

The great American \$100 billion hoax

By Cedric Belfrage

THE most gigantic hoax in history is now all set to be perpetrated upon the much-hoaxed American people, in a desperate effort to shore up an economy bogging down in unsolvable dilemmas. The nature of this \$100,000,000,000 hoax of "atom defense" has now been admitted by an authoritative publication which does Americans a service by speaking for big business with more frankness than tact.

"BILLIONS FOR ATOM DEFENSE WILL BE NEXT PUMP PRIMER" is the headline on the story in the June 16 U.S. News & World Report. Here is the essence of the hoax as U.S. News reveals it:

Making a place to hide from the A-bomb is to cost billions, remodel the U. S., open the biggest public-works plan in history. . . . Build-up of sentiment for civilian defense is scheduled to start later in 1950. Planners are busy now deciding what to sell the country and how to sell it. They figure that they have hold of a program that, in years just ahead, can serve as a vast pump-priming enterprise in the event armament, foreign aid and other Government activities are not big enough to keep business at a high level. . . .

Plans now being drawn up include Government outlays for public works that would cost 100 billion dollars . . . (and) other billions in private funds to be spent for the defense of factories and families. . . . In the event of a business slump, the planners will have a pump-priming program ready geared to defense in the atomic age.

CEMENT'S THE THING: What the plan boils down to is to "save" monopoly capitalism by setting it to work digging its own grave. "Shelters," U.S. News finds, "are vital in an atomic blast"; the nation must therefore be prepared to duck under 12 inches of concrete (21 inches in the case of factories). For war industries, "mines, caves, tunnels are recommended." The picture is of a future America first dispersed geographically and then dug into holes. For those businessmen whose pumps will be thus primed at the people's expense—especially those in the cement business—it is a picture of some years more of fabulous profits before final catastrophe (or certified insanity mercifully intervenes).



Washington Post

Svengali

First step in selling the hoax is an intensified nation-wide campaign to instill fear in the people—fear of a socialist country across the world which has never replied in kind to almost daily American threats to atomize it. The N.Y. Times led the procession early this month with featured articles pointing out that an atomic attack on the America of today would "produce approximately the same panic and destruction as were caused at Hiroshima." Since "latest intelligence reports" show no such attack is in the offing, the Times says editorially:

Obviously it will not be possible to get a big and complex job done quickly without some very powerful stimulus both to officialdom and to the public. The one real stimulus that would do the job, of course, is fear.

The Times set "mid-1952" as "the latest date by which the U.S. must have an operational air defense system . . . operating on a 24-hour basis." 1952 is

the year the pump-priming Marshall Plan is scheduled to end. If export of Coca-Cola sags that year, it will be bonanza time for the cement business.

I SPOT, THOU SPOTTEST: How army brass is touring the country spreading A-bomb jitters was told in the first story of the "atom defense" campaign in the GUARDIAN April 19. Since then the movement has gathered momentum. The country is divided into 20 defense areas, 8 controlled by the army and 12 by the National Guard. In the 27 states as yet having no legislation under which "defense" plans can be financed and implemented, the heat is on to make good the defect.

● In New York City Mayor O'Dwyer announced last week that a "comprehensive" defense plan was almost ready. In the state, 95% of 22,000 volunteers needed to man 616 airplane-spotting posts are already recruited.

● In San Francisco, west coast mayors and officials met last week to "blaze a trail" for the rest of the country, with San Francisco's Mayor Elmer E. Robinson warning that coast cities are 10 hours' flying time from Soviet bases. Office of Civilian Mobilization chief Paul J. Larsen said "from 12 to 15 million volunteers" would be needed for civil defense. He told the mayors that "for purposes of planning it was assumed 20 U.S. cities would be bombed the first day and bombing would continue over a three-year period." Admitting that bursting A-bombs would "have an effect on the blood count, bone marrow and so on," Larsen gave this reassurance: "The medical profession is studying the matter." U. of California Medical School Dean Dr. Stafford Warren, however, suggested prompt evacuation of cities in the event of an attack, and added that he would "want Geiger counters going all the time on everything I ate."

Secy.-Treas. Eddie Tanguen of the Marine Cooks & Stewards (CIO) made this comment on the mayors' meeting:

"It might have been productive if the mayors had discussed re-establishment of trade with China. West Coast workers are far more likely to die from starvation than from atom-bomb attacks."

● In Pennsylvania, recruiting of 13,794 men and women to man 627 plane spotting posts began last week. In Louisiana Brig. Gen. Raymond Hufft, spokesman for a National Guard defense committee, told visiting Paul Larsen his state's program would be ready in June. In Iowa, plans for recruiting hundreds of spotter volunteers were completed last week.

AN IDEA FROM OREGON: "Mock A-bomb raids" are set to be carried out shortly on Chicago, Seattle and Washington to test their defenses. There won't be any planes, but local authorities will be given "details" of the "attack" and then figure out what they would do to remove debris, control traffic, put out fires, etc.

Said the Oregon Journal, commenting on Seattle's coming ordeal:

Atomic war, if it comes, imposes a new and literally awful condition. The paralyzing effect upon the normal functioning of life in every particular will never be fully comprehended until experienced.

If it could be understood "even a little," the paper added, "this nation's whole strength would now be dedicated to preventing such war."

Even a little understanding certainly would help. Whether the hoax can be carried through to its fantastic and disastrous conclusion depends on the extent to which unreasoning, man-from-Mars fear can be maintained and intensified among Americans.

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Won't you help, Mr. Acheson?

Dear Mr. Acheson:

We have heard a lot of speeches lately—yours and the President's. War isn't imminent, you both keep telling us, but we must be "prepared"—for the situation is grave, the menace of "Soviet aggression" still acute.

If our country is menaced, we're just as worried as you are. So we've read all the speeches carefully, looking for evidence of this menace you and Mr. Truman speak about.

For the life of us we can't find any. But we can't believe responsible people like you and Mr. Truman would speak this way without evidence. So that's why we're asking you now if you won't tell us whether—and when—the Soviets since the war have:

- (1) Established military bases at our borders;
- (2) Borne down on Canada, Mexico or Peru and transformed them into People's Republics;
- (3) Incited by radio, thanks to their powerful "Voice of the Soviet Union," Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico to free themselves from the capitalist yoke;
- (4) Organized reconnaissance trips with Privateers flying over our American sky;
- (5) Advocated, in speeches delivered by members of the Supreme Soviet, or intellectuals, or scientists, the dropping of a Soviet atomic bomb on the U.S.A.

We did some research work in the papers and didn't find anything like this anywhere. There must be something rotten in the news services. Won't you help us out, so we can get our facts, dates and menaces straight?

Respectfully,

THE EDITORS OF THE GUARDIAN.

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THE MAILBAG

No takers, Mr. Mebane

NEW YORK, N.Y.
In the June 7 GUARDIAN the letter from Daniel Mebane, publisher of the New Republic, is a good example of the confused thinking rampant in the world today.

I am writing as a Catholic priest and from the standpoint of Christian morality. The use of any weapon at any time that is intended to kill non-combatants or that is aimed at mass, indiscriminate destruction is immoral and criminal, and that applies to Americans who use or intend to use such weapons, just as it applies to people of other nationalities. I do not think that God made an exception of Americans where the observance of the Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," is concerned.

Mr. Mebane evidently believes that the end justifies the means when America's "quick victory" is involved. I think we should be beating our breasts for the wanton savagery of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I hope you go on urging your readers to sign the Stockholm Appeal and that as a result the day may not be far away when any government which would be the first to use any kind of weapon for mass destruction or for the murder of non-combatants will be dealt with as a war criminal.

Rev. Clarence Duffy

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Mr. Mebane wrote: "Three paragraphs of the [Stockholm] appeal are fine, but the fourth is vile and crafty: 'We consider that government which would be the first...'" Mr. Mebane contends that this paragraph would brand the U.S. as a war criminal because it used the bomb against the Japanese people. Mr. Mebane has done a remarkable job of misquoting the passage. The appeal says very clearly: "We will regard as guilty of war crimes against humanity that government which first uses the atomic weapon against any country."

Edward Goldberg, Educ. Director Brighton Beach YPA

EAST BURKE, VT.

Publication of the Mebane letter was convincing enough. Start my subscription where his left off, \$1 enclosed.

Arthur Cloutier

NEW YORK, N.Y.

The bombs thrown on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing hundreds of thousands of people among whom were tens of thousands of children, was a war crime. You cannot blame all Americans for that, but you can justly blame those who did it. By the way, Mr. Mebane, after throwing the bomb on Hiroshima, which you justify as a war necessity (it was not), was it also necessary to throw the bomb on Nagasaki?

Samuel Halbstain

OTTAWA, ILL.

Daniel Mebane's tirade against the GUARDIAN was no surprise to me. Democratically, as well as otherwise, the New Republic has finally sunk to the level of the stone-throwing Pharisees; if not, perhaps, even lower. Seeing that the witch hunt is now on, and remembering the fact that Henry Wallace was once NE's editor, such a letter was the cheapest of ALL subtleties, written lest its one-time "left of center" position might be remembered against it by the witch hunters.

"Knowing what was IN man" (Jn. 2:25) it was easy for Jesus to predict these days: the days when those who would speak the truth (politically, as well as scripturally) would be hounded by the spineless, and brought before the

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Peace, it's beautiful

NEW YORK, N.Y.
Your excellent article about the peace campaign has brought wonderful results. We have had requests from 26 states for information about our work and for peace petitions. In many cases the writer has said: "We read in the GUARDIAN that we could get petitions from you." There is certainly no doubt that your paper is reaching people from end to end of the United States.

It is good to know there is one widely read newspaper for whom the word "Peace" is beautiful and American, for whom the defense of peace is not subversive.

Elizabeth Moos, Director
Peace Information Center
P.O. Box 349,
Grand Central Station

Stover shows how

DES MOINES, IA.

Enclosed is my check for \$40 for subscriptions to the Guardian for the enclosed list of names. I want you to know that we greatly appreciated the good articles on the farm question, particularly the articles by Lawrence Emery. You are doing a wonderful job; for God's sake, please don't give up.

F. W. Stover, President
Iowa Farmers Union

The bootstrappers report

LANSING, MICH.

Just one more week of final exams and I will get busy on this. Don't worry, I haven't forgotten—how about sending me a list of subscribers from this area to contact?

Miguel P. De Cruz

FOND DU LAC, WIS.

I always give my copy to various people to induce them to sub-

scribe. I shall certainly do all I can to increase the circulation.



world's so-called benefactors. But for just what? As irony would have it, for a testimony against these benefactors themselves. Mat. 10:21. J. T. Cox

Elise Burke
Council of American Women

Let Matthews know

WASHINGTON, D.C.
The GUARDIAN is to be commended for its support of Lt. Harold K. Thompson Jr., USMC, in his general court martial proceedings now before Secy. of the Navy Matthews for review. Thompson has been under continuous arrest at Quantico, Va., on suspicious charges arising from his association with the Progressive Party and his defense of enlisted personnel under court martial charges and those exposed to racial segregation within the Marine Corps. The public should ask Matthews a few questions about the case.

John E. Rudder
ex-Marine Officer

Australia says 'Yes'

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
It gives me pleasure to send you six subscribers (one each for the Trenton boys) from this country, from cities 3,000 miles apart: Darwin, Perth and Melbourne. A few weeks ago I was doubtful what could be done to establish a fair circulation of the GUARDIAN in Australia. As you must know we are threatened with fascist legislation, and the energy of all progressives is directed to the fight for our own "vanishing civil liberties." However I explained the "C" to a few people, and asked if they were interested. The answer was a definite "Yes."

We wish you every success in your many and valiant fights... say hello to Harry Bridges for us... and feel now a greater kinship than ever before: united against fascism, united for world peace.

Nancy Macmillan

scribe. I shall certainly do all I can to increase the circulation. Wm. Geo. Mobery
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Meeting has been held of some on list and it appears likely that some support for sustaining fund will be forthcoming. Women's Progressive Club meets on June 20 and will take action.

Judge Edward P. Totten

Delinquents, note!

PITTSBURG, PA.
That final notice to delinquents frightened me. I don't want to be lopped off. The extra \$4 is for the best paper—to help keep it best. Wish it were more.

Mr. Y. Stemberg

REPORT TO READERS

Help put 'the peace paper' into more and more hands!

A YEAR ago in this column NATIONAL GUARDIAN reprinted excerpts from our founding statement of Oct. 18, 1948. When we did so, we had grown from an original 5,000 readers to 50,000.

This week, a year later, we address 100,000 readers with these same reminders of why the GUARDIAN came to life:

● Our editorial point of view is for the continuation and development of the progressive tradition set in our time by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

● We believe in expanding freedoms and living standards for all peoples as the essential foundation of a world securely at peace.

● We believe, with FDR and Henry Wallace, that peace can be secured only by seeking areas of agreement among nations, rather than seeking areas of disagreement.

● With FDR, we believe that: The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state. That, in its essence, is fascism.

IN the 20 months since the GUARDIAN came into existence with this credo, the liberties of the people have taken a constant buffeting at the hands of government acting on the instigation of private power; and the job of seeking areas of agreement among the nations of the world has come to a standstill.

But against this apparent tide of reaction, the readers of this publication have built a GUARDIAN circulation 20 times what it was when we published our first issue.

Perhaps this has happened (we would like to think) because of the excellence of the GUARDIAN. But as journalists we must search more deeply for reasons.

This has happened, rather, because of the uniqueness of the GUARDIAN.

THE GUARDIAN has become, in thousands of people's minds throughout the country, "the peace paper." It is the one and only peace paper reaching the people of every state, every major city, and some 5,000 communities of the country.

We are deeply proud of this distinction, and we are just as proud of the many thousands of readers of this paper who have stinted and scraped, telephoned and written to friends, climbed stairs and rung doorbells in their neighborhoods to win more and more people into the family of "the peace paper."

OUR efforts together, readers and staff, have had an enormous influence on the fact that today throughout America there are dozens, hundreds of grass roots peace movements, not all agreeing with one another on all points by a long shot but most certainly determined on one common objective, and that is to head off another war.

As one GUARDIAN reader expressed it, after attending the Chicago Mid-Century Conference:

"The 1,500 delegates and observers convinced me that not war but peace is inevitable."

WELL, now summer is a-coming in, and folks start thinking about vacations.

Fine. We have earned ourselves a little respite.

But please, people, don't take a vacation from the magnificent job you have been doing, as individuals and groups, in bringing more and more readers into the family of "the peace paper."

Our joint effort is paying off; we can't afford a letdown even at vacation time.

Peace can and must be won, whether school keeps or not. And getting "the peace paper" into more and more hands—spring, summer, fall and winter—is the best way we know of to win it.

—THE EDITORS

'You see, I have a son, too ...'

CAPITOLA, CALIF.

This is a letter I wrote to John Gunther a few weeks ago:

I have just read your book on the death of your son Johnny. It was painfully moving. I experienced with you the desperate search for help, the clinging to hope, the preciousness of Johnny's last months. The words of Frances, Johnny's mother, could have been mine.

You see, I have a son too, an only child—a boy of 14. Not as brilliant as Johnny, but bright. His teachers tell me I have a boy to be proud of—but even if he were not he would be infinitely dear to me, as Johnny to you, were he even a mediocre student.

I write on his account. On behalf of my boy—and my sisters' children and my friends' children—and the millions of children who ask, as Johnny did, for the right to live.



JERRY GREENHOOT

The talk of war is awfully close these days. Even in these last few weeks it has moved from the uncomfortable future into a fearful possibility. It made me think when I read your book: at least the Gunthers are spared the dread I feel.

I said I wrote because of my son Jerry. But I speak for Johnny too. If he had lived he would be nineteen now. Scientist that he was, the character of war today would be only too clear for him. If Johnny were alive he would be speaking—fighting—for peace. If he were alive he would ask you to use your talent and your public to fight for peace.

That is what I ask you to do. In memoriam for your son, speak while there is yet time.

The more obvious things to do are essential. Speak to your senators, your Congressman—the many others in high places who will give you an ear because of your prestige. More than that—use your pen. Write on peace, immediately, now, through as many avenues of publication as you command.

I think we should have further top-level discussions with the U.S.S.R.; even that is only a beginning in the fight for peace, but we must begin.

Will you take Johnny's place? Will you do what you can?
Mrs. Flora Greenhoot

What the primary results mean: A challenge to progressive America

By Barney Conal

REPUBLICANS need to win only seven of 36 U.S. Senate seats to be filled in the fall elections to capture control of that chamber; crucial primary tests in Ohio, Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and Iowa give them cause to be pleased and hopeful. Of the 36 senators up for re-election, 23 are Democrats.

Republicans and their Southern Democratic allies have suffered no serious setbacks and have won a few striking strategic victories. Even apparent upsets like Claude Pepper's defeat in Florida and Joe Grundy's in Pennsylvania were victories for the party machines.

FLORIDA: George Smathers, who beat Pepper, was supported by nearly all of the press and all of organized business, which is as much statewide political machinery as ever existed there. Indicative of what is happening in Harry Truman's party was Smathers' post-election statement: though he campaigned like a Republican Joseph McCarthy, he found it not inconsistent to term himself a "staunch Truman Democrat."

PENNSYLVANIA: Republicans worked the Smathers-McCarthy tactic in reverse. James H. Duff was played up as a liberal maverick fighting the bad old Grundy machine. Actually Duff, as Governor, was in control of the Republican Party's machinery and patronage. His victory was not an upset. It was a knockout blow by the "modern" Republicans against an already weakened factional enemy.

NORTH CAROLINA: Democratic Frank Graham's victory, despite all his Pepper-like backtracking, is in even greater doubt now than before the primary. The June 24 runoff, in which he will be opposed by reactionary Willis Smith, will decide.

OHIO, IOWA, CALIFORNIA: Most revealing fact of the primaries in these states was that the Republi-

cans not only outpolled the Democrats but also gave their incumbents majorities which dwarfed anything the Democrats received. The Democrats had the contests, but the Republicans had the voters.

OREGON: Even here, where for the first time there were more Democrats than Republicans on the registration books, public interest, even among Democrats, centered on the Republican primary where another supposed maverick, Wayne Morse, was blessed with nation-wide publicity.

SUMMING UP: Thus the results so far have given the Democrats none and the Republicans at least four new or renovated figures to be publicized as men of presidential timber: Warren, Taft, Duff, Morse. Peculiar to all of these candidates, with the



exception of Taft, is their "sound liberalism"—the Republican strategy for attacking the Democrats on their now exposed and almost destroyed left flank.

There are three new glaring weaknesses in the Democratic Party's relations with the voters:

- It is losing its once crusading spirit on social issues; after four years of unfulfilled promises, its welfare patter sounds hollow in the precincts.

- By adopting what was once exclusive Republican property, red-baiting and jingoism, it is frightening its own people and permitting the Republican press to turn its own red-baiting against it, making

Democrats in many places fearful to admit publicly their affiliation.

- By their welfare-into-warfare program and budget, they are becoming identified by more voters as the War Party.

MENE, MENE, TEKEL: The more than 400,000 votes Communist Bernadette Doyle amassed in California single-handed (in a non-partisan election) on the simple issue of "peace for America's children" is the first large handwriting on the wall. Her question, in a race for a state-wide school post: "What welfare can there be for our children if there is no peace?", must inevitably take on national stature. The longer the two major parties and their press make peace subversive, the more explosive it is likely to become. Any slight break in the bipartisan foreign policy front or any series of strong showings by independent "peace-issue" candidates could work havoc with the machine Democrats at the polls.

James Roosevelt, seemingly half a million votes behind California's Gov. Earl Warren, might pick up twice the votes Miss Doyle corralled by reverting to his father's foreign policy.

PEACE ISSUE IN MIDWEST: The religious and pacifist Midwest, only mildly aroused by the Brannan plan (as the small vote in the Iowa Democratic primaries and the opposition even among Democrats reveal), is the base of the Protestant churches' anti-atom-war programs. Given the peace issue, the Midwest is likely to find that party labels are the easiest of hurdles.

For the progressives of America, the primaries reveal a chafing uncertain electorate impatient and puzzled by the demagogic hogwash and becoming as anxious as the British for a voice on the "atom-war vs. peace" issue. Miss Doyle's surprising showing is likely to be their cue: to make peace and the welfare of a peace state their platform in every possible contest.

PEACE

"Peace" is nice word, cold warriors told

TOP U.S. officials last week ordered Administration spokesmen to talk peace, not war—a significant tribute to the growing strength of the worldwide peace movement. In an address at Dallas, Texas, Secy. Acheson used the word "peace" 19 times. But conservative columnist David Lawrence noticed that Acheson still "talks more like a secretary of war than a secretary of peace."

Newspapers, long committed to cold-war talk, found the directive even more difficult to implement. Former Interior Secy. Harold Ickes wrote to the N.Y. Times complaining of its editorial treatment of Sen. McMahon's recent disarmament resolution. The Times editorial page, he said, should be titled: "Abandon all hope of peace ye who read these columns." The Times proved it in an obstinate, irrational reply.



Szpilki, Warsaw

Military circles, worried by Europe's increasingly outspoken opposition to fighting a U.S. war against Russia, evolved a new propaganda line to the effect that new atomic weapons will eliminate the necessity of mass armies—an effort to counteract resentment caused by the London decision that Europe must provide the foot soldiers for the Atlantic Pact's "balanced forces."

Other peace developments:

ITALY: In Florence, Torres Bodet, Mexican director of UNESCO (UN Edu-

cational Scientific and Cultural Organization), suddenly resigned because UNESCO had turned down three proposals to work actively for peace. He finally withdrew his resignation under pressure from UN Secy. Gen. Lie and after securing a gentleman's agreement that UNESCO members will work for an improved peace program.

U.S.S.R.: In Moscow, the Supreme Soviet took up the annual budget which allots almost twice as much to social, cultural and educational purposes as it does to the military. (The U.S. budget gives 7% to social welfare, etc., 48% to preparing future war.) "Peace is Keynote of Supreme Soviet" was the N.Y. Times headline on its Moscow story.

DENMARK: In Copenhagen Dr. Niels Bohr, one of the world's leading atomic physicists, wrote an open letter to the UN demanding that all nations drop atomic secrecy as a prerequisite to achieving a stable rather than an armed peace.

U.S.A.: Dr. Philip Morrison of Cornell University signed the World Peace Appeal with these words:

"As one of the men who with their own hands assembled the atomic bomb, I have never lost confidence that the people of the world will permit no such weapons by ending the wars which bring their terror."

- The U.S. Youth Sponsoring Committee for the World Peace Appeal launched a drive for 1,000,000 signatures, rolled up 50,000 in three weeks. Representatives of AFL, CIO and independent unions from N.Y., Chicago and Detroit presented to Trygve Lie 150,000 signatures as the first installment on a pledge of 5,000,000 American signatures.

- The West Virginia Methodist Conference, meeting at Charleston, endorsed a report calling for the U.S. to cooperate with the UN in outlawing atomic and biological weapons, and for the dissemination of peace literature throughout the churches.

BOSTON, MASS.

Billion \$\$\$ bank busts peace rally

CLOSE by a First National Bank branch in Boston's garment district last week, Walter O'Brien, director of the Progressive Party of Massachusetts, was addressing 1,500 garment workers on peace, rent control, jobs and discrimination. A guard from the

Signez
POUR L'INTERDICTION ABSOLUE DE L'ARME ATOMIQUE

Nous exigeons l'interdiction absolue de l'arme atomique, avec l'engagement et d'interdiction totale des populations.
Nous exigeons l'établissement d'un rigoureux contrôle international pour assurer l'application de cette mesure d'interdiction.
Nous considérons que le gouvernement qui le premier utilisera contre un autre pays l'arme atomique commettra un crime contre l'humanité et sera à traiter comme criminel de guerre.
Nous appelons tous les hommes de bonne volonté dans le monde à signer cet appel.

Adresse de _____

Commune de _____

Noms des membres du foyer : _____ Signatures : _____

Signature : _____

PEACE—FRENCH STYLE

This is how the world peace pledge—declaring an international criminal any nation that first uses an atom bomb—is being circulated in France. Signatures are solicited on a family basis, with a special space for the children.

bank (the FNB last week was in 24th place in a list of 50 corporations with assets over \$1,000,000,000) approached the sound truck and said to O'Brien: "You'll have to get out of here; you're disturbing the bank."

O'Brien continued speaking and the guard, who is also a regular city cop, with other police shunted O'Brien off to jail. The crowd shouted their disapproval.

IN A DARK ALLEY: Next day a leaflet explaining what happened was distributed on the scene. A policeman said to a distributor: "Some dark night a bunch of guys should get you in an alley and beat hell out of you."

O'Brien was held in \$325 bail, charged with using a sound truck without a permit, failing to move his car at the request of police, obstructing

foot traffic. Unmentioned was the fact that the police tried forcibly to seize the mike, force O'Brien from his car.

O'Brien was cleared on two counts, found guilty of obstructing foot traffic, even though defense attorney Oliver S. Allen, PP state chairman, proved beyond doubt that at no time till he was arrested had O'Brien set foot on the sidewalk. O'Brien was fined \$10. An appeal will be taken this week in Suffolk Superior Court.

THE WORLD

Hungry Europe balks at U.S. policies

"THERE can be no peace in a world half-hungry and half-overfed," the Indian delegate told the recent Stockholm Conference of Agricultural Producers. Two-thirds of the world's 2,200,000,000 people are hungry, with Asia and Latin America hardest hit, the UN's Food & Agricultural Organization announced last week.

In Marshall Plan Europe there is 10% less food per person produced than before the war, according to Marshall Plan reports. Sen. Benton (D-Conn.) declared in Washington that Italy under the Marshall Plan shows "a picture of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer." He said he was "greatly discouraged" because the U.S. has spent \$3,000,000,000 in aid there.

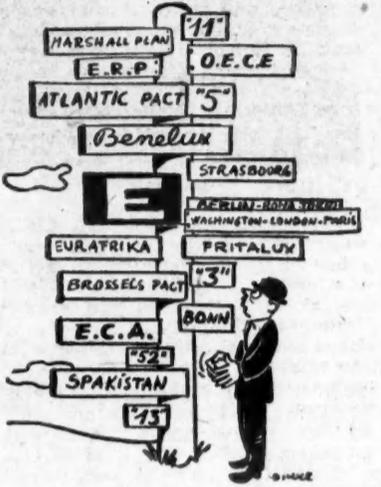
DOWN, DOWN, DOWN: A survey of the UN's Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), discussed in Geneva, predicted a further drastic downward revision of Europe's living standards when the Marshall Plan ends—if present U.S. plans (based on more cold war) are carried out. Western delegates prodded the U.S. to answer the Soviet offer of long-term grain agreements with the West. West Europe needs coarse grains to rebuild its livestock industry and non-dollar wheat to get out from under the dumping of the U.S. wheat surplus.

For example, France, compelled by the Marshall Plan to increase its wheat acreage, now has a surplus for export but cannot sell to Western Germany, a traditional customer, because the Marshall Plan requires Germany to buy dollar wheat—paid by U.S. taxpayers.

INDEPENDENT ACTION: In Washington, the Agriculture Dept. sneered at the Soviet offer. The ECE took no

action. But Britain announced it would double its Soviet wood imports to build houses without draining dollar resources. Without the Bonn government's permission, the West German state of Lower Saxony concluded a trade agreement with East Germany. Russia and Finland signed a six-year pact (Finland's biggest ever). The N.Y. Times reported from Finland that the pact "removes the spectre of unemployment in this country."

The world over, the U.S. and its cold war satellites are squabbling among themselves and running into difficulties:



Front, Brussels Street corner in Europe

BRITAIN: The Labor Party rejected the proposed French-German steel pool—a U.S. idea to make the U.S. dominant in West Europe's economy, while providing, as *Business Week* reported, "Western Europe with most of the arms it needs." Britain refuses to enter the proposed cartel without satisfactory guarantees for its own quotas of steel production and foreign markets.

JAPAN: Gen. MacArthur banned as "persona non grata" a *London Times* reporter. He had written that the recent ban on Tokyo demonstrations was unconstitutional, that the Japanese police had asked to be relieved of their guns because they feared retaliation if Japan went left. Through pet reporters, MacArthur was whipping up sentiment to retain U.S. armed forces and bases in Japan after the peace treaty, and even hinting the U.S. should do something about Formosa.

PHILIPPINES: U.S. puppet President Quirino announced he favored more U.S. troops in the island, then reversed and attacked "U.S. imperialists." Peasants under Communist leadership are fighting for land reform against a corrupt reactionary government, and are growing constantly stronger. Unpopularity of the U.S. policy in Asia was seen behind Quirino's sudden caution.

SOUTH AFRICA: The Assembly passed the Race Areas bill which will drive the nation into ghettos where natives and Negroes will be segregated. The African National Congress set a "Day of Protest" June 26. Indian and Pakistani organizations seek to bring the question before the UN. The South African government was also pushing a law to outlaw the Communist Party. It savagely repressed protest demonstrations.

UNITED NATIONS

Non-political aid plan gets under way

DELEGATES from Italy, Jordan, Ceylon, Austria, Switzerland, Finland, Monaco and many other countries gathered at Lake Success last week to talk about UN technical aid to underdeveloped areas. All Slavic UN members except Yugoslavia, and non-UN-member East European states who are members of the Economic Commission for Europe, were absent because the delegate from Formosa was there.

The press misinterpreted the subject of discussion by referring to it as "UN's Point Four." The UN technical

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aid program has been going on for four years and has nothing to do with Truman's Point Four; no political strings are attached to the aid.

That U.S. efforts to bend UN's program to fit Washington's foreign and colonial policies have had small success was indicated by the amount—\$12,000,000—that Washington threw into the UN pot. This was naturally the largest single contribution, but it is a drop in the bucket compared with Washington's political spending abroad. Nevertheless U.S. pressures have managed to keep UN's program from developing on any major scale.

CROCODILE TEARS: Delegates from some countries (Chile, Pakistan) emphasized self-help. From India and other Latin American countries came the view that too much money was being spent in Europe. Most underdeveloped countries are ex-colonies, wary of political domination through foreign capital.

Paradox of the conference was that most of the "overdeveloped" countries offering money aid and "know-how" were the same imperialists who occupied the underdeveloped ones for centuries or decades, but gave no money or "know-how" then. Thus Britain showed itself full of solicitude for Burma, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, etc.; France, for Viet-Nam, Syria and Lebanon; the Netherlands, for Indonesia. The colonial powers still have large interests in these lands and are not averse to expenditures which might increase the value of their investments.

Significantly, no-one paid any attention to the African colonies, which could not rate as "underdeveloped" until they threw out the British, French, Portuguese, Belgians and Italians. But a total of \$20,012,500 was raised for the first 18 months to aid many countries that need it badly.

WASHINGTON

Mt. Fair Deal sires Soc. Sec. mouse

IN Washington only some tatters were left of the Fair Deal program and the President's bold campaign promises. Congress, trying to clear the decks for mid-summer adjournment, would, it was clear, take no action on liberalization of unemployment insurance, on health insurance, on federal aid to education, Taft-Hartley repeal, the Branran plan, civil rights.



But the Senate was set to vote on reform of the Social Security system. The bill it was to vote on would, if passed, as seems likely, give the Fair Deal a crumb to boast about in the fall elections. **GUARDIAN's** Washington correspondent John B. Stone last week compared the Senate's inadequate Social Security bill with the Administration's original proposals;

WORKERS COVERED: Proposed—addition of 20,000,000 workers to the 35,000,000 now covered, and liberalization of payments. Senate bill extends compulsory coverage to only 8,300,000 and voluntary coverage (on the part of the employer) to another 1,700,000.

OLD AGE PENSIONS: Proposed minimum for man and wife over 65 (now \$10 a month)—\$37.50. Senate bill minimum—\$15; \$150 maximum man-and-wife payment to be retained, as proposed.

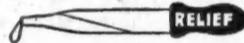


WHO PAYS WHAT: Senate will probably go along with House version of the legislation, passed last year, raising amount of worker's annual wage taxed from first \$3,000 to first \$3,600. This would cost both employers and workers another \$9 a year.

SENATE RAISES: In one respect the Senate bill improves on the earlier Administration proposal. A man covered for 12 years (rare at present), whose average income was \$100 a month, now receives \$42 a month if he and his wife are both over 65. Average payments are much lower—about \$38 or \$39—because few persons have been covered that long. Administration proposed to lift this group to payments of \$69.50; Senate bill makes it \$75.

FARMERS: Coverage extended to farm workers, if employed by a single employer for 60 days during a quarter of a year, and domestic workers if employed in a private house for 24 days in a quarter. Non-farm self-employed are covered except physicians, lawyers, dentists, osteopaths, chiropractors, optometrists, Christian Science practitioners, naturopaths, veterinarians, certified public accountants, architects and professional engineers.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Program extended and liberalized, "but not anything like Truman promised. The Sen-



ate Finance Committee reported that it was

"greatly disturbed by the increasing burden on the general revenue caused by dependency in the U.S. Federal expenditures are running at a rate of \$1,100,000,000 a year for public assistance as contrasted to expenditures of less than \$800,000,000 under the old age and survivors' insurance system. Your committee recognizes that the bill which is recommended for passage does not do the whole job. Public assistance can be reduced to a minimum only if the present aged have their needs met by some other program."

Rent control mascara

Yielding to the real estate lobby, the Administration asked for extension of rent control only until the end of the year—a gesture to save face for the Fair Deal program until after the elections. Even this emasculated measure met strong opposition within the Democratic Party, and was passed only when Democratic whip Scott Lucas (Ill.) convinced committee chairmen they might lose majority control of the Senate in the November elections, and with it their chairmanship, if they didn't pass the bill.

Respectable contempt

The House Lobbying Activities Committee, headed by Frank Buchanan (D-Pa.), tried to investigate three extreme right-wing organizations: Joseph P. Kamp's Constitutional Educational League, Edward Rumeley's Committee for Constitutional Government, and Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council. Financial supporters of Hart include the DuPont family, James Rand of Remington Rand, General Motors officials and others; of Kamp's League, Sears Roebuck, Greyhound Bus and other industrial companies.

The Committee's efforts to subpoena records of these outfits met with outright refusal from Kamp, partial refusal from Rumeley and reluctant compliance by Hart. But the Committee has made no move as yet to cite Kamp

and Rumeley for contempt as progressive organizations have been. (Kamp started a four-months prison term last week for refusal to answer questions by the House Campaign Expenditures Committee in 1944.)

A Committee questionnaire sent to 166 industrial corporations, asking data on funds spent trying to influence Congress, roused the ire of some business men and congressmen. An official of the Inland Steel Co. refused to answer. Some congressmen demanded left-wing groups also be investigated. Buchanan said he would investigate unions and such organizations as American for Democratic Action.

POLITICS

Marcantonio enters the race to win

BACKED by assurances of an unprecedented mobilization of American Labor Party forces and finances from now until election time, N. Y. Congressman Vito Marcantonio this week pitched into the three-party coalition against his re-election with the hope and expectation of beating it come November.

In advance of a press conference making the race definite, Marcantonio told the **GUARDIAN**:

"We are going into this fight with a people's coalition against a coalition of politicians and fakery."

"The leaderships of the Republican, Democratic and Liberal parties, by making a deal among themselves in support of a so-called coalition candidate against the ALP, have deprived the people of their respective parties of the opportunity to choose their own candidate in their own party primary elections."

"The politicians and the fakery are hiding behind the very convenient Wilson-Pakula law [excluding all but enrolled party members from primary candidacies except by party consent] to deny their members a free choice."

"They do not dare let me enter their primaries; so the people of the 18th Congressional District must wait until November to express their disgust with the gang-up tactics of this coalition of politicians and fakery."

The N. Y. press was sharp-shooting at the Marc candidacy even in advance of his press conference. It started with a dope story in the N. Y. *Post-Home News* of a split between ALP and Communists over alleged proposals to abandon the Marcantonio campaign for one in behalf of former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, convicted Communist leader, for a State Assembly seat. Marcantonio promptly called the stories pure fiction and wishful thinking.

HE DON'T: Two other political announcements in New York promised



JAMES G. DONOVAN
Three zeros in one

dramatic new possibilities to the electoral scene. Governor Thomas E. Dewey announced he would not be a candidate for re-election this fall. Dewey's withdrawal left Lt.-Gov. Joe Hanley as the most eligible Republican available.

Dewey's announcement had scarcely left the front pages when a trial balloon was launched by the influential Affiliated Young Democrats for selection of former Postmaster-Gen. James A. Farley to oppose Hanley.

A Farley candidacy has wildfire possibilities among machine Democratic

leaders, who have been shying away from other trial-balloon proposals in behalf of erstwhile liberals like Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., Assistant Secretary of Interior Oscar Ewing and Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson.

MORE BACKSLIDING? First reactions were that Farley's big corporation connections (Coca Cola, N. Y. Central R.R.) and his bitter opposition to FDR from 1940 on would discourage labor and liberal support.

However, the coalition candidate against Marcantonio, James G. Donovan, is a Farley Democrat; so the chances were that back-sliding labor-liberal leadership would go along similarly on Farley for Governor if the Democrats decided on him. The rank-and-file decision, as Marcantonio pointed out in connection with the gangup in the 18th Congressional District, would not be forthcoming until Election Day.

ALP's candidate for Governor will be chosen along with candidates for Lt.-Governor, U.S. Senator and other statewide offices at a state convention scheduled for Sept. 6 at N. Y. City Center Casino.

KANSAS CITY, KAN.

PP sets activities

THE Progressive Party of Kansas will not run statewide candidates this fall, but it won't be idle. It will nominate or endorse candidates for local office, a week-end Working Conference in Kansas City decided. It also set out a 7-point program, with the fight for peace heading the list. Delegates endorsed the Stockholm Peace Resolution and decided to work with all groups and organizations bucking the cold war.

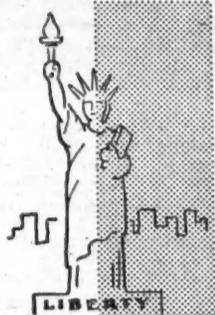
They demanded immediate passage of fair employment practices legislation; protested recent Kansas City relief cuts and called for a minimum of \$100 a month; unanimously endorsed the resolutions and program of the February national convention of the Progressive Party; pledged support to the United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, in its drive to unionize the Swift and Wilson packing companies.

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FREEDOMS

Willie McGee dies July 27, unless —

THE fight for freedom in the U.S. was many-sided. Some fought in the courts, trying to hold off the legal lynching of Willie McGee in Mississippi or the Martinsville Seven in Virginia, or the jailing of more progressives.



Still others rang doorbells in their neighborhoods. Threats of greater assaults came from legislators. Here are reports from some of the fronts:

McGEE—11th HOUR: Willie McGee was due to die in the electric chair July 27, framed on a charge of rape. For four and a half years the Civil Rights Congress had kept him from the chair. Even now CRC was still fighting. New data was on hand, CRC officials said, that would warrant a new trial. They planned legal steps to get him one.

But CRC Exec. Secy. William Patterson was not relying on the courts. He said:

"The courts of the country have turned a deaf ear. Every arm of government in Jimcrow America is playing its part in carrying out a policy of terror against the Negro people."

Then he referred to the Martinsville Seven. Four of them are to die July 28, the others a week later.

The Governors of Mississippi and Virginia can grant clemency. Their addresses: Gov. Fielding M. Wright, Jackson, Miss.; Gov. William M. Tuck, Richmond, Va.

THE HOLLYWOOD 8: Authors Dalton Trumbo and John Howard Lawson were on their way from the Federal Jail in Washington to a prison in Ashland, Ky. The remaining eight of the Hollywood Ten paused in New York for a rally in

Town Hall on Monday night. On Tuesday some at least were to appear in Federal Court in Washington.

HOMES FOR MARTYRS: Here is where other U.S. political prisoners are being held:

Dr. Edward Barsky, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Va.; Howard Fast and Dr. Lyman Bradley, Federal Prison Camp, Millpoint, Va.; Dr. Jacob Auslander, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn.; Eugene Dennis, Dr. Louise Miller, Harry Justiz and Manuel Magna, Federal Detention House, West St., New York City; Mrs. Ruth Leider, Mrs. Marjorie Chodorov and Mrs. Charlotte Stern, Federal Prison at Alderson, W. Va. James Lustig and CRC Chairman George Marshall are still being held in Federal Jail, Washington, D. C.

The courts continued to snipe at Civil Rights defenders. Indiana's Supreme Court last week convicted for contempt Judge Norval K. Harris of Sullivan County Circuit Court, co-chairman of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders. Judge Harris had beaten off earlier legal attacks. This time the charge was that he had investigated the county prosecutor in defiance of a Supreme Court order.

The prosecution meanwhile filed its brief against the appeal of the Communist leaders. The appeal comes before the Court of Appeals in New York on Wednesday, June 21.

ACLU helps Thompson

New support came during the week for Marine Corps Lt. Harold K. Thompson, whose court-martial proceedings on trumped up charges were first exposed in the GUARDIAN.

In a letter to Secy. of Navy Matthews the American Civil Liberties Union made these two points:

We have noted from the records that there is uncontradicted testimony to the effect that at least two witnesses for the prosecution... were coerced... through the use of threats of jail sentences on spurious charges.

We also note sworn statements in affidavit form, which we have not seen contradicted, to the effect that the Navy was tapping wires of Lt. Thompson and listening in on conversations between him and his attorney. . . .

The case is now before Matthews for review.

Lt. Thompson was court-martialed after he tried to resign from the Corps to devote himself full-time to Progressive Party work. He is still under post arrest at Quantico.

Bridges citizenship revoked

The citizenship of Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union,



JUDGE NORVAL K. HARRIS
Snipers at work

was revoked last week. Bridges is now appealing a sentence of five years' imprisonment. The government charged him with perjury in denying he was a Communist. The Bridges Defense Committee said of the revocation order: "No surprise. All legal rights have now been swept aside in this persistent persecution of an incorruptible labor leader."

PEEKSKILL

Non-interventionist cops blameless, says Grand Jury

LAST summer the audience at two concerts by Paul Robeson near Peekskill, N.Y., were beaten and stoned. Close to 250 were injured, many seriously.

Last week a Grand Jury, after eight months of investigating, found the victims the prime culprits. Those who attacked the concert-goers, without hindrance by state and local police, were mildly criticized as "misguided patriotic citizens." Police were exonerated.

The concert, the presentment charged, was "used by the Communist Party as a proving ground . . . for rehearsing its strong-arm forces." Those who rallied to defend the concert-goers were "shock troops of a revolutionary force which is controlled by a foreign power. . . ."

Sealed indictments were handed up, reportedly for at least one of the concert-goers.

Negro conference decides: Jobs and FEPC hold the key to peace

By Rod Holmgren

CHICAGO ON June 10-11 900 trade unionists met in Chicago's Packing House Labor Center to discuss Negro rights. They came out with much more than a Negro rights program — a program based on the conviction that these rights are the key to peace, civil liberties and the rights of all labor. This was the program:

- Start the wheels rolling for \$10,000,000,000 five-year federal projects to build schools, hospitals, housing and roads, provide the cultural services the nation needs—and provide 10,000,000 jobs. The conference saw programs for unemployment benefits, social security and pensions as meaning little so long as jobs shrink.

- Let every union write into each contract it signs an FEPC clause which would forbid discrimination because of race, sex, religious or political beliefs in interviewing or hiring job applicants, and would block discrimination in promotions, upgrading, apprenticeship, job training and layoffs.

The conference drafted such a model clause. It will be circulated to all unions. Church and civic organizations of all kinds, all creeds, all political trends will be asked to endorse it.

HOW TO DO IT: Put before the delegates in the last hours of the conference, the program touched off demonstrations of enthusiasm. Delegate after delegate testified to the needs of his community for the things such a program could provide, the needs of his fellow-workers for jobs. Speaking of Congress's failure to enact FEPC, Nellie Stone, vice president of the AFL Teachers Union in Minneapolis, said:

"For once Republicans spoke the truth when they blamed the Democrats and Democrats spoke the truth when they blamed Republicans—because that show was a real bi-partisan deal." Ewart Guinier, international Secy.-Treas. of

United Public Workers, who presented the program, outlined to the GUARDIAN a plan for implementing it and spreading back home the enthusiasm of the delegates:

- Set up Trade Union Councils for Negro rights all over the country, patterned after those in Harlem and Chicago.

- Let each union set up its own councils on Negro rights and jobs.

- Get the program before every political party and every civic organization in the country. Guinier prepared to stump for it. He said he would take the program before the executive committee of the Progressive Party when it meets later this month. Officers of several internationals have already invited Guinier to address their conventions this year.

CROSS SECTION: Delegates at the conference include 317 from CIO internationals or locals, 59 AFL delegates, 393 independents; 70% were Negro; 25 to 30% were women; over 100 were from locals in the deep south. Large delegations came from the Food, Tobacco and Agriculture Workers, the Farm



In the outdoor arena next to the Packinghouse Labor Center delegates discuss the special problems of Negroes in the South.

Equipment and United Electrical Workers, Packinghouse, Auto, Steel, Mine-Mill, Fur, United Office Workers, United Public Workers, Longshoremen and Marine Cooks and Stewards. Many of these were represented by their international board members.

There were 26 delegates from railway unions. These figured in Guinier's report, for he singled out the railways as an example of the steady, fatal whittling-down of Negro workers, their confinement to less-skilled, lower-paying jobs. He pointed out that in 1890 there were 6,000 Negro firemen, in 1919, 4,000, in 1940, 2,000; in 1950 far less. Of the 125,000 Negro railroadmen there is now not a single Negro engineer, telegrapher, dispatcher, ticket agent, information clerk or typist.

PEACE PROGRAM: The discussion on the floor was never far from the over-riding question of peace. Said conference chairman Charles Collins, vice-president of Local 6 AFL Hotel and Club Employees, New York:

"Only in peace can we have equality. The purpose of this meeting is not to place the blame for the cold war—but to end it."

Conference high-spot came Saturday night, when Paul Robeson, fresh from the London meeting of the World Partisans of Peace Executive Committee, spoke at an open-air rally. He called upon the delegates to

"place Negro trade unionists in the front ranks of a crusade to secure at least a million signatures of Negro Americans to the Stockholm Appeal for Peace. . . . One simple reason why I know that we shall win is that our friends are much more numerous than our enemies. They will have to build many, many more jails—not only here but all over the world—to hold the millions who are determined never to give up the fight for freedom, decency, equality, abundance and peace."

The delegates gave this promise: "No war, hot or cold, merits the support of the people if it is predicated on the ideas of superior and inferior races and peoples, if it would further grind us in the dust, and if it would extend the domination of Rankinism beyond the South onto other peoples of the world who surely want no part of it."

NEW YORK

15,000 rally against city's union-busting

It rained coldly and steadily in New York City last Thursday evening, but the demonstration went on as scheduled. Pickets estimated at 15,000 completely circled City Hall Park and demanded a stop to the "worst union-busting, anti-labor vicious attack ever launched against union members in this city."

Fighting back was the United Public Workers Union with a large membership among the city's 160,000 civil service employees; supporting it were the American Labor Party, civic organizations, and 74 AFL, CIO and independent unions.



Mayor O'Dwyer refused to meet with a delegation of six national and local trade union leaders, offered to permit one of them to confer with a detective-aid. The offer was spurned. The Mayor left the hall before the demonstration reached its peak.

CALL OFF THE WAR! Marchers demanded reinstatement of eight suspended teachers, all of them leaders or executives of the Teachers Union (UPW), and an end to a war of attrition against UPW members and leaders in the Dept. of Welfare.

This is the box-score in the Welfare battle, which the union contends amounts to a lockout: 10 fired for union activities; 31 given punitive transfers; 79 fined; 52 given below-average ratings; 5 demoted; grievance machinery destroyed; a 24-hour a day thought-control imposed.

The school crisis grew worse through the week. Reports that Superintendent of Schools Jansen, in a conference with high school principals, had threatened teachers with "insubordination" charges for refusing extra-curricular activities without adequate salary increases, brought a tough reply from the union. Such a move, it warned, would bring "grastic counter-action" which "may lead to a situation that would

make it impossible to reopen the schools in the fall." The after-school-hours stoppage continued.

O'DWYER'S PAYOFF: Teachers' tempers were not improved when the Mayor appointed to the Board of Higher Education two of his former campaign treasurers. They said he had made the Board "an agency for the crude award of political favors."

Trial proceedings against the suspended eight were set for July 5 with Theodore Klendl presiding as a specially-appointed trial examiner at \$1,800 a month. Teachers protested his selection bitterly. His law firm is one of the biggest and richest in the country, includes J. P. Morgan & Co. among its clients, and for 80 years has excluded Jews from partnership. The eight are all Jews.

PROTESTS POUR IN: From abroad came support. The World Federation of Trade Unions filed formal protests with the U.S. Embassy in Paris and with the UN. Leading European educators and scientists protested to the N.Y. Board of Education.

Fordham University bestowed an honorary degree on Board member George Timone, ardent Franco supporter and father of the resolution denying recognition to the Teachers Union. The Fordham citation praised him for "total fulfillment of the law of love without stint or measure" and "total exercise of the corporal works of mercy."

CHICAGO

100,000 names wanted for peace, progress

PROGRESSIVE Party members in Illinois were on a double-barreled petition drive last week. They were after 100,000 signatures on a peace petition patterned on the Stockholm Appeal, and a like number to put PP candidates on the ballot in fall elections.

The Cook County Central Committee met to designate state and county officers and to name statewide candidates.

SPECIAL SESSION: It was believed last week that the state legislature would meet in a special session. Main purpose was to give Illinois cities opportunity to take advantage of local option features in federal rent control legislation. But Chicago politicians would use the session to get an extra bite of state funds from the city: down-state politicians were huddling together to head them off.

WAR ON JIMCROW SCHOOLS: On another front the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People



was pressing a court fight to end school jimcrow in ten Illinois counties which are violating a new state law barring state funds to counties maintaining segregated school systems.

PROTEST RALLY: The Deadline for Freedom Committee was preparing a mass rally to protest the jailings of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee board members, the first two of the Hollywood Ten, George Marshall of the Civil Rights Congress and Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party. Speakers will include Gale Sondergaard, Vincent Hallinan (Harry Bridges' attorney), Rev. Richard Morford. The time and place: 8th Street Theater, Friday, June 23, 8 P.M.

LABOR

NMU yields to blacklist

IN 1944 the National Maritime Union climaxed a five-year battle—to win a contract clause providing against any discrimination because of race, creed or color. That clause, the hiring-hall and the system of rotating jobs seemed to guarantee a seaman his right to a job. If the union sent him, the company hired him.

Earlier this year the Supreme Court outlawed the hiring hall. Last week NMU president Joseph Curran in effect surrendered the hiring hall and opened the way for full use of the waterfront blacklist, known to exist in company files. In an agreement with Atlantic and Gulf Coast shipowners he gave them the unlimited right to reject any seaman, and agreed that preference be given to seamen proven "sober and reliable" in the previous employ of other companies.

One seaman said: "That means the hiring hall will be a company employment office with the union paying the rent." Another commented: "It puts the union label on the blacklist." Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other targets of discrimination would be unprotected

under the terms. Technically the agreement must come before the membership but no one on the waterfront expected opposition to be tolerated by Curran supporters.

Guildsmen, crafts solid in World-Telly strike

THE plant of Scripps-Howard's largest paper, the New York World-Telegram and Sun, was shut down tight last week. Before it marched a solid picket line of the New York Newspaper Guild. Across the street the pressmen, typesetters, photo engravers, stereotypers watched the line, smiled and would not break it.

It was the first time in 50 years that the newspaper unions acted together. Some were AFL, some CIO, some Independent. All were united. It was the first time a New York newspaper was forced to shut down.

Louis Donato, Secy.-Treas. of the Allied Printing Trades Council, said: "The publishers are responsible for driving us together."

"NO-MAN'S-LAND": Each union had its quarrel with the publishers. The World-Telegram, which had recently absorbed the open-shop Sun, had one of the worst contracts in the city. The Guild demanded that it conform to the best city-wide standard.

The printing unions, whose contracts expired last September, found the publisher firmly resisting their demands. When representatives of New York Typographical Union Number 6 (Big Six) met with the Publishers' Assn. and federal mediators last week they were told that negotiations were futile, because Big 6 had already violated its agreement not to support any strike that did not involve their members. Big Six answered that it had violated no contract, that it never agreed to send its members into a "no-man's-land," and that no provision had been made for the "family of a printer should he be killed or injured."

Other labor developments:

OIL WORKERS: The Oil Workers Intl. Union (CIO) in its organ *The Oil Worker* found the "Democratic Party long on promises and sweet talk and terribly short on bringing home the bacon." They threatened to bolt. The editorial said that "the budding maiden that is labor political action" has had too many "broken dates." The union further charged that Texaco was violating labor laws under the protection of "a very close tie-in with NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham."

CIO last week expelled the American Communications Assn. and the Intl. Fur and Leather Workers Union. Fur had already withdrawn. ACA said it would appeal to the next CIO convention.

CALENDAR

New York

A WORLD AT PEACE, or a world in pieces? Help us give a push to the peace movement. Native African and Caribbean dances Sat., June 24, 8:30 p.m. at George's Roof Terrace, 223 8th Av., NYC. Donation 50c. Liz and Rhoda.

Chicago

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Health food stores and what's in 'em

By Charlotte Parks

Some can eat, but haana' meat, And some hae meat, but canna' eat. But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit, Robert Burns

THE old gentleman who, when asked by the butcher if he wanted sugar-cured ham, shot back: "I want ham that ain't never been sick," should have accompanied me on a visit in Greenwich Village to Damer's Natural Food Center, "Store of 1001 Health Food Products," 21 W. Eighth St. There are similar shops in most fair-sized cities, and many of them parcel post more food than they sell over the counters.

I have bought whole wheat flour (waterground) here for several years, but something new is the large assortment of whole-grain breads. They're cellophane-wrapped, thin-sliced and very reasonably priced—with salt or without. And cakes! Dainty tea wafers, fruit, nut and loaf cakes. Pies with whole wheat crusts—airy-light.

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supported by the scientists. Prices may seem a trifle high in these special food shops, but you get genuine value for your money. "Cheap food makes cheap men," say nutrition experts. There is food that keeps one alive, and food that makes life worth living.

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PASTE WAX ON ASPHALT TILE: Many homes now have asphalt tile in the kitchen and other rooms. The National Bureau of Standards warns that paste waxes and other cleaners using certain solvents will injure these tiles. Water-emulsion or liquid self-polishing waxes free from oils are recommended instead. Before you use a polish on asphalt tile, try it first in an obscure corner.

Shopping question

CO-OP PRODUCTS: "In your column you disregard consumer cooperative products. They compare favorably with Sears and Ward and the best in other lines. The pressure cooker, for example, follows specifications of the Presto. The co-op lightweight iron is another excellent buy. The GUARDIAN has little to gain by boosting Sears and Ward, whereas we in the consumer cooperative movement are fighting right along with you in the economic field."

—M. G., Montebello, Calif.

You apparently haven't noticed that we have recommended co-op products from time to time, particularly soaps and cleaning aids, which rate among the best values in the country. It is correct that the co-op pressure cooker is made by the same firm that makes the Presto, but sells for less than that brand. We reported that last year. The co-op iron also has excellent specifications at \$9.95. It has a soleplate area of 29.3 square inches, which enables faster ironing, and an eight-foot cord, compared with only six on many irons.

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The traitors are not the people

By John T. McManus

If you are 40 or so and sometimes have the vague feeling, listening to radios or reading the papers these days, that you have been through all this before—don't get alarmed about your mental state.

You have indeed been through it all before, in the years 1919 through 1929—the same "Red" hysteria fomented by big business, dutifully promoted by the same J. Edgar Hoover; the emasculating of trade unions; deporting of alien "radicals"; frame-ups of those refusing to bow to thought-control; then the great looting by corporations and corrupt government until the whole of America fell to its knees in the crash and depression of 1929-33.



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The whole story is in Albert Kahn's *High Treason*—and if you are under 40 you will learn from this book that you are being played for a terrific sucker by these same forces today, because they bank on your not knowing that it all happened before. The same profit-mad interests and many of the same public officials are raking up the same old bugaboos to scare you out of your right to progress and democracy in your own country.

THEN & NOW: Here are just a few of the significant parallels to be drawn from this remarkable work:

- J. Edgar Hoover, in 1919 the 25-year-old head of the General Intelligence Bureau, forerunner of the FBI, compiled a list of 500,000 "ultra-radicals" in the U.S. (The other day Hoover mentioned 450,000 present-day Americans as similarly "dangerous".)

- Thirty years before the present FBI and its network of stoolpigeons and provocateurs, A. Mitchell Palmer's Dept. of Justice in 1919-20 printed copies of the Communist Manifesto and planted them at gatherings they set out to raid.

- In 1920 Hoover's agents paraded raid victims in chains through the streets of Boston. (Just the other day 11 citizens, on their way to jail for defending their anti-fascist convic-

tions, were posed in handcuffs in Washington for the press.)

- In those days Jane Addams, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Charles Chaplin, Norma Talmadge and other greats were vilified as "tools of the Reds." (Make up your own list of today's targets.)

- A small but important group of legal and academic minds fought the witch-hunts of 1919-20, but super-patriot Arthur Guy Empey (*Over the Top*) sounded the witch-hunters' keynote: "My motto for the Reds is S.O.S.—Ship or Shoot". . . And Judge Webster Thayer of Massachusetts, who sentenced Sacco and Vanzetti to death on a robbery frame-up despite overwhelming evidence of their innocence, gloated to a colleague: "Did you see what I did with those anarchistic bastards the other day?"

- And when Harding's Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty was finally brought to trial after the great looting spree of the early 20's, he complained: "I was the first official to be thrown to the wolves by the Red borers of America."

- Al Capone, the ex-pimp who became the absolute monarch of a criminal empire taking the public for \$100,000,000 a year, added this two cents' worth:

"Bolshevism is knocking at our gates. . . . We must keep America whole and safe and unspotted. We must keep the worker away from red literature and red ruses; we must see that his mind remains healthy."

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