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New Name — Same Old Game

Big Business Occupies White House; To Plunder Country 4 More Years

Blind Class War Prisoner Fights for His Freedom

The U.S. Board of Parole has once again denied parole to Henry Winston who went blind in prison due to ten months neglect by prison authorities who refused him medical aid when he needed it.

Winston was originally imprisoned for the "crime" of being a leader of the Communist Party. At the same time he was refused parole, T. Lamar Caudle was granted parole. Caudle was head of the tax division of the Department of Justice under Truman and was imprisoned for crooked practices.

Last week's *Worker* pointed out that Caudle only served six months of a two-year term before being paroled, and contrasted the treatment accorded Caudle and other Democratic Party buddies of Truman with that given the Communist Party member, Winston.

The *Worker* is absolutely right on this point, and deserves credit for defending Winston in this article. However, it proceeded to let Winston down in the rest of the paper.

The keynote of the rest of the paper was a left-handed advocacy of Kennedy for President. And Kennedy, like Caudle, is a Democrat—and like Caudle's boss, Truman, who framed Winston in the first place—he can be depended upon to keep Winston in jail and keep persecuting Winston's comrades.

No amount of double-talk about "putting pressure" on Kennedy can make up for the betrayal involved in telling the workers to vote for Kennedy, thus expressing political confidence in him. You put pressure on your enemies. You vote

He Needs Your Help
(Put in jail by Democrats—Republicans won't let him out.)



Henry Winston

for your friends.

Let every class-conscious worker fight to free Winston from his enemies, Republican and Democratic. But let us not begin by labeling half the enemies as friends.

But Ousting of Discredited Republicans Demonstrates Mass Discontent of Working People

In the midst of a growing economic recession, the American working class turned hopefully back to the Democratic Party and rejected the open and avowed Republican servant of Big Business still in the White House.

In every industrial center in the country, workers, plagued with the rising cost of living and threatened with layoff, short weeks and automation, cast their votes almost in a body for Kennedy. It appeared to them that Kennedy would take drastic steps to swing the economy back to a prosperous level. And it also appeared that Kennedy was serious about his vaunted civil rights program, that he would be more tolerant of radical opposition, more conciliatory to labor.

Wall Street, however, had a different view. Quite aside from the fact that Kennedy has a fortune of \$400 million at his disposal, it is already clear that he is not going to rock the boat for the big money boys. "Wall Street, which is synonymous to most people with Republicanism and conservatism," said the

New York Times, "took the election in stride."

Kennedy made some big promises on civil rights. But there is absolutely no doubt that these will prove to be nothing but a cruel joke. This is highlighted by the acid comment of the arch-conservative, but well-informed columnist, Arthur Krock:

"Rarely has there been an instance of more cynical 'practical' politics than the choice of Johnson to run on a platform pledging him to major policies and legislation he has steadfastly opposed. . . . Also (the Southern Democrats say) . . . Johnson would somehow see to it that the extreme proposals . . . would never become acts of Congress during a Kennedy-Johnson Administration."

Kennedy's Landrum-Griffin Act Used Against Youngstown Local

By J. Wilson

Youngstown — At the same time the steel union bureaucrats here were calling upon the workers to vote for Kennedy, a dangerous anti-union drive was being launched on the spearhead of Kennedy's Landrum-Griffin anti-labor law.

A member of Local 1330 is calling upon the U.S. Secretary of Labor un-

der the terms of this law, to investigate the Youngstown District Director of the Steel Union for his expenditure of funds in the campaign to elect Kennedy.

This is not an action against an individual, but an action against the class independence of the steelworkers' organization.

The person filing suit is Tom Hood, a former grievanceman of the local. He was suspended as grievanceman in February, 1959 because he refused to carry out the democratic decisions of the local union concerning grievances.

In the nearly two years since his suspension, Hood attended no meetings of the local. He has not tried to get any union accounting of funds spent for any purpose whatsoever.

Now he is using the reactionary anti-labor law to call on the bosses' government to force the union into a legal battle, to show its books, records, etc. He is aiding the companies in their drive to weaken the unions.

What Should Be Done?

How can such a union-busting attack be answered? How can a company stooge like Tom Hood be exposed? Not at all by the legalistic methods of the steel union leaders.

The rank and file union members must be organized against this and other such attacks. They should be taught over and over again what a traitor Tom Hood is for calling upon the bosses' government against his fellow workers. And they should unite to stop the operation of this anti-union law.

They can thus make the law ineffective and also deter other company stooges from doing as Hood did.

Fascists Plotting to Take Gov't in France; Rearming of Working Class is Only Answer

A new social and political crisis is coming in France.

This crisis is being fed by the six-year-old Algerian revolution against French imperialism. The extreme French reactionaries led by the French Army generals are determined to keep Algeria "French" (that is, directly oppressed by France) and to overthrow any French government that compromises on this question.

General de Gaulle, President of France, pretends to be for Algerian independence, but is in reality for a more veiled form of the same brutal imperialist domination over Algeria. That is why he does not want to evacuate the French Army from Algeria. He wants to "negotiate" freedom with the disarmed Algerian revolutionaries while they are facing French cannons.

But to the reactionary French generals, de Gaulle's phony "liberation" program for Algeria is too liberal!

It is now clear that de Gaulle himself is presiding over a caretaker government in France that is marking time before its overthrow by the fascist-military scum or its replacement by the revolutionary working class.

New reports are daily reaching Paris that one or another group of generals is plotting a take-over. According to one report, a number of high-ranking French generals in Algeria are plotting a demonstration of their civilian supporters in France and a military "rescue of the country from civil war."

This was the way de Gaulle did it in the spring of 1958. Only where de Gaulle proved to be a "constitutional" reactionary, this group is the real thing.

The big unknown factor in the situation is the French working class.

It is the most powerful and class-conscious working class in Western Europe. And it has the power to resist the fascist-military plotters, to estab-

lish a government in its own name, to make peace with Algeria and to end the French counter-revolution forever.

But the French working class is led by the Communist Party. The Communist Party disarmed itself and the workers at the end of World War II and restricted itself to a parliamentary struggle (at that time even supporting de Gaulle).

The French Communist Party is also marking time. It has left the field to the middle-class, non-Communist intellectuals who are boldly condemning the French war in Algeria and even calling upon the French workers to desert the Army. The CP is all but silent—and its own neck is on the block while the anti-Communist generals are preparing their coup d'etat.

But it is still not too late. The French working class, with a colossal ally in the Algerian revolution, has every reason to face the crisis with confidence in its victory.

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What the "Voice" Didn't Say

The Voice of America radioed the U.S. elections to people all over the world in an effort to prove that we American workers are living in a wonderful democracy.

Using 46 transmitters with a total of 3,000,000 watts, it beamed the great message in English. And with an undisclosed amount of wattage, it spoke in 34 other languages, too.

But in its great haste to bring the inspiring news about freedom to vote in the United States, it left out one or two important items, which we catalogue here for the information of our readers:

A whole county (Macon County, Alabama) has been practically wiped off the map, and a whole city (Tuskegee) gerrymandered out of electoral existence, just to prevent the Negro vote from having any effect.

A whole people in Fayette County Tennessee (9,000 Negro people) has been boycotted, pressured and starved (including one baby starved to death) for the crime of registering to vote.

In Georgia, where some Negro people can vote, they are imprisoned for drinking coffee alongside of white people (as Martin Luther King and 48 others were, last month).

In Alabama, three teen-agers—a great deal too young to vote—were jailed for refusing to ride on a segregated bus.

In Shreveport, Louisiana, a field secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (non-partisan in the election) was almost killed on the street for fighting segregation.

In New Orleans, a white student was charged with criminal anarchy for drinking coffee with Negro students—and 23,000 children, mostly Negro, were taken off the public relief rolls as a racist reprisal against the struggle for Negro equality and the right to vote.

Most of this happened in the last month or so, right during the election campaign.

—The 46 transmitters and the 3,000,000 watts and the 34 languages didn't mention any of it.

Students Help Teachers' Strike While Labor's "Friends" Knife It

Note: The teachers were back to work on Wednesday, November 9, with an understanding that the strike would be "mediated" by a board composed of Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., president of the NYC Central Labor Council and two AFL-CIO vice presidents.

They appear to have won at least a partial victory.

New York, November 7—Thousands of school teachers walked off their jobs today in the first New York City teachers' strike in history.

Demanding duty-free lunch periods, additional sick-leave adjustments, and salary increases for teachers with special training, the United Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, called the strike and began picketing the schools this morning.

Carrying picket signs like "Teachers Are Striking for the Right to Vote in a Collective Bargaining Election," they took the spotlight temporarily away from the voting for the faked Presidential election scheduled for the next day.

Superintendent of Schools Theobald immediately suspended nearly 6,000 teachers and ordered them to return to work on pain of dismissal and loss of all seniority.

Democratic Mayor Robert F. Wagner, son of the famous "pro-labor" Senator, backed up his school superintendent all the way, and denounced the school walk-out as "senseless."

Many students however, backed the striking teachers. In Stuyvesant High, which made headlines last June when students booed their principal for his criticism at graduation exercises, over a thousand kids refused to cross a picket line manned by eight teachers.

This student solidarity contrasts shamefully with the attitude of the Mayor, who was elected with the votes and open support of the New York labor movement, but now, like all the rest of the capitalist "friends of labor" plunges the knife into labor's back and cheerfully denies the striking teachers even the right to their jobs.

Robert Williams, Dr. Cross Address Atlanta Rally

Atlanta, November 4—Robert F. Williams, nationally-known civil rights fighter, spoke here tonight on "The Crusader and the Necessity for Militant Leadership" in the liberation struggle.

He hit the present Uncle Tom leadership and said it must be replaced by leaders of an entirely different kind if there is to be any hope of settling accounts with the oppressors.

Dr. Lonnie Cross, who shared the platform with Williams at the Mt. Moriah Inst. Baptist Church, spoke on "The Struggle for Freedom at Home and Abroad."

He outlined the present colonial liberation movement, giving special emphasis to the reactionary role of the U.N. in the Congo and described the revolutionary events in Africa, Asia and the Mideast.

Mr. Williams, president of the fighting Monroe, North Carolina, branch of

the NAACP and editor of the inspiring weekly newsletter, *The Crusader*, is an active participant in the present sit-down movement.

His case, arising out of his arrest and fining as a result of his taking part in a sit-in demonstration in Monroe, is presently before the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina.

He was also the organizer of the national and international movement which led to the freeing of young Hanover Thompson (9) and David Simpson (8) of the famous "Kissing Case" of Monroe.

Dr. Cross, chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Atlanta University, has been in the forefront of civil liberties actions here.

Mr. Clarence Seniors, nationally-known student civil rights fighter, and one of those imprisoned in the recent sit-in here, presided at the meeting.

Two Authors Reveal

Military Coup D'Etat Now Possible in USA!

The possibility of a coup d'etat by the U.S. military was posed for the first time by an authoritative study which was released several weeks ago.

The study received very, very scant attention in the press, and was virtually blacked out during the election campaign. It was written by Harrison Brown and James Real for The Fund For The Republic, and entitled, *Community of Fear*.

The Fund For The Republic is supported by the Ford Foundation, a multi-billion dollar institution run by the Fords. The Fund is a highly conservative institution and it would not have undertaken to conduct this study except for the mounting peril of war.

The authors state in their explanatory note that they were asked to prepare a paper on the arms race as it relates to the technology of modern war. They deal extensively with the horrible consequences which would follow in the wake of an all-out nuclear war.

However, the most significant portion of the pamphlet, although very brief, is the one which deals with the relationship of the military to the civilian arm of the government.

The authors state on page 28: "Thus, if things continue the way they are going, the possibility of a coup by the United States military is real. (Our emphasis.) The general assumption that the American soldier is automatically responsive to his civilian masters might be rudely shaken were there a serious and clearly visible retreat on the world front by the American policy-makers. The same might be true in the event of a disarmament agreement which the

military does not consider fool-proof."

This is an extraordinarily frank and exceedingly valuable admission. Its importance lies in the fact that it was made not by newspaper columnists or freelance writers, but by two authors as a study on behalf of a highly conservative organization which undoubtedly had access to information which is not accessible to others.

The quote given above must have been inserted by the authors after a good deal of deliberation and consultation. It, in so many words, not only poses the possibility of a military takeover of the civilian government, but also implies that such a takeover is an actual threat.

The growing independence of the military bureaucracy from the civilian arm of the government is a characteristic of all imperialist states. It appears, however, most often either on the eve of impending military decision or at a time of growing political and social crisis at home.

Heretofore it had been assumed by the apologists for U.S. imperialist democracy that the U.S.A. was relatively immune to such a social phenomenon.

The U-2 incident which was engineered by the Pentagon military camarilla, was the first real evidence that this phenomenon was not only inherent in U.S. monopoly capitalism, but had reached an advanced stage of development.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Real are the first capitalist-sponsored writers to have publicly revealed this and put it in writing. It should not be surprising that their revelation has all but been ignored by the "popular" capitalist press.

MAIL BAG

Wrong person examined

Dear Editor:

I read an article in the Buffalo Evening News with a headline saying:

"Woman Convicted of Attack on Teacher is Hospitalized."

There was a small headline underneath which said:

"Judge McKenna Sends Mrs. Hargro to Meyer for Examination After Another Complaint."

The Mothers Alliance gave full support to Mrs. Hargro last fall when a fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Alice Rembes, slapped Mrs. Hargro's little girl. (But in the paper it said that Rachel was disciplined and then Mrs. Hargro assaulted the teacher.)

Mrs. Hargro of course didn't have a chance. First of all, she is colored. Secondly, she couldn't fight the Board of Education which is really supposed to think of the child's welfare first, but took the teacher's side.

Now, just because Mrs. Hargro has had a fight over a backyard fence (who hasn't?) and also because she came before Judge McKenna because of her so-called "past record," she has been ordered to a mental examination at Meyer County Hospital.

Judge McKenna is really the one who should be examined. As far back as 1955, he made such bad statements after hearing cases that he certainly looks like a case, himself.

On April 25, 1955, he advised Clarence C. Shutt how to deal with his teen-aged son who was accused of petit larceny:

"You ought to bruise him, hit him and kick him," the judge said. "If he fights back, knock his teeth out. The law will protect you." He told the newspaper that he "wasn't advocating brutality but the law provides that a parent can use force."

On April 30 a 16-year old girl came before this judge because she was supposed to have stolen a \$3.94 skirt from J. N. Adams' store.

McKenna told the girl's father:

"Treat her like a dog if she doesn't obey you. . . . You've seen how a dog is trained. It's not by kindness. You treat her like a queen and she'll treat you like a slave. . . . You should wallop these kids—harshly frequently, severely."

So how can Mrs. Hargro expect justice from a judge like this? He's anti-Negro, anti-poor people, anti-everything we believe in. Most of all, he's just another tool of the capitalist class.

R., Buffalo, N.Y.

Heaven is where You make it!

Dear Editor:

. . . As you know, the capitalists are in a very, very tight corner. And this means they will put the pressure on us at home more than they ever have. They really don't know if they should run, hide or kill.

We all know that if the people don't get rid of them, some of them who are weak will kill themselves. I wish they were all finished and just us good people were left to build this world into a garden.

You should know by now that I'm a Christian who believes you can make your own hell, and God is how you live and treat your fellow man. So I teach the people I work with this, and I show them by the way I live. That's the only way.

And I tell them that what you put into others (which is sometimes called propaganda) is your way of living after death.

They can't argue too well about this—especially when I say heaven is right here if we all get together and make it that way—socialism, you know.

I'm always talking to the people who are the most backward and believe so hard about the white-supremacist God. But when I tell them that this world will continue to be a living hell if we don't use the five senses God gave us, they sit up and think a little.

D., St. Louis

Backers of Only Negro Candidate Can't Get Powell's Endorsement

By Kitty Fisher

Buffalo, November 7—The Democratic Party planned what it thought would be a clever move here last week. In an attempt to round up Negro votes for the anti-labor, anti-Negro combination of Kennedy and Johnson, it had Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. imported to speak at a so-called "civil rights" rally.

But, in spite of the capacity turnout of nearly 2,000, the best laid plans of the Democrats went a little astray.

The issue of civil rights was concretely brought before Mr. Powell and the Democrats by an independent group, the Civil Rights Party, which is running Buffalo's only Negro candidate in this year's election, Atty. Clarence M. Maloney for City Court Judge. (The movement was started because neither Democrats nor Republicans have nominated a Negro candidate for major public office in the history of Buffalo.)

At the Powell "civil rights" rally, the backers of Maloney had to fight just to get into the meeting, wearing signs for Negro representation. In spite of threats and intimidation from Democratic Party regulars, a group of militants finally crashed the meeting, to the embarrassment of this "democratic" Party.

Rep. Powell completely ignored Atty. Maloney and his campaign when he spoke. Instead, he praised Kennedy and Johnson, citing Johnson as the man who "made the Senate give us a civil rights bill. I say hats off to a white Texan who did this."

Mr. Powell conveniently forgot all the picketing, mass demonstrations, sacrifices and humiliations suffered by the Negro people when he gave credit for civil rights legislation to Dixiecrat Lyndon Johnson.

It was learned that Powell had full knowledge of the Maloney campaign and that he had deliberately avoided

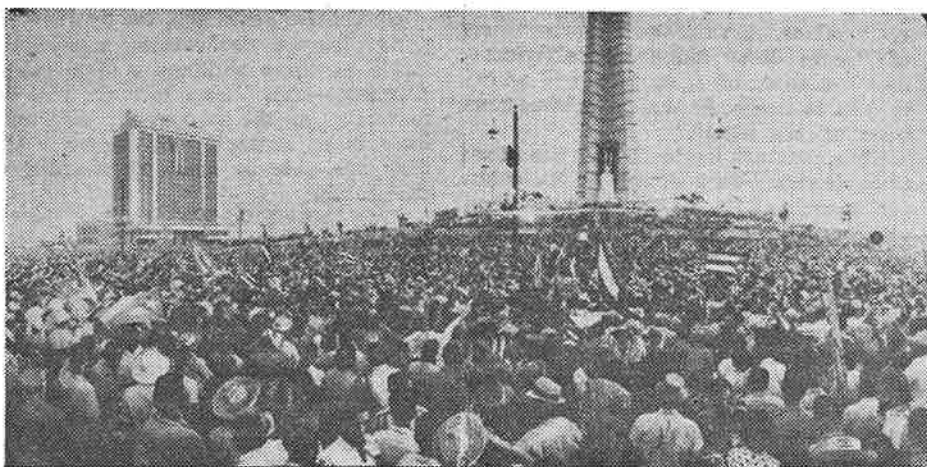
the issue.

The Baptist Ministers Alliance had met with him earlier in the day and urged that he take a stand for Maloney. But when it came to supporting an independent Negro candidate, Mr. Powell decided not to step on the toes of the local Democrats.

Powell devoted his whole speech to explaining that the Negro people of Buffalo would advance the cause of civil rights by voting for an anti-labor President (Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Bill) and a Dixiecrat Vice President. But he neglected to mention the one Negro candidate on Buffalo's ballot.

This is not the way to fight for civil rights.

More Than a Million Cubans Demonstrating Against Imperialism



This picture shows part of the crowd of over a million people that assembled in Havana on September 2 and approved the now-famous "Declaration of Havana." Compared to the size of the population, it is as if thirty million North Americans had assembled for a revolutionary act.

All the Marines at Guantanamo Bay (in Cuba!) and all the cannons on the U. S. battleships there, are not enough to destroy the spirit of this revolution.

"No Smoke, No Jobs!" Says Y.S.&T.

But Smoke or No Smoke, Nobody's Working Anyway

By Marian Sherman

In its drive for reducing costs and increasing profits the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company is planning to install a new, more efficient process to make steel, using pure oxygen instead of ordinary air in the open hearths. Double the present steel output is expected in each eight hour turn.

However, this way of manufacturing steel creates a tremendous amount of smoke and soot.

There is a law in Youngstown requiring steel and other companies to use special equipment to cut down on the amount of such unhealthy waste material spewed forth into the city's air.

Such equipment costs about a half a

million dollars per open hearth. Even if Youngstown Sheet and Tube were to furnish only half its twelve open hearths with the precipitators and filters, the company would have to spend three million dollars and that's just what it desperately does not want to do.

Taking advantage of the depression in Youngstown—steel production here is 20% below the national average—the corporations in this area are cold-bloodedly calling for a change in the smoke-abatement ordinance.

They are asking for a grace period of five years, instead of the six months now allowed, for further research into adequate equipment. No more research is needed and these big bosses know it!

They just don't want to spend money for additional perfectly good smoke-control machinery that has been available for years and which is already in use both in this district and elsewhere. And the recently published figures of corporate profits for this year belie their cry of poverty.

The bosses are viciously spreading the rumor that it is a question of "smoke and jobs" or "no smoke and no jobs!" They fail to mention that the new oxygen jets process, with or without smoke control, will lay off workers.

They lie that Youngstown will be more "competitive" with the use of oxygen, but don't say that other steel areas are also installing jets and are not changing their smoke control laws, leaving this district with no competitive advantages and a polluted, sickening atmosphere to poison the workers lungs and depreciate their homes.

The corporations firmly believe in the slogan—"Strike the workers while they are down."

The workers should not let the bosses get away with this fraudulent scheme to fatten themselves still further at their expense! They should demand that no change be made in the smoke control law.

Cops Brutally Beat up Woman Arrested on Traffic Violation

By Ana Kezman

What would you say of the state of freedom in a place where a woman is struck in the teeth, cut in the mouth, bruised on the legs and left hip for the alleged crime of stopping her car a few feet over the crosswalk line?

Would you say there was justice for the poor in a place where even the owner of a chain of beauty shops could get no redress against a cop who beat her so badly that she had to go to two hospitals?

Well, that's the kind of "justice" and "freedom" there is in New York City.

Mrs. Burnetta Denmark was stopped by the cops at 2 A.M. October 14 as she was driving up to 147 St. and Eighth Avenue. Patrolmen Vassilatas and Lynch told her she was obstructing a crosswalk, ordered her to the curb as they made out a summons in their own squad car.

When they failed to come back with her driver's license and registration, she went over to get them. They refused to give them to her, and she made a move to pick them up from the seat where they were lying beside the summons.

As Mrs. Denmark said:

"Vassilatas jumped out of the car, grabbed me and pinned me against the car, handcuffed my hands behind my back and took me to the station house.

"When I protested at the station house that the handcuffs were unnecessary, Patrolman Vassilatas kicked me in the left calf, shoved me into a back room, and struck me in the mouth, loosening three teeth which cut the inside of my mouth."

As the reader has probably guessed,

Mrs. Denmark is not white, but colored. And the ironic part of the story is that her own husband is a policeman.

Patrolman Lester Denmark was not even allowed to see his wife at the station when he learned she was being held there. Frustrated and enraged, he said:

"If I, as a Negro officer, had been guilty of doing to Vassilatas' wife what they have done to my wife, I would be dead, under suspension or in jail."

No newspaper in New York has so far challenged Denmark's statement. They all thus tacitly admit it is true.

Mrs. Denmark later went to see the New York Police Commissioner to ask for her persecutors removal or suspension from the force. Vassilatas is well known in Harlem for his anti-Negro attitude and for pushing people around.

The Commissioner refused to see her.

Meeting on Cuba To Be Held in N. Y.

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is holding a rally for Cuba at the Renaissance Ball Room 150 W. 138 St. in Harlem Thursday, November 17.

Speakers will include Robert F. Williams, President of the Union County, N.C. branch of the NAACP; William Worthy, distinguished correspondent of the Baltimore Afro-American; and Daniel H. Watts, Chairman of the Liberation Committee for Africa.

Both Williams and Worthy have made extended visits to Cuba. Daniel H. Watts is fighting to provide concrete aid to African freedom fighters.

Hunger

The Ruling Class Weapon

By Frederick Matteger

There was hunger in Kellogg, Idaho today. Miners and their families tightened their belts. They were on strike.

There was hunger. And wealthy mine owners were pleased. They had made sure that there would be hunger. Obedient local officials had refused needy miners welfare aid. Surplus food had been denied to hungry families. Even the free lunches for children in the schools had been halted. Officials of Bunker Hill Mining Company and American Smelting and Refining hoped to starve out the striking miners.

As in Fayette County, Tennessee where militant Negro farmers tried to register to vote and found themselves boycotted—as in New Orleans, where destitute Negro children were cut off welfare rolls because of the attempt of adults of their race to vote—hunger was the weapon of the ruling class owners and political rulers of the United States of America.

Hunger meant the vacant eyes of a sick baby in a cold bedroom of a miner's house in Kellogg, Idaho—the dark, bewildered eyes of a child in a bare farmhouse in Fayette County, Tennessee.

But hunger, to the mining company owners and officials, was a planned policy. It was a whiplash, a blow of a club. It meant: *Do as we say.*

In the office of President John D. Bradley, 660 Market Street in San Francisco and in the offices of lesser officials of the Bunker Hill Mining Company or in the offices of the political and money rulers of the South, hunger and methods of creating it are the order of the day.

The miners of Kellogg, Idaho belong to The Mine, Mill and Smelter Work-

ers, Local 18. Mine and Mill is a descendant of the fighting Western Federation of Miners led by Big Bill Haywood, which fought one of its biggest battles in the Idaho mines of Leadville not far from Kellogg. Mine and Mill inherited some of the fight and radicalism of the Western Federation of Miners. For this they were ejected from the CIO in 1949 by cowardly, boss-kissing labor leaders. They have been under attack ever since.

Local 18 negotiated for a year with the mining companies. But the companies had no intention of agreeing. They, taking advantage of the union's isolation and weakened condition, hoped to break the local's back. Local 18 has been out since last May 5th.

They have faced businessmen' Americanism groups, a phony union device to mislead them, and they have faced hunger.

It is November now. The sub-zero Idaho winter is coming on and there is little money, not enough warm clothes. But there is a deep, clenched-fisted determination to fight on.

These are the beleaguered troops of the same army as the farmers of Fayette County and the kids of New Orleans.

Bible Story

"Europeans came with the Bible and while we were looking at the Bible, they took our land. Now we have the Bible and they have the land."

—African farmer in Nigeria

Puerto Rico—

After the Elections

Still a Captive Nation!

By Pedro Sanchez

The recent flurry over the fight of Governor Munoz Marin with the Roman Catholic bishops of Puerto Rico conceals far more than it reveals.

The talk about "separation of church and state," of "birth control" and "religious instruction in the schools" is a very small part of the Puerto Rico question.

It is true that this is the big subject of discussion on the island today. But like an iceberg in the Atlantic, the biggest part is underneath the surface.

We cannot begin to understand Puerto Rico without first defining its status as a nation. It is an oppressed nation, a colony of the United States, with the euphemistic title, "Associated Free State"—every word of which is a lie and a mockery.

Puerto Rico never voluntarily associated itself with the United States. It was invaded and annexed in 1898.

Puerto Rico is not a state, either—insofar as that word means a sovereign expression of national will exercised by a government.

Puerto Rico is not free. According to the U.S. Supreme Court: "Puerto Rico belongs to, but is not an integral part of the United States." Twist it how you may, this means that Puerto Rico is a possession of the United States.

Puerto Rico does not have the power to declare war or organize its own defense. Puerto Ricans must abide by civil and penal laws passed by the Congress of the United States. And Puerto

Ricans must even be imprisoned on the U.S. mainland for "federal offenses."

Puerto Rico does not have the power to tax or seriously regulate the U.S. corporations doing business and paying less than sweatshop wages to the super-exploited workers there.

The U.S. Army occupies Puerto Rico. The three Puerto Rican islands of Vieques, Culebra and Jobos have been almost totally taken over by the U.S. Armed Forces, making thousands of families into refugees from their own homeland.

The F.B.I. exercises even greater authority than in the United States proper. It carries out independent investigations, arrests and persecutions of Puerto Rican independence fighters, deprives them of their jobs and where it fails to railroad them to prison, runs them off the island.

This does not begin to tell the story of misery and degradation in the country that used to be called "the land of eternal springtime."

But it shows how deep are the discontents of Puerto Rico—and how Munoz Marin, in spite of all his "progressivism" as against the moth-eaten ideas of the bishops, is some day going to face an opposition of an entirely different sort.

And the reactionary attack of the Church against Marin has even brought that day closer by opening up a political struggle which cannot be ended by the voting results of November 8.

Why All the Cheering For a New Baby in Iran?

By V. Grey

Last month, a baby was born to the Kingdom of Iran. Farah Diba, the Shah's third wife came through and presented an "heir to the 2,500 year-old throne"—so said the big newspapers.

The headlines were full of the joyous event and the news stories told how people wept for happiness in the streets while the Shah passed out the cigars.

You would think that the Iranian people were just naturally enthusiastic royalists and that the United States capitalists just adored old families for their own sake—like millionaire girls who go out and buy themselves a royal husband from some age-old European family.

But the dynasty of the Shah of Iran is not 2,500 years old, but exactly 34 years old, having been set up by the present Shah's father, Reza Shah, who went from sergeant in the Iranian Army to Shah of Iran through a process of overthrowing the Qajar dynasty and machine-gunning poor peasants.

During World War II, the Allies shipped Reza Shah off to South Africa because they suspected him of Nazi sympathies. And when they chose Teheran (capital of Iran) as the site of their famous wartime meeting, they didn't even bother to let the present Shah know about it.

So the joyous enthusiasm for the Shah does not arise because of his statesmanship or his aristocracy.

Here's how the present Shah became so popular with the United States capitalists:

In 1951, a radical nationalist premier named Mossadegh, nationalized most of Iran's oil, taking it away from the British imperialists and reducing the Shah to a virtual zero in national politics.

But in 1953, Mossadegh was overthrown by a clique supporting the Shah. The Shah waited in Rome for news of the counter-revolution's success. And with him in Rome was Allen Dulles, head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Dulles just "happened to be vacationing there."

A few months later, the oil wells were returned—not to the British alone, but to a special combination made of British, Dutch, French, and American oil companies.

Iran has a 1500 mile border with the Soviet Union, and 20 million people, mostly ragged and half-starving. Twice since World War II, these people have threatened to throw out the Shah altogether and establish a Soviet government.

Keeping the Shah riding high, even glamorizing his ex-wife, Soraya, like a Hollywood movie queen, as well as heralding the birth of his heir—all are part of the act to maintain reaction, feudalism and misery in Iran for the benefit of the U.S. oil companies and Western capitalism.

Nigerian RR Workers Have to Live On as Little as 73 Cents a Day

By Abraham James
Our Nigerian Correspondent

This is the first in a series of articles on the Nigerian workers, their past, how they live, and their hope for the future. In each of this series, you will read of the many difficulties that have been facing the workers of Nigeria, and are in fact still facing them today.

My first attempt in this task will be to dwell on the major industrial set-up in the country. This major industry is the Nigerian Railway where the Nigerian workers had their first experience of working together and organizing a strong trade union.

With the introduction of the railway system in Nigeria, the country then started to be truly representative of all classes of workers—from the unskilled laborer to the technicians and the administrative staff.

Up till five years ago, the average Nigerian laborer was earning a salary as small as three shillings a day (about 43 cents—ed.). These laborers are not normally on the permanent staff and have to be content with whatever pay they are able to make at the end of the month.

"The Daily Paid Workers," as the unskilled railway workers are called, often have families with three or four children and other dependents to take care of, too. Their standard of living is very low, and they have a very poor diet. Their pay today has gone up to about five shillings a day (about 73 cents).

In one particular region—Western Nigerian—the Government enacted legislation making the pay of its Daily-Paid Workers not less than five shillings.

Also, there is the Coal Mine in Enugu, Eastern Nigeria, where thousands of workers are employed. The mines—about five—provided a good source of power for the railway, and therefore gave a number of Nigerians employment. It is also necessary to point out

that for a very long time, the Ghana Railway was getting coal from the Coal Mine at Enugu.

But the Nigerian Coal Corporation retrenched about three thousand of its workers up to February of this year when the Railway Corporation embarked on dieselization. Many of the workers—thousands of them—lost their jobs and thereby created a great social problem.

The workers agitated, strikes were made. But this did not help the situation.

One particular incident occurred in this industry that is worth mentioning. It is a pathetic story, and it helps to give the general outlook of things here.

It was in February of this year, shortly after the batch of workers were sacked, one of them, a father of four children, was found hanging in his kitchen.

Quickly, a newspaper in Nigeria, the *Sunday Express*, published the fate of the family, and many people contributed a sum (equal to \$87—Ed.) to the family. It was a small amount, but it meant a great deal to this family's future.

There are thousands in the same plight.

In the Railway, as well as the mines, there was a big retrenchment of all classes of workers, principally due to dieselization and road competition.

The workers demonstrated here, too. And as a result, four union leaders were convicted.

A high-powered Government Commission of Inquiry came in and justified the low wages and big layoffs in the Railway by saying: "The Railway can only play its proper role if it is not placed at too great a disadvantage with road transport competitors."

So the "Daily Paid Workers" still get five shillings a day—if they work. And the unemployed get nothing.

This Is Going to Help Cuba!

3 General Strikes in So. America Shake Wall St.'s Colonial Rule

By George Fitzpatrick

Three general strikes hit three vital sections of the Latin American continent on the same day this week, giving new and dramatic testimony of the revolutionary epidemic in the once quarantined domain of Yankee capitalism.

Over 3,000,000 Argentine workers went on strike as "an expression against the puppet regime of Arturo Frondizi." The immediate cause—the vetoing of a bill that would have increased the maximum severance pay for discharged workers from 1,000 pesos (\$12) to 5,000 pesos (\$60) for each year of employment.

In Brazil it was all federal transportation, harbor and merchant marine workers out to pressure the Brazilian Congress into raising their miserable wages.

The lackeys of North American capitalism in Chile were seeking further police state measures to halt expected demonstrations by the workers during

the funeral of two labor leaders murdered by the police in a clash last Thursday. Meanwhile the Central Labor Organization stuck by its call for a national 24-hour protest strike which is scheduled for 500,000 workers.

The revolutionary spirit of the Latin American workers and peasants continues its steadfast growth and it is the knowledge of this, rather than any "respect for national sovereignty" that halted the Wall Street imperialists in their plan to invade Cuba Libre.

No more can they take some stooge and put him in control, as was the case in Guatemala only a few years ago. The workers and peasants are now prepared to take arms and defend their Revolution. They will no longer depend on the agencies of bourgeois democracy, but rather on their own might.

This spirit, now spreading throughout the world, gives signal to the final death agony of capitalism.

U.S. Court Hears Case In Million \$ Jimcrow Suit

Clarence Seniors, the youth who is suing the city of Atlanta for a million dollars, just got a new hearing in the U.S. Court of Appeals on October 27. The Court promised a decision in "sixty to ninety days."

Seniors, a student at Morris Brown College, was arrested during the mass sit-ins last April and jimcrowed (like the other defendants) in Municipal Court. His suit protests this judicial

segregation and requests a million dollars in damages.

The present hearing was an appeal from the decision of a U.S. District Court judge.

Just before the present hearing, Seniors was again arrested and imprisoned along with Martin Luther King, Lonnie King and 48 others who conducted a "Jail Not Bail" sit-in demonstration.

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