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Wall St. Threatens Workers With New Anti-Labor Drive!

Another Whitewash!

Mack Parker Killers Still at Large

They know who killed Mack Parker. But the killers will never be hanged by a capitalist court!

The county prosecutor in Poplarville, Mississippi (hometown of Bilbo) has just refused even to give the grand jury the federal report which contains the list of men known to be involved in the Parker lynching.

The grand jury has convened and adjourned. And it indicted no one.

In January, a federal grand jury will meet in Jackson, Mississippi. And that jury will be asked by the U.S. Department of Justice to indict these men for "civil rights violations"—maximum penalty, 10 years.

It is very unlikely that even this light slap-on-the-wrist penalty (considering the crime) will be given in the State of Mississippi. More than seven months have passed. The capitalist Bayou Bour-

bons and the Coca Cola Colonels have had their way again. Their depraved white stooges of the mob have gotten away with one more fiendish crime in their long succession of horrors.

But there is a way to make the lynching of Mack Parker the *last* lynching!

This can be done by the creation of Civil Rights Defense Guards throughout Mississippi. Such guards will constitute the armed self-defense of the Negro people against their persecutors.

There are as many Negro as white in Mississippi. And in every state of the union there are far more Negroes than there are whites who have the vicious cruelty to shoot them down. (Only a small minority of whites are active stooges for the race-hating capitalists.)

Armed self-defense guards would change the relationship of forces overnight.

STOP THE INQUISITION!

We support the people who appeared last week before the so-called Unamerican Activities Committee in New York, and were accused of "conspiring" for Puerto Rico's freedom!

They refused to answer the questions put to them by the agents of Wall Street imperialism. They were asked about the "Communist conspiracy" in Puerto Rico, but given no opportunity to describe the capitalist conspiracy to keep Puerto Rico enslaved and starved.

Puerto Ricans in general are *not* Communists. But with an average annual income of \$485 per year, they certainly should be!

Negroes of Monroe, N. C. Face Eviction From Homes

Mayor Fred Wilson of Monroe, North Carolina, has announced a plan of urban renewal to be financed largely with Federal funds.

Monroe is the town where two little Negro boys were imprisoned last year when one of them was kissed by a white girl of seven. They were subsequently freed because of world indignation aroused by the press and radio.

This is also the town which is the southeastern regional headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan, which had engaged in an exchange of rifle fire with Negroes defending the home of Dr. Albert E. Perry there. (Dr. Perry has just begun a term on the chain gang for an alleged performance of an illegal abortion on a white woman. He was framed by the racists.)

Dr. Perry's brick home, one of the finest in the town, is among the homes of Negroes to be seized by the white supremacist City Fathers in the proposed project. Although many shacks are included in this project, curiously enough, none of the shacks owned by poor whites are included. *Every single home occupied or owned by Negroes is to be torn down according to the program.*

A mass meeting of all the Negro

adults of Monroe on October 30, under the chairmanship of Robert F. Williams, decided to fight the proposed plan.

Conrad Lynn, prominent New York civil rights attorney, now represents the Negro residents of Monroe. He has filed a protest against this plan with the Federal Housing Administrator, Norman Mason in Washington, D.C. He has demanded a hearing before the Federal law is used as an instrument of the Klan to defeat its most militant antagonists in the South.

Monroe is a fighting outpost in the struggle for civil rights. The racists cannot win in Monroe by their usual terroristic methods. So now they are resorting to capitalist courts and to capitalist law to reinforce their tottering white supremacy.

The racist white capitalists of Monroe are out to make a financial killing and to dispossess all the Negro people there with the same cunning blow.

Let every honest worker and true friend of equality give all possible aid to this fight.

(Office of Conrad Lynn is at 141 Broadway, New York, N.Y. — Home of Robert Williams is 410 N. Boyte St., Monroe, North Carolina.)

Railroad Barons Copy Steel Companies' Tactics; Labor Leaders Talk Fight, But Plan No Action

Heartened by the strikebreaking injunction and the capitulation of David J. McDonald, Wall Street is now preparing a still bigger reactionary drive against labor.

After McDonald's surrender to Taft-Hartley, the "leaders" of labor have suddenly waked up to the fact that big business is on a real union-busting rampage.

Walter Reuther says Eisenhower's "brutal" Taft-Hartley intervention was the act of a government that has made "profits superior to people."

Emil Mazey, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers Union, accused Eisenhower of a "political payoff to the steel corporations" for backing his 1956 presidential campaign to the tune of \$245,000.

Even the redoubtable jimcrow no-strike hero, George Meany, said there was a "war being waged on organized labor by reactionary" business interests.

He said that both the steelworkers and the railroad workers were victims of "vicious propaganda" against their working conditions.

The statesmen of labor have stated the case. But what are they going to DO about it?

Here is one proposal:

Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel for the Steelworkers' Union, urges the labor movement to come up with "positive proposals" to solve national emergency disputes. He called for legislation to arm the President with weapons to halt such a strike—but in a way that the burden would "fall equally on labor and management."

The labor bureaucrats describe the conspiracy to murder the labor movement. And then they propose to save themselves (and the millions who have faith in them) by a polite appeal to the murderer for fair play!

Reuther (whom the capitalists fondly call "the fiery red-head") has lashed out with characteristic "fire" and called the labor movement too "soft." How does he propose to harden it up? By supporting Kennedy, of the Landrum-Griffin-Kennedy anti-labor law, for President!

In the face of government intervention, they want *more* government intervention. In the face of a "bad" capitalist president, they want to put their

"I Never Had a Fight With a U.S. President"



David J. McDonald

It's Time You Did, Mac!

faith in a "good" capitalist President.

The steel barons have told the workers that they want war. Now the railroad barons are telling the workers the same grim news. Congress, with a heavy majority of Democrats, including Reuther's "friends of labor," is now sharpening the knife to cut labor's throat with still more reactionary laws.

Labor must stop this reactionary anti-labor drive, and stop it NOW.

The way to do it is simple. It is through MASS ACTION. It is through mass action *against* the Eisenhowers and the Kennedys. It is through defiance of their anti-labor laws and their injunctions. It can be done by nation-wide slow-downs and sit-downs, and by the tactic of general strike.

The time to start preparing for such action is NOW. It is necessary to meet the general attack of the bosses with a general mass struggle of the workers.

Toure Turns his Back!

With the colored people of Monroe, North Carolina, in such dire need of aid against the white supremacists as described in the adjoining article, President Sekou Toure of Guinea has answered their need by the following well-publicized statement:

Asked if he had been favorably impressed by the racial conditions he found, he said, "Yes, indeed, because the international press had pointed out not long ago quite a lot of difficulties in relations between black and white, and in North Carolina we felt the unanimity between the black and white population." — From the *New York Times*, November 9, 1959.

"I was very satisfied with what I saw" (of the conditions of the Negro people) he went on. What country was he talking about? — The United States!

We were glad and proud to see Guinea obtain its limited freedom. But

this incident shows that we cannot automatically regard Toure as a fighter for Negro rights.

How could he give the U.S. white supremacists such a whitewash? Didn't any of the American Negro leaders he met set him straight on conditions here (assuming he did not know about them)?

As a matter of fact, the American Muslim, Talib Dawud was secretary of a committee to welcome President Toure. And James Lawson and Malcolm X greeted Mme. Toure in New York. These men are all so-called "black nationalists." Don't they know all too well about the true conditions of the Negro masses? And couldn't they have dropped a word or two of the truth?

The whole affair is a terrible let-down to the Negro masses of this country who had looked forward to seeing a champion of black freedom.



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Only Action Counts!

The bosses of this country are planning to intensify their attacks on the workers movement. They hope to do on the political front that which they could not do on the picket lines. Since they could not lick the steelworkers on the firing lines, they are getting ready to press for legislation to further tie the hands of the organized workers and beat them on that front.

The advisory committee to the Department of Commerce, the Business Advisory Council, which gets the support of the capitalist class as a whole, agreed that the policy of the steel bosses was correct. It decided that every effort be made, on the legislative front, to keep the workers on the job after the eighty-day Taft-Hartley cooling-off period expires.

The BAC, which represents the biggest business organizations in the country, is the real inner cabinet in Washington. These most powerful industrial-

ists will try to make it appear that the impasse in the steel struggle can be solved only by some legislation that will prevent these crises. They will try to get compulsory arbitration of disputes or some form of outlawing of strikes in basic industries.

Will these union-busters succeed in tying labor's hands? That will all depend on the policies that will be followed by the labor movement. If the workers' movement follows a policy of depending on the "friends" of labor, it will get defeated. What is really needed is to prepare to have a *march on Washington* or a *one day work stoppage* to fight against this political attack.

Labor must prepare to *act*. Words and postal cards mean very little to the politicians. *Only action counts*. In this way, and only in this way, will the workers win their battle.

Shameful "Socialists"!

The Praja Socialists of India have demanded the resignation of Nehru.

An honest worker, reading this, may ask: "Is that because Nehru's cops shot down the workers of Calcutta?"

No, dear reader, it is because these so-called "Socialists" think that Nehru should send the Indian workers into war against Workers China!

The T-V Stink

The stink is so terrible—wouldn't you think that even the conservative capitalist press would call for the nationalization of the TV industry now?

Everybody knows that Van Doren, although a swindler, was a very petty one, and that the higher-ups swindled a hundred times more.

All the programs are rigged. The advertising is phony. The movies are pappy. The political speeches are ghost-written, drama-coached, and full of lies.

Of course, a nationalization under Honest Ike, the Taft-Hartley Terror, would not help the working class. (Only a nationalization *by* the working class

would do that.) But in almost any other country, the capitalists themselves would want to regulate their crimes and deodorize the general stink.

They would want their capitalist government to regulate the capitalist propaganda on TV so the workers would have more faith in it.

This is the country where the capitalist class is going to hold on to every privilege until the very morning of the socialist revolution. This is the country where they are going to keep a champagne bottle in one hand while they try to shoot the workers with the other.

And that's why we're so sure to beat them.

Diplomacy and the Class Struggle

Some honest, class-conscious workers in the Communist Party are asking us why we criticize Khrushchev for his conciliation to the capitalist Eisenhower.

These workers agree that Khrushchev lied when he said Eisenhower was "sincere about peace" etc.

"But," they say, "he has to act that way in his capacity as a *diplomat*. He can't be shouting revolution at every moment. And it is necessary to take advantage of certain weaknesses in capitalism. It is necessary to exploit certain contradictions and antagonisms between capitalist countries. This is not always done by open struggle."

All very true.

If Khrushchev were Lenin himself—and he is NOT — it would still be

necessary for the American working class to have its own INDEPENDENT strategy. International solidarity does not mean following every twist and turn of Moscow's diplomacy.

Just because the imperialist general, Eisenhower, decides to shake hands with Khrushchev, we cannot for that reason stop fighting and exposing Eisenhower. But this is the line of the *Sunday Worker*. It has not criticized Eisenhower for weeks. In this, it slavishly imitates Moscow.

This is a betrayal of the American working class and the Soviet working class too, because they should be told the truth about Eisenhower at all times. It is a betrayal of the Communist Party itself, because it disarms the membership against future attacks against it.

The Business Advisory Committee

(Sinister de facto Cabinet in Washington)

The Business Advisory Council is known as the inner Cabinet in Washington. It isn't enough that the President and the official Cabinet are stooges and political office boys for Wall Street. Big Business must keep its hand *directly* on the helm of Government!

Officially, this Council is only the advisory committee to the Department of Commerce. Actually, it "advises" everybody, from the President on down. Right now, it's giving free advice on new anti-labor laws — what these laws should say, etc.

The members of the Council are listed below:

S. D. Bechtel, Chairman of the BAC — Director of J. P. Morgan, Continental Can and United States Lines.

Roger Blough, Vice Chairman of BAC — Chairman of the Board of U.S. Steel.

Frank Stanton, Vice Chairman of BAC — Executive of Rand Corporation, Director of New York Life Insurance Co. and dozens of other corporations.

Sidney Weinberg, Vice Chairman of BAC — Director of Continental Can, General Electric, General Foods, Goodrich, Ford Motor, McKesson Robbins, National Dairy Products, etc.

Lucius Clay — Chairman of the Board of Continental Can Co., Director of General Motors Finance Committee, American Express, Lehman Corporation, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., United States Lines, General Aniline and Film, etc.

James B. Black — Director of Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Southern Pacific Railroad, U.S. Steel, Equit-

able Life Assurance, Shell Oil Co., etc.

Paul C. Cabot, Banker — Director of J. P. Morgan, Continental Can, Ford Motor, National Dairy Products, B. F. Goodrich.

Crawford H. Greenwalt — Director of Equitable Trust, Co., E. I. Dupont de Nemours & Co.

Eugene Holman — Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil of New Jersey, Director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Charles Allen Thomas — Director Monsanto Chemical Co., Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Juan T. Trippe — Director of Liberian Development Corp., Member of Financial Committee of Metropolitan Life, Director Chrysler Corp., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Corp.

Harold Boeschstein — Director of Owen-Corning Glass Co., Chairman of the Board of Fibreglass Corp., Director of Dow Jones Co., Ford Motor, Ohio Bell Telephone, Toledo Trust Co., etc.

What Kind of "Peace"?

"Toward Algeria, the Moscow position is by our standards (that is, by capitalist standards—ed.) definitely constructive and responsible. The public Moscow position tends to encourage a compromise settlement between France and the Algerian nationalists rather than, as in the past, giving maximum encouragement to trouble.

"This amounts to at least a momentary Moscow abandonment of the cause of native nationalism as the standard

means of causing trouble for the Western world. Moscow is behaving almost as though it belonged consciously to a concert of great powers linked together in a common effort to maintain peace, stability, and order in the world."—Christian Science Monitor, November 4.

Is *this* what Khrushchev means by "peaceful co-existence"? If it is, the colonial workers in Algeria and all other oppressed countries better *reject* it right away!

MAIL BAG

Canadian Workers Fight

In the middle of October, an item made the news that caused everybody in the country to look up. The Canadian Civil Servants were told by the "Honorable" Minister of Finance, Fleming, that they could not have a wage raise. The government budget would not take it. And the big chief, "Dief"—enbacher, made wild statements supporting this underling.

And these characters, representatives of the boss class, figured that was all there was to it. They had on their side all the conditions that normally regulate the exploitation of one class by another.

And the government this time showed its real face as being identical with the boss class. It had shown it before by passing boss legislation like the outrageous Bill 43 in British Columbia, by the actions of Joey—Premier—Smallwood, who took a life and subjugated the Newfoundland of loggers in an unprecedentedly brutal way. And by Bill 123, which makes it illegal for civil servants to go on strike, just as in the United States.

The Canadian labor movement awoke to the real meaning of Bill 43 and its consequences during the "Northland Strike." Here, united action of rank-and-file working men and women (with their kids) on the picket line (they had

to call it an *observers'* line because of the injunctions being issued like free ice cream at a picnic) DEFIED BILL 43. That is, they defied the government.

There was also the Ironworkers' strike on the 2nd Narrows Bridge in this area. The bosses tried to break this in co-operation with the courts. Three union officials were sent to jail on \$3,000 bail. The local was fined \$10,000 for exercising its fundamental rights of free speech. George North, the editor of a local union paper is right now serving a four-week jail sentence. The paper was fined \$3,000. (This is called "freedom of expression.")

Both strikes were won by our fellow workers through *consistent and united action, openly defying the government*.

And although some soft-seated union bureaucrats still try to obscure the issue, the rank-and-file worker has had to realize the fact that the interest of big business and industry is directly opposed to his own, and to the interest of the whole working class.

For many a white collar worker it may be a new discovery, but the latest government action proves to him clearly that his interests are the same as those of the rest of the whole working class. The white collar workers can now see how they are exploited and deprived of basic democratic rights by the very same government they are serving.

Jack Norr
Vancouver, B. C.
Canada

Workers World Party Protests Mass Murder in the Congo

Ana Kezman

N. Y. Workers Demanding Justice for Congo

In the first street demonstration called by the New York Local of the Workers World Party, seventy chanting marchers showed their solidarity with the oppressed masses of the Belgian Congo last Saturday, November 14.

They were protesting the brutal repressions by the Belgian imperialists in the Congo, the shooting of hundreds of struggling nationalists, the imprisonment of many more, including last month the jailing of Patrice Lumumba, young leader of Congo liberation movement.

They marched in front of the Belgian Consulate in the imposing Radio City buildings on Fifth Avenue. They chanted: "Freedom for Patrice Lumumba," "Get Belgium out of the Congo," "Stop the Murder of African Youth" and other slogans.

A number of people responded to the call of the Workers World Party who were not members of the party. The Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, while disagreeing with the party on other counts, enthusiastically supported, and participated in, the action.



Part of the huge picket line in front of the Belgian Consulate at Rockefeller Center, New York City, on November 14. Negro and white American workers were joined by Puerto Ricans as they protested the imperialist atrocities in the Congo. The demonstration was called by the Workers World Party.

On The Line at Rockefeller Center

Theodore Kovalsky

Here there is brightness in the canyon. The fissure between the looming bright stone buildings fills with light, and the stone walls that line the broad street are clean.

We march before Rockefeller Center. We carry signs that say "Stop the Slaughter of African Youth," demand "Full Freedom for the Congo."

The canyon of the street is bright. It is Fifth Avenue, the broad path of the rich. But we are here, standing tall with our picket signs.

Our New York is not the New York of Fifth Ave. The fissures from which we have come are not filled with light. Our New York is the city of the cockroach and the rat.

We circle before Rockefeller Center, that bastion of the rich and powerful which harbors the Belgian Consulate. Here within this building gather the representatives of that small imperialist land which reaches out its poisoned talons into the continent of Africa.

They fit in well here, these diplomats, these cultured gentlemen who wear the uniform of striped trousers and cutaway coats. They speak in well modulated tones. Their language is precise. Their manners are perfect. And their hands are red with blood.

Here they are housed. Here in this modern sky-piercing palace they are among their own kind. Perhaps they look from the windows, high up above the canyon floor. Perhaps they look down to see the small, serpentine line, tiny from the height where they stand.

Down at the street level we share the pavement with the police who stand immovable, gazing at our picket line with the cold expressionless eyes of reptiles. They are quiet. They swing no clubs, grip no revolvers. They wish us, perhaps, no ill, just as they wish us no good. If their masters who lurk behind the stone walls of Rockefellers great

building speak the word, they will fling themselves among us, lashing out with violence and murder. If the word remains unsaid they are impassive, indifferent. They have no need to think, to reason. They are simply the hired servants, the guards of the capitalists, simply thugs hired to terrorize, to dispense pain or death upon orders, simply the cops.

We march in our long circle. We are different, but we are the same. We are Negroes, faces similar to those of the Congo workers who are this moment being beaten, shot, imprisoned. We are pale blond Nordic types, cheeks reddening in the breeze. We are tan fleshed dark-haired Spanish-speaking workers with glowing eyes. We are different, but we are the same. We are one. Together we march in this protest demonstration, united in the demand for freedom and equality for all the peoples of this world.

But we are foreign here. We are the dark invaders from a different New York. One by one, dozen by dozen the citizens of this place pass by, pause, and look.

And we wonder: Do they perhaps know? Do they suspect? Can they possibly imagine that we who carry these signs are the vanguard of that army which will one day sweep into these bright canyons and occupy the vast buildings and topple the tyrants from their golden thrones on the stock exchange?

We watch them as they come and go. One frail youth in expensive clothing

leans upon his rolled, silk umbrella. He stands and gazes stupidly at us. Then with a vacant, toothy grin he mutters something in a weak voice to his expensive consort. Again he gazes at us, a faint, decorous bewilderment on his face. He does not know yet.

But we know.

THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM

by V. Grey

One thing you can't help noticing wherever you work. In fact, you not only notice it, you're a part of it. You hide when you're not busy. (At least you do if you have the kind of job where you can get away with it.)

What a humiliating thing it is, when you stop to think of it, to have to hide from some punk of a supervisor, while you smoke a cigarette! Oh sure, it's fun to steal that little pleasure while you crouch under the steam pipes somewhere. It's human nature, they say, to enjoy stolen pleasures the most.

But what kind of pleasure is it for a grown man to have so little dignity as this? You're hiding for an hour before quitting time. You know you've worked hard the other seven hours. Maybe you've done twice your usual work. Maybe you were on an emergency job, maybe a big repair job that just had to be done fast. But you have to hide all the same.

If the master mechanic were to walk by at 3:30 and see you squatting under the pipes he'd sure as hell think of something for you to do. You couldn't explain that you had done your work for the day without having a fight with him. But why couldn't you? As a matter of fact, why shouldn't you smoke on top of the pipes, and offer the m. m. a cigarette too, if he came along?

And why shouldn't he know just by seeing you taking it easy there, that you had earned a rest? Why should he even bother asking what you had done, if he were a real man?

The master mechanic is supposed to know the most and be the most skilled. Maybe he does and maybe he is. But the fellows do their work. They are

Real Reason For Border Clash

The Wall Street Journal (November 13) admits: "Westerners doubt Peiping aims at a shooting war with India. Diplomats figure the Reds stumbled into India border trouble by trying to seal off Tibet."

(There was a counter-revolutionary uprising in Tibet last spring. The whole capitalist world supported Tibet.)

Psychiatrist Warns Against Danger of Healthy World!

Eleanor Stephens

Many people believe that all psychiatrists are a little crazy.

Psychiatrist Dr. Nathan S. Kline, director of research at Rockland State Hospital, visited medical and psychiatric institutions in the Soviet Union last summer. He now warns that Soviet doctors may soon be able to save lives in those parts of the world where medical care is not available, where disease and starvation have long been taken for granted.

"The military propaganda advantages of the Soviet Union in the Space race," he says, "will shrink to insignificance compared with what will happen if they (The Soviet Union) are prepared and allowed to provide medical care for the two-thirds of the world where it is not available." (New York Times, Nov. 17)

"Doctors should not be allowed to cure people who have never before had a chance against plagues and famine," is what this doctor is saying, who presumably specializes in bringing sick minds back to sanity.

When the imperialist nations reduce "two thirds of the world" to utter poverty which breeds disease, that's OK to minds like Dr. Kline's. But when the workers states try to end both poverty and disease, that's dangerous propaganda!

When the workers of the world (who have not been trained to think like psychiatrists) take over, perhaps they will open up insane asylums—and put a few more people in.

mechanics too, those fellows in the repair gang. They take an interest in their jobs. (They couldn't do that type of work if they didn't.) So why should the master mechanic tell them to work harder, when they are working hard enough already?

Of course he wants to get more work out of you like any other boss. But he's also afraid that if you take one hour today, you will take two hours tomorrow. He doesn't trust you any more than you trust him.

Neither he nor you can act like very much of a man. That's because this is the capitalist system. And that system forces you to be scared and sneak away for a smoke just as it forces him to be mean. It forces people not to trust each other, even when they can see that the others are doing their best. It takes the dignity out of you and prevents you from standing on your own two legs whenever you want to.

In a socialist society, the master mechanic will be a master mechanic—not a boss. People will be interested in their work. They won't feel under obligation to a boss or any other individual—but only to themselves and the rest of humanity for whom they will be working. They won't have to hide under the pipes until quitting time. If they finish their work early, they'll go home early, that's all.

The master mechanic of the socialist future might not know why you quit your job early, but he'd know there was a reason. He would have the same faith in you that he had in himself.

Because in those days we'll all be grown men.

SWP Does it Again!

The American Militant (which claims to defend Revolutionary China) says on November 9, that China ought to negotiate a speedy settlement with India—"even one that gives the Indians the best of the agreement."

—Some defense!

Khrushchev is Right On this One!

"There has been talk that the regime in East Germany has been kept only by Soviet bayonets.

"Well, our reply to that is that foreign troops should be withdrawn both from Eastern and Western Germany to see how things would work out. Would you agree to that? If so, we could come to terms."

—Khrushchev, speaking before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Railroad Bosses Demand Wage Cut

Life-or-Death Battle Looms!

Mose Peterson

Wall Street's attack against the steelworkers has now broadened out to include the railroad workers. The two great battles appear to be coalescing into one of the greatest periods of class warfare in American history. In the coming fight, the railroad workers, like their brothers in the steel mills, are faced with a great defensive battle.

The capitalist class has been waging a propaganda war against the rail unions for many months. The rail bosses accuse the rail workers of "featherbedding" — just as the steel bosses accused the steelworkers. But the rail bosses do not stop here. They go much further and demand that all workers in the operating railway unions take a wage cut of 15 cents an hour!

The real featherbedders are the owners and managers of the railroad system. They are robbing the whole country just as they always have done.

American railroads are divided into hundreds of class I and class II systems. Each has its own corporate structure and its horde of overpaid and greedy bosses. There are plush, unearned salaries for the executives, preferred and common stock dividends for the owners. It is a tribute to the skill and hard work of the rail workers that the whole railroad system has been able to survive these years of thievery and capitalist anarchy.

Fire the Coupon Clippers!

The rail bosses, in one of their recent advertisements, pointed out that the railways in the Soviet Union now handle more tonnage per man-hour than any other in the world and the system is constantly being improved.

Certainly the American bosses didn't intend it that way, but their ad showed the way to solve the railroad "problem." — Expropriate the whole railroad system like the Russian workers did; fire the swarm of surplus "executives" and coupon clippers and let the railroad workers run things. Then we will really have a clear track on the rails!

What to do Now

There is no doubt in the minds of the railroad workers that their unions are facing a fight for their very existence. What steps can they take to win it?

The first step is to unify all the separate railway unions — operating, maintenance, clerical, etc., into a united

front against the union-busting rail corporations.

In order to do this, there must be an open call for the abolition of jim crow locals and lily-white charters. Labor with a white skin cannot advance while labor with a black skin is branded.

These unions, black and white, can be united best of all around a program to counter the railroad bosses' program. The central economic demand should be the one for a shorter working week with no reduction in pay. This will protect all the rail workers' right to a job, and at the same time share some of the fruits of automation. The slogan should be: "Thirty hours' work — Forty hours' pay!"

The rail workers should have no confidence in government boards. Least of all, should they have the slightest confidence in, or respect for, the National Railway Labor Board. This board was set up with the express purpose of weakening the rail unions and keeping them divided into separate craft union organi-

zations. The statistics prove how well the union-wrecking Rail Labor Board has succeeded. Rail workers, who held first place in real wages in 1945, have since been driven down to 26th place in earning power among industrial workers.

The wage picture tells only part of the story. The loss in jobs is even worse. Just the past five years have seen railroad jobs drop from over one million to less than 850,000 today. And at the same time rail tonnage has gone up!

A class struggle policy is necessary. The Wall Street bosses are using class struggle methods against the steelworkers today, and the steel union leadership has failed to respond with the same methods. The tremendous power and initiative of 500,000 steelworkers has been restrained by union bureaucrats. But the railroad workers' power is in some respects even greater than the steelworkers'.

This great power of theirs can force the bosses into retreat, and help bring victory to the whole union movement.

They Called Her "General" Tubman

Nina Silay

When Harriet Tubman was 15 years old, one of her fellow-slaves left his work and went to town. The foreman followed him and ordered some other slaves to tie him up. They refused. And the rebel slave started to run for his life.

Harriet blocked the foreman and he picked up a brick and hit her in the head with it. She was badly hurt, but the runaway slave got free.

The blow left Harriet sick for many months. While she was recovering, she first prayed that her master would be changed. But he did not change. And she realized that the only hope was a complete social change. She learned to think critically and decided to free herself and her fellow slaves as well.

She heard about the "Underground Railroad" and later, as a passenger, followed the North Star to freedom.

["Underground Railroad" was the

nickname for the secret escape route to Canada.]

Then she herself became a conductor on the Underground Railroad (which was a most dangerous position). She made many trips back to the South to help others travel to freedom, and she never lost a passenger.

The famous John Brown called her "General" Tubman. And with good reason. She helped him plan the historic battle at Harpers Ferry, and arranged to get men to assist him. She felt that Brown was a greater anti-slavery fighter than any other abolitionist.

During the war years, General Tubman was very active in the Union lines, giving much of her time to nursing care for the sick and wounded. She also led an army expedition to South Carolina, where she freed 750 slaves. This was the only military campaign in American history that was led by a woman.

But this courageous general still suf-

But if The Union Man Had Shot the BOSS!

Newburgh, N. Y. — Malcom R. White, a manufacturer, shot and killed Alfred F. Dugan, an unarmed union organizer, last summer. He was let off scot-free by an Orange County jury.

She Needn't Worry!

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of Prime Minister Nehru, stated before the capitalist Indian Parliament that she was "worried" about the Communist Party building a dockyard in Kerala. Then she asked: "If war came, would they use the dockyards against us or for us?"

The Indian CP has just been so overcome by pro-capitalist, patriotic chauvinism, that it has declared itself "for us," and against Revolutionary China. Obviously it would use the dockyards for Indian capitalism.

Mrs. Gandhi can stop worrying.

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We've been saying for a long time that "every business is a racket."

But according to the TV quiz show sponsors, "Every racket is a business!"

Freed 750 Slaves!



Harriet Tubman

fered humiliation in the country whose cause she served. When boarding a train for example, she was forced into a baggage car, and refused recognition as a soldier (much less a general!). It was then that she realized that the struggle for Negro freedom had just begun.

How the Railroads Stole their Billions

Frederick Matteger

It would be impossible to estimate accurately the amount of money railroad owners have stolen from the American people; they stole too much in too many ways.

They bribed politicians to get the people's land to build the railroads on. They bribed again to get the people's money (government funds) to pay for building them. And they bribed to get still more of the people's money to benefit themselves further. Here is one example:

Up to 1872, a railway ran up a certain avenue in New York City. As a result of this, the land along the avenue was of little value. The smoke from the old steam engines blackened up the workers' tenements. The tracks were dangerous. Many accidents occurred there.

The railway was owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt, but his franchise was a limited one. He had obtained it by the usual method—bribery.

The public was indignant over the frequent accidents. So Vanderbilt decided to kill several birds with one stone. With bribes he had no trouble in buying off the upright "reform" New York State Legislature. A tunnel was built for the railway at the expense of the City of New York. (The whole four million dollar cost was put on the city, rather than on Vanderbilt, by the bribed legislature.) Vanderbilt's franchise was made full and free as part of the bribe deal. He then issued his own bonds on this tunnel financed by public money!

To top this harvest, Vanderbilt had purchased the cheap land on either side of his tracks before the knowledge of

the tunnel, was given out. This land, after the sinking of the railway, came to be among the most valuable in the city. It is now called Park Avenue.

Bought them with a satchel!

These railroad capitalists bribed to evade taxes. And if they were attacked for their evasions, they only bribed further and still avoided payment.

They bribed to get any law that would give them profits. In 1868, Jay Gould, another railroad magnate, out-bribed Vanderbilt by rushing to Albany with a satchel containing \$500,000 and distributing it among the willing legislators.

They squeezed inflated rates from shippers and passengers. They stole from the government. They stole from their own stockholders. They stole from the workers who created the wealth, not only by taking sole ownership of what the workers had built, but also by forcing down the workers' wages to intolerable levels and increasing their work.

Wage cuts: Old and new

On the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne road, brakemen were cut in 1873 from \$1.58 a day to 85 cents a day (a 15 to 18 hour day, that is!). Later, in the wage cutting that preceded the first great nationwide strike of 1877, these men were notified that their wages were being cut to 75 cents a day and that this cut was retroactive to the month before. With this went the doubling of the size

of the trains, which meant double work for those working, and layoffs for about half the men.

Today the descendants of those old-time capitalist thieves continue their robberies. Their methods, now more refined, follow the same course. They receive special tax relief and permission to increase rates and fares through their control of the politicians. But they do not have to carry their money to Albany — or Washington — in satchels. The present day capitalist politicians are already bought and paid for in advance.

(In many cases, they are the well-heeled blood descendants of the bribed politicians, just as the present railroad owners are usually the blood descendants of the pirates who stole the railroads in the first place.)

Recently the railroad companies have begun perfuming the atmosphere in preparation for a new anti-labor drive. In large ads headed: "A fair day's work for a fair day's pay?" they present a table of distorted statistics which are supposed to justify their taking jobs away from some workers while they squeeze more work out of those left. And of course they must "give" a wage cut of 15 cents an hour "in the interest of the public."

Justice would demand shorter hours and jobs for all. But justice will be served only if the workers fight for it.

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