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## Picketing for Mae Mallory in Cleveland



## Mae Mallory Pickets Ask Judge: Have You Joined the KKK?

CLEVELAND, June 2 — About 30 supporters of Mae Mallory's anti-extradition fight picketed Supreme Court Justice Karl V. Weygandt in nearby Hillside tonight where he spoke at the Junior High School.

The pickets were harassed by the police of the lily-white community. But they maintained a high spirit of militancy against the bigoted judge and kept up a running fire of chants and slogans.

Some of their signs said: "Bail, Not Jail," "No Justice from Justice Weygandt" and "Why, Weygandt, No Bail for Mae?—Have You Joined the KKK?"

Mrs. Ruth Stone, Secretary of the Cleveland Monroe Defense Committee, who led the picketing, announced the reason for it was Weygandt's refusal to set bail for Mrs. Mallory who has now been in jail since February. Her fight against extradition to jimcrow North Carolina on a phony "kidnapping" charge has been going from court to court in Ohio and the Committee intends to carry the appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary.

The legal basis for the anti-extradition fight is Mrs. Mallory's well-founded

belief that she cannot get a fair trial in the state of North Carolina. The fact that she was even accused of kidnapping and actually indicted for the alleged crime should be proof enough to all honest people that her chances for a fair trial at the scene of the "crime" are slim indeed.

The alleged crime incident occurred after days of open provocations and finally a mass attack by thousands of racist whites upon the Afro-American community in Monroe, North Carolina. And not one of these racists has been indicted for assault, riot or attempted murder as they all should have been.

The white couple who now claim to have been "kidnapped" (for two hours) first told the papers that they had only sought refuge in the home of Robert

## Stock Market Collapse Heralds Boss Attack On Living Standards

The stock market came down with such a horrendous crash on May 28 that it appeared to be an "Act of God" and like an earthquake or a hurricane, it seemed to hit the poor widow and the rich stock operator with equal fury.

Of course, everybody above the age of ten knows by now that thousands of small investors and middle-sized speculators were ruined while many a sharp, well-heeled stock manipulator came out a lot richer.

But the newspaper stories of the cool cats of Wall Street buying stocks at the bottom and "selling them off" at the top of the rise are greatly exaggerated, too. They are exaggerated in a calculated drive to restore "confidence" in the market.

These stories come under the same heading as the optimistic inanities com-

ing out of Washington like—"There may be trouble on Wall Street, but things were never better on Main Street," etc., etc.

The truth is that the stock market has been going down for many months and the big boys are worried. "What is the stock market trying to tell us?" they ask themselves. And when they dare to answer, they have to say, "Bad news."

It is bad news not only for the owners of stock, but especially for the 70 million American workers upon whose shoulders rest the stock market and the whole exploitive U.S. economy.

The efforts of big business to bail itself out of the crisis, are inevitably directed against the workers. Kennedy's virtual wage freeze, inaugurated before the May 28 crash, but well after the downslide started, is one of these efforts. Treasury Secretary Dillon's proposed "tax cut" which would save the corporations billions of dollars in taxes, while it cut off only a few cents from the workers' tax, is another. It would lead to greater National Budget deficits (failing a sharp rise in production), to more inflation, higher prices for the workers to pay out, and an even more severe wage freeze.

The stock market is the place where U.S. business gets its principal financing and where the capital is raised for new plants, factories, facilities, etc. A serious failure in the stock market means a restriction in the expansion plans of business and therefore less work for the workers.

To the poor man and woman, therefore, the hurricane of May 28 was blowing up double trouble, hitting first a few hundred thousand unlucky small investors, but second, the many-millioned working class itself.

But the working class, unlike the stock market suckers, can hit back.

Williams (where Mrs. Mallory was visiting) because of the melee outside. Within 24 hours, however, after talking to the racist Monroe authorities who are especially anxious to put the Black population back "in its place," they had changed their story to the "kidnapping" charge.

In North Carolina, the crime of kidnapping carries a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment.

### Help Save Beth-El Hospital Strike!

Local 1199, Drug & Hospital Employees Union, AFL-CIO, appealed to the public for donations of food and money to help Beth-El strikers.

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## Hospital Strikers Attract Wide Sympathy

By A. T. Simpson

BROOKLYN, June 3—Today, Local 1199 of the Hospital Workers brought three busloads and several autoloading reinforcements to man one of the most impressive picket lines in the twelve-day history of the strike at Beth El Hospital here.

Marching in a determined battle-line against the hospital's starvation wages and anti-union policies, hundreds of the demonstrators were also protesting the arbitrary arrest and imprisonment of their union president, Leon Davis. (Davis was given a sentence of 30 days for allegedly disobeying a court's "restraining order" against the strike.)

Parading against them came several carloads of scabs heavily guarded by New York's Police Department. The demonstrators began shouting, "Scabs! Scabs!"

Then as the entire line began yelling at the scabs, a huge crowd rushed at a station wagon in an effort to prevent the scabs from entering the hospital. Mounted police along with foot cops charged in to halt the demonstrators. In the scuffle, the police arrested five of the more militant pickets, thinking them to be the leaders. They were identified as:

Fred Goldstein, Kenneth Shilman, Allen Schwarz, Barry Sheppard, and Daniel Stevens.

The five of them were arraigned that same evening in the Manhattan Night Court and booked on charges of disorderly conduct, malicious mischief, noise-making and simple assault. A huge crowd of hospital workers cheered them as they were being discharged from the jail on \$1000 bond apiece. Their trials come up on June 22 in the East New York Court.

The Beth El workers are engaged in essentially the same struggle that the Afro-Americans are engaged in in the South, for most of them are Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans. They share all of the hardships and indignities suffered by their Black brothers and sisters of the South who are exploited likewise and whose meager wages also have to be supplemented with surplus food and other welfare assistance.

It comes as no surprise to these workers that the city officials have stationed troops of policemen to harass and intimidate them, just as it is no surprise that the company spends thousands of dollars to bring in scabs.

(To a vice-president, trustee and bene-

factor of the hospital, Theodore Shapiro—on the other hand—it was a big surprise indeed. He sent his resignation to the hospital president, which said in part:

"The unprecedented sight of police—on foot and mounted, uniformed and plainclothes—who surround the hospital, make it appear more like a prison in revolt than an institution for the sick. The expenditure of thousands of dollars for the hiring of strikebreakers and private detectives and for feeding them in the hospital violates my conscience.")

Most interesting to note in this struggle is the bold determination on the part of the workers to "stick it out" until victory is won. Many of them will have to depend on more welfare assistance and other aid from their local union. But in spite of these and other obvious hardships, they have remained gallant warriors in the struggle.

Their strike headquarters is jammed with strikers and supporters. Some of these come loaded with canned goods to aid in the preparation of lunches for the pickets.

Other unions have expressed their solidarity, too. The United Federation of Teachers and the Retail, Wholesale



At Beth El—Police Arrest Pickets

and Department Store Union members were among the first to join the picket line. Top officers of 20 locals of the latter union are to help in the picketing tomorrow.

Indeed, Local 1199's struggle is gaining more and more momentum as the days go by. Even though nearly a dozen have now been arrested, hundreds more have joined them in the struggle. Efforts are being made from several quarters in order that the strikers should not be in need.

Deep in the hearts of all the strikers, Black and white, they are as convinced that they will win the struggle as their Black brothers in the South are convinced that they will win theirs.

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## The Refugees

What a lot of hypocritical hokum there is about the Afro-Americans sent up North by the White Citizens Councils!

"Brutal!", "Unfeeling!", "Unconscionable!", the newspapers cried. And they actually got the first arrival, Louis Boyd, a \$100-a-week job at the Jersey City Medical Development Company.

Boyd and his family of 10 were met at the bus by reporters, welfare workers, photographers, representatives from the Urban League and the Travelers Aid Society. And—big, big deal—they were put up at a non-segregated midtown New York hotel until they could get respectable jimcrow accommodations in Jersey.

But others came North beside the

Boys. At the second busload, the red carpet was a little shorter. When the third load came, the reporters and photographers, the Urban League etc. were all noticeably absent. Only an assistant welfare worker showed up: no red carpet; no photographs; no interviews; no money.

And wouldn't you guess it? "Accommodations were quickly found in Harlem!"—From segregation to segregation in one easy 1200-mile bus trip.

After they spilled all their tears for two or three of these new refugees, they treated them in exactly the same way they have treated the other 10 million Black refugees who have come to the "free" North.

What a different reception for—

## The Turncoats

Last week, the Mayor of New York announced that the State Civil Service Commission was going to waive the requirement that appointees to New York City Civil Service jobs be U.S. citizens.

The idea is to provide security for the counter-revolutionary refugees from Cuba, Hungary, China, etc.

Among the 10 million Black refugees in the North, the rate of unemployment is two to three times greater (depending on the city) than among the white workers. These refugees are "American." They are drafted to fight in America's imperialist wars abroad, but they are never drafted to work in the relatively humble Civil Service jobs of nurse, social worker, X-ray technician, typist—to say nothing of those of engineer, chemist and physician. This is too good

for them, too "skilled" and technical, you see.

Of course there are some Afro-Americans in these jobs. But the New York Mayor's story is that more Cubans and Hungarians have the training for these jobs.

The truth is that even with all the jimcrow white supremacist education facilities in this country, Afro-American professionals do somehow get a training and background in the above skills. But they don't get jobs as fast as their white counterparts.

And the refugees from the South don't get jobs of any kind as fast as the refugees from Cuba and Hungary.

It is not that the reactionaries love foreigners so much better than native-born Americans. It's that they prefer white handkerchief-heads to Black workers.

## Creeping Fascism

Kennedy is genuinely surprised when the Ultra-Right labels his inadequate and demagogic Medical Care for the Aged plan as "creeping socialism." And well he may be.

Here he is engaged in maneuvering the United States into a counter-revolutionary war against the socialist world. Here he is laying the basis for the "corporate state" a la Mussolini and Hitler. Here he is indicting the leaders of the Communist Party for "dangerous thoughts." And yet his program is labeled "creeping socialism!"

To be sure, the labelers are galloping fascists. They are impatient not only with Kennedy's speed, but with what appear to be occasional changes in direction. They are outraged that he pays any attention at all to the pressures of labor or to the demands of progress. They fail to realize that U.S. capitalism cannot operate today if it rides completely roughshod over the 70 million strong working class and disregards its most elementary needs.

But Kennedy is laying the groundwork for fascism in spite of his small and daily still smaller, grudging concessions to labor.

His Ultra-Right opponents may never

get together with him and may continue to call him a "Communist" because he tries to conquer the Soviet Union without using nuclear bombs—so far. But nevertheless, he is preparing the political climate so that when and if the Ultra-Right and the bomb-happy military kick him out and put in an open fascist dictator, this will be more acceptable than it would have been before.

Kennedy is doing this "legally" for the most part. That is, a body of reactionary laws, practices and usages is being gradually built up into a complete police state apparatus. At the same time, the atmosphere of war and preparations for war, even to some extent, the mobilization for war—are all constantly growing. Kennedy, who is more responsible for this than any other single person, is gradually creating the conditions for his own replacement by an even more war-like leader.

The phrase, "creeping socialism," is diametrically opposite to truth and is only used to mislead the masses and befuddle the middle class. What is taking place in U.S. capitalist "democracy" today can best be described as—*creeping fascism*.

## Meany Calls for 35-Hour Week

George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, has now promised to fight for the 35-hour week at 40 hours pay. He dramatically announced at both the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' and International Ladies Garment Workers' conventions that the joint labor federation would start a nation-wide drive for the 35-hour week this fall.

Many workers may remain skeptical. This is the same Meany who boasts that he never called a strike and never walked a picket line. The 35-hour week could never take effect without calling hundreds of strikes and organizing thousands of picket lines.

This is the same white supremacist Meany who publicly insulted A. Philip Randolph because Randolph had the nerve to ask equal rights for Afro-Americans in the AFL-CIO.

But this same Meany has actually begged to differ with the President of the United States (not quite daring to mention him by name or title, to be sure) over the question of the shorter work-week. Kennedy is dead against it because "we could never beat the Russians" that way.

Interesting thing, though, is that Meany himself seems even more anxious than Kennedy to "beat the Russians." Has the leopard really changed his spots?

Meany has not changed. But the situ-

ation in which U.S. labor finds itself has.

The official number of unemployed, although "only" 4 million, is far more alarming to the union movement than to the capitalist statisticians.

The layoffs are all coming from big industry, particularly those industries most organized by unions. For example, the Auto Workers Union has lost 300,000 of its members out of 1,300,000 in the last few years. This is a loss of 23 per cent. The national unemployment rate is officially put at 5.5 per cent. The Auto Workers Union is thus hit more than four times harder than the official figures would indicate.

The reason for this, in addition to the usual phony figuring by the Government, is that automation and speedup are doing their worst precisely where the unions have been strongest. This is exerting a great pressure on Meany—probably through complaints from union officials throughout the country who see the handwriting on the wall.

The labor movement "hasn't got hardening of the arteries," says Meany. Most militant workers will figure that Meany himself never had any arteries to speak of. But since their own blood is still circulating, they will gladly welcome the call to battle, even if it comes from the uncertain trumpet of an over-fed bureaucrat.

## Defend Democratic Rights of CP

On May 31, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, an expert salesman of U.S. "democracy" abroad, initiated court proceedings against 10 more Communists under the reactionary, thought-control McCarran Act.

He said they were all elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party in December, 1959.

When this "democratic" Attorney General made his latest move, he carefully added for reporters and for the benefit of those who might be genuinely concerned about democracy:

"The registration requirements of the (McCarran) law do not outlaw the party. They do not forbid the party to do anything. They simply require the party to register—to make public the identity of its officers and members and the sources of its finances."

But the candid Mr. Kennedy neglect-

ed to mention that under the law, the party must register as an agent of a foreign power—and that this is a lie, and the lie is part of the law.

The "democratic" and oh-so-innocent Mr. Kennedy only wants to label every single Communist Party member as an agent of a foreign power. And what, after all, is wrong with that? How unreasonable the CP is in not wanting to register says Mr. Kennedy!

Only a few weeks ago, this same Kennedy, as personal emissary of his brother, John F.—the President—was explaining to some young Communists in Japan how "democratic" everything is in the United States. (So democratic they can hang you if you dare to take the "democracy" seriously!) He even had the nerve to invite some of these Communists to the United States to see how democracy "works."

—They wisely stayed at home.

## BOOK REVIEW

STUDENT by David Horowitz, Ballantine Books, New York, 1962. \$50.

These are the University of California students who were hosed, beaten and dragged, by white-helmeted police, down the steps of City Hall, San Francisco, on May 13, 1960 when they gathered to demonstrate against the hearings of the HUAC.

The history of their organized activity begins with a protest at Berkeley against compulsory ROTC in the fall of 1959; this protest was met by University President Kerr with directives to students to keep "off-campus issues" (all politics) off the University campuses. The directives were met with disobedience and the struggle against ROTC continued.

Then the Caryl Chessman case brought the formation of a student Committee on Capital Punishment—these students were kicked and clubbed by police while holding a vigil outside San Quentin on the day of Chessman's execution.

Then J. Edgar Hoover forced the Board of Regents of the University to withdraw a question from an English competency exam which suggested criticism of the FBI—the students saw the coercion of educators by police.

Then came the anti-HUAC demonstrations and "Black Friday," with the arrest of 67 students, followed rather quickly by the HUAC film "Operation Abolition," and Hoover's report, "Communist Target—Youth." The aftermath of the anti-HUAC demonstration included the suspension by the Executive Committee of the University of the editors of a student paper and the murder by a John-Bircher of a University teacher.

Though Mr. Horowitz shows very vividly the role of the University officials, the members of HUAC, the FBI, and the local police in the suppression of ideas and protest, he does not show how they are related to each other, except by a vague mention of "fear."

Though he portrays very accurately the plight of the student as one who is not permitted to seek the truth and as one for whom this capitalistic society offers no reason for learning, no purpose for gaining skill except for furthering his own material interests, the only solution that Mr. Horowitz can see is for the student to continue his "peaceful, non-violent and intelligent dissent," and to fight for the "heritage" of the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Horowitz tells the reader that the student movement at Berkeley has nothing to do with Communists. Indeed, he spends half of the book refuting the charges of Communism against the students. He applauds when he says that the students have rejected Marxism as the answer to the problems of this society and that they are in the process of building a "new politics."

Unfortunately, Mr. Horowitz's assessment of the student to date seems to be accurate; hopefully, his prognosis is incorrect. Though the movement has grown as a result of increasing repression, the leaders (as well as Mr. Horowitz) do not appear to have an understanding yet of the underlying causes of this repression, and therefore cannot propose any realistic program for change.

By Nancy Miles

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## Steve Canyon Goes to Vietnam

"Saigon (capital of south Vietnam) is the nearest thing to Paris in the Orient. So you can get ambushed only 10 miles from here. But where else in the service can you feel so much like a rich tourist," says the weather-beaten American Ranger sipping a cool anise-flavored Pernod at Saigon's sidewalk Le Paris cafe. "The Ranger is waiting for his girl friend—a willowy Suzie Wong with waist-length hair, wearing a bright yellow *cheong-sam*. When she arrives, he orders a "peppermint zizi" on crushed ice. Afterward, it's Chateaubriand *pommes frites* downed with Macon *vin rouge*—and then siesta."

—Newsweek, April 30

# Governor of California Picketed In Cop's Murder of Black Muslim

LOS ANGELES — Afro-Americans here are uniting to demand action against the police in the mass shooting and killing of the unarmed Muslims last month.

The viciousness of the Police Department aided and abetted by "liberal" Mayor Yorty, has proved to be a spur to the militancy and unity of the Afro-American community.

Last week, Governor Brown showed up in Los Angeles, had a private conference with Police Chief Parker, and then made a public statement that Parker was "doing a good job." Governor Brown then made a tour up Central Avenue, the heart of the most oppressed section of the black community and the site of a good share of the police terror, and shook hands with shopkeepers and housewives, asking them to vote for him. He received a surprise reception when

he arrived for his Central Avenue tour.

About 50 pickets were on hand to protest his backing of Chief Parker, with signs that read: "Police Stop Negroes, Not Crime"; "Los Angeles Police Department — Notorious Hate Group"; "Muzzle the Police, Not the Muslims." One said, with simple logic: "Parker supports police brutality. Brown supports Parker. Does Brown support police brutality?"

The demonstrators silently but tenaciously followed Brown up the street, sticking so closely to him that it was almost impossible for his publicity men to photograph him with his constituents without the inclusion of a picket sign.

The highly successful demonstration had been planned less than one day in advance by a meeting of the Citizens Committee on Police Brutality, which had held its founding meeting the night before.

The Citizens Committee, off to a flying start with its founding meeting of over 100 people, was an outgrowth of the first tremendous protest rally follow-

ing the police murder of Muslim Ronald Stokes.

Electing a group of officers headed by Christopher L. Taylor as chairman, a steering committee, an investigating committee, and a committee to study police reform, the meeting went on to take positive action. A resolution was passed condemning the traitorous 90 ministers who had recently stabbed the community in the back by issuing statements calling for "co-operation" with Yorty and Parker. Another resolution called on the United Nations to investigate police brutality in Los Angeles. Both resolutions were passed unanimously and with resounding enthusiasm.

A whole series of mass rallies have now been held, with Minister Malcolm X and Minister John Shabazz of Los Angeles, speaking to overflow crowds. A week before Governor Brown made his political tour of Central Avenue, a huge meeting sponsored by the NAACP, CORE, the Mexican-American Community Organization and the Muslims, heard Malcolm X make an appeal for a protest march on City Hall.

The lead editorial of the Muslim paper, *Muhammad Speaks* (June issue, says:

"In these crucial times we must not think in terms of one's religion, but in terms of justice for us poor Black people. This means a United Black Front for justice in America."

## Axes Made in USA

"Every day they cut off somebody's head with an axe. Every day they tear out some peasant's bowels to frighten his neighbors," one man exclaimed with emotion. His own wife and children were in the South and he had not been able to hear from them for years."

—Cash and Violence in Laos and Vietnam by Anna Louise Strong, p. 107.

spent for government contracts, hundreds and even thousands of times the amount paid to Estes. The Boeing Aircraft Company, for example, has received \$11.8 billion in government contracts since 1951. And according to an Associated Press report on May 22, this company had made as high as 108 per cent profit on its capital investment per year in executing these contracts.

The case of small-time million-dollar Estes will be around for quite a while and make a lot of noise. But the billionaire grafters will continue to gouge the government, because they own the government—while 2 billion bushels of grain is molding, uneaten—and a third of the world goes hungry.

# Brassy Beggars and Golden Bums

By Eleanor Stephens

Two new enemies of society have been exposed in New York's daily newspapers recently.

The first is a new kind of panhandler. In New York panhandlers aren't news. They're as much a part of the ordinary life of the city as mid-town call girls—or Wall Street bankers. But what is news is that in this year of "sound business" prosperity their number has increased from 15,000 to 40,000!

And, though in the past most beggars were elderly men, broken in body and spirit, this year many are young—in their 20's. Furthermore, instead of imploring, they are demanding; instead of cringing they are threatening. It is their boldness, their lack of the shame and servility that characterized the old-time panhandlers which so horrifies the editorial writers of the daily press.

But the second of these enemies of society also appeared on the American scene only recently. He deserves the ugly

name of "bum" much more than do the hopeless derelicts who beg for a living. He is the "shell" holder in the foreign subsidiary racket. He takes advantage of the generous tax-exemption laws of small, poverty-stricken countries.

Panama, Venezuela, Liberia and Switzerland, among others, are known as "tax havens." Panama, for instance, taxes a corporation *nothing* if it has an office there but doesn't do any business from it. (The U.S. government, on the other hand, takes 25% of that same corporation's "earnings.")

So the "shell" holder lets his Panamanian office make a profit, while his U.S. office "borrows" an amount equal to that profit. (The U.S. doesn't exact a tax on borrowed money.)

That is why there are now 20,000 foreign corporations owned by American companies, many of them "dummy" corporations—only empty shells. They exist only on paper, but they bring their owners millions in unpaid taxes.

Because of these tax-evading bums the American working class must pay an even larger share of the already heavy burden of taxation.

But the "shell" holder has the law on his side. While a beggar runs a daily risk of serving time at hard labor, this chiseler operates legally—with no labor at all. And instead of being shunned as a parasite, his friends in the business world envy his "boldness of vision," and scurry to open a Panamanian office for themselves.

# How Swiftly the Law Moves When a COP Gets Shot!

By Pedro Sanchez

Within 72 hours the New York police had the murders solved. Not only that, but the alleged killers of Detectives Luke J. Fallon and John J. Finnegan were already caught. Two of them were brought back all the way from Norwich, Connecticut and Chicago, Illinois.

Front page pictures, thousands of dollars in reward money, calculated play on "public opinion," massive utilization of stoolpigeons and a marshalling of the police in scores of states got results in no time flat.

But the victims were cops.

When Charles Mack Parker was dragged out of a Mississippi jailhouse with the full knowledge of Sheriff W. O. Moody and killed by slow torture, beginning with dragging him down the jail stairs feet first with his head bumping on every step—the murderers could not be found.

When 14-year-old Emmet Till was horribly mutilated and the life pounded out of him—the murderers could not be found.

These victims were oppressed Afro-Americans.

Neither Emmet Till nor Charles Mack Parker ever hit anybody over the head with a club. Neither of them ever beat a helpless prisoner in a jail cell or took a bribe from a gangster or shook down a prostitute. They were human beings—not cops.

But they were Black.

The killers of both were and are well known. But they have been at large for seven years and three years respectively.

The murderers of Emmet Till even wrote the story of their "escape" for *Look Magazine* and made a lot of money out of it. Retribution never found them.

But these murderers had not killed cops. They were *white supremacists*, who had "only" killed Black people. A nation-wide manhunt was not called for in their case. And where the murderers were discovered, the white supremacist jury system took care of freeing them.

# Reuther's Sudden Interest in Strikes—in Spain

When the United Auto Workers gave \$10,000 to Spanish strikers late last month, the first reaction of progressive and radical workers was one of unqualified approval.

Small as the sum is when measured against the massive treasury of the UAW and the monumental heroism of the Spanish workers in the face of the fascist murder machine, it still seemed like a real token of working class solidarity. It still seemed that Walter Reuther and his conservative fellow-bureaucrats should be congratulated for making the gesture, small as it was.

But two facts about this "donation" must be understood at once:

1. The \$10,000 is appropriated from the UAW's International Free World Labor Defense Fund. This is a fund devoted to advancing the interests of U.S. imperialism in the Cold War by donation to anti-Communist unions abroad.

2. The UAW action closely followed similar moves by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions—the notorious anti-Communist world group also strongly influenced by the U.S. State Department as well as other imperialist governments. In fact, whatever militant class character the member unions of the ICFTU have at home (due to their worker membership and their tendency to fight for higher wages, etc.), this cannot be said about their activities abroad at all. These activities are directed primarily by the foreign policy interests of their own imperialist governments.

The shrewd Walter Reuther may have water in his veins when it comes to bucking John F. Kennedy at Atlantic City (over the question of wage increases for labor), but he has plenty of grey matter in his brains when it comes to understanding the social direction in

which the Spanish workers are now turning.

He knows that the possibility of a Communist solution in Spain is once more being posed. He knows that the banners of Spanish liberation, although they now bear the insignia of "democracy" and even of the monarchy, can still be quickly dropped for a far more revolutionary banner.

Therefore, this smart "labor" opportunist, along with other similar fakers of the "Free World" are suddenly remembering the principles of international labor solidarity and giving some aid to the strikers of Spain. The strikers are of course entitled to all the aid they can get and should take it with both hands—even from Reuther and his pals.

But let the Spanish workers beware. It was labor fakers like Reuther who

## "Help" for Algeria, too

WASHINGTON, May 28—The AFL-CIO began a fund-raising campaign today to help the Algerian Labor movement.

According to the *New York Times*:

"Federation leaders . . . fear that unless the unions of the free world assist the Algerian workers, the Communists will move into their organizations."

—Funny how the "Federation leaders" never thought about assisting the Algerian workers when the French imperialists—with U.S. help—were physically exterminating the Algerian workers' organizations along with the entire Algerian people!

# Stock Market Collapse — Symptom of Imperialist Decay

By Sam Marcy

Both sides of the class barricades have a deep and abiding interest in arriving at an objective evaluation of the social significance of the stock market collapse. This is so because every analysis or prognosis, in economics even more than in politics, is necessarily a guide to action.

What to do next becomes a burning, immediate issue, not only for each of the major contending classes in contemporary society, but for the various groups within the classes and for the masses of people as a whole who may be on the brink of economic ruin.

In times of economic crisis, all strata of society address themselves to the State and urge immediate solutions to the problem. But it is precisely in such moments that the State, i.e., the executive committee of the ruling class, stands revealed as the collective exploiter of the mass of the people.

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The gutter press analysts are constrained by the very nature of their task to exude confidence in order to deceive the mass of the people generally and demoralize and divert them politically. The more sober bourgeois analysts, who are writing for the capitalist class proper, are more prone to arrive at an objective analysis because they are dealing with alternative courses of action for the benefit of their class—even if their vision is blurred by fundamental class interests which are running against the broad stream of history.

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Thus *Business Week*, the authoritative organ of high finance and industry in its June 2 issue, states:

"There is nothing to be gained by Pollyanna talk about what happened in the stock market. . . . So violent a deflation of values is bound to be bad. . . . It casts future plans in doubt. . . ."

To begin with, the deluge of selling that wiped out more than \$20 billion of security values in a single day cannot possibly be regarded as a purely psychological aberration in stock market operations. The tidal wave of selling *expropriated* a whole section of the petty bourgeoisie. This *in and of itself*, regardless of other and deeper consequences, is an

unfailing sign of economic decline. No amount of assurances regarding "the good health of the economy" by the high priests of the Kennedy Administration can erase this indisputable fact.

The basic question is whether this stock market collapse is on a par with the catastrophe of 1929. The answer to this question must be a conditional yes!

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Of course there are differences! Any apologist for U.S. capitalism will be quick to cite the built-in stabilizers, the higher living standards, social security and unemployment benefits.

But that is not what is decisive. What is decisive is the degree to which the disproportion between the spectacular growth of the productive forces of the postwar period has developed in relation to the continual narrowing of capitalist markets. If the gap between the galloping productive forces and the shrinking market has widened to the straining point, a catastrophe is imminent.

Because the domination of monopoly capital has among other things also meant the maintenance of economic secrets among the corporate pirates and the withholding of otherwise public information, it is much more difficult to gauge the degree of maturity of the long-developing economic debacle.

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"In 1865, the stock exchange was still a *secondary* element in the capitalist system." Thus wrote Frederick Engels a bare few months before he died.

"But since 1865," he continued, "a change has taken place, which assigns a considerably increased and constantly growing role to the stock exchange, and which, with continued development, tends to concentrate all production, industrial as well as agricultural, and all commerce, the means of communication as well as the functions of exchange, in the hands of stock operators, so that the stock exchange becomes the most prominent representative of capitalist production itself."

All that needs to be elucidated in this remarkable passage is only the term, "stock exchange operator." This includes not merely brokers, trad-

ers and speculators, but far more importantly, the big banks, insurance companies, and the multi-billion dollar corporations who together constitute the financial oligarchies which reign supreme over the entire economy.

If in 1895, when Engels wrote the above words, the stock market was the "chief representative of capitalist production itself," then the evolution of the competitive stage of capitalism into its monopoly stage made the stock exchange the chief organizer and generator of social catastrophes, political reaction and imperialist war. One need only remember that the term "peace jitters" originated in the stock market and is said to have caused *declines* on at least a dozen occasions during the Cold War.

Without a doubt, it is the very personification of the financial oligarchies who in union with the capitalist state, govern the destiny of the nation. But they are not omnipotent. Rather than being the masters of their fate, they are the tools of blind and uncontrollable forces, which ultimately must spell their doom.

The stock market break is the grimmest reminder of this.

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The stock market is practically the only avenue open for the blind forces which govern the anarchic capitalist system to forcibly assert themselves—to let the public know that a social crisis is imminent.

Nevertheless, the stock market in the imperialist epoch lends itself more to political manipulation and influence by the capitalist state than in the days of competitive capitalism.

This means that it is possible to suppress the symptoms of decay inherent in the system for a much, much longer period. Rather than cure the disease, however, it drives it deeper into the organism. The tendency toward a catastrophe of truly gargantuan proportions, becomes more likely the longer the symptoms are suppressed. What is really at issue is whether the ruling circles are working to arrest the impending economic collapse and divert it into some political-military adventure as a solution to their crisis. The next couple of weeks will surely reveal the trend of development.

## The Chinese Refugee Fraud

If you are over 35, you must remember the newsreels showing the Japanese invasion of China in 1937. Do you remember the appearance of the Chinese soldiers who fought so heroically against the invasion even though they were fighting under the leadership of the hated dictator, Chiang Kai-shek?

These soldiers were so thin and emaciated that they looked like marching skeletons. Their arms and legs had an unreal, match-stick-like character. Their faces were all jawbones, teeth, and eye-sockets. It was hardly believable that they could be alive at all, much less fighting imperialism at the beginning of a long war that was to be successful, eight years later, and then be followed by a three-year civil war.

But that was the time of hunger in China. That was the period of capitalist-



From Communist China, refugees look well-fed, even plump.

feudal oppression. There was a major famine every two or three years, and this had been so for decades. Stories of a million deaths from famine were so common, they were told in the West like stories of distant storms or the occurrence of sunspots.

Today, you see pictures of Chinese "refugees" in the papers and magazines. But these refugees are not living skeletons. Some of them are positively plump. And you can be sure the U.S. capitalist press did not choose the healthiest-looking refugees for its sob-story pictures!

The millions upon millions who died under the Chinese emperors and "democratic" dictators of modern times never elicited even a crocodile tear from the United States capitalists. But the refugees from the system that has ended famine in China and expelled the U.S. and other imperialists—have suddenly gained the heartfelt sympathy of the

Western world!

The white supremacist government of the United States is even lifting the bars (ever so slightly) of its reactionary oriental exclusion policy. (Only 104 Chi-

nese are permitted to enter the U.S. each year.) And about 5,000 Chinese *with special skills* are going to be allowed to enter the country.

This, too, is a remarkable commentary on the pious hypocrisy of the U.S. ruling class. Those Chinese "with special skills" must have been among the *least* hungry and highest paid in China. But they are the most acceptable in the United States.

## Supervisory and Executive Crooks

By Ana Kezman

The \$500 million stolen in the United States last year by pickpockets, burglars and armed robbers was less than half as much as the loot chiseled out by middle and upper class embezzlers, who are usually never caught.

More than 60 per cent of the billion dollars missing from company treasuries was lifted by executive and supervisory personnel.

We are not speaking of the many billions "legally" sweated out of the working class by the giant corporations but just the money "illegally" taken by the boys who don't need dynamite to blow up the office safe—because they've got the key.

We are indebted to Norman Jaspán for this interesting information. Mr. Jaspán is president of a sleuth outfit called "Investigations Incorporated" and he is devoting his well-paid efforts to the honorable task of protecting the real top robbers from the middle grade robbers who betray the trust which big business has placed in them.

In describing the modern wolf in Brooks Brothers clothing, Mr. Jaspán said last month to the annual convention of the National Association of Electrical Distributors:

"Generally a member of the middle or upper class, he rarely has financial cause to steal. Often the product of a college education, he has been exposed to all the ethical values that Western civilization holds dear. Yet in the last decade, he has become America's most resourceful and successful crook."

By "successful," Mr. Jaspán means *uncaught*.

If you take a sightseeing trip around the jails of this country, you will find the great majority of the inmates are *not* the "products of college education" and have *not* been "exposed to all the ethical values that Western civilization holds dear." They are nearly all from poor families. They often are victims of unemployment. And a very large percentage of them are Afro-Americans who certainly never were permitted near a supervisory or executive position where they could do the systematic stealing that the "successful" thieves do.

When one of the "ethical" pillars of society *does* happen to get caught, a chorus of surprised sympathy for the chap usually arises. After all, he just wanted to send his son to Harvard—and only the low scoundrel who steals for base motives, like food and drink, should be put in jail!



U.S. door closed to this starving child in India.