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TEN CENTS

Harlem And Sunset Park

Eleanor Stephens

How many times better do the "best" New Yorkers live than the tens of thousands of slum dwellers?

Last year in central Harlem (according to the report of Health Commissioner Baumgartner) the infant mortality rate was 45.3 per thousand of babies born. In Sunset Park, Brooklyn, the district the New York Times describes as the "best" in the New York area, it was only 15.4.

These cold figures seem to point to a 3 to 1 divergence in the ways of life of those New Yorkers living in the "best" and the "worst" districts of the city. But the gulf in human terms is so deep it can never be told in figures. It is as deep as the gulf between a freeman and a slave.

More than a century ago, when Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," she portrayed the anguish of Liza, a mother whose child was taken away from her by the cruel and vicious system of chattel slavery.

Yet if Liza and her little boy lived in Harlem today, they would know a new kind of slavery, in many ways more cruel. Their bonds and chains would be invisible. But they would be there.

Liza's boy would be told in school that he is the equal of any little boy who had the good fortune to live in Sunset Park.

Yet as he grew to awareness, he would face the bitter knowledge that his "equal" in the "best" part of town lived in a clean and sunny apartment with a room of his own, while he would be forced by jimcrow to live in a slum area, in a cockroach-infested flat, most likely a firetrap with a toilet in the hall, and sleep in a bedroom shared by brothers, cousins or neighbors.

His "equal" in Sunset Park would read good books, see plays, hear music, and travel the world. But Liza's son would grow up in the soul-crushing confines of American jimcrow.

He might not read the municipal re-



port on infant mortality. But he would know that too many babies died in Harlem — that they died of malnutrition, of pneumonia from unheated rooms, or were burned to death, or eaten by rats.

If Liza had to choose between a life under chattel slavery or under capitalist wage slavery, in 1960, could she be sure which was the worst?

Under one system, her baby might be sold down the river. Under the other he might (and 45.3 of every thousand in New York did) needlessly die because of poverty in the midst of plenty.

Three to one! But are there really any statistics that can measure the gulf between Harlem and Sunset Park?

How the Steelworkers Felt The Morning After

Mose Peterson

Steelworkers had an unusual fare on their Monday night (January 4) television and radio programs.

News commentators fairly oozed sympathy for the poor struggling corporations whose unselfish and principled stand against inflation and the right for the boss to act like a boss had met with such a "so what?" attitude among the public.

(Even worse, the bosses' righteous stand was daily infuriating the steelworkers to the point that a unanimous landslide vote against their previous non-inflationary offer was in the making.)

Despite the avalanche of sympathy for the corporations on all media of communications, not a single steelworker was suffering on Monday night from a guilty conscience. The 116 day strike and the court injunction had completely case-hardened the collective conscience!

Politics, according to Trotsky, is the culture of the working class. All steelworkers noted how deeply involved the steel union fight had become in the politics of the capitalist state. They noted the new picture of Tricky Dick Nixon stepping forward as the revolutionary leader of the working class. And they greeted it with profane hilarity.

McDonald's efforts to cut the Ken-

nedy hierarchy in for a piece of the acclaim has so far met with only slightly fewer guffaws.

Although the steelworkers here show some cynicism over the claims of the "great victory," still they feel pretty good, and know that it really is a victory.

As one worker put it on Thursday — he knew we won a victory because the boss hadn't got out of his office to go through the mill since Monday. And if HE had won, he would have been throwing his weight around all over the mill.

This worker's buddy then noted that McDonald had sworn eternal enmity and no more handshaking with management. But when the contract was won, he promptly showed up in nationwide pictures, shaking hands with Cooper.

Both McDonald and Cooper were frightened by the massive social force generated by the union as it rolled toward the Taft-Hartley election and a new strike.

"Mutual Trusteeship," so cruelly maltreated by the steel barons, is once again respectable, almost as good as of old, in the eyes of the union bureaucrats. But it will never again be so good in the eyes of the rank and file who had to endure the 116 days.

The Steelworkers Stopped the Bosses Cold!

**Steel Barons Tried to Break the Union — BUT —
Workers' Solidarity Was too Much for Them!**

J. Wilson

The powerful Steelworkers Union forced the steel bosses to stop cold in their attack on the steelworkers. The steelworkers forced the corporations to retreat from their unconditional surrender policy. They forced the capitalist class, headed by Wall Street, to agree to a temporary truce in the class battle. They forced these money-hungry steel bosses to agree to a defeat in their original aims.

The steel barons suffered a defeat. The bosses openly admitted that they had to change their minds and aims. Chairman Blough, head of the U. S. Steel Corporation, the leader of the industry, admitted that the corporations were not signing the new agreement voluntarily, but under compulsion.

Why did the bosses retreat after this long a struggle when they had the support of the whole capitalist class and their government in Washington? Why did they retreat when it appeared that the government was willing to pass more restrictive legislation against the labor movement?

This question can be answered only in one way. The workers made an increasing show of class solidarity and willingness to struggle to save their union. They fought for 116 days and were again going to demonstrate by voting that they were willing to hit the bricks after the eighty day Taft-Hartley injunction ran its course.

The workers demonstrated that the union would not capitulate without a tremendous struggle. When the capitalist class as a whole, finally learned this, it decided to beat a hasty retreat; it decided that it did not want to intensify the class struggle and to raise the class consciousness of the working class.

It was willing to retreat temporarily. It had talked a great deal about passing more anti-labor legislation but it concluded that drastic political action against the working class would raise the political consciousness of the workers, and that the two capitalist parties,

Democratic and Republican, would have been exposed.

When the bosses came to the conclusion that the union could not be defeated without a real social convulsion, they agreed to defer the massive struggle against the workers' organization on this front at this time.

The government agencies in Washington seemed to be playing a decisive role in the settlement of the strike. Is that so? Yes, but only to the extent that this government represents the capitalist class as a group.

Less Than a Single Striker!

When Nixon put his fingers into the steel struggle issue, he did so when the big bosses had already decided that they would make the retreat. The entry of Nixon and Kennedy's father into the picture is nothing but an attempt to make capital for the politicians who would best represent the interests of the bosses. These political agents of the bourgeoisie had less to do with the settlement than any single striker who had resisted the attacks of the bosses for 116 days.

Did the steelworkers win a great victory? Yes and no. They won a great victory when viewed from the aim of the bosses which was to smash the effectiveness of the union. But when seen from the standpoint of solving the basic problems of the workers in the near future, no.

The new agreements with the steel corporations did not solve the basic problem that confronts the workers today, unemployment. Unemployment caused by

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Harlem Parents Defy Jimcrow Injunction!

Face Jail for Kids' Freedom!

Jane Edwards

Twenty-four Harlem parents served notice on the New York Board of Education last week that they would rather go to jail than surrender their kids to segregated public schools.

The parents had taken their children out of school last September in an effort to force the Board of Education to provide "decent, non-segregated schools."

Two of the parents have already received court orders telling them to have their children in school by January 13, or else be cited for contempt of court and sent to jail. It was after this scandalous case of big shot "justice" that the group made its militant "you-can-send-us-all-to-jail" stand.

Paul Zuber, attorney for the parents is preparing to challenge the judge's order in court. He expressed the opinion that the parents "will go down the line fighting."

The Board of Education, stacked with big business stooges, prejudiced against

Negroes and other minority groups, is well aware of the extremely run down, over-crowded and segregated schools in the Harlem community.

But it has resisted all pressure to transfer Negro students to better schools in other sections of the city.

The court test will highlight the conditions of Harlem schools and stimulate the Harlem community to organize and unite against the big business-controlled city government.

Only by involving the broad mass of the parents themselves and appealing to the workers and poorer parents in the city generally can victory be assured.

It is also high time for the organized labor movement represented by the AFL-CIO and its million members here, to speak up loudly and clearly on behalf of the 24 parents who are spearheading this important struggle for the people.



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LENIN

NOW He Tells Us!

"America possesses an enormous defense power. It is my studied conclusion that no nation will ever risk general war against us."

That's what Eisenhower said in this year's "State of the Union" message to Congress.

But what an amazing admission!

America possessed a great deal more defense power in relation to other nations twelve years ago. And we were told at that time (*when the Soviet Union did not even have the atomic bomb*) that Russia was all set to "risk general war" against the United States!

And now that the Soviet Union *does*

have the power to make war on the United States, the American capitalists say that "no nation will ever risk general war against us."

What is the reason for this apparently crazy logic?

Very simple. The capitalists have been planning war against the Soviet Union for many years. Like all war-makers they had to make it appear that the other side was starting the war. And now that the capitalists are not so sure of winning, they have to ease off on their war-scare propaganda.

What Eisenhower really means is: "We better not risk general war against them!"

Jimcrow Methodists

The Methodist General Conference in Denver next April is expected to uphold the Methodist Church's policy of segregation.

The Methodists have five regional jurisdictions — overwhelmingly white — and one "Central Jurisdiction" — all colored.

The Methodist white supremacists hypocritically point out that Negro Methodist "leaders" are in favor of keeping the Central Jurisdiction intact. So therefore they can pretend that the Negroes themselves want to keep the jimcrow churches.

The reason these "leaders" talk this way is that *their jobs are at stake!*

For example, there are a number of Negro bishops elected by the Central

Jurisdiction. And the backward Christian whites might not elect Negro church leaders if all Negro Methodists were integrated with the majority of white Methodists.

The white capitalists who run the Methodist Church might easily solve this "problem" by making a rule that there be a definite number of Negro bishops in an integrated church. But they do not want to solve it.

The Negro bishops understand their white capitalist masters very well. And in the effort to keep their privileges, they actually uphold and apologize for jimcrow.

The capitalists thus maintain white supremacy partially by making "household servants" out of some of their black slaves.

Swastikas and the Workers

The capitalist newspapers are hinting that the world-wide outbreak of anti-Semitism (swastikas etc.) is in reality whipped up by the Communists.

This is like accusing the Negro masses of lynching a Negro in order to arouse indignation in the minds of liberal whites.

It has been clearly proven that the first swastikas painted on the synagogue at Cologne on Christmas Day were daubed by two members of the neo-Nazi party. This is an extreme right wing party. It is like a combination of the Ku Klux Klan and the most anti-labor Dixiecrats, Democrats and right wing Republicans would be here in the United States.

The swastika is not only the symbol of anti-Semitism, but also the symbol of Nazi fascism. Fascism is the last political resort of big business in its attempt to rule the masses. It is directed against the class struggle, and first and foremost against the radical leaders of the

class struggle. It is mortally opposed to Socialism.

(Its anti-Jewish aspect is only a blind. It is a clever appeal to the backward prejudices of the non-Jewish masses. It diverts their anti-capitalist drive into an anti-Jewish blind alley.)

Anti-Semitism in the United States is part of a social backwardness and ignorance originally foisted upon the masses by the ruling class. It is part of the decadence of capitalist society and part of the witch-hunt engendered by years of McCarthyism and white supremacist chauvinism.

The capitalists may attempt to utilize this prejudice at a later date, as a means for dividing the workers along religious lines, just as they now divide them along racial lines.

It is the duty of every workers organization to combat anti-Semitism not only in the interest of protecting the Jewish workers, but in the interest of protecting the whole working class.

Their Rotten Soul!

"Get the Dixiecrats out of the Democratic Party," says Ben Davis, American Communist Party leader.

But the Dixiecrats are the soul of the Democratic Party! And the Northern Democratic capitalists know it!

The Democratic Party was built on the Dixiecrats. The Dixiecrats have many of the key committee chairmanships in Congress and have a Congressional power out of all proportion to their numbers, due to their unchallenged rule of the South.

That is one reason the Northern "liberal" Democratic politicians do not condemn the Dixiecrats or ask for their expulsion.

Often, the Dixiecrats will consent to the Northern Democrats nominating a "liberal" for President, as long as this "liberal" agrees to let them keep their reactionary rule in the South.

The anti-labor, anti-Negro Morgans,

Mellons, Duponts and Rockefellers make big campaign contributions to the Democratic Party just as they do to the Republican Party.

Sometimes the Democratic Party acts more favorably to labor than the Republican Party. Sometimes the Republicans act more favorably to the Negro than the Democratic Party. But both parties are big business parties. And both of them join together in upholding jimcrow, passing anti-labor laws and sending workers to war for their profits.

Whenever they do anything good for the workers it is because they are afraid of the wrath of the workers on the picket line or in the class struggle generally.

The workers must learn politics. And they must build their own party. In the meantime, they can only get concessions from the capitalist Democrats and Republicans by class action or by the threat of class action.

And the News Was Suppressed!

Troops Slaughter 700!

About 700 persons were killed in Afghanistan during an anti-American imperialist demonstration shortly after Eisenhower left that country on his famous "good will" tour.

This news was kept secret until January 8, when Drew Pearson, the well-known syndicated columnist, revealed it in a carefully worded, well deliberated article.

"Though news of the incident was suppressed for two weeks," writes Pearson, "friends have sent me details of the rioting."

The rioting was aimed, according to Pearson, "at the home of C. Morgan Holmes who was loaned by the Federal Aviation Authority to build the Kandahar airport" in Afghanistan.

The "mob," as Pearson describes the anti-imperialist demonstrators, went for the home of the American official. "His car, parked in front, was demolished, the door pulled to pieces, and rocks thrown through the windows."

The troops arrived. And what followed was a bloody massacre which took the lives of "an estimated 700 persons."

"The trouble started," writes Pear-

son, "when a Moslem priest called a meeting to protest the imprisonment of priests opposed to freeing Moslem women from the veil," and was then turned into an anti-American demonstration by the Afghans.

Pearson here carefully interjects a threadbare apology for U.S. imperialism. The reason why the demonstrators went for the homes of American personnel he attributes to the fact that the "pro-Moslem agitators who planned the demonstration are against progress and the Americans stand for progress in that part of the world."

Pearson does not explain why the "mob" did not go for the homes of the Soviet, Chinese, North Korean, Czech, or North Viet Namese consular personnel, who certainly stand for at least as much freedom for women as do the American personnel in Afghanistan.

The truth of the matter lies in the fact that American agents are regarded in Afghanistan with fear and hatred because they aim to subjugate the country for the profit of the banking and industrial magnates in the U.S.A.

They aim to break the Afghan government away from the policy of diplomatic neutrality between the East and the West (the policy of the present regime of Muhammed Zahir Shah). And for this reason the U.S. had advanced more than \$60 million in "aid" to the Afghan government.

The question arises: If the big business press can suppress such vital news as the above, what other news are they suppressing, of which we now have no inkling at all?

Nazis Raus!

Berlin, Jan. 8 — The Socialist youth group, the "Falcons," called a protest demonstration against the recent anti-Jewish outrages here.

At least 40,000 German youth responded, and marched for hours in a torchlight parade. They carried signs which read: "Nazis, Get Out!"

Chinese and Soviet Messages to CP Reveal Profound Difference

The divergence in the current political line of the Soviet and Chinese CP's is vividly demonstrated in the respective messages these parties sent in the form of greetings to the recent 17th convention of the CPUSA held last December in New York.

The Soviet message is brief and perfunctory. Contrary to long established tradition in such messages, it eliminates entirely any reference whatsoever to the class struggle or socialism. It also notably fails to condemn or even mention the role of American imperialism. It doesn't even mention, much less condemn the severe persecution that the American party suffered at the hands of the Wall Street-dominated government.

Also the usual greetings to imprisoned CP leaders such as Winston and Green, traditionally mentioned in order to focus public attention on their struggle for freedom is also notably omitted.

In its 200-word message, it really stresses only one point: the struggle "for peace, for the lessening of international tensions" and "for strengthening of U.S.-Soviet relations."

All this is part of the new rightist line — a line that would have made the old Browderites and Gatesites jump for joy.

The Chinese message differs from the

Soviet's both in tone and content. Although the *Worker* quotes only excerpts from what obviously was a long cablegram, it is enough to establish the main points of difference.

First of all, the Chinese CP lashes out against U.S. imperialism and clearly condemns the persecution of the CPUSA in the strongest terms:

"For a long time the American ruling class harshly persecuted the American party, using various methods and reactionary laws. And this persecution is continuing today. This very fact proves most clearly that so-called American 'democracy' is one which attacks the interests of the working people in the interests of a handful of exploiters."

While the Chinese message also notes "the beginning of a certain relaxation in the world situation," it is significant that the emphasis is pointedly put on "American reaction which persists in carrying on policies of war and aggression (and is still unwilling in practical action to accept . . . peace . . . and is making itself the common enemy of the people of the world, including the American people."

"On the surface this enemy seems strong, but it is actually hollow and feeble. Now this enemy is bullying its way all over the world, continuing its aggressive and expansive activities, including preparations for new wars and maintenance of tensions." (Emphasis ours.)

This line is not only sharply at variance with the line propounded by the Soviet CP, but also contrary to the main resolution adopted at the CP convention.

How deep and meaningful for the world working class are the current international policy differences between the Chinese and Soviet CP's — only time and the intervention of new events will tell.

One thing is certain however. The differences do exist. The Chinese Revolution is still young. The pendulum is still swinging leftward. And the requirements of the revolution both at home and abroad, are in marked contrast to the needs of the conservative, narrow, nationalistic, and parasitic Soviet bureaucracy.



They Like Ike, Too!

"Communist members of Parliament (in India) often joined other members in the applause for Mr. Eisenhower, pounding their desks in the traditional British parliamentary manner. . . .

"Mr. Nehru sat thoughtfully during the speech, his chin cupped in his hands. He did not join in the applause at any time, except just before the President left the chamber."

—Associated Press, Dec. 10

When the Communist Party decides to beat the drums for Wall Street's chief drummer boy, it does a better job than a cautious capitalist politician like Nehru!

Ku Klux Educators

Remember the song hit: "You Have to be Taught — To Hate"?

Well, the Ku Klux Klan agrees. The Georgia Klan announced on January 7, that it is building a private school in Atlanta.

**OUTLAW
JIM CROW!**

MAKE EVERY ACT OF
RACE DISCRIMINATION
A CRIMINAL OFFENSE!



Theodore Kovalessky

Diary of a Steelworker

You don't find much in the way of beauty around most factories.

The buildings are generally sprawling, warped, corrugated iron sheds or dirty brick, prisonlike structures. Sometimes there are fields around them, but all the grass is coarse, scrubby stuff, and there are piles of rubbish strewn here and there. There is little color and little life.

It is as though vapors of the system that condemns workers to ugliness, misery and death had floated out of these factories and had settled down upon and strangled all life in the surrounding areas, just as they smothered the workers inside those pitted walls.

There isn't much beauty, natural or otherwise. But there was one tree that I have always remembered — and Mike will never forget it either — back in the yard of the first factory I ever worked in.

It was a little fruit tree. I don't even remember now what kind of fruit tree it was, but Mike and I and all the rest of the fellows used to eat our lunches in its shade when the weather was nice, and when the fruit was in season we used to pick and eat it with our lunches.

It used to be something to look forward to during the morning. We'd get out of all the dirt and noise, away from all the heavy, roaring machinery and just relax awhile out in the air.

I don't know if that tree is still there or not. If it is there, I wouldn't know if the men still eat lunch under it or not. I know if I still worked in that plant, I wouldn't eat there, because I remember the way it was that last day, the day Mike and the other fellows won't ever forget either.

We finished our lunch that day and went back into the building, laughing

U.S. Imperialists Plot to Turn Africa Into New Slave Market for Wall St!

V. Grey

Now that Africa is throwing off the chains of political slavery to Europe, American capitalism is forging new chains for Africa's economic servitude to Wall Street.

But for new times, new chains are required. Sweet-talk, bribery, "aid" and "friendship" — these are the chains the Morgans and Rockefeller are fastening on Africa — now.

The United States will "aid" Africa through the UN with \$100 million this year, whereas the amount was only \$30 million last year.

The U.S. has created a special African division in the State Department. It has expanded diplomatic representation, employing white "African experts" and "Talented Tenth" Negroes to help U.S. business penetrate the "Dark Continent." To this end, it has nudged Howard University into offering African language courses for its Negro students.

Just before Christmas, Senator Stuart Symington set off for Africa, where he will visit Liberia, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, Morocco and possibly Algeria and Egypt.

(Symington, a Democratic Presidential hopeful, wants to gain prestige with American capitalists who exploit, and expect to exploit, Africa. He figures his trip to Africa may thus gain him more solid support for the Presidency than Nixon's trip to the Soviet Union!)

Even the conservative, anti-Negro George Meany got in the act and suddenly proclaimed his friendship for the African labor leader, Tom Mboya, head of the Kenya Independence Movement.

And this is the clincher:

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that an American-owned copper mining company in Northern Rhodesia now has a stock buying plan for its employees. Mr. Frank Kabosha, who it seems is a very highly paid skilled worker ("for an African"), is buying his company's stock

Racist Loves Africa!

George Meany is the man who upholds jimcrow in the AFL-CIO. But, Oh Boy, is he against discrimination in Africa!

At the Brussels Conference of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in December, he accused the British trade unions of upholding the oppression of British imperialism over the African workers.

But don't think Meany is just a hypocrite. Don't think he isn't serious about getting British imperialism out of Africa.

He is dead serious about it! Because he wants to get American imperialism in!

at the rate of \$2.50 per week out of his \$25 pay!

This is the most famous method of deceiving the American workers. And it is more effective than the whip — under the best American conditions.

Whether it is workable in Africa or not, the point is that *Wall Street* is moving into Africa. And the Africans

must prepare for battle with American capitalism.

A half-turn of the screw!

No matter how cleverly the Americans act, no matter how well they bribe a few individual Africans, they cannot give the African masses what they want.

A reporter writing from Leopoldville, in the Congo, blurted out the following important fact in the November 12 *Wall Street Journal*:

"Africans are being led to believe that all the wealth of the white man here will be theirs when independence comes." (Our emphasis.)

Yankee stock-buying plans and United Nations recreation centers will not make Africans forget that the "wealth of the white man" in Africa is rightfully theirs.

And these company union plans will not stop the sweet-talking Yankee capitalist white man from shooting Africans who try to take back their own wealth.

The *New York Times* in speaking of the white capitalists' mass murder of Africans at Windhoek last month, asked:

"What will happen if the screw is given one-half turn too many?"

A good question — since the extra half-turn is sure to be given by the capitalist countrymen of the *New York Times*!

HANDS OFF CUBA!

Ana Kezman

It is now one whole year since Batista, the Cuban stooge-dictator of Yankee imperialism, was kicked out of Cuba by the nationalist forces of Castro (New Years Day, 1959).

During that year, the revolutionary pressures of the masses have pushed Castro considerably to the left of his own original program.

Some months before Castro's victory, a substantial wing of American capitalism began to back Castro against Batista. This was because the handwriting on the wall was becoming clear. And a new "democratic" stooge was needed.

But Castro has not turned out to be such a stooge. Betancourt in Venezuela and Munoz Marin in Puerto Rico were originally Castro-type "New Dealers." But they quickly adjusted themselves to the Yankee domination of their countries when they took office. Why did Castro not do so?

Because the situation in Cuba had become so profoundly revolutionary, and because Castro in fact took power in the very midst of a revolution.

The rising middle class of Cuba (on whom Castro's 26th of July Movement was exclusively based) needs desperately to eliminate Yankee domination — even while it needs Yankee capitalist cooperation.

But more important, the great landless peasant masses and the workers must get rid of Yankee ownership of Cuban lands in order to get even a foot of ground to live on.

In order to help the middle class throw off the yoke of the great Yankee landowners who stunt the growth of Cuban capital, Castro had to call upon the mighty force of the landless poor. But this action has made it harder to get the "cooperation" of Yankee capital so

necessary for the growth of Cuban capitalism.

Castro says he is no Communist. Indeed he is not! But like the "Sorcerer's Apprentice," he has called into being bigger forces than he can control.

It is for this reason that the right wing American capitalists now call Castro a Communist and are even now plotting to overthrow his government by intrigue, bombings, and invasion, etc.

It is the elementary duty of every class-conscious American worker to oppose any intervention against Cuba.

"Hands off Cuba!" should be their cry.

Cuba for the Cubans — and Latin America for the Latin Americans!



Juan Almeida

Revolutionary General

The new Chief of the Cuban Army, Juan Almeida, is one of the original 82-man task force landed in Batista's Cuba in 1956. That "army" was literally cut to pieces. And Almeida was one of the twelve who took to the mountains with Castro.

Almeida is a Negro, as are nearly half the soldiers in the Cuban Army. He is a very brave soldier who has given everything for the revolution. It is said that he owns neither house, car, nor even a suit of clothes.

Women Doctors in USSR

In the Soviet Union, 46 per cent of all jobs are held by women. Women doctors outnumber men three to one.

In the United States, this would mean unemployment for men. However, because there is a different social system, there is no unemployment in the Soviet Union.

Steelworkers —

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increased automation and technological improvements is growing. In the steel industry it has grown to such a degree that the companies can have enough steel produced in seven months to satisfy the market demand for twelve months!

The bureaucracy of the labor movement, in general, and of the Steelworkers Union, in particular, failed to make as its main demand the call for the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay. The bureaucrats have tremendous fear of a great struggle, and the fight necessary to procure the shorter work week would have been much greater than the present struggle against the bosses' attempt to weaken the union.

They knew that the whole capitalist class would violently oppose the workers on this issue and they also understood that the workers all over would be aroused in such a fight to help solve the unemployment problem, at least temporarily.

So, by settling without fighting for this basic demand, the principal difficulty has yet to be solved. As a result of the steel agreement, automation will continue and the number of steelworkers will continue to decrease.

Just Like the Miners!

The youngest steelworkers will be laid off permanently and have to seek jobs in industries other than steel. Just as the number of coal miners has diminished from 500,000 to about 200,000 since the end of the Second World War, because of automation, now the number of workers in steel will be reduced.

Those that are displaced may find work in other fields, where the rates of pay are much lower. They will have to raise and press for demands for higher pay in their own places of employment and simultaneously raise the demand for the shorter work week, particularly in the basic industries.

With the continued development of capitalism, with more and more unemployment the task of *organizing the unorganized* becomes more important. There are 53,000,000 of them. That is THE job of the future.

The temporary retreat of the big bosses now gives the workers greater opportunities to move into the field of battle for a better life for all workers.

Stooge Party Looses an Election

Remember when John Foster Dulles got up a "revolution" in Guatemala, used a character named Castillo Armas to overthrow the legally elected government of Jacob Arbenz? (Dulles said this government was "Communist-influenced" and that its 7,000 man army might "endanger the Panama Canal!")

Well, they had an election in Guatemala the other day. And Armas' party, the National Democratic Movement elected six delegates to the sixty-six member Legislative Assembly. And they had to make a coalition with another party to do even that well!

Priests on "Manual Labor" Get Strange Ideas!

The French movement of "worker-priests" has now been definitely ended by the Vatican.

Out of 150 who started out in 1943 to win the French workers away from Communism, it seems that some 20 had married and left the church while others joined CP-led unions and the Communist Party, itself.

These priests went into the factories and shared the lives of the workers eight hours a day. Many of them still want to continue the effort. But Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, speaking for the Pope, put the following kibosh on the whole thing:

"Work in factories or shops is incompatible with a priest's life and aims. . . . And even if a priest could find time to perform his other duties (Mass, etc.) he would still spend time "on manual labor that should be devoted to sacred studies; he is also plunged into a materialistic environment harmful to his own spiritual life and often dangerous to his chastity. He is made to think like his fellow workers in union and social matters and becomes enmeshed in the class struggle."

WANTED



Public Enemy Number One

For causing the hunger and misery of millions of men, women, and children in Venezuela:

Alias: Venezuela Basic Economy Corp.

Alias: International Basic Economy Corp.

Alias: Creole Petroleum

Alias: Standard Oil of New Jersey

REAL NAME: Rockefeller Brothers Inc.

or (more appropriately)

The Nelson Rockefeller Gang

The gang's recent history and some of its crimes in Venezuela are listed below:

Nelson Rockefeller was a director of Creole Petroleum in Venezuela before World War II. He tried some new money-making schemes after the war.

He began his work through a Rockefeller family company called the International Basic Economy Corporation. This company operated with oil company funds, Venezuelan government funds, and Rockefeller personal funds. It operated (and still operates) a number of different fields: livestock, grain and poultry farms, a fish company, retail stores. It also went into the dairy business.

The Rockefeller company used powdered milk mixed with fresh milk to undersell smaller companies—a typical Rockefeller device. And in this country of Venezuela, where most wages are counted in pennies, the Rockefellers raised their milk price to about 50 per cent more than the U.S. price of milk.

(Millions of Venezuelan boys and girls don't get enough milk. Many don't get any milk at all. But the Rockefellers say they are doing all this for the good of the Venezuelan people.)

Rockefeller found that the plantation of Simon Bolivar occupied some farm land he wished to exploit. Simon Bolivar was the chief leader of the South American Revolution against Spain. His plantation stood as a memorial much as Mount Vernon, George Washington's plantation, stands as a monument to the American Revolution.

But Simon Bolivar's plantation is no more. Rockefeller sent in bulldozers and turned it into a truck and hog farm.

Venezuela is a country with varied

and rich resources. Immense amounts of oil are pumped from its wells. It is the leading oil producing country in the world outside the United States. The profits go to Standard Oil (alias in Venezuela: Creole Petroleum) and to affiliated companies (Shell and Gulf). Rich iron ore deposits are being exploited by Bethlehem and U.S. Steel. The soil is rich and Nelson Rockefeller himself owns many farms and many thousands of acres of Venezuela's best land (bought with Venezuelan oil profits).

But in this great wealth only a few Venezuelans share. And these few are mainly stooges of the oil companies.

More than half of the eight million Venezuelans live in a poverty so desperately miserable that they lack even roofs and walls. They live under bridges. They live in shacks made of junk. In the countryside they live in huts made of grass.

The oil companies, on the other hand, with their three billion dollars of investments, make a yearly profit of well over half a billion a year. Rockefeller lives in a palace during his Venezuela vacations.

Another part of the take (which is largely hidden) goes for buying up more wealth and financing new ways of stealing from the Venezuelan people—such as the milk scheme described.

Nelson Rockefeller's crimes in Venezuela are only a tiny portion of his and his family's list of infamies.

He will be WANTED in many countries beside Venezuela (above all in the United States) when his crimes are found out by the workers.

When last seen, he was wearing an Indian costume for disguise, but he is thought to have discarded it. Was running in the direction of Washington, D.C., but is thought to have changed direction.

—FREDERICK MATTEGER

Part-Time Job!

Ever wonder why it costs so much to drive on the New York State Thruway?

One reason is this:

The position of Chairman of the Thruway Authority — officially labeled a *part-time job* — pays a salary of \$19,500 per year.

The man who holds the job is not elected by the people, but *appointed* by the Governor.

The present incumbent is R. Burdell Bixby. And what Mr. Bixby doesn't know about highways would fill several large volumes.

He knows something about *politics*, however. He is a law partner of former governor, Thomas E. Dewey.

How the American Army Brings "Civilization" to Korea!

"He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." So says the bible.

Accordingly, two virtuous American Army sergeants, under the order of their Christian company commander, shaved the heads of two alleged prostitutes in Seoul on January 4.

The incident was reported in tiny paragraphs in the U.S. press, but is becoming a nation-wide scandal in South Korea.

And no wonder!

Has any *American white woman*, prostitute or otherwise, ever been given this humiliating treatment by the American Army or police?

The American soldiers shaved the heads of the South Korean girls *because they regard the whole Korean people as an inferior race!*

This is the would-be "master-race's" treatment of its so-called "inferiors." But it is the army of the "master-race" which to a certain extent, *creates* the whole system of South Korean prostitution. And it is this army which administers this stern "justice."

The system which spawns such an army and such "justice" truly has not long to live.

Capitalism Can't Beat Soviet Science Advance

The U.S. Department of the Interior reports that the Soviet Union employs 35,000 to 40,000 geologists. This is about twice the number employed by government, private industry and colleges combined, in the United States.

The report added that there are now 12,000 geology students in training in the Soviet Union, and 3,000 in the United States.

It complains that "the Russians, through their *socialized operations*, were making it more urgent" for the United States to spend more money for stockpiling of the minerals which geologists are supposed to discover.

No matter how much opposed the capitalists are to socialization of production, they have to admit *it works!*

Soviet Disarms Million Troops

Jan. 14 — Nikita Khrushchev just announced to the Supreme Soviet that Russia will cut its armed forces by 1,200,000 men in the next year or two — *Whether or not* the Western capitalist powers do likewise.

This is first of all a tremendous proof that the Soviet Union has made a *qualitative advance in its ability to defend itself*. It is a proof of the superiority of the Soviet system.

But it is *not* a beginning of universal disarmament. And it has nothing to do with "disarmament" in the usual pacifist sense of that word.

It is now possible to demobilize 1,200,000 Soviet soldiers because Soviet rockets are superior to capitalist rockets — and because rockets are more effective in war than bombing planes — and to a large extent reduce the necessity for manpower.

The demobilized men will aid Soviet industry to make new advances. Under the socialized Soviet system of production, a slowdown in war production means an *increase* in consumers' goods and in employment.