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Eisenhower refuses clemency In face of a horrified world

By John T. McManus

SADDENED millions throughout the world learned on the Jewish Sabbath of last week-end of the electrocution in New York's Sing Sing prison Friday night of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, falsely accused of conspiracy to commit atomic espionage.

The young New York parents had protested their innocence from the time of their arrests in the summer of 1950. Convicted on admittedly perjured testimony offered by Mrs. Rosenberg's brother and his wife who saved their lives by their action, their deaths climaxed the most stirring struggle for justice in history.

UNHEARD CRY FOR JUSTICE: Pope Pius interceded three times. Scientists all over the world, led by Albert Einstein and Harold Urey in America, protested that the evidence against them could not have been true. President Auriol of France appealed for mercy. Literally millions of people begged for their lives.

Yet on their last day President Eisen-

hower thrice denied them clemency.

Until the end, their government offered what the world had already condemned as a "lie or die" offer, to "tell all they know about Soviet espionage." But having reaffirmed their innocence that afternoon, they went wordlessly to the electric chair. Julius Rosenberg was killed at 8:06 p.m. At 8:16 his wife Ethel followed him, her last act being to kiss the cheek of her prison matron.

WORLD IN SUSPENSE: The days and hours of the agonizing week preceding the original execution time of 11 p.m., Thursday, June 18, were almost unmatched in modern memory for world suspense.

This was the sequence of events:

As the U.S. Supreme Court approached its scheduled recess for the summer on Monday, June 15, the Rosenberg counsel placed before it a motion for a stay of execution pending high court decisions on several actions filed earlier in lower courts for mitigation of sentence and a new trial. Also before the court was an application for rehearing on the court's third denial on

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IT WAS THE GREATEST DEMONSTRATION WASHINGTON EVER SAW

13,000 picket White House in clemency vigil

By Theodore Jacobs
GUARDIAN special correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 14

THE letter was in a small white envelope addressed in a child's handwriting to President Eisenhower.

The President wasn't in, so 10-year-old Michael Rosenberg left it with a guard at a White House gate. Looking on was Michael's six-year-old brother, Robbie. Newsmen swarmed around them. "What did you tell the President?" asked one.

"Everything is in the letter," Michael said. In his second plea to the President he had written:

I hope you got my letter that I sent because it is a letter about not letting anything happen to my mommy and daddy.

MARCHING & WAITING: Never before did so many people throughout the world wait for an answer to the letter of a child.

With Michael and Robbie were 13,000 people who had come by bus, car, train, and plane to plead for mercy for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. On three sides of the White House grounds they formed double lines three abreast, stretching in closely-packed file over about 15 city blocks. They marched quietly, soberly, impressed with their serious purpose, though faces constantly brightened to greet old friends from every part of the country. Across the street many hundreds of Washington residents and

government employes generally used to demonstrations grouped to watch. Many joined the march.

Veteran Washington policemen grew more and more astounded as the crowd swelled. Inspector George R. Wallrodt, with the force for 15 years, said it was the largest demonstration he ever saw at the White House.

PILGRIMS FOR JUSTICE: They came from California, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, N. Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and many other states. Three women from Canada came to plead for clemency in behalf of Canadian mothers.

There was one in a wheel-chair—another with crutches. Others pushed baby carriages and strollers, with the children holding signs: "SAVE MY MOMMY AND DADDY—Michael and Robbie Rosenberg."

At Jersey City a train was to have left bearing families from the eastern seaboard, but there was such a throng that another train had to be added—then a third. People stood in the aisles all through the four-hour trip.

At Union Station crowds of early arrivals welcomed those aboard the clemency trains. Cheers echoed through the huge station as the people filed by holding high their assortment of picket signs urging clemency, then rode to the White House on chartered buses.

PRAYERS: At 3:25 Michael and Robbie arrived with their grandmother, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg. The boys wore their blue baseball caps with the letter "B" standing for the Brooklyn Dodgers, the favorite team of Ethel and Julius.

Many looking on wept as Rabbi Abraham Cronbach of Cincinnati, standing with the Rosenberg family

THIS ISSUE

This issue has been delayed because of the rapid developments in the Rosenberg Case. We kept the paper open 48 hours beyond our regular presstime to maintain the coverage of the case which we have kept up over the last two years.

before the White House, prayed for clemency. The boys then walked to the gate with the letter.

It took the crowd an hour and 10 minutes to walk 12 blocks to Constitution Av. and 9th St., and assemble on the lawn where prayers were offered by Rabbi Cronbach, Rev. Harold Williamson of New York and Rev. Amos Murphy of Boston. Tired child-marchers slept, wrapped in signs reading "Clemency!" "Show the World the U.S. can be merciful!"

TO BEAT THE CLOCK: "We are making history today," said David Alman,

exec. secy. of the Natl. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Mrs. Rosenberg pleaded with the crowd "not to let my son and his sweet wife get the electric chair."

That night the thousands started back to their cities and towns, to continue working feverishly to beat the ticking clock. They pledged to buy time, ring doorbells, place newspaper ads, see leading people, give out leaflets—do everything in their power to save the Rosenbergs.

Some, planning to stay only for Sunday, decided to remain behind to help maintain the round-the-clock White House vigil. There were several hundred on line when the President returned from his week-end trip Sunday night.

THROUGH THE NIGHT: Several young hoodlums gathered near midnight and threatened the line. But the police, apparently under strict orders to avoid incidents that would add further fuel to the mounting world anger, dispersed the group.

"How come they can stay here and we can't?" one of them grunted.

"If you want to walk around too, start marching!" the officer ordered; "otherwise get out." Several formed a small circle for a while, then grew tired and dispersed.

The vigil continued on as the lights burned in the White House, where President Eisenhower was faced with giving an answer to little Michael and to humanity.



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world-famous Dmitri Shostakovich. Shades of "artists in uniform." So what does it all add up to? In what that sanctimonious troublemaker, John Foster Dulles, calls the "slave half of the world" they plant trees.

In the "free half" (also according to Dulles) they cut down trees for profit... and to make pulp to make newsprint to print inflammatory anti-Soviet editorials, entitled: DUST. Gene Smith

Tastes good too

SEPULVEDA, CALIF. Churchill said: "It would be a mistake to assume that nothing can be settled with Soviet Russia unless and until everything is settled. A piecemeal solution of problems should not be disdained." PEACE-meal. That I accept. Phil Hazen

Not-so-old fellows

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Friends and I are sending the enclosed \$5 to the Belfrage Fund. We wish we could send thousands. We are old fellows, pensioners. We are told we are too old to look for jobs. It is needless to say more—you know how things are. We wish you success. G. Waldo Patzner

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JUNE 19, 1953

THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN stands in horror and shame before the crime committed by the United States government—a crime which stains America's name before the world; which writes the date "June 19, 1953" in mourning black for future generations—mourning for the hope and the glory that America once meant for humanity.

The hope and the glory will come again. The heroism of the two who have gone to their death is the testimony of that.

Our hearts are too full to speak more about the awful crime itself, now as we go to press almost two years since the GUARDIAN first took up the fight for justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Only a bitter and wrathful world can assess the contempt shown by President Eisenhower for the greatest outpouring of mercy pleas in history.

We can only speak of the heroes of the Rosenberg Case—and of the future upon which, for each of us, this crime has momentous implications.

WE SALUTE the memory of Ethel and Julius, two of the noblest Americans who ever walked this land.

We salute Justice William O. Douglas for the courage he showed in trying to forestall the crime—for his reaffirmation of the liberal spirit so often associated with his name.

We salute the Natl. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case for its long, heroic struggle and for its historic mobilization of the best Americans in Washington before the heartbreaking "last week-end."

Above all we pay solemn and loving respect to the great fighting attorney Emanuel H. Bloch—not forgetting co-counsel John F. Finerty, Gloria Agrin and Malcolm Sharp, and Tennessee's Fyke Farmer and California's Daniel Marshall, who made a dramatic 11th-hour contribution. Manny Bloch's faith, against odds that often seemed impossible, has moved mountains and will go down in history.

IF THE OUTCOME is heartbreaking, we must say quite simply: This is not a time when we can afford broken hearts, and Ethel and Julius would not forgive us for succumbing to our sorrow.

Ethel and Julius were able to die as heroes because they had lived—and because they knew what they were dying for. Because they died as heroes, they live on—and they have work for us to do: to them, and to their children, we owe a solemn debt.

Let us first remember what their heroism achieved in mobilizing people for justice and a better world. It has been the biggest and broadest people's mobilization since the cold war era began. Our first debt to them is to maintain and strengthen this mobilization for the even harder and bigger fight that lies ahead: the fight not merely for two lives, but for a new era of peace and plenty in America and all the world.

LET US REMEMBER that the killing of the Rosenbergs by the U.S. government is part of a growing strategy of terror against the American people. The most extreme action has now been taken to silence the opposition to policies of war. Only if ALL who want peace will stand together can this terror strategy be prevented from continuing and intensifying.

Let us finally remember that a man caught up in the same net with Julius and Ethel, who likewise refused to save himself by selling his soul, sits in Alcatraz penitentiary for a 30-year sentence. His name is Morton Sobell. The fight to clear his name and bring him back to his wonderful wife and his children is the fight to clear the memory of the Rosenbergs in the eyes of the whole nation.

The fight on principle goes on. The human symbol of the fiendish inhumanity of the cold-war Administration is before us. But the symbol of citizens who choose death to dishonor rises above all else to uplift human hearts.

Courage IS contagious.

THE EDITORS

In a nutshell

SIDNEY, MONT.

It makes me so darn angry when we have so few publications with the courage to fight the war mongers, and it does take courage when the people who want war have all the dough and keep it constantly working against us.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Erps

The dishes wait

MONTROSE, CALIF.

I just received my GUARDIAN

and read every word before doing the dishes or anything else. Love that Belfrage! I think he would be generally appreciated in England, but we can't spare him. I never wanted to be rich so much in my life as now. What I could do with a million!

Instead, I enclose bank draft for 25 bucks for his defense. You never have explained how we can clip blank forms from the GUARDIAN, and still pass the paper on, unmutilated, as you advise us to do.

Earl Cline

THE MAIL BAG

British unionists to C. B.

LONDON, ENGLAND We have carried the following resolution: "This branch of the Electrical Trades Union sends sincere congratulations upon your very British stand when you were brought before the Un-American Activities Committee. While we appreciate that you conducted yourself within the American Constitution, it was, we believe, a very courageous act, taking into consideration the type of forces that were brought to bear on you. The outburst which demanded your extradition from America after failing to make you condemn yourself has brought about an even greater revulsion of feeling against the methods employed by certain American politicians."

C. W. Webster, Secy. Camberwell Branch ETU

Not forgotten

ET. JOSEPH, MICH. The McCarthyites are being driven to the wall by the peace forces. That is why they put such outstanding people (as Cedric Belfrage, who speaks the truth without fear) behind bars, where they hope people will forget them and scare out the ones who don't forget.

Do we lack faith?

DETROIT, MICH. There is always an easy way to do a job and again there is a hard way. The tomb of fascism could have been dug in Spain at the cost of a fraction of the price paid to destroy Mussolini and his pal Hitler. But we had to do it the hard way. The war with Japan could have been avoided if more picket lines had stopped the shipment of scrap and oil, and we might have saved the dead and maimed in Korea. McCarthy would have been just a name if the liberals and the so-called union leaders had learnt their lessons from history written by the Nazis coming to power. But again, here in this country we will let our newspapers die for the lack of a few dollars and then we will deplore the lack when we pay for sins of omission behind barbed wires. Yes, we will have a grand time then, as we abuse each other for our lack of faith while we scrounged for a few crusts.

J. B.

All that is life

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. I am 17 and am a junior in high school. One of my courses there is one in World History, and right now we are reviewing World War II. They tell us that Hitler hated all communists. They tell us how Hitler invaded the Soviet Union and laid waste to the land. They point out how the Soviet Union and the western nations cooperated to destroy Hitler and the rest of the Axis. Then they have us recite "how closely nazism and communism are related." Unfortunately, one must give the "right"

How crazy can you get dept.

(Be Glad You're Neurotic Div.) "In the U.S. it has now become a popular pastime to label everyone as 'neurotic' and practically anybody who has ever read so much as a comic book is quick to argue that the entire military establishment and the American people in general are neurotic. Perhaps we are; but if this is so, God grant that we continue to be, for it is the sort of neuroticism which wins wars, creates atomic energy, and makes for a better standard of living."

Article by B. I. Kahn (Commander, MC, USN), entitled "Psychiatry and the Neuro-psychiatric Technician," from Medical Technician Bulletin, vol. 4, pp. 10-14, Jan-Feb., '53.

Answers to these questions, for how else can one pass the course?

Another of my courses is Journalism. Here, along with learning about makeup, leads, heads, serif, sans-serif, and picas, we learn how "indestructible" is the Freedom of the Press. They cite the case of Peter Zenger, and tell us how the newspapers are free to criticize. Someone asks about the work of Joe McCarthy, and we are told he is actually protecting the freedom of newspapers. They say that Joe is letting the American people know which papers are "clean."

If this sort of thing continues, if reporters are allowed only to write for "clean" newspapers, then my career and that of many another would-be reporter will end with a high school paper. We aspiring reporters look to Cedric Belfrage, and others like him, for all that is courage, for all that is liberty, for all that is life. P. H.

The final error

SPRING HILL, KANS. The pot-house politicians and the sawdust Caesars, in their brazen attempt to stifle the voice of truth, have much to learn. This blow at the Freedom of the Press is the final and consummating error all tyrants commit, sooner or later, that brings about their destruction. Otis Wm. Johnson

Dust in your eyes

BURBANK, CALIF. A few weeks ago dust storms were reported over Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas which, according to the regional director of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service located there, "could easily be developed" into a dust bowl such as existed in the 1930s.

This situation, you will note, comes at the close of what must be called "the golden age of American soil conservation" (under FDR, that is).

In the Soviet Union (you'll excuse the expression, Senator McCarthy) a carefully PLANNED and executed program of afforestation (shelter belts) has ELIMINATED dust bowls—beyond that, has converted desert areas into veritable garden spots. This is written with all due respect for the "immutability" of the fruit fly (drosophila melanogaster). Afforestation is part and parcel of the so-called "charlatanism" of a Lysenko.

Further, this type of benevolent planning is part and parcel of the cantata, "Song of the Forest," by



Carrefour, Paris

"The poor man is suffering from a shortage of red corpuscles in his blood."

To Reuben W. Borough on his 70th Birthday

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF. HE KNEW the score. He knew the sorry tale Of human cruelty and lust and greed But kept his faith in man. He paid no heed To us who warned him he was bound to fail In the crusades he waged by day and night, Speaking at meetings in a thousand rooms, Chasing the liberals' fears and cynics' glooms With love and laughter. In his selfless sight A sewage plant to keep the beaches clean Was an ideal which kept him young. He worked Twelve hours a day while we grew old and shirked Our eight-hour stint. How often have we seen The office lose its Monday-morning air When Reuben's laughter echoed up the stair.

Hugh Hardyman

Classroom '53

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. How very embarrassing to me to teach you pupils history when most of it just cannot be approved by the top authority. I guess we'll have to have a class where, if you want a grade to pass, you'll have to be a stupid ass. For, that's what's wanted by the brass. Emerson or Thoreau might make you think; and Jefferson was really pink. Tom Faine wrote his in bright red ink; and Voltaire raised such a horrid stink. Douglass you certainly must not know; and I'm afraid of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Abe Lincoln caused an awful row. That Jean Christophe has got to go. Washington is safe, I guess; but Bolivar kicked up a holy mess. I'm afraid of Gompers, I confess; but I know I'm safe with Harry S. Now—class, your nasty questions will make teacher feel so very ill. I just can't wait today until the siren blows for atomic drill. Herb Porter

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May 25 of a review of the case.

11TH-HOUR INTERVENTION: On Monday afternoon the court handed down a 5-4 decision denying the stay and the rehearing. Voting for the stay after a week-end of consideration and preliminary votes were Justices Black, Douglas, Frankfurter and Jackson. John F. Finerty of Rosenberg counsel immediately applied for a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied. Then the chief Rosenberg counsel, Emanuel H. Bloch, applied directly to Justice Douglas for a stay pending determination of actions headed for the Supreme Court from lower courts.



JUSTICE DOUGLAS
There was courage . . .

and indictment of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. This act permits the death penalty only if secrets are passed with intent to injure the U.S., and then only if a jury recommends it.

STAY IS GRANTED: Douglas took the appeals for stay under advisement, called government counsel before him the next day (Tuesday), then retired to private chambers.

At 11 a.m. Wednesday, with only 36 hours remaining before the scheduled execution of the Rosenbergs, Justice Douglas granted an indefinite stay:

"I do not decide that the death penalty could have been imposed on the Rosenbergs only if S. 10 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 were satisfied," he commented. "I merely decide the question is a substantial one which should be decided after full argument and deliberation. . . .

"It is also important that before we allow human lives to be snuffed out, we be sure—emphatically sure—that we act within the law. If we are not sure, there will be lingering doubts to plague the conscience after the event."

In Congress Rep. Wheeler (D-Ga.)—who earlier this month introduced a bill to repeal the 1873 anti-discrimina-

How juxtaposed can humanity get?

It is confusing that men like Andre Maurois and Georges Duhamel [prominent anti-Communist writers] should sign their names along with those of Louis Aragon, a Communist writer, and Pablo Picasso, a Communist painter on a [Rosenberg clemency] cable to President Eisenhower. This juxtaposition obscures the issue and colors humanitarianism with politics.

Harold Callender, Paris correspondent, in the N.Y. Times, June 17, 1953.

tion laws of the District of Columbia after the Supreme Court had upheld them—promptly introduced a bill to impeach Justice Douglas for his Rosenberg decision.

CLEMENCY PLEA READY: Douglas' dramatic action capped a week of ceaseless activity by the Rosenberg defense, headed by attorney Bloch. While his associates sweated out Douglas' consideration of the appeals for a stay, Bloch flew to New York to



GRANDMA SOPHIE and ROBBIE ROSENBERG
The faces showed the strain of waiting

bring Michael and Robbie Rosenberg to Sing Sing for what proved to be their last visit with their parents.

As they emerged, Michael shouted his parents' final avowal of complete innocence for nationwide television cameras, and Bloch flew back to Washington with the signatures of Julius and Ethel to a new appeal for executive clemency. This was filed with Pardons Atty. James Lyons with the understanding that it be submitted to the White House if and when all remaining legal steps failed.

DOUGLAS TURNS BACK: Meanwhile the court had officially recessed for the summer and Justice Douglas left Washington alone by car for the West.

As he rolled into a motel near Uniontown, Pa., Wednesday evening, he learned by radio that Chief Justice Vinson had convened a special term of the court for noon the next day to consider Atty.-Gen. Brownell's demand for full court consideration of the issues underlying the stay. Douglas immedi-

ately turned toward Pittsburgh airport, where he received a spontaneous ovation as he booked a flight back.

THREE HOURS: The special term on Thursday was perhaps the stormiest in the court's history, and certainly the most fully covered by the press. In three hours of argument before the nine justices, Acting Solicitor-General Robert L. Stern argued that the government "would have been the laughing stock of the legal profession" had it tried the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell under the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. Justice Douglas observed that a reading of the trial record of the case revealed that "atomic energy dominated it from beginning to end."

Chief counsel Bloch yielded time to Farmer, Marshall and Finerty. Finerty said the Rosenbergs were convicted on perjured testimony and by suppression of evidence. He said:

"There never was a more crooked district attorney in New York than

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WAR & PEACE Bold Soviet peace moves spark 'free world' gangsterism

IN FACE of the approaching truce in Korea and "imminent breakdown of the existing W. European diplomatic structure" (Walter Lippmann, N.Y. Herald Tribune, 6/18) as a result of developing socialist peace diplomacy, Washington showed its desperation by resorting to gangster tactics on both sides of the world.

S. Korean President Rhee, whose recent "maneuvers . . . have been designed to force the U.S. and UN to continue [the war] in S. Korea's behalf" (Walter Millis, NYHT, 6/17), boldly released thousands of N. Korean POW's in an effort to upset the truce completely. Rhee, "a creation of the U.S." (Alsops, 6/12), obviously could have acted only with the covert support of U.S. military commanders, who have been among the loudest advocates of expanded war.

BERLIN "REVOLT": In Berlin, E. German government moves—made to lay a foundation for the country's unification—were followed by an explosion of violence described by U.S. correspondents as a "revolt" by "the workers" against Soviet occupation authorities and the E. German government. The "revolt" had all the earmarks of careful staging by Washington's cloak-and-dagger operators, of whose activities Eisenhower boasted in a speech at Mount Rushmore, S. Dak., June 12.

Berlin has long been the most active center of undercover Project X

operations because of the ease of access between East and West zones. The violent scenes in E. Berlin streets along the W. Berlin dividing line could easily have been organized, as the E. German government charged, by "provocateurs and fascist agents of foreign coun-



Drawing by Walter Iler

tries." Joseph Newman (NYHT, 6/18) reported from London:

. . . The anti-Communist uprisings in E. Berlin . . . are expected to disrupt the schedule of Russia's peace offensive and to give the Western powers more time to meet it. . . . The Kremlin's immediate problem is to save what it can of its current peace campaign.

The "startling" Soviet diplomatic moves had seemed "to be putting

American diplomats into baffled retreat" (U.S. News, 6/19). Walter Lippmann (6/15) said they

. . . must have been decided upon a while ago and then scheduled for action when the terms of a Korean armistice had been agreed to by the great powers.

The moves were the boldest yet in the drive for German unification and neutrality and a general easing of tension. They recalled to mind a Soviet official's remark to newsmen in Moscow after Stalin's death: "You haven't seen anything yet." Faced by Washington's effort to re-cement the Western front against the U.S.S.R. at Bermuda, Moscow bypassed the Big 3, appealing directly to the governments and peoples concerned. By so doing it already made obsolete many points on the Bermuda agenda. Lippmann, who saw the moves as deeds "of substance" and possibly "epoch-making," prayed

. . . that we shall not be caught with plans and in a diplomatic posture which are by-passed by events.

TOWARD CONCILIATION: These were Moscow's major diplomatic cards played last week:

● **GERMANY:** E. German Premier Grotewohl announced after the naming of civilian Vladimir Semyenov as new Soviet High Commissioner: "In the interests of German reunification we are ready to discontinue all measures which would prevent conciliation" (N.Y. Herald Tribune, 6/13). His government

. . . declared amnesty to political prisoners; relaxed restrictions on appointment of school teachers; eased travel regulations between E. and W., permitting Germans to visit

relatives in both zones; opened E. German shops and restaurants to W. Germans; offered restoration of property to those who had gone to W. Germany, and short-term loans to retail and wholesale merchants, private industry, transport concerns; reduced certain food prices, cut workers' rail fares 50%; conferred with an Evangelical Church delegation headed by Bishop Dibelius, released a joint communique declaring, in effect, that the state agreed to ease pressure on the church while the church would not try to influence economic and political life (N.Y. Times, 6/11; UP, 6/12).

● **AUSTRIA:** In its occupation zone the U.S.S.R. removed military control; appointed a civilian High Commissioner with rank of ambassador, who ended restrictions on movements of goods and people in and out of the zone and restored Austrian-Soviet diplomatic relations.

● **NEAR EAST:** Moscow offered to resume relations with Greece and Yugoslavia. The latter accepted.

Unconfirmed Turkish reports said the U.S.S.R. had dropped demands for Soviet-bordering provinces of Kars, Ardahan and Artvin, suggested meeting of 1936 Montreux Convention signatories (U.S.S.R., Britain, France, Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Japan) to revise provisions on Black Sea ship movements.

The moves came at a time when already the strongest trend in Europe was "to cut loose from the U.S. alliance and go its own way" (U.S. News, 6/19). Unless checked, this trend (wrote C. L. Sulzberger, NYT, 6/11), boded "ill for

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ON THE EVE OF THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION

The whole world cried out for justice



THEY HELD THE LINE IN WASHINGTON
As far as the eye could see, they were coming . . .

TAUT anxiety gripped millions throughout the world all through the hectic week of June 15 as the fate of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg swayed between life and death with one unusual development crowding upon another. But fighting hope never dimmed; as the long week drew to a close, protests and prayers here and abroad mounted to a crescendo not seen before in this generation.

With hope at a peak June 17, the Natl. Comm. to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case canceled plans for an all-day "people's lobby" in Washington; but late in the day, when the special session of the Supreme Court became known, two emergency trains from New York were arranged. Last-minute actions planned in other parts of the world included work stoppages by all labor in France, and demonstrations in the capitals of Europe, Asia and Latin America. Not since the world-shaking but unsuccessful fight to save Sacco and Vanzetti in 1927 has there been such a movement.

"OUTRAGES LOGIC"—UREY: Among U. S. notables who made last-minute efforts to sway Eisenhower to commute the sentence was Prof. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize-winning physicist who helped develop the atomic bomb. Urey wired the President:

The case against the Rosenbergs outrages logic and justice. It de-

Please Remember

to mail back your response to our June 1 letter — the one that asked for a spare buck or two to help square us away for the summer. In case you've misplaced the reply envelope we sent you, the address is NATIONAL GUARDIAN 17 Murray St. New York 7, N. Y.

pend upon the testimony of Greenglass and his wife, both confessed spies and alleged accomplices of the Rosenbergs. Greenglass is supposed to have revealed to the Russians the secrets of the atomic bomb.

Though the information supposed to have been transmitted could have been important, a man of Greenglass' capacity is wholly incapable of transmitting the physics, chemistry and mathematics of the atomic bomb to anyone. He and his wife were the only ones to connect the Rosenbergs with atomic espionage. New evidence makes even more plain what was plain enough before: that the prosecution's case has no logic in it and that it depends upon the blowing up of patently perjured testimony.

I tried to see the Attorney General last week and was unable to secure an appointment. On behalf of all those interested in the defense I ask to be allowed to present my understanding of the case to you, Mr. President.

IKE—NO CHANGE: Urey had not been granted an appointment up to the time of the stay of execution, but four clergymen, representing 2,300 church leaders who have signed a clemency petition, saw the President on Tuesday. They reported he showed no sign of changing his position since Feb. 11 when he rejected a clemency plea.

FRANCE UNITES IN PROTEST: In France Wednesday was proclaimed "Save the Rosenbergs Day." The entire country was united on the clemency issue; delegations streamed steadily to the U. S. Embassy. Newspapers of every shade of opinion were crowded with news and articles on the case. The literary supplement of *Figaro* last week finished its serialization of the Rosenbergs' prison letters for which it paid \$2,000 for the Rosenberg children's fund. Commenting on the letters, *Le Monde* said:

The dignity, the depth of love between the two, the peace of con-

science shine through every line in spite of the anguish of their interminable agony.

France's President Vincent Auriol himself intervened through roundabout diplomatic channels. He expressed his concern in a letter to Acting Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, who showed it to U. S. Ambassador C. Douglas Dillon, who in turn transmitted it to President Eisenhower through the State Dept.

The country's leading Catholic clergy and lay spokesmen, including the Primate of France and the Archbishop of Paris, urged clemency; a group of them cabled Cardinal Spellman in New York asking his intervention. The labor movement from right to left was united behind the Rosenberg case, including right-wing Socialist leader Leon Jouhaux, head of the Force Ouvriere. Those sending last-minute pleas to Eisenhower included Prof. Francois Perrin, head of France's atomic energy commission, two former premiers, six former cabinet members, and Edouard

The bees

Thousands of Rosenberg sympathizers poured into Washington from New York and other eastern cities on June 18 to visit their Congressmen and urge them to last-minute action to halt the execution.

A Mutual broadcaster reported 2,000 on Capitol Hill at one point. They were "like bees," he said. He reported 150 crowded into one N. Y. congressman's office; he called the cops and had them evicted. Another locked out 200 visitors; a quorum call came from the floor, but he was too frightened to leave his office and was listed as absent.

The same broadcast reported the government's case before the Supreme Court, called on Rep. Velde to testify as an expert on Justice Douglas' stay of June 17 ("a great mistake")—and completely ignored the Rosenberg defense presentation before the court.

New York press coverage was unusually full and fair.

Herriot, president of the Assembly. CBS correspondent David Schoenbron reported during the week:

The U. S. Ambassador to France has advised Washington that the death sentence of the Rosenbergs is causing grave prejudice to American prestige here, alienating many friends of the U. S., and that serious repercussions can be expected if the death sentence is carried out.

BRITAIN MOBILIZES: The campaign took on nearly the same proportions in Britain; during the week the country's largest union, Transport & General Workers, sent a last-minute clemency plea; scores of other unions also acted. On June 16 Labor M. P. Hugh J. Delargy announced that in behalf of himself and 40 colleagues in Parliament he had sent a plea to Eisenhower declaring the executions would "harm every ideal which our countries share."

In Italy delegations streamed to the U. S. Embassy in Rome and to consulates in Florence, Naples, Milan and Genoa. The General Confed. of Labor was among the organizations sending clemency pleas to U. S. Ambassador Clare Luce. Rome's Mayor Salvatore Rebecchini, in behalf of the entire City Council, also asked clemency.

If We Die.

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Why we leave the song unsung,
The book unread, the work undone,
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Mourn no more, my sons, no more,
Why the lies and smears were framed,
The tears we shed, the hurt we bore,
To all shall be proclaimed.

Earth shall smile, my sons, shall smile—
And green above our resting place,
The killing end, the world rejoice
In brotherhood and peace.

Work and build, my sons, and build
A monument to love and joy,
To human worth, to faith we kept
For you, my sons, for you!

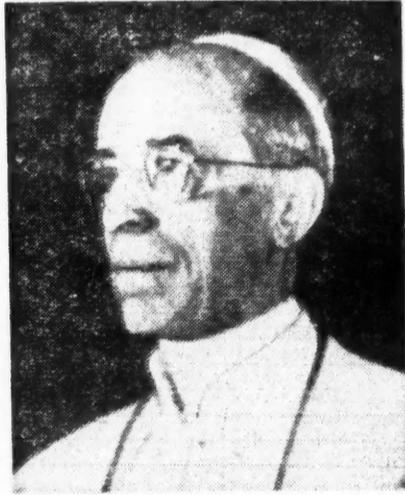
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Subway workers to fight layoffs; new Authority sharpens its axe

By Elmer Bendiner

AT MIDNIGHT on June 15, platform men routinely ushered their cargo into subway trains. A transformation went scarcely noticed but was portentous. At that moment the city lost \$1,700,000,000 worth of railroad; the strap-hanger surrendered the nominal right to use his ballot to say how he felt about subway management. (The new 5-man Transit Authority that took over the lines is not responsible to any electorate.) The platform man had a new boss.

the axe-swinging pace by chopping off administrative officials appointed to the expired Transit Authority, and announced a payroll savings of \$74,315 a year—but it was feared the top-level slashes were meant to soften more drastic blows to come against the actual subway workers.

SURRENDER: The switch to the Authority, engineered by the Governor, with face-saving resistance or open connivance by many at City Hall, ended 21 years of municipal operation.

The city opened its own In-

rupt but paid its three highest officers \$132,000 in salaries in 1952, slightly more than 1/5 of what it paid all its drivers put together.

FARES OR FOOD: Some of the smaller Queens lines last week were hoping to profit from the Authority's expected low wage patterns but shied at the higher fare prospect. Their spokesmen reportedly complained that after the winter strike many regular riders went right on walking or using car pools. They feared that fare rises would make still more habitual walkers. (Subways lost many when the 5c fare went out.)

The ones who would walk this time were described last March by State Sen. Harry Gippelson (D-Williamsburg):

"If the people in my district, whose average earnings are \$50 per week per family, have to pay a \$30 annual subway fare increase on top of a 15c rent increase, they will have no food to eat."



Drawing by Gabriel, London

"I wouldn't straphang with clenched fist like that, Stranger, Senator McCarthy might get a photograph of you!"

subway rider a fare rise by July 30. (Bus lines, public and private, prepared to keep pace.) Less publicized was the axe the Authority held over transport workers. The new boss took over with blood in his eye: some 10,000 New Yorkers might lose their jobs with the possible shutting down of lines, slowing down of service.

WHAT THEY GET: On June 22 the CIO Transport Workers Union was to begin negotiations with the Authority, determined to "justify" its fare rise by wage-cutting "economies." Before the bargaining begins, here's a look at what transit workers make:

- A platform man who packs passengers aboard at rush hours earns \$1.56 an hour, works a 5-day, 40-hour week (won by the union a year ago) for a total of \$62.40 before taxes, are deducted. If he has worked a year or more, he gets \$1.60 an hour or \$64 a week.

- Conductors, depending on position on the train and length of service, get \$1.62—\$1.74 an hour. The top man gets \$69.60 for a full week. Overtime is scarce. Motormen, depending on whether they work in the yards or the actual subway runs, get \$1.86—\$2.04 an hour.

- On city-owned bus lines new drivers get \$1.62, \$1.74 after six months, \$1.86 after a year.

THE AXE: When TWU officials sit down with the Authority this week they will ask for a guarantee against mass layoffs and the speed-up that would come as a consequence; a 25c cost-of-living increase for all workers; lowering of retirement age from 60 to 55; liberalized pension plans.

Authority Chairman Hugh J. Casey last week called in supervisors, told them to cut drastically on all items because "the load to be borne by the public must be kept to the absolute minimum." The Authority set

dependent line (the name still lingers) in 1932, using new and better equipment to supplement the aging IRT and BMT lines. For eight years the Independent ran at a profit, paid off a good share of its investment.

In 1940 the private-enterprise IRT was in receivers' hands, the BMT about to go into bankruptcy. The city took over not only the lines but all their accumulated debts. In 1948 the 5c fare was killed. In 1953 the system was surrendered outright.

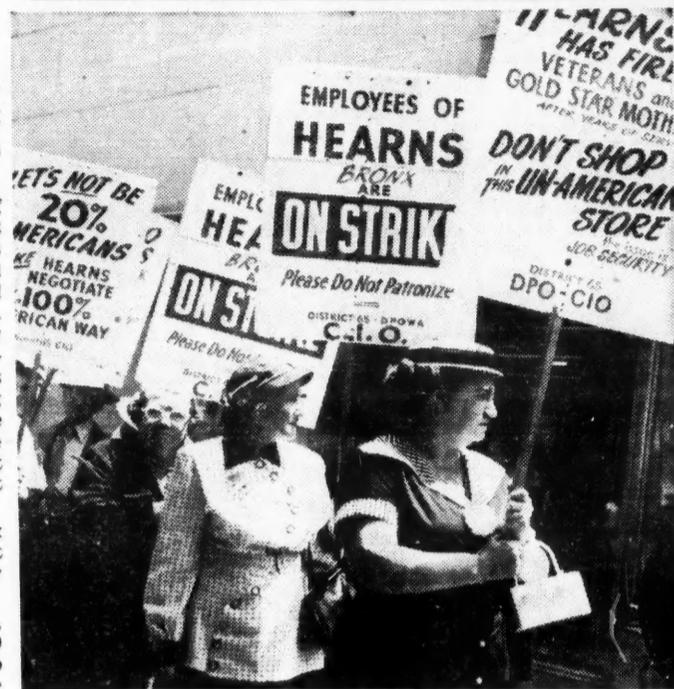
SKIMMING CREAM: The effect would be felt by more



than subway straphangers and workers. In transit the city customarily sets the wage pace; private bus lines lag behind by at least 10c an hour. Most drivers on private lines earn \$1.67 an hour, work 44-48 hours a week, are often forced to work overtime for a total of 57 hours a week.

Contracts run out June 30 and last week there was talk that an extension might be granted for a month to see what kind of wage pace the Authority might set.

The bus companies, which during last winter's strike pleaded poverty, were doing nicely. For example, in 1952 N. Y. C. Omnibus made a profit of \$2,600,000 before taxes; in nine months of last year the Fifth Av. Coach Co. paid out \$180,000 in stock dividends. The Third Av. line said it was bank-



Union Voice photo by Lynn Bortnick
UNION-BUSTING IS NOT PATRIOTISM
Fired Gold Star mothers in Hearns picket line

BEHIND THE PHONY RED SMOKESCREEN

Hearns strike in its sixth week; store reneges on CIO agreement

WORKERS at Hearns department stores entered their 6th week of a tangled, bitter strike. The two struck stores, at 14th St. and Fifth Av., Manhattan, and 149th St. and Third Av. in the Bronx, showed empty aisles despite a trumpeted 20% price cut on all items. The business drop was evidence of the failure of one of the city's worst efforts at red-baiting union-busting, and the success of well-manned picket lines.

The conflict began when Hearns decided on a self-service scheme that would mean mass lay-offs among its 800 workers. The union, District 65, Distributive Office and Processing Workers (CIO), took the blow as inevitable but asked seniority rights for those retained, severance pay for those fired. The contract came up for renewal at the same time and the stores opened up on the minimum wage provisions, declaring that in a self-service store only the legal 75c-an-hour minimum need apply. For many that would mean a \$30-a-week pay. Under the old DPO contract the minimum had been \$40 a week.

ALL STOPS OUT: When the workers struck, Hearns resorted to familiar weapons: pleas for customers to break the strike, to courts for injunctions

against picketing. An AFL union, Local 1648, Retail Clerks Intl. Assn., was brought in to challenge DPO's bargaining rights. As the strike held fast, Hearns took full page ads in the press charging the DPO leadership were "right back on the old Commie line with sit-down strikes, intimidation, marching in hundreds of strangers to take over store facilities and capture cash registers."

District 65's leadership had just completed negotiations to return to the CIO. (It had been among those militant unions expelled from CIO in its 1949 purge.) CIO leaders had given the DPO a clean bill of health. The DPO leadership had in effect taken the necessary loyalty oaths.

THE TERMS: Faced by Hearns' red-baiting DPO leaders said they would call the bluff of Hearns boss Albert W. Greenfield. They offered to submit all aspects of the dispute to medi-

ation or arbitration; when he insisted he could not deal with a "red" union, DPO asked him what terms he would offer any other union.

According to DPO spokesmen, Greenfield said he would negotiate with any other union, once 65 was out. DPO officers then agreed to step out. CIO President Walter Reuther, who had personally cleared DPO leaders of past sins, sent R. J. Thomas to negotiate with Greenfield. Thomas offered to take all Hearns workers out of the DPO, form them into a separate CIO local, stop the strike, then negotiate a settlement.

Greenfield at first agreed, met with CIO officials Michael Mann and Morris Iushewitz. But before signing he said he wanted guarantees that seni-

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Manhattanville area is sold to big combine

LAST week a rehearsed auction with only one bidder closed a chapter in the Manhattanville story (GUARDIAN, 6/1). In the Bureau of Real Estate Office, Municipal Bldg., auctioneer Edward J. McDonald put up for sale 10 acres of land north of W. 123d St., west of B'way. Leonard J. Beck, president of the Morningside Heights Housing Corp., was on hand with \$1,302,046. He picked up the parcel.

The corporation will build a 984-family cooperative which had been fought bitterly for three years by the present tenants on the site, who saw their homes threatened to make room for a project they could not afford to live in. Their fight was instrumental in guaranteeing that if the coop came, so would a measure of public housing. The N. Y. C. Housing Authority is to build Grant Houses nearby with room for 2,934. The big job now for the area's residents: to win adequate relocation of all those dispossessed.

PROBE THAT PTA: That fight had another sequel. Earlier, in one of the most critical weeks in world history, Sen. Jenner's Internal Security subcommittee considered last month's election in the Parent-Teachers' Assn. at P. S. 125, 425 W. 123d St., Manhattan.

That little election had made page-one headlines in most N. Y. dailies, become the subject of several editorials and a resolution in the City Council (all calling for probes).

The GUARDIAN (6/1) traced the excitement to its source: a three-year fight on the part of tenants to save their homes endangered by big-money redevelopment plans. In that context the newspaper barrage against Mrs. Elizabeth Barker (who had little to do with the



PTA election but had been very active in the local "Save Our Homes Committee") became understandable.

STANDS HER GROUND: The Jenner committee summoned Mrs. Barker first into a closed session, then a public one, fired \$64 questions at her, asked about the PTA, the election, her associates.

Mrs. Barker, mother of three, calmly stood her ground, invoking the 5th Amendment to the Constitution "without apology or a feeling of guilt." She told the committee members she felt that anything she said would be used "dishonestly."

The committee read into the record all news stories on the PTA election which featured Mrs. Barker (excepting the GUARDIAN). The Daily News (6/5) reported the probe: "MOTHER CLAMS. . ."

Hearns

(Continued from Page N. Y. 1) ority and job security rights would not be insisted on. CIO broke off the talks. The strike went on.

THE OLD TRICK: Support for the strike came from left, right and center in the labor movement. The executive board of NAACP condemned Hearns for seeking to violate long-standing seniority provisions and for trying to recruit Negroes as scabs.

Labor Leader, organ of the Assn. of Catholic Trade Union-

Peace train for Capital on June 27

A PEACE TRAIN will leave Penn. Station at 7:30 a.m. (daylight saving time) Thursday, June 25, for the Peace Lobby in Washington later the same day. Tickets at \$16.50 round trip are available at the American Peace Crusade, 125 W. 72d St. (SU 7-1660), New York 23, N. Y.

The Lobby for Peace has been endorsed by artist David Burluk, poet Witter Bynner, publisher Angus Cameron, Boston Chronicle editor William Harrison, and the Revs. J. E. Bowen, George L. Paine, J. C. Thornton, Claude Williams and Albert J. Wilson. Its purpose is to impress upon President Eisenhower and Congress "the people's deep desire for peace" and to give the chief executive a "mandate to make the Bermuda conference the preliminary to a meeting with the Soviet Union."

The New York Peace Council, supporting the Lobby, reports that peace mobilizations throughout the city recently distributed 50,000 leaflets and collected 8,000 signatures for peace in Korea and a Four-Power meeting.

ists, called Hearns' red-baiting attack on 65 "an old trick to break a strike."

The city's press, with few exceptions, were hostile to the strike. The Hearst Journal-American called for a Congressional probe of the "strikers. The union said that when it tried to place ads, many papers held off acceptance, then insisted the ad heading be changed from: "Why All New York Supports The Hearns' Strike" to "Why New Yorkers Should Support The Hearns Strike."

Most papers ran Hearns' ad headed: "All N. Y. Supports Hearn Department Stores."

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Manhattanville Story

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Marcantonio's report

RED BANK, N. J. Congratulations to Vito Marcantonio for the excellent report he made to the ALP State Conference, and congratulations to the GUARDIAN for printing it.

As a "charter member" of the Progressive Party, I agree 100% with Marc; either the Progressive Party acts like a political party and nominates candidates, or it will fold up, and should.

The Progressive Party has existed only since 1948, and has been under the severest pressure from the opposition. Yet some of our faint-hearted members expect it to perform miracles, or they won't play!

(Mrs.) Bessie Strashburger

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

One of the most heartening items for me was the statement made by Vito Marcantonio on his position for building up the ALP as an independent, major political party. I particularly endorse his sentiments on quality over quantity as a prime requisite for a truly representative peoples' party. Marc, count me as one of your fellow men. Paul Meyerson

BRONX, N. Y.

Those were fighting words from Marc, and in an era of the "easiest way out" they rang with the hope that maybe somewhere along the line we've reached or are reaching a turning point. Progressives all

over the country will rally under the banner of a serious political party of the people and the ALP will suddenly find progressives where it never suspected they existed.

However, there was no need for Marc's involving "peace" or "civil rights" in his clean sweep. It isn't that the ALP is not a "peace movement" or a "civil rights group." It's that as a part of its platform, peace and civil rights no longer stand as abstract goals, but on the contrary become definite aims to be attained by concentrated political struggle as a part of the struggle for democracy. Peace and civil rights are the blood and bone of the peoples' everyday struggle today—no need to be on the defensive about these things.

His beef was that the ALP was being used as a pressure group in badly organized peace and civil rights movements which sapped its strength and left it holding an empty bag. Let peace and civil rights be the grits of the ALP platform and we'll know we'll have a party we can fight with and protect ourselves with! And we'll build such a weapon that reaction will know they have a power to contend with, and we'll know we're not defenseless and subject to any ill wind that comes to blow our way. H. J. Nicholas

Stricklands evicted; fight goes on



Edward, Carmen and Roy Strickland

Without even the customary 24-hour notice, artist Edward Strickland and his wife Carmen were forcibly evicted from their Knickerbocker Village sublet apartment June 5—with their child—in retaliation for their lead in the successful three-year fight against discrimination in the downtown Manhattan project. Ousted on a technicality, despite protests from community groups and leaders, the Stricklands hastily stored their furniture, moved in with a KV family already crowded into three rooms. The City-Wide Committee to Halt the Strickland Eviction had decorated the project with huge welcome signs, giving the Stricklands their choice of 30 apartments to share as guests. It called upon Housing Commissioner Stichman and KV Inc. to give "real meaning" to their "public utterances against discrimination" by granting the Stricklands an apartment of their own in KV (where their application has been on file for a year.) It urged letters and phone calls to Stichman (27 Broadway, BA 7-1616) and KV pres. Irving Brown (551 5th Av., MU 2-8490).

JUSTICE STANDS ON ITS HEAD

Cops get quiet whitewash, brutality victims indicted

THE police brutality scandal which rocked the city early this year wound up recently in a court decision: the victims were found guilty of assaulting the police.

Last Aug. 9, a Negro couple, Jacob Jackson, 32, truckman's helper, and Genevieve Jackson, of 437 W. 52d St., allegedly got into an "argument" with police. Mr. Jackson was taken to the West 54th St. police station where, he later testified, Patrolman Wm. J. Brennan beat him over the head with "nippers," a chain used to bind prisoners.

Jackson claimed also that Brennan kicked him repeatedly as they went downstairs at the station house. Throughout the assault Jackson was handcuffed to another prisoner. Afterward Jackson had to be taken to St. Clare's Hospital where he spent a month and underwent two brain operations to remove blood clots.

THE DEAL: In September the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People complained to the Dept. of Justice. FBI men came to N. Y. to investigate, were turned back by Police Comm. Monaghan who cited a deal by which N. Y. police and no others were to investigate brutality charges against themselves.

The charge made headlines for weeks. But behind the scenes the Jacksons seemed to be paying the penalty for exposing the scandal.

A Federal Grand Jury found Jackson's two brain operations insufficient evidence of police brutality and dismissed the charges. Police pressed counter-charges of assault against the

Jacksons, charging that both had kicked policemen.

This month a 3-judge Special Sessions Court deliberated 10 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty against the Jacksons. They were continued in \$5,000 bail until sentencing June 19, possibly to one year.

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A bill, unanimously adopted by the Legislature and recently signed by Gov. Dewey, would empower the city to appropriate funds for the Center as it does for the Public Library and museums, but it is not effective until next year. The Board fears the Center might not survive until then.

In most foreign countries the

theater receives national or state subsidy; in the U. S., only Virginia has a state-supported pageant theater. U. S.'s only experience with subsidized theater, the Federal Theater of the '30s, lost its Congressional appropriation as a direct result of Dies Un-American Activities committee witch-hunts.

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familiar operas, ballets and dramatic works than any such organization in the western world today," its Board of Directors states. The Center brightened this year's unusually dull Broadway scene with three classic revivals. Shaw's *Misalliance* (which was so successful it is continuing at another theater), Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* and *The Merchant of Venice*; the American premiere of Bartok's opera *Bluebeard's Castle*, *Die Fledermaus* in English, a first-in-a-century performance of Rossini's *La Cenerentola* and several other operas already in the repertory; six new ballets, which later went on tour.

UNSUBSIDIZED: Often considered semi-public and city-subsidized, the City Center has "not received a single dollar of city funds but we are obligated to pay an annual . . . \$130,000

GIVE US YOUR HAND

By Edith Segal

Let us stand in the sunlight when the wind is still and the din of war subsides into the sea and scales are righted and our worth declared to be among the living to mould the fertile promise of unborn time—

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MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. **CHAMPIONS ALL & MYSTERY OF THE INCAS,** Sat., June 20, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Free.
TRANS-LUX, B'way Theater, B'way & 49th St. **CAPTAIN OUTRAGEOUS & ALIVE IN DEEP,** Sat. thru Tues., June 20-23. **JOHANN MOUSE; WASHINGTON, CITY OF DESTINY; WATER RODEO; POSTMAN,** Wed. thru Fri., June 24-26.
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GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. at 12th St. *Call Me Madam & Silver Whip*, thru June 20; *Merry Widow & 14 Hours*, June 24-27.

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NORMANDIE, 110 W. 57th St. *Hundred Hour Hunt* (Br.), cont.

PLAZA, 58th St. & Madison. *Moulin Rouge*, June 24-30.

68TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 1164 3d Av. *Call Me Madam*, thru June 25.

STUYVESANT, 189 2d Av. *The Happy Time & Hangman's Knot*, June 21 & 22; *The Great Dawn & Angelo* (both It.), June 25-26.

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THALIA, 95th & B'way. *Ramutché* (Fr. with Jovet) & *Three Sinners* (Fr. with Fernandel), June 19-25; *Pepe Le Moko & Secrets of Mayerling* (Ger.), June 26-28.

WAVERLY, 6th Av. & 3d St. *Call Me Madam & Silver Whip*, thru June 20; *Laughter in Paradise & Madonna of 7 Moons* (Br.), June 24-25; *Winstow Boy & The Suspect* (both Br.), from June 26.

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Belfrage back on the job; 2 courts rebuff U.S.



BELFRAGE RETURNS TO THE MAINLAND

The **GUARDIAN's** editor (l.) as he left Federal Courthouse in Foley Sq. after his release from Ellis Island on bail, with the attorneys who successfully fought the case: Blanch Freedman, immigration authority, and Nathan Dambroff, the **GUARDIAN's** counsel.

CEDRIC BELFRAGE, **GUARDIAN** editor, returned to his desk Thurs., June 11, after being held 27 days without bail on Ellis Island. He had been taken into custody under a deportation warrant issued against him less than 24 hours after he refused, on constitutional grounds, to answer certain questions before Sen. Joe McCarthy's investigating committee.

He was released on \$5,000 bond after the Justice Dept. had twice been rebuffed for its arbitrary denial of bail, once by Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld and again by Justice Charles E. Clark of the Circuit Court of Appeals, who refused to act on Weinfeld's ruling against the government but added: "If I clearly had the power I should nevertheless feel disposed to deny the [government's] application [to reverse Weinfeld's ruling]." (Excerpts from Weinfeld's opinion: p. 6.)

Belfrage's freedom on bail is conditional: he must report twice a month to immigration authorities and remain in the New York vicinity.

CHEERS AND ACTION: On news of his release, congratulatory messages to Belfrage poured in from all quarters; they ranged from a pledge of continued support from the Natl. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards ("Be assured that we will lend every effort to assist you in whatever way we possibly can, and in so doing we know that we are strengthening the fight for democracy in our country") to this note from William H. Melish, pastor of Brooklyn's Holy

Trinity Church:

It was a joy to read in the papers the announcement of your release. You would be surprised how interested everyone over here at the church was in your fight for bail. In St. Louis the local Arts, Sciences & Professions Council urged the St. Louis Newspaper Guild to "take some action" in the Belfrage case as an attack on freedom of the press:

This inquisition by McCarthy and his committee is clearly a part of the program designed to stifle all opposition. The **GUARDIAN** is an independent progressive weekly affiliated with no party, which has dared to lift its voice in an effort to bring the truth to its readers, and to seek peace and justice for all. . . . Surely the Guild must be interested when unwarranted attacks are made on newspapers and their editors.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS: In Britain, where most newspapers made the Belfrage arrest front-page news, the matter was raised June 17 in Commons when Tom Driberg, Labour M. P., and Peter Baker, Conservative, both asked the Foreign Office what representations, if any, it had made to the U. S. State Dept.

Belfrage and others who have thwarted Congress' investigating committees received powerful support when a May 16 letter from Dr. Albert Einstein (see full text in box) was made public. The famed scientist advised intellectuals to refuse to testify if called before any of the witch-hunting committees on the ground that "it is

Einstein's advice to intellectuals

Following are excerpts from a letter by Dr. Albert Einstein to William Frauentglass, teacher in New York City's James Madison High School, who is facing discharge because of his refusal to answer questions before the Jenner Committee. Sen. McCarthy said of Einstein's advice: "Anyone who advises Americans to keep secret information which they have about spies and saboteurs is himself an enemy of America."

The problem with which the intellectuals of this country are confronted is very serious. The reactionary politicians have managed to instill suspicion of all intellectual efforts into the public by dangling before their eyes a danger from without. Having succeeded so far they are now proceeding to suppress the freedom of teaching and to deprive of their positions all those who do not prove submissive, i.e., to starve them.

What ought the minority of intellectuals to do against this evil? Frankly, I can see only the revolutionary way of non-cooperation in the sense of Ghandi's. Every intellectual who is called before one of the

committees ought to refuse to testify, i.e., he must be prepared for jail and economic ruin, in short, for the sacrifice of his personal welfare in the interest of the cultural welfare of his country.

This refusal to testify must be based on the assertion that it is shameful for a blameless citizen to submit to such an inquisition and that this kind of inquisition violates the spirit of the Constitution.

If enough people are ready to take this grave step they will be successful. If not, then the intellectuals of this country deserve nothing better than the slavery which is intended for them.

A. Einstein

shameful for a blameless citizen to submit to such an inquisition. . . ."

"APPALLING INHUMANITIES": In a statement noting he was "happy to find Joe McCarthy does not yet run the judicial system," Belfrage said:

Ten other political detainees, all of whom have been on Ellis Island much longer than I was, are still there including a gentle Russian-born man of 72 in poor health who has

made the U. S. his home since before I was born. I intend to do everything I can to arouse public opinion against these appalling and un-American inhumanities, which will continue as long as the people countenance the medieval provisions of the Walter-McCarran Act.

Meanwhile Belfrage was busy preparing to meet whatever charges might be raised at his not-yet-scheduled deportation hearing.

THE GOVERNMENT WON'T GIVE UP

Harry Bridges conviction upset after 19 years of persecution

THE U. S. Supreme Court by a four to three decision June 15 ordered that denaturalization efforts against Intl. Longshore and Warehouse Union president Harry Bridges be dismissed, along with the five-year jail sentence imposed on him in 1950. Two-year sentences against union vice-presidents J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt were also revoked. They had been convicted of allegedly swearing falsely that Bridges was not a Communist when he obtained U. S. citizenship in 1945.

Bridges told a press conference:

"This is, of course, a victory for the union and its members more than it is for the three defendants. We certainly hope the decision will be helpful to others undergoing trial or facing indictment or trial or inquisitions before Congressional committees, because of their beliefs and opinions on critical issues."

LATER THAN THEY THOUGHT: The court stated that its ruling was based solely on the fact that indictment had come "too late to be effective." Bridges'

naturalization was granted in 1945 and the indictment, to be effective, would have had to be returned not later than 1948. It was actually returned in 1949.

The government's announced intention was to deport Bridges as soon as denaturalization proceedings had been completed. These plans, too, have now been checked, but, in the opinion of the longshore leader, only temporarily. Referring to the government's five efforts in 19 years to imprison or deport him, Bridges predicted a sixth attempt. Bruce Barber, San Francisco director of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, at once threatened to try again to cancel Bridges' citizenship, and thereby attack not only his union but the most militant sector of U. S. labor.

George Anderson and Norman Leonard attorneys for Bridges, said that the government had no more evidence now than before, all of which "is what they have bought and paid for. . . . Mr. Barber is going to be set back as he has been before."

Belfrage Fight-Back Bulletin 5

Cedric Belfrage is free in \$5,000 bond and back at his desk. But the fight goes on. He still faces a deportation hearing, and the government has not stopped trying to return him to Ellis Island. Keep the case alive. Tell your friends about it. Order copies of "Not for Sale" to give to them—and keep the Fight-Back Fund afloat.

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"THE PRIVILEGE EXISTS FOR THE INNOCENT"

The court's opinion in the Belfrage case

The decision by District Judge Edward Weinfeld (and confirmed by Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark), refusing to allow GUARDIAN editor Belfrage to be held on Ellis Island without bail, set important precedents for similar Walter-McCarran Act cases, and we publish excerpts from it below. The victory in the fight for bail was won by Belfrage's attorneys Blanch Freedman and Nathan Dambroff.

From the decision of Judge Weinfeld:

EXCEPT for the allegations concerning Belfrage's appearance before the Senate and House Committees, the return contains no facts which support the conclusory charges of espionage and Communist activity. Names, dates or places are not stated. The general unsupported statements are contained in a return made by an attorney in the office of the District Counsel of the Immigration Service "based on the records and files of the Immigration & Naturalization Service." They are clearly made upon information and belief. The information in "the records and files" has not been disclosed to the Court. Nevertheless, I would have to take the allegations of the return as true if they were not denied.

But they are denied. . . .

AS to his appearances before the Congressional Committees, Belfrage admits refusing to answer the questions referred to in the return, except those concerning his participation in the licensing of U.S.-financed papers in Germany. He states that in 1947 he had been investigated and interrogated by the FBI, and thereafter in the same year he was questioned before a Grand Jury in the U. S. District Court for this district for two days.

. . . Significantly, the government does not claim that, with one exception, any fact now relied upon as grounding his detention without bail



Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch "Look up, Brothers!"

was not previously known to the authorities. The exception relates to the exercise of Belfrage's constitutional privilege. But the refusal to answer the Congressional Committees on a plea of constitutional privilege in and of itself in the circumstances of this case does not warrant holding Belfrage without bail pending a hearing of the deportation charges.

"The privilege is for the innocent as well as the guilty and no inference can be drawn against the person claiming it that he fears that he is 'engaged in doing something forbidden by federal law. . . . The truth is that the privilege exists for the sake of the innocent—or at least for reasons irrespective of the guilt of the accused.'" (Spector v. U. S., 193F 2d 1002,1006.)

Belfrage's explanation for his refus-

al is that he deemed the hearings before the Congressional Committees lacking in the safeguards of a judicial inquiry and that as a result he was concerned that he might find himself unjustly enveloped in difficulties. He charges that the deportation proceedings were commenced solely at the instigation of the Congressional Committees and suggests that the denial of bail does not reflect an "individualized judgment" by the immigration authorities on the facts of his case. . . .

IF for the long period of seven years following the FBI and Grand Jury inquiries, immigration and other government officials did not consider Belfrage's presence and activities inimical to the nation's welfare and a threat to its security, it is difficult to understand how, overnight, because of his assertion of a constitutional privilege, he has become such a menace to the nation's safety that it is now necessary to jail him without bail pending the determination of the charges, as to which the government has the burden of proof.

. . . There remains the additional question of his availability if released upon bond. Belfrage has at all times appeared whenever required before the FBI, the Grand Jury and the House and Senate Committees. His American-born children are dependent upon him for support. Although separated from his wife, he has discharged his financial and paternal responsibilities toward his dependents. The paper of which he has been editor since 1948 is published in New York City and from that date to his arrest in 1953, he has been at his office daily, with the exception of the periods heretofore noted.

. . . Upon all the facts, it appears that the relator here has sustained the burden that his detention without bond was "without a reasonable foundation" (Carlson v. London, 342 U. S. 524, 540-541).

Rosenberg

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the one who tried the Rosenbergs." [The prosecuting attorney was Irving Saypol, now, N. Y. State Supreme Court judge.]

When several justices chided him, he replied:

"I don't apologize for anything I have said before this court."

PRAISE FOR BLOCH: Bloch pleaded for at least a month's time to collect material on the application of the Atomic Energy Act and called the government's move to vacate Douglas' stay "not only unseemly but shocking."

As Bloch concluded, Justice Jackson congratulated him on his whole handling of the Rosenberg defense. He said:

"These people were fortunate to have a counsel of your courage and persistence. I'm all for you."

The Court then retired at 3:32 p.m. Thursday to deliberate in private. At 6:29 p.m. Justice Burton announced that the Court would postpone its decision until Friday noon, leaving Douglas' stay in effect.

SIX TO THREE: On schedule Friday, in time for the noon news broadcast of U. S. radio stations, the Court announced its decision:

Douglas's stay was vacated by a vote of 6-3, with Douglas, Black and Frankfurter dissenting. From the bench Douglas said:

"I know deep in my heart that I am right on the law and therefore I see my duty."

Before recessing the special session, the Court refused Bloch's final pleas for reconsideration and for a stay to permit time for appeals to the White House for clemency.

At 2:15 p.m. President Eisenhower rejected the final clemency appeal.

Thus the fate of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was sealed.

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ADENAUER'S NIGHTMARE: In W. Germany, this was the picture before the Berlin violence captured U. S. headlines:

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government was stunned by the changes in E. Germany (NYT, 6/12) which clearly aimed to lay a foundation for unification. Frankfurt's (W. German) *Allgemeine Zeitung* said the E. German decrees had given "additional weight" to Churchill's proposals for a four-power parley. Hamburg's *Die Welt* found in them "an approach between the two parts of Germany." Adenauer himself saw a "nightmare" possibility of a four-power unification conference leading to his downfall—shriveling him (London *New Statesman*, 5/23), "into a leader of a Catholic opposition to an all-German government."

Given little chance to win the September elections, Adenauer strove to force through parliament an electoral bill—almost identical with that railroaded through in Italy by Premier de Gasperi—to give his coalition an advantage. It faced almost certain defeat since even the Free Democratic party, a member of his coalition, declared the whole business highly undemocratic (NYHT, 6/13). With the powerful Social Democrats campaigning for four-power talks and German unity, Adenauer faced a split in his own Christian Democratic Party. His Minister for All-German Affairs, Jakob Kaiser, advocated four-power talks but with some reservations.

In Austria, Foreign Minister Gruber found the Soviet moves "very gratifying," expected "more marked" improvement in Soviet-Austrian relations (NYT, 6/8). The Austrian government extended formal thanks to the U.S.S.R.

"VOLTS" FROM FRANCE: Washington's only answer to these moves was to summon home its "ablest diplomatic experts on Communist affairs" (NYT, 6/12). The Bermuda conference at which it hoped to repair its crumbling policy was still postponed because France remained without a government. American ire was apparent in a

Paris report by R. H. Shackford (N. Y. *World Telegram*, 6/16) headlined: **FRANCE TODAY POSES THREAT TO WHOLE WESTERN WORLD.** Shackford charged France with sabotaging U. S. policy in Europe and Asia (by the threat to pull out of Indo-China) and "living from hand to mouth on paper money and American aid."

Already alarmed by the French turn toward neutrality, evidenced in the almost-successful attempt of Pierre Mendes-France who favors an Indo-China compromise to form a government, Washington "got another jolt" (NYWT, 6/12) when Socialist Guy Mollet announced a nationwide plan to revive the pre-war Popular Front, with Communists "welcome to join." (France faced more trouble in Indo-China as Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk fled to Thailand to protest French "reluctance" to grant real independence.)

Korea police regime strives to stall truce

RHEE's reckless release of N. Korean prisoners on the eve of the expected cease-fire threatened to postpone, if not torpedo, the truce. A curious light on the behind-the-scenes maneuverings against a truce was thrown by UP's dispatch from Tokyo (6/18) printed in the N. Y. *Times* early edition. It said in the first paragraph that the S. Korean government released the prisoners; in the next, referred to "break-outs"; then quoted Gen. Mark Clark as saying: "This is definitely a break-out and not a release."

"UNITY" FIASCO: Delegates at UN in New York talked of a quick emergency session of the General Assembly if a truce is prevented by Rhee's moves. In the growing fiasco for U. S. policy in Korea, Rhee's insistence that unification of Korea has always been the goal of the war recalled that:

• The whole U. S.-UN intervention was based solely upon the word of the Rhee government, which had been repudiated in popular elections in May, 1950 (only 48 Rhee supporters elected out of 210 deputies) and which therefore faced a parliament demanding peaceful unification;

• The U. S. press (notably Walter Sullivan in a NYT series from S. Korea, Jan. and Feb., 1950) had documented the "inequities, corruption and oppres-

World Peace Council meets in Budapest

By George Wheeler

BUDAPEST (by cable)

THE World Peace Council opened its meeting here last week with some 300 delegates from many countries and of a broad variety of political hues. Some of the first speakers were Rev. Martin Niemöller of Berlin, who said new moves in E. Germany had started "a new wave of hope" that Germany could be unified peacefully; and Moscow's Ilya Ehrenburg who said that "any initiative toward honorable agreement by any statesman—even those who profoundly dislike us" would be welcomed by the U. S. S. R. Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigerie, French progressive MP, is chairman. Several

U. S. correspondents are covering the sessions including the N. Y. *Times'* C. L. Sulzberger.

The keynote of the opening sessions was confidence and conciliation, with stress on conciliatory moves in Korea and Germany indicating that all controversies are resolvable. Wilhelm Elfes, German Catholic and long-time friend and co-worker of W. German Chancellor Adenauer, denounced the Bonn and Paris treaties as an "unbearable" attempt to partition Germany. He urged that negotiations between the powers and between W. and E. Germany be started immediately in light of E. Germany's democratic concessions to the church and capitalists.

sion" (NYT, 2/2/50) of Rhee's government, the banning of trade unions, imprisonment of thousands;

• The UN Commission in Korea (a product of U. S. maneuvering at UN) had reported several S. Korean armed attempts to cross the 38th Parallel, 1949-50, while Rhee boasted of his intention to march north.

Rhee's opposition to an armistice as certain "death" was understandable. On Aug. 5, 1952, Edgar Kennedy, just returned from UN refugee work in S. Korea, said over the British Broadcasting Corp.:

"... The majority of Koreans would vote for a regime like that in the North if there were absolutely free elections and if they were not threatened by Rhee's police squads."

RHEE & THE GI'S: Demanding a defense pact with the U. S. before a cease-

fire, Rhee was unlikely to get it; already some GOP senators were hedging about Eisenhower's promise of a defense pact after a cease-fire. Whether or not Rhee would be permitted to disrupt the truce was a question only Washington could answer. Rhee's supporters on Capitol Hill, having "heard from home how very popular a cease-fire in Korea will be with the American people" (Doris Fleeson, N. Y. *Post*, 6/10), maintained a "cautious reserve." American GI's bluntly invited Rhee to take their places in the trenches.

Alan Winnington and Wilfred Burdett, correspondents with the other side, told AP (6/16) in Panmunjom that last-minute Chinese-Korean attacks would "teach the ROK's a lesson," that the N. Koreans and Chinese "didn't like at all those 'Go North' shouts in the streets of Seoul."

ALLIED WARNINGS: From its allies Washington got a veiled warning. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Secy. and President of the UN General Assembly, said at Cambridge, Mass., that the Western countries would not follow the U. S. in a policy of blind opposition to communism throughout Asia, or in any effort to overthrow the Chinese and N. Korean governments. Britain decided to demand equal representation with the U. S. at the political conference to follow the Korean armistice (UP, 6/9).



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