalitarianism on Khrushchev's part. According to their innocent logic, the new campaign to conciliate with Pasternak should mean a return to "democratization," "freedom of the arts," and so on.

Of course it is nothing of the kind. It is a turn to the RIGHT, just as the attack on Pasternak was a turn to the LEFT.

Pasternak wrote his book at the very height of the rightward turn in the Soviet Union (1953-1956). Khrushchev, who at first rode the flood tide of this rightward swing, grew alarmed at its strength, and began to fear that he himself might be drowned in it (as he nearly was in the summer of 1957). Khrushchev made a general crack-down on the rightists after the Hungarian counter-revolution at the end of 1956. When "Doctor Zhivago" was submitted for publication, its time had already passed.

But Khrushchev has no desire to become a real left-winger. His attack against "egalitarianism" at the 21st Congress, like his conservative criticism of the Chinese communes, proves this clearly.

Khrushchev's present conciliatory policy toward the right-wing authors has absolutely nothing to do with "democracy" or "freedom of the arts" as some silly radicals believe. It is just part of a rightward zig-zag by the bureaucratic leaders of the workers' state.

## The Road to Socialism

V. Grey

"You're never gonna get people to stick together enough to fight for Socialism — much less to keep it after you get it," the bosses' man said at lunchtime.

At first, nobody disagreed.

Slim opened up his sandwiches to see if it was baloney again, and he said, "I don't know about that. Any of you old timers remember when Republic came around town in the thirties looking for men to run a new plant they said they were puttin' up?"

"Gee, I remember that," laughed Tony. "They offered a free bus trip to their new plant in Ohio. Everybody in town was out of work. So what did we have to lose!"

"Were you in that gang, too?" Breezy hooted. "What a beautiful job that was."

"Yes, it was a beautiful job, all right," Slim continued. "They took about seven bus loads out of our town. None of us had a cent in our pockets. The company supplied the meals. We had all been desperate for a job. And we just jumped into those buses. But after we'd been riding most of the day we got to talking and talking — wondering how come they went so far from Ohio to get steelworkers."

"Then we all started saying it was damn funny they didn't have any people out of work in this town we were going to. And an idea started to bother us. But no one spoke it out loud."

"I was in the first bus that stopped by the gas station when we were nearly there," Breezy put in. "I remember exactly the way that guy came out from behind the building. 'Where do you fel-

lows think you're going?' He says, 'Why, over to work at the Republic plant,' we tell him. 'Like hell you are. We're on strike,' he says. And he was up against the whole bus load of us. That took guts."

"But he could easily see we weren't a bunch of scabs," argued Tony.

"Anyhow," Slim went on, "I remember all the fellows in the first bus load got out on the road and stopped all the rest of the buses themselves. First we were going to drive the buses right back home ourselves. Then some faint-hearted guys let the drivers call up the company agent, and he hot-footed it over with a couple of lawyers. They argued for an hour about the contracts we signed — But it didn't do 'em any good."

"Finally, they persuaded us to stay overnight in a hotel at their expense. We knew damn well they wanted to work on us again the next day. But we were all tired. The only thing I was afraid of was that we'd have to hitch-hike back. But we took care of that by making the bus drivers bunk in with us. And every last man of us went back in the morning."

"Remember how we made the drivers pick up all the hitch-hikers on the road back?" gloated Breezy.

"The point is . . ." Slim closed up his lunch bucket, "That hardly any of our gang had even been in a union at that time. They hadn't even started to organize our plant into the CIO then. But we had sense enough to stick together with those guys in Ohio we never even saw."

## Stop Thief!

All the bosses are hollering: "STOP INFLATION"! This reminds us of the crook who yelled "Stop Thief" while he was in the act of stealing.

The American billionaires are hollering against inflation, but that is only to get our eyes off the terrific profits they are making. They are not interested in inflation, but in profits, and they know that the only way they can continue raking in their excessive profits is by weakening and destroying the unions. That is what they are trying to do right now.

## Racist-Minded Fashion Editors Expose Wall Street's Hypocrisy!

When 41 fashion editors from all parts of the U. S. signed a petition criticizing scenes from the fashion show at the National Exhibition in Moscow, it was obvious that they were motivated by racist prejudices.

Of course their petition was carefully worded. It only said that the fashion show's depiction of two weddings, one of a white bride and groom with colored attendants, the other of a colored wedding couple with white attendants were "not typical of the American way of life." But it was evident that their lily-white prejudices were affronted. That such a holy institution as an American wedding should be sullied by the suggestion of colored and whites mingling socially undoubtedly filled them with alarm.

However, it is true that these two wedding scenes are "not typical of the American way of life." The Workers World protests against this hoax too. But for reasons opposite to those of

the racist-minded fashion editors. We protest because these scenes were hypocritical, and intended to mislead the Russian workers into believing that segregation no longer exists in the U.S.A.

While small-time reactionaries, like the 41 fashion editors, fear the effect of integration on white rule over Georgia and Mississippi, the big-time capitalists think only of how to rule the world.

The shrewd planners of the Exhibition in Moscow know that the fact of Jim Crow at home spoils the phony impression they are trying to make abroad. How can they pose as "liberators" when the whole world knows that 20,000,000 American citizens are chained by discrimination and lynch terror? Their sleight-of-hand propaganda tries to hide the ugly truth with a pretty picture of "typical" racial equality.

This is a lie, and an insult to the millions of American Negroes who suffer daily and hourly from Jim Crow persecution.

World's largest hydro-electric project is in the Soviet Union. It is the Bratsk Project on the Angara River. When completed, it will be over twice as large as the Grand Coulee, biggest in the United States.

## Murderous Joke

Replicas of the 75 foot bronze memorial to the flag-raising in Iwo Jima may now be obtained in Washington, D.C. — They bear the legend, "Made in Japan."

This is not a joke on the American manufacturers, who hardly mind such small-time competition. It is a murderous joke on the millions of American and Japanese youth who fought, wounded, and killed each other. They thought the war for profits was a war for principles.

## Not a Paper Tiger!

Last November the Chinese completed the biggest open hearth furnace in the world at Anshan, Manchuria. It has a capacity of 450,000 to 500,000 tons of steel a year according to the 1959 World Almanac.

Just think! "Backward" China, only a few years ago "sleeping the sleep of the centuries," now has the largest open hearth furnace in the world!

## The Two Systems

There are still over 3,000,000 unemployed Americans by conservative government count.

The Soviet Union has had a continuous labor shortage for over thirty years.

Only Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Oregon now have laws barring discrimination in private housing.

# Cuban Masses Renew Their Upsurge As Wall Street Plans New Attack

Last month, Major Pedro Diaz Lanz, former head of the Cuban Air Force, appeared before the Eastland Committee and accused Castro of being a Communist. This was an alarm signal to the bourgeois nationalist Castro, and it jolted him into a counter-attack.

Dismayed at the tightening pressure from the propertied classes of Cuba and the U.S., and at the compromises his own government had been cajoled and forced into, he struck out against reaction and counter-revolution. He forced the resignation of right-wing President Urrutia after himself resigning as Premier in a sudden, dramatic move. He then called for a gigantic demonstration of his peasant supporters on July 26th—summoning the most exploited rural proletariat to renew its pressure and reassert the aims of the Revolution.

A half-million "guajiros" poured into Santiago de Cuba on July 26th, machete in hand, to celebrate the 6th anniversary of their first revolutionary attack on Batista's forces. This tremendous demonstration is proof that the Cuban revolution still lives. And this is the real reason Yankee imperialism is so vociferous against Cuba.

The hysteria of Eastland and similar reactionaries all over the world testifies to the fact that the Cuban revolution has already gone far beyond the traditional "palace" revolutions of Latin America. But will Castro be able to carry out his program in full? Will he be able to bring prosperity to the hungry workers and peasants of Cuba? The real friends of Cuban freedom must give a clear answer

Eleanor Stephens

to these questions.

Castro thinks he can separate the landlords and the capitalist owners of industry. He thinks he can destroy the one and remain friends with the other. But the owners of lands and factories form *one class*. When one is attacked the other strikes back.

In the case of Cuba, though "liberal" capitalists in the U.S. hail the revolution as bringing needed reforms, the American capitalist class as a whole has struck back by withdrawing investments and money from Cuba. The rate of U.S. investment has dropped to 25% of last year's, imports have fallen off sharply, and private construction is down about 50%.

This *economic* attack on the Castro regime is infinitely more dangerous than the accusations of reactionary politicians like Eastland. This economic attack poses the question of Cuba's future with razor-like sharpness. Cuba must either accept the economic domination of Wall Street (with or without some mild land reforms), or go forward to a much greater struggle, and the constitution of a workers state.

In what direction is Castro moving? Is he leading the revolution toward a complete break with the capitalist classes of Cuba and the United States? Or is he blindly following the treacherous path of reformism which eventually ends up in the enemy's camp?

The most far-seeing observers in that camp, unlike the frenetic, Eastland, already see his burly form approaching

them. The Wall Street Journal, July 24, quotes officials of Castro's government as saying: "You can bargain with Castro. . . . Even now, sugar mill owners (i.e., American multimillionaires) are bargaining with our government on the agrarian reform program," and there is a possibility that the Castro government will give bigger concessions "than the owners ever dreamed of."

These Castro supporters also insist, according to the Wall Street Journal, that "some American companies have not lost interest in Cuba." Such conservative corporations as General Electric, Phelps Dodge, and an unnamed big-time meat packing company are all involved in building new plants there. Above all, the press is unanimous in affirming that the Castro regime has no intention of expropriating industry!

Of course these Castro men are in a way whistling in the dark. Bourgeois themselves, they may be expressing more the *hope* that Yankee capital will continue to "develop" Cuba, than the conviction that this is really possible. The truth is that they, like Castro himself, are betwixt and between.

But the Cuban revolution itself moves forward like a great flood. Castro or no Castro, Big Business *fears the future!* It fears that the Cuban revolution will become *permanent*, that the agrarian reforms are only a beginning, that the power of the masses once unleashed, will go far beyond the intentions of the Cas-

tro regime. And Big Business is right!

The workers and poor peasants of Cuba will not be able to banish landlordism *without destroying capitalism itself*. Like the exploited people everywhere, they will not stop until they have banished it from the face of the earth!

## Psalm of the Miners

The superintendent is my boss,  
I shall not want,  
For he has many jobs:  
I load his coal,  
Drag his pans,  
And clean his stinking gobs.  
He never lets me lie down,  
But leadeth me to the pit mouth,  
Tells me to hit it hard,  
Away down in a place called 2 South.  
He restoreth my aches and pains,  
And I crawl like a snake  
Through paths of utter darkness  
For the operator's sake.  
Yea, though I crawl beneath the timbers,  
I have fear—and I should have,  
For he is not with me,  
When danger is near.  
He prepareth no table for me,  
And I don't sleep in clover;  
The water poureth down my back  
Until my boots runneth over.  
Surely, misery and misfortune shall  
follow me,  
And life will be grim,  
And I'll be in debt,  
As long as I work for him.

—Sol Furball, Somerset, Pa.  
Seen in the United Mine  
Workers Journal of  
April 15, 1959

## What Lies Behind the Rebellion Of the Latin-American Workers?

Frederick Matteger

Our fellow workers in Latin America are angry.

They have reason to be.

See how you'd like this general picture of a Latin American worker's life:

If you're lucky enough to have a union it's under attack or being smashed. The best you can afford in housing is a crowded hut without the simplest conveniences. You have enough money only for the cheapest foods—like beans and corn. Milk is too expensive for even the kids, since a Rockefeller company forced out local dairies and then raised the price. (Venezuela).

Around you, American companies (Rockefeller, Morgan, Mellon, Dupont) own the wealth and the best of everything. They own the sugar lands, the oil wells, the factories, the mines. If you work for them, they pay pennies. If you buy from them, they charge high. They know you've no place else to go. They get you both ways. And on top of this, prices keep going up.

"Book value" of Wall Street investments in Latin America at the end of 1956 was \$7 billion. The U.S. Department of Commerce booklet which gives that information rushes on to assure us that it's really much more.

Yearly profits of American companies in Latin America officially given as something over one-half billion, are actually several billions, extracted in a variety of concealed ways.

Forty years ago American capitalists saw, and hungered for, the wealth of Nicaragua. They moved in and started gobbling it up in the following way:

A liberal Nicaraguan president had attempted to cut off the concession of an American-owned mining company. The principal stockholder of this company was an ex-U.S. Secretary of State. U.S. Marines were sent in and a clerk of this same mining company was installed as president.

The puppet president then "accepted" a loan from Wall Street with ruinous conditions. The Wall Street banking center acquired, among other things, controlling interest in the Bank of Nicaragua — so that Yankee capital could handle the money after it was loaned to Nicaragua! They also got a controlling

interest in the main railroad.

The banking group then named themselves as directors of the bank at high salaries. Instead of *paying* interest they *charged* for taking care of Nicaraguan government money. They charged again for paying it out. Nearly half the gross income of the railroad was paid out in dividends and profits. Marines shot rebelling Nicaraguans as the country was reduced to bankruptcy.

The same basic pattern of exploitation continues today. Only the methods are more sophisticated. Marines are no longer in Nicaragua but an ex-U.S. officer trains Nicaraguan troops to protect U.S. property. You hear about "U.S. aid," but this means loans with loan shark conditions.

The International Monetary Fund supposedly makes loans to help undeveloped countries. Actually, under the sheep's clothing of this high sounding "Fund" are the oil company wolves.

The Monetary Fund sends experts to the needy country. These experts never advise loans to build basic industry so the country could really get on its feet. They advise "austerity." This means, in short, raising the prices of food so that the workers won't be able to eat so much.

These experts also advise signing over the oil rights to the American oil monopoly—at the same type of ruinous conditions used 40 years ago in Nicaragua.

But now our brother workers in Latin America have begun to organize. They've thrown out some of the worst of the Wall Street puppets. Others are going to follow.

It should be recognized that this is only a beginning. Throwing out a Batista—or a Trujillo—is a first step. Next must be the seizure of the sugar lands, the oil wells, and the factories by the workers. If this step is not taken, Wall Street will retain and reinforce its grip.

We North American workers must realize that the struggle of our fellow workers in Latin America is our fight too. Only by joining with them and with all the workers of the world can we drive the full power of our fist into the fat belly of the American capitalist class.

## The Woman Worker

The Price You Get For Your Hands

Neva Kecsemeti

I came to the dry cleaning plant about a year ago when automation took my husband's job at the auto plant. It was easier for me to find a job than for him. A year in one place isn't very long; it is just about long enough to get your hands hardened so they don't get blisters. It was long enough to know that the uneasy way the girls were working that day showed something was wrong.

There isn't any hourly rate in this plant, you work straight piece work. You come in any time between six and seven in the morning. I start at the last minute at about seven, after most of the girls have started working to get the jump on piece work.

Today, I knew something was wrong right away. All I had to do was walk from the time clock to my booth to know that something had happened. The machines were noisy and the steam gushed toward the ceiling and then floated lazily out the skylite between operations as usual. But you still could hear a pin drop. Not one of the pressers was whistling or humming as they usually do to make the time go faster. Not one person said good morning. There was nothing good about this morning. Everything was black.

This morning one of the new girls in the shirt department where they work two on a unit was "promoted." She was moved from the training unit where the pace is easier, to a unit with an experienced presser to hurry her up. Well, she couldn't keep up with the pace. The collar machine had been closed with one of her hands completely in it and the tips of the fingers of her other hand. There was a blood-curdling scream and then she passed out.

There isn't a first aid station in the

place so they called a cab and brought her to the hospital.

You may hear people say accidents just happen! But if you knew my boss, you'd know that this accident happened because he is greedy and won't put in machines with safety controls. Why, I once asked him to cover some bare hot pipes so I wouldn't get burned, and he said, "People don't get hurt because there aren't any safety devices around, but because they're careless."

A year isn't very long, but it is long enough to know what will happen. She'll get medical care. And before she is really ready to come back to work she'll get a call from the company. They will tell her she is ready for work, that they have a job for her away from the presses. They'll threaten that she better come in or they'll see to it that she doesn't get disability. Most of the girls don't come back when the company calls. They get advice from their own doctor and stay out till he advises them to return to work.

The injured girl will probably come in wearing a white glove to cover her discolored and mangled hand, a hand which can never quite open or quite close.

But not all the girls come back. The last girl who was burned *couldn't* come back. She was burned in the same way but she didn't pass out. The forewoman, thinking that if she flexed her hand she could save the use of it, told her to close her hand and open it. She closed it and she has never opened it since. The skin fused together.

After a long wait for the Workmen's Compensation, or after a long court battle, most of the girls get some sort of a settlement. But what good is a settlement when your life depends on the price you get for your hands?

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