Strikebreakers: The Army Wants You

As part of the Army's current recruiting drive in the U.S. officers in mass meetings have pointed out to selliers the low wages and unemployment in the U.S. exists to the point where the picket line is necessary. Thus are these killings prepared to be delivered.

The very worst thing about the murders is that all four of the killings were on April 15, 1972. An estimated 3,000 workers were being deployed for military service, while another 3,000 are restricted from human movements, with nothing.

The 38 of the pickets were also ex-service, fighting for a few pennies more on the dollar. It is a shame that some veterans are accepting these bribes to shoot down workers. In that lies another part of the murderous story of George McNear.

If George McNear can afford to pay his hired killers $131.90 per month for not producing enough, George McNear can afford to grant this tiny wage raise!!

Workers have ordered the right to bear arms. The workers had already begun to arm themselves. This is a good start, even if it is late. The workers have learned to understand that the basic issue is on the job, that the basic issue is with power, and the workers and it with the strength of the workers.

The police are armed and murder is to ARM THE WORKERS NOW!! Not after the murders. Police are not in the working class, and therefore claims that they are defending any more than the police are doing in other parts of the country and even in other workers in the use of the arms. The bosses have declared War! We must use the instruments.

The workers will not forget George McNear! Nor will workers forget our honored dead. They gave their lives in labor's battle to live even under conditions of complete and total terror. If we lose control, we lose the war.

Let us learn from those murders of our fellow workers that the best weapon we can use is to fight for the right to arm ourselves. For, by destroying this system of terror, this system of low wages, of this system of terror, that is the only way and the workers by fighting the world for us, work for us.

The Army will unquestionably have to improve its relations with the United

MURDER AT GRIDLEY

Fighting Worker

The first big clash in the opening of the UNO London meetings between Britain and the Soviet Union over their conflicting interests in the Middle East, and threatened almost to bring an end to UNO entirely.

Vishinsky of the Soviet Union said that Britain and the Soviet Union would use their power to make terms with the United Nations, that the United Nations was the only way to make terms with the United Nations, and that the United Nations was the only way to make terms with the United Nations.

British initiative in the reaction of the Greeks. Then the Soviet representatives denounced use of British troops in Afghanistan, and called for votes to in¬

In the Middle East and in other areas, a demand for a full Soviet Russian control over former Italian-controlled Triполитания. Britain rejected those demands as an effort to cross her line to India to the crown jewel of Empire.

Behind this struggle over control in the Middle East and elsewhere, the Soviet Union is the new revealed terms of the Yalta conference. Russia was given three votes in the Assembly, and prompted permanent occupation of the Kurile Islands and southern Sakhalin Island; eastern border of Poland and the Baltic Sea.

Soviet-Russian and Mongolian government in China were determined; the future of the Chinese Communist Party under independent, Soviet-controlled outer Mongolia and rights in the Manchurian and Manchurian trusteeship provision for UNO was accepted, making UNO powerless.

Thus the Yalta agreement in which concessions by the Soviet Union to American imperialism and vice versa were made is more impor¬

workers and others of the UAW:

Go Ahead and Jump, General

Wringing his way in a plane over the Atlantic to become Chief of Staff, General Eisenhower said that if he didn't believe there was a chance for peace, he would have "jumped out of his plane" in the middle of the Atlantic.

Germans! (As the paratroopers say when they leap into space) Go ahead and jump, General. There is a chance for peace, but not under a social system where war continues against the masses of Java, with the aid of your Army. American materials and strategic agreement with Britain, and a new war continues even now in Vietnam. The war for domination of world markets continues inter racially between the huge, rival imperialists. War for spheres of influence. Cooperative war in Iran, in Greece, in the Levant, in Palestine, in the Mediterranean. In Western Europe is intensified. Cold-threat competition continues over control of air transportation in the Air and atomic energy in the Pacific. High level competitive struggle for retention by America of Pacific islands and other areas.

Go ahead and jump, General. There is a chance for peace, General, but only in a workers' society. Where exploitation of man by man is abolished, where the economic and political causes of peace are removed by abolishing private ownership of factories and equipment, where the workers control the world. The soldiers and workers in their strikes and demonstrations show the way to getting the chance for peace.

Go ahead and jump, General.
Pity the Poor Boss

Greatest Profits in History

The "greatest profits in history" in 1946 will be earned by industry now that excess payroll taxes are reduced, said the OA in its statement filed with the Senate Small Business Committee. The original version of the tax, OA's attempt to prove that business has profited immensely from the war, and that business every worker who has been a victim of tax increases has seen that business is made bitter from experience. To show the extent of profit increases, OA estimated that the average profits of 1939 to 1939, good years of the depression, would be cut to 30% of their re-tailers' profits increase.

Retail hardware 44%; small furniture stores 18%; variety stores 38%; department stores 50%; department and specialty stores 31%; chain grocery stores 15%; music stores 2%; automo-

ticle dealers 21%.

Wholesalers' profits increased; hardware wholesalers 17%; dry goods 69%.

But all these took back a smallest part of their taxes.

All manufacturing 49%; textile and leather 79%; transportation equipment 88%; metal 62%; food products 50%; building materials 31%; chemicals 29%; food, beverages, and tobacco products 78%.

Says OA, "Generally speaking, all kinds and sizes of business have been enjoying the benefits of the new tax law. Many of the business of the war period will be carried over into the past period. With the backing of a large budget, the government will still expect to earn the greatest profits on these businesses."

Meanwhile, throughout the entire period war profits were controlled and restrained by having the "Little Steel" (Steel) terminals. Even OA says that profits were so large that the public can say that this law can describe them as "fantastic."

Vet Grips About Surplus Property

PROPERTY IN SURPLUS PROPERTY GOES TO BIG BUSINESS

January 19, 1946

Dear Editor:

Those who think veterans are re-


New York, N.Y.

ning to receive as veterans' benefits should take a look at the former Studebaker plant in Chicago.

In recent years much attention has been given to veterans' benefits and the question of how to distribute them. The government has been confronted with the problem of what to do with all the surplus property that is available for distribution. This property includes a wide variety of items such as automobiles, appliances, and machinery.

Second priority goes to veterans

While this is a large and diverse stockpile of property, it is clear that many veterans are in need of these items. Veterans who have been injured or disabled during the war are particularly in need of these items. They may require them for their own use or to provide for their families.

We PUT THE FINDER ON . . .

A Treasury report released last week on the nation's war debts for the year 1943 shows that a total of $14,605,000,000,000 was redeemed during the year. This is a decrease of approximately 10% from the year before.

The report shows that the government has been very successful in its efforts to reduce the national debt. The government has been able to sell bonds at record prices, which has enabled it to raise the necessary funds to pay off the war debts.

The report also shows that the government has been able to make timely payments on its obligations. The government has been able to make payments on its war debts within 60 days of the due date, which is the legal requirement.

It is hoped that these efforts will continue in the future, so that the government can continue to pay down its war debts in a timely manner.
Labor Party is Boss Agent

For years the Trotskyists have been trying to form their membership about a Labor Party. Both Cannon and Schachtman constantly call for a Labor Party to face them. It is necessary to expose, in order to show its weakness to its membership and thereby prove that Labor needs a Revolutionary Marxism Policy.

If you read the Trotsky press regularly, however, this lie is completely exposed. A recent Schachtman headline on the Labor Party article said: "Labor needs its own Party to Win."

This one headline is full of a dozen political errors. In the first place Labor does not need a Labor Party. A Labor Party is an instrument of the capitalist class, a means to an end. It is true, but an instrument of capitalism nonetheless.

Secondly Labor does not need a Labor Party to Win. At a matter of fact Labor is one of the pitfalls on the road to victory for the working class. The working class in the same trade union fakers organized as a political machine, who sell out our daily in our economic struggles. Anyone with a iota of sense knows that Lewis, Murray, Green, and the Stalinists are not for destroying capitalism, that they merely want in patch it up behind left-wing capitalist politicians such as毛泽东.

A Labor Party is designed precisely in order to DEFEAT Labor, to stop it from moving to the Revolutionary Marxist Organization.

But Schachtman (and Cannon, too, hat similar headings) slurs over all these things. He is going along with the idea in order to win the working class about what a Labor Party can and can not do.

The working class must fight the Labor Party, and its policies. The working class must fight Labor Party with the same vigor that we once fought its sister, Popular Front. Both are attempts at establishing left bourgeois democratic front. Both are stopgap to counteract, divide and demoralize the working class.

Yet, Labor needs its own Party to win. But its own Party would be a Revolutionary Marxist Party, a program for the overthrow of capitalism. There is no shorter to this, no "get-rich-quick" panacea.

Program for Action

1. WORKERS REVOLUTION IN U.S. AND ALL OTHER CAPITALIST STATES to destroy private ownership of the means of production.

2. FOR A WORKERS STATE IN U.S. and FOR A WORLD WORKERS STATE, based on armed workers power.

3. FOR A POLITICAL REVOLUTION IN THE SOVIET UNION to arm the workers, smash the Stalin bureaucracy, and reestablish Soviets. For the defense of the Soviet Union despite and against Stalinism.

4. REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY IN U.S. For a World Revolutionary Workers Party, including the Soviet Union. For a New Fourth (Communist) International.

5. RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL COLONIES. For full and complete independence for the colonial territories and all islands and areas dominated by foreign imperialism.

6. MINORITIES - Full political and economic equality, an independent voice, and self-government, for every national group; the right to equal pay for equal work - for Negros, Mexicanos, Chicanos, Japanese, Jews and other minorities. Against Jim-Crow anti-Semitism, exclusion laws directed against oriental peoples.

7. LABOR PARTY - Against a Labor Party of P.A.C. or other varieties of Popular Front, which can be only a political machine for the labor leaders; Murray, Hillman, Lewis, Green, to mobilize American workers to support the capitalist government, as in England.

8. FASCISM - Oppose all efforts of capitalist political parties, or any other variety of Popular Front, which can be only a political machine for the labor leaders; Murray, Hillman, Lewis, Green, to mobilize American workers to support the capitalist government, as in England.

9. DRIVE THE DEBTORS AND BANKRUPT A CAPITALIST - Inexorably apply means of destruction of the debtors and bankrupt the capitalist. Deprive the capitalist of all his assets. In the name of the workers, seize his property.

10. FOR THE RIGHT TO STRIKE, including slow-down, slowdown, stoppage, and stoppage of all productive forces. For the defense of the workers against the no-strike or Company Security policy. Spread the strike. Organize Workers Councils. For Workers Flying on strike; their right to strike; their right to be governed against capital and government terror. Arm the workers! Workers Rule!

11. DEMOCRACY IN THE UNIONS. Shop stewards to be the shop stewards who are not the workers but the workers. The unions to be run by the workers, who own the unions.

12. 30 HOUR WORK - 5 HOUR DAY with a stilted scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.

13. UNEMPLOYED - Trade Union wages for the unemployed.

February 14, 1940 - The working class, like Popkey, doesn’t know in what state it would run the country. The working class in an all solid mass and destroy once and for all this monstrous system of wars, starvation, depression and moral misery.

But the present strike wave is again proving just how American capitalism, precisely because it is so integrated, is vulnerable to any real united and direct drive by the American proletariat.

Sixteen thousand workers in Philadelphia, Philadelphia and New York were able to paralyze cities with a total population of over twelve million. Thirty-five hundred tugboat strikers reduced to a standstill thousands of valuable wages in the port of New York; in the Port of New York; in the port of New York of dollars of wealth that funnel out of Wall Street’s spires, this city of finance morals was completely helpless in the face of the unity of only 3,500 workers.

The working class did not have to settle the present strikes for what in effect amounts to both a wage cut and a price increase. In the long run, a price increase of 10 cents per gallon, a wage increase of 10 cents per hour could have forced for greater concessions from the bourgeoisie. Unfortunately, the labor fakers - Murray, Roche and the rotten Stalinists - did not sense the strike out before they began. The workers were further confused by the phoney figures put out by the government and the fact-finding boards which boosts the prices for the bosses and refuses the wage demands of the workers.

It is quite apparent that the steel, auto, and electric strikes will be the forerunners of a series of increased 10 cents per hour. According to Philip Murray, President of the CIO and of its Steelworkers union, the steelworkers are tougher. It is a cut of $75 in the average steelworker’s pay envelope, since the work week has been cut from 60 to 48 hours a week. The 10 cents for Packingham will have the same effect.

But that doesn’t exhaust the picture. Actually the hourly labor costs of the employers have cut 8% since the end of the war. A worker working for $1 per hour received a big wage increase - the last eight months of work being paid for at time and a half. The average HOURSLY WAGE increase since the war was $10 an hour. If he is paid an $10 an hour wage he has received $11.18 is amounts to only a 10 cent per hour raise. But if he now works only 40 hours his wages are cut to $47.25 per week, almost $50 lower than previously.

With all the technological improvements brought about by the war and all the new labor saving devices the actual labor costs to employers will be lower than this year in 1940. A thousand dollars of wages will bring more goods to the capitalist now than twelve hundred dollars did in 1940, despite the rise in the cost of living.

Furthermore, by the end of the year the 2% wage increase will be completely obliterated by the rise in prices. According to Kiplinger’s news letter, an authoritative bureau of financial affairs, the wage index, showing the much price index increase, rose this year was 5%. But this estimate must now be reduced upward to an average index of latest report. And the actual inflationary spiral will probably be much higher.

You can check this development more closely by investigating the pending steel of the steel magnates. According to the Chicago Sun the government-permitted rise in steel prices this year will increase corporation income by some $200 million. The American Iron and Steel Institute estimates that it will be 275 million. But the total cost of the $150 million increase will be only 130 million dollars. Thus the Steel Industry gains somewhere between 95 and 150 million dollars by granting the raise. When you add in the greatly lowered transportation costs, and the lower wage-saving devices, the new, and the new labor-saving devices, you get a graph picture of the gigantic outlay of big business. It has made the wage question as a club to gain much greater profits.

The role of Philip Murray in the present strike was simple. He went along with the capitalists in this robbery. This labor leader of capital had cancelled labor during World War II. He didn’t want to face wages rise but to concentrate on getting prices lowered. In fact the CIO organized all kinds of schemes to stop the price gaining of the bosses, as shown the fact that one time that Johnny Johnson the top union boss didn’t charge any extra penny for his rise these courses. In other words, he was failed miserably, as Murray knew it, because under capitalism you can’t effect a real price control.

Now, however, Uncle Phil is taking an opposite tack. Today he tells the workers to pay higher wages just to win the big strike - just concentrate on getting a raise. But Murray is keeping quiet about the real meaning of the wage increase. It is a completely worthless increase because as prices and taxes are going to set it up. It is certainly not an advance, as the working class is committing, as it is all too clearly shown, because Murray never knew it, because under capitalism you can’t effect a real price control.

If Murray’s role is simple the role of Walter Reuther, head of the General Motors strike committee is somewhat more complicated. He pulled the GM workers out fully three months before he should have. For years he argued that he was against a fact-finding committee and that he demanded that the company open its books. He informed the workers that he wouldn’t accept a raise if it meant a boost in prices.

In three short months, old Walter has forgotten everything he ever said. He not only agreed to a fact-finding committee, but he accepted the decisions of this phonies board for a 2% raise - even after General Motors turned right against his wishes by delivering the company open its books or about stopping inflation. Murray told this naive reformist to keep his mouth shut and Walter is one of the boys.

General Motors - as we go to press - has offered 18.5% "intransigent" Walter Reuther who has already forgotten money cut, 20% money cut, that he wouldn’t agree to anything less than 18.5%. Time will tell whether he will concede on this penny as he has conceded on everything else.

The words "eighteen and a half cents raise" sound very good to the average worker who has neither bothered to figure out the future. In the first flush of strike settlement Murray will look upon this as a victory. But the next few months will prove to him that this is an illusion, that the same-name-strike fakers who sold him out during the war by refusing to permit him to strike, have sold him out now by their class-collaboration policy and their secret collusion with Wall Street.

New struggles of the working class, particularly its unemployed and veteran sections, will come to the fore next year. But for that a new leadership is necessary. Workers everywhere must organize progressive groups in every trade union to fight the top labor bosses, to organize into a militant program that puts no faith whatsoever in the capitalist state.

The 18.5% rise is only a stopgap and an illusion. The working class needs a Revolutionary Marxist leadership to expose the long-term implications of the present strike and to guide it against the snare and pitfalls of the reformism and centrists of all strikes.

International News

Bulletin of the Provisional International Contact Commission

The International News is open to discussion on the Road to the Fourth (Communist) International, on plans for the preparation for the future international conference of revolutionary groups.

4,000 words is set as the tentative limits of material for a discussion.

Revolutionary groups in Europe have already indicated their desire to participate in this discussion.

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the GM strike with steel, electrical, telephone and meatpacking, for his own international purposes, Reuther called the strike at the wrong time. Production was low, the company was in the black and out and had precipitated the strike in one area after another. It was the union which was balking reversion.

Actually, Reuther was right. Why else would he have called for a halt production because of lack of gasoline? His "strategy" of calling out one Auto Workers is his attempt to reassert the ability of a solid front of auto workers, and left the GM workers virtuously.

2 - COMPANY SECURITY AGAINST STRIKERS is a continuation of the "peaceful" struggle between capital and labor. The GM strikers are not the only workers who are facing this struggle. The other companies are attempting to organize a security police force. The government is creating a "counter-offensive" in the form of the National Guard and the Police. We must be alert to the dangers of this situation.

3 - PACT-FINDING. Though they bitterly denounced government facts, the workers in striking companies are not satisfied. Murray and McCorkle too accepted the Tru-

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