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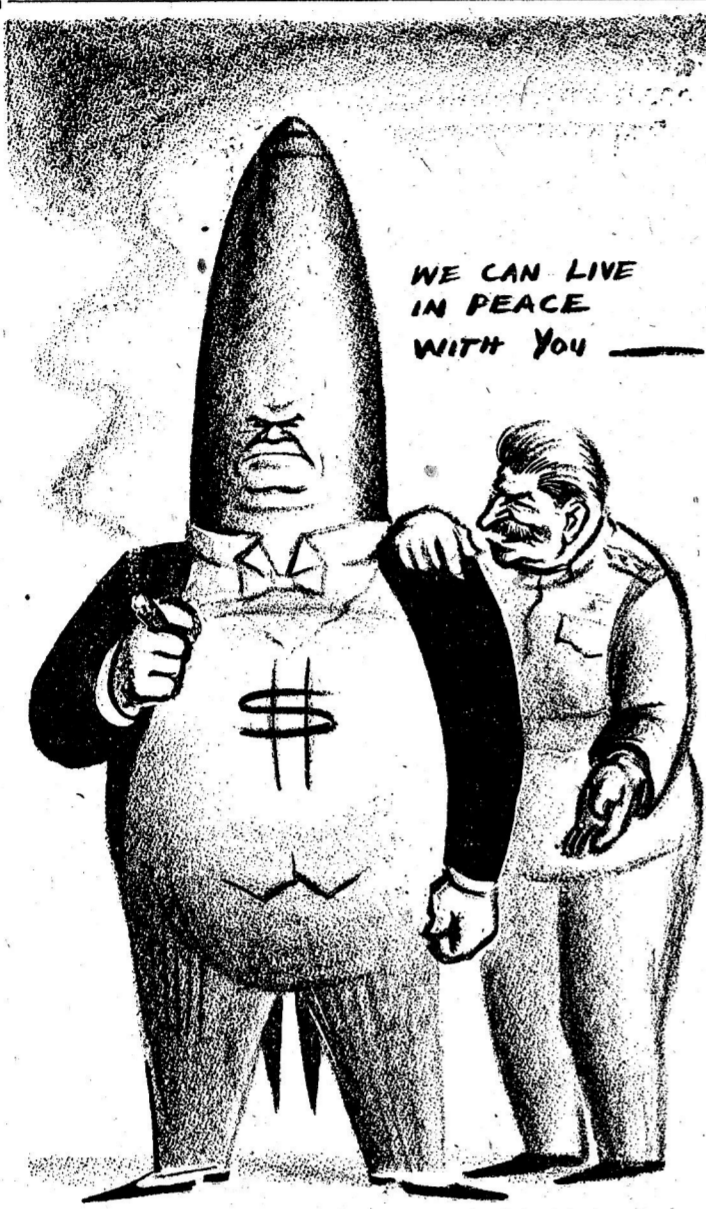
Truman's Supreme Court Upholds Taft-Hartley Oath

By R. Bell Truman's Supreme Court last week struck a mortal blow at the Bill of Rights by upholding the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Act's "non-Communist affidavit" provision...

DISSENTING OPINION In his dissenting opinion, Justice Hugo L. Black wrote: "The court assures us that today's encroachment on liberty is just a small one..."

This process has already been manifested in every field of public life. Truman's "loyalty" decrees, a variation of the Taft-Hartley oath, has subjected millions of government employees to prying investigation of their personal lives, thoughts and associations...

EVIL EFFECTS The ominous ramifications of the Taft-Hartley oath will have the most evil effect on the ranks of the organized labor movement. Under its provisions union members are deprived of the right to elect officials who they feel can best represent their interests...



WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE WITH YOU



BUT NOT WITH YOU!

College President Blacklists N. Y. Student Strikers

New York City school officials are collaborating with the president of the University of Maryland in blacklisting applicants who participated in the recent high school strike.

New Yorkers make up about 5% of the present enrollment at Maryland. But university president H. C. Byrd is determined that none of the student strikers shall be admitted to his institution, and is making inquiries in order to make his blacklist effective.

Byrd claimed the student strikers were "incited by outside influences" and that while many "were just carried along in the excitement... we have to penalize them too."

Law Guild Repudiates Expulsion of Yugoslavs

Last week, for the first time in this country, the long-simmering struggle over the issue of Yugoslavia broke into the open inside the Wallacite ranks and the Stalinists suffered a sharp setback. This took place at the 10th national convention of the National Lawyers Guild...

At the time the Lawyers Guild delegate to the IADL, Robert J. Silberstein, voted in favor of the expulsion which was motivated on the "evidence" in the Hungarian "treason trial" and also by the refusal of the Yugoslav delegates to repudiate the policy of their government.

The resolution to repudiate Silberstein's action and to instruct the Lawyers Guild delegates to

resent the Yugoslavs at the forthcoming meeting of the IADL this summer was introduced by O. John Rogge, Progressive Party leader and vice-president of the Guild. It was carried by a vote of 53 to 10 with 30 abstentions.

Commenting on the passage of the Guild resolution, the May 8 Daily Worker darkly hinted that it was all the result of Rogge's personal behind-the-scenes machinations. Charging that "a majority of the delegates permitted themselves to be pressured" into voting for it, the Daily Worker added: "The resolution was a victory for O. John Rogge, who is an attorney for the Tito government."

The fight over Yugoslavia inside the Lawyers Guild, as in the Wallacite ranks generally, has not been settled. It has just begun. Other and more serious fights must of necessity follow for in the last analysis the issue itself leaves no room for any compromises.

The first ripe fruit of State Secretary Acheson's trip to Europe has been the granting of "supplementary aid" to the French imperialists in their war against the Indo-Chinese people who have been fighting since V-J Day for their independence under the banner of the Viet Minh.

Profits Are Higher Than Last Year

Big Business profits for the first quarter of 1950 are 6% above the boomtime take of the same period in 1949, according to figures compiled by the Associated Press from a study of 508 corporations.

Beck-Lundeberg Goons In CIO Warehouse Raid

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 — Strong-arm men in the pay of Dave Beck, vice-president of the AFL Teamsters International Union, last week were driven off by CIO defense squads when the AFL attempted to blockade a San Francisco warehouse under contract to Local 6 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

In Oakland, Beck's "organizers" are trying to move in on dock work, which by tradition and contract belongs to the CIO warehousemen and longshoremen. The Teamsters blockaded five Oakland and Alameda piers when the CIO refused to surrender this work.

This development is the most recent in the AFL-CIO jurisdictional battle which began two months ago when Beck, with the aid of a few renegade leaders from Local 6, organized a rival AFL Warehouse Union, Local No. 12, to raid the CIO. Beck is claiming AFL jurisdiction

over "all the maritime industry." This claim presumably includes that part of the industry now under contract to the CIO National Maritime Union, Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, as well as the West Coast ILWU. The Teamster blockade is intended to stop all cargo movement thereby giving the employers a justification for abrogating their contracts with the CIO.

Harry Lundeberg, head of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, is aiding Beck's raid by supplying paid thugs armed with bats at \$1.50 an hour.

In last week's pitched battle, fought before the United Grocers Warehouse in San Francisco, Lundeberg men were among the 100 AFL thugs forcibly removed by CIO squads. One hospital case, John Fox, turned out to be a well known Lundeberg stooge, an ex-official of the SUP from Seattle. He claimed he was a "teamster."

RELIES ON THUGS In the United Grocers battle, hundreds of rank and file teamsters stood nearby, but none entered the fray.

The ranks of Local 85, the San Francisco Teamsters Union, have had good relations with the CIO for years and resent Beck's tactics. That is why Beck cannot organize the mass picket lines he would like to and is practically limited to reliance on paid thugs.

On the other hand, the ranks of the Stalinist-led ILWU, although highly critical of the conduct of the recent warehouse strike and of the Stalinist leadership in general, have rallied to the defense of their union. Defense squads, composed of as many as 500 men, can be mobilized at call.

Negro members of the CIO warehouse union were outstanding in militancy and numbers on the CIO defense squads. Beck's raid threatens the Negroes not only as unionists but also as Negroes. The Jim Crow policies of the Teamsters and the SUP are well known.

At the present time a court injunction obtained by the CIO and the Distributors Association of Northern California has stopped all picketing in San Francisco.

Senate Stages Sham Battle On FEPC Bill

Dobbs Speaks on Civil Rights at Wayne University

DETROIT, May 8 — Defying a Wayne University ban, between 300 and 400 students assembled today on a blocked-off city street in the center of the campus to hear Farrell Dobbs, national chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, speak on civil rights.

The meeting was sponsored by the Wayne County Student League for Industrial Democracy, an off-campus organization, after the campus SLID had been denied permission to sponsor Dobbs on the campus.

It was the second time in two weeks that a banned speaker had been forced to take to the streets. Professor Herbert Phillips, fired as a Stalinist from the University of Washington, was the first.

The top University Program Planning Commission had OK'd Dobbs for an SLID campus forum, but the dean of the school asked the commission to reconsider because Dobbs, imprisoned under the Smith Act, was a "convicted felon." The commission reconsidered the matter but decided to let Dobbs speak, so the dean vetoed the meeting.

ANSWERS SLANDER

The dean had also charged that Dobbs was convicted for fomenting insurrection in the armed forces. In his street talk Dobbs denounced this as a slander and showed he had been convicted for his ideas alone. "Freedom of thought will be in chains if the policy of prohibiting freedom of thought is continued in our educational system," he said.

"Whether or not you agree with socialist ideas or are interested in their policies and practices, it is your duty to defend democratic rights and freedom of expression for all layers of the population regardless of their political beliefs," Dobbs declared.

The SWP speaker called attention to the Stalinist policy of opposing civil rights for their political opponents, and said that this policy "has given men like Dean Spathoff a pretext for imposing their own restrictions on civil liberties."

While there was some interruption and jeering, most of the crowd applauded his defense of civil rights for all and listened with interest to his remarks on socialism and the SWP. The Detroit News printed a big picture of the meeting and the college paper ran headline front-page stories on it three days in a row.

Filibuster Can Be Broken; Old Parties Don't Want To

By William E. Bohannon The sham battle over FEPC has begun again in the Senate. Having knifed effective FEPC legislation in the House, both capitalist parties will now spar and maneuver for a while before doing the same thing in the upper chamber of Congress.

Neither party has any serious intention of passing a bill to outlaw discrimination in employment; each will be occupied with trying to convince the voters that the other party is the one responsible for the failure of both parties to fulfill their campaign promises on this issue.

Act I of this obscene farce will find the Senate engaging in unlimited debate on the question. Non-Southern Democrats and Republicans will deliver impassioned speeches on how their hearts bleed for the Negro people and other victims of discrimination; Southern Democrats and Dixiecrats will keep trying to obstruct by filibustering and bringing up other legislation that the administration is really interested in passing.

In Act II a petition for closure will be circulated, and will get the 16 signatures that are necessary to force a vote which will decide whether or not the Senate will even formally take up the bill. A constitutional two-thirds, or 64 votes, will be needed to pass the closure motion. If somehow it should be passed, then the filibuster would really become serious, and at least one more closure motion would have to be passed before a vote on the bill itself could be taken.

THIRD ACT

But the odds are overwhelming against the passage of the first closure motion, and when it is

defeated Act III will begin. The Democrats will blame the Republicans for having voted for the "impossible closure" rule last year, and the Republicans will blame the Democrats for not having rounded up enough votes in favor of closure this year. Thus the 1950 production of the FEPC "drama" will end.

The Democrats and Republicans will be happy because they will have "a campaign issue." The Southern Democrats and Dixiecrats will be happy because they prevented the passage of FEPC once again. In fact, everybody will have something to be happy about except the workers and the Negro people, who paid so dearly to watch this performance, and who will be left sitting in their seats with a feeling of angry frustration.

HOW TO END FILIBUSTER Of course the Southern filibuster could be smashed decisively—if the Truman administration really wanted to. But why should it want to as long as the old routine satisfies the labor and Negro leaders, who keep on covering up the administration's duplicity and telling the workers and Negroes to vote for the Trumanites?

The way to beat a filibuster is by wearing it out—physically and politically. Rules for debate could be enforced strictly, sessions could be round-the-clock, the "legislative day" could be stretched for as long as is necessary—weeks or months. (By strict enforcement of the rules, no Senator could speak more than twice on the same legislative day.)

Most of the Southern Senatorial leaders are old men; Connally (Tex.), McKellar (Tenn.), George (Ga.), Hoye (N.C.) are in their 70's and 80's. On them the physical strain of a continuous session would be greatest of all. They could be worn down and worn out—if the administration really meant business.

POLITICAL PRESSURE

In addition, the administration could exert tremendous political pressure on the filibuster gang if it wanted to. It could appeal to the whole country to watch the spectacle of a handful of Southern Senators holding up the en-



SENATOR LUCAS

U. S. Helps to Enslave Indo-China

By John G. Wright

The first ripe fruit of State Secretary Acheson's trip to Europe has been the granting of "supplementary aid" to the French imperialists in their war against the Indo-Chinese people who have been fighting since V-J Day for their independence under the banner of the Viet Minh.

This decision, made officially by Acheson in Paris on May 8, makes the Truman administration a partner of the French colonial despots in their war against the Indo-Chinese masses.

In reality the Truman administration has all along been financing France's war of enslavement in Indo-China. Marshall-aid payments to France have just about covered the Indo-Chinese war budget of the Paris government. Without this American aid, the French and their native puppets would have long ago been driven out of Indo-China.

Now the shabby past pretenses have been dropped. American military equipment will henceforth pour into Indo-China virtually without restrictions. According to the N. Y. Times, May 9, "a large part of \$75 million at President Truman's disposal until June 30" under the Atlantic Pact "would be assigned to Indo-China, most of it for military equipment" and Congress will be asked to appropriate additional scores of millions for "further aid."

As ally and financial and military backer of French colonialism (which Truman-Acheson & Co. have publicly "disapproved" up to now), the U. S. imperialists are left even without a "nationalist" fig-leaf to cover up their reactionary role.

Indo-China has been split up by the French into three "states." Two of them, Laos and Cambodia are protectorates over which they exercise their sway openly; in the third, the "state of Annam" they have installed their puppet, ex-Emperor Bao Dai.

What pretense can there be here of desiring to "support nationalism and the movement toward independence in Asia," as the Truman administration has so often and so falsely claimed?

Truman extends aid to the French and their puppets at a time when they are barely able to hold on in Indo-China. C. L. Sulzberger, Times foreign correspondent, wired from Saigon on May 9 that "high French civil officials frankly concede the situation [in Indo-China] is deteriorating," despite the reported "military successes." He then adds: "An increasing number of Frenchmen are saying that if the political — as distinct from the military situation — does not improve Paris eventually will have to abandon even any shadow claims to this part of the world."

Is it precisely because the French are on the verge of losing even their "shadow claims" that Washington hastens to the rescue?

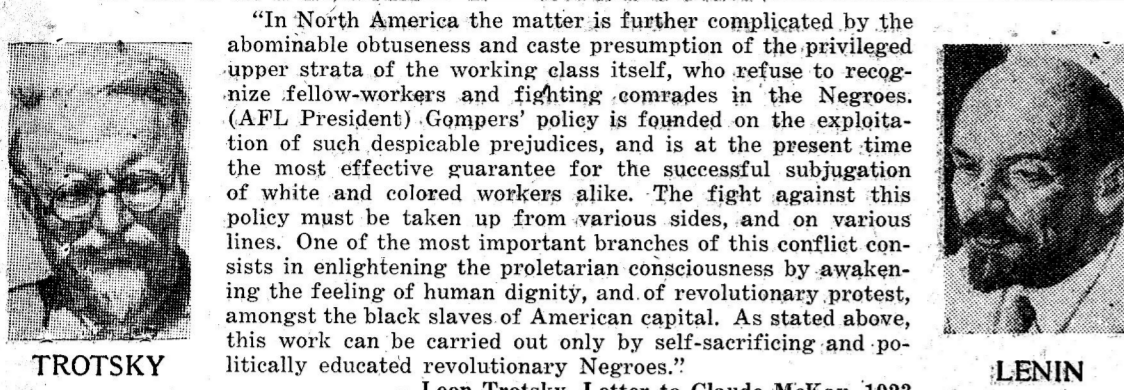
FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY

From all indications the Indo-Chinese masses are resolved to fight to the death to liberate themselves. Unless the Truman administration is prepared to wage a full-scale war against them, it is not likely that the rule of the French in Indo-China can be made more durable than was Chiang Kai-shek's regime in China.

The danger, however, is that Washington is actually prepared to plunge far deeper into the Indo-China adventure than was the case with Chiang Kai-shek. American workers should therefore demand that not a cent, not a gun, not a single American soldier be sent against the Indo-Chinese people. Hands off Indo-China!



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—Leon Trotsky, Letter to Claude McKay, 1923

More Maneuvers on Labor Unity

The proposal for united labor action against the Taft-Hartley assault on the unions has made the circuit and is now further advanced than when it started.

viting the CIO to repent and return to the "House of Labor."
It seems that nothing can shake the hide-bound AFL Executive Council out of its lethargy.

Militarists Entrench Themselves

The House Armed Services Committee has voted to continue the draft, without a single dissenting vote. This was a major triumph for the militarists who also succeeded in jamming through Congress a whopping increase in military appropriations.

ert S. Allen, the House committee was subjected to a "supercharge of high-pressure" by the Defense Secretary and the top brass, especially Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Senate Stages A Sham Battle on FEPC Bill

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tire governmental machinery, and to make their sentiments known.
It could arouse even the Southern people by showing that the filibuster was preventing action on such measures as social security, farm price support appropriations, federal aid to education, the omnibus rivers and harbors and flood control authorization program and other bills and appropriations due to be taken up after the FEPC issue is settled.

self has said, we know the orders were not for a serious fight against the filibuster.
Loud and continuous pro-FEPC speeches by Truman may help the Post and the other liberals and labor leaders to round up votes for the Democrats in the fall. But they won't change the fact that Truman's only interest in FEPC is how he can exploit it for his own political purposes.

European Notebook
Algerian Workers Fight for Freedom

By Ernest Germain

On the eve of May 1 the Sunday edition of L'Humanite, leading daily of the French Communist Party, carried, among the many directives for the next day's demonstration, a tiny notice at the bottom of the page addressed to the North African workers.

But the summons of the Sunday L'Humanite remained without response. The May 1 line of march testified above all to the increasing coldness among French workers to Socialist "directives."

UNFORGETTABLE SCENE
At the very moment when everyone was awaiting the last of the marchers, there appeared the group of the Movement for the Victory of Democratic Liberties (the MTLD), the organization which embraces the great majority of the Algerian workers.

Amid the wild acclaim of French workers, lining the streets, they hurled, as if in defiance, their slogans at the reviewing stand where the Stalinist leaders taken by surprise, stood uncertain how to react.

A POLITICAL ACT
The MTLD demonstration was not only an action of enormous symbolic significance. It was simultaneously a well-timed political act of vital importance to the unfolding situation in Algeria.

The principal slogan of the Stalinists was the insipid one for

venal press concerning an alleged "plot" discovered in Algeria. Officials of the MTLD have been interrogated, molested, arrested.

PROVOKING AN OUTBURST
In this way the administration is deliberately preparing an provoking an outburst of revolt upon which hideous and blood repressions would then descend

The May 1 demonstration of the Algerians was no less important as a splendid demonstration of the independence of the MTLD movement from the Stalinists.

Thus when several weeks ago the former Stalinist minister Croizat insulted in the grossest manner La Verite, official paper of the French Trotskyists, because it had the courage to denounce the legislation of this same Croizat on family allotments

A LABOR DIPLOMAT ON THE YUGOSLAV QUESTION

By C. Thomas

Progressive developments in Yugoslavia since the split with Moscow are having a profound impact on the world labor movement.

A N. Y. Times dispatch from Paris discloses that Irving Brown, European representative of the American Federation of Labor, felt called upon to answer the \$64 question.

The article also quotes Brown as saying that the unions in the United States are "against the restoration of the old regime of the exploitation of workers in Yugoslavia," and that he is interested "in making an on-the-spot examination of the economic situation of the people of Yugoslavia."

PROFOUND EFFECT ALL OVER EUROPE
The break of the Yugoslav Communist Party with the Kremlin, its rejection and condemnation of Stalinism, its call for a return to Leninist concepts in the struggle for socialism, is having a profound effect upon the thinking of the European masses.

Workers Should Send Elected Representatives
The Yugoslavs have welcomed visiting delegations from other countries who came to inspect, examine, observe, and report what they saw to their own people.

FLINT SWP IS SETTING PACE IN FUND CAMPAIGN
Contributions to the Militant Fund campaign from friends and readers of The Militant and members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, amounted to \$304 this week, making a total of \$1,439 toward the \$10,000 goal.

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employers were demanding that all employees take the oath. Others insisted that shop stewards and committeemen be included with elected union officials.

ALL LABOR MENACED
The majority opinion gives so broad an interpretation of the disputed section that no strike leader would be immune from its application.

LABOR PARTY NEEDED
Workers and Negroes who want an effective FEPC bill passed and enforced had better make up their minds now that they are not going to get what they want through reliance on the capitalist parties.

"BELIEF" AND "WILL"
To make certain that no intended victim will escape the Taft-Hartley net, the Vinson opinion also proscribes "beliefs"

MILITANT FUND SCOREBOARD

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