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THESE UNITED STATES

THE UNION FRONT

AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS: Investigates Racketeer Union Control.

The AFL Executive Council, meeting in Boston, finally recognized the danger of growing control of unions by gangsters and racketeers and appointed a committee to investigate the matter, and report back at the next meeting on 11 Aug. at Atlantic City.

Dubinsky, ILGWU president, has been urging them to act ever since his union quit the CIO in 1940 and rejoined the AFL. At that year's convention, a report adopted provided the legal basis for an investigatory body, as a sop to Dubinsky, but despite disclosures of growing gangster domination of unions, it remained a dead letter until now. The AFL has always maintained that its federated structure barred it from interfering in the internal affairs of its affiliated organizations. Not since Prohibition has there been an influx of law-breaking elements into union control and the group of antiquies who comprise the Exec. Council can no longer ignore the dangers it presents. The Com. will work with officers of parent unions to clean up the situation and if the parent bodies refuse to cooperate, the Council could expel them. It remains to be seen whether this is mere widow dressing or whether remedial action will follow. Meanwhile, thousands of workers in gangster dominated unions, held in line by fear of physical violence, wait hopefully for relief.

The condition has become so bad that the Federal, NY State and NY City governments have started investigations, but nothing has been accomplished because of the tie-up between politicians, gangsters and union leaders. An illustration of this was the annual Spring dinner of the Jos. P. Ryan Assn. Ryan is the lifetime pres. of the Int'l Longshoremens Union, whose aides practice murder, mayhem and robbery on a large scale. Present at the dinner were the following NYC officials: Police Com. Monaghan, Fire Com. Grumot, San. Com. Mulrain, Manhattan Boro Pres. Wagner. Also Tammany leader DeSapio. The rest of the guests reads like the roll call at a prison: a convicted bootlegger, a former Ryan aide, indicted for breaking a woman's jaw and attacking her, a convicted bank robber; a mobster charged with biting off a man's ear; a pier boss, whose criminal record is too long to detail, a reform pres. of Jersey City local 1247, under indictment for assault; a murderer, recently released from Dannemore prison, and others of that ilk.

This probably explains why the proposals of Ryan and his officials meet with no opposition from the members. AFL action is long past due.

Political action: The Council decided to concentrate on defeating for renomination Sens. Brewster, Rep. Maine, Byrd, Dem. Va., and of preventing Knowland, Rep. Calif., from getting the Demo designation as his own party's nomination is assured. Subsequently, Brewster was defeated, Knowland won both nominations easily and the Va. primary is still to be held. Sen. McCarthy, reactionary fascist Sen. from Wisc., has not been labeled an enemy of labor nor his defeat sought.

GOVT. DEFEATS RR UNIONS: After the 3 RR Brotherhood presidents had signed contracts with the railroads, giving slight wage raises and some improved conditions, Truman signed the order returning the railroads to their private owners. The government took over the roads 21 months ago and put them under Army control

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Truman, alleged friend of labor, who 7 times invoked the Taft-Hartley Act against unions, claimed that a national emergency existed therefore strike could not be allowed. A Penn. RR official was appointed a Brig. Gen. and 8 RR vice-pres. colonels to boss RR operation. Wages and conditions were naturally frozen. Under such favorable conditions, the owners were in no hurry to reach an agreement with the unions and after 21 months, during which prices rose precipitately and wages remained stationary, the Brotherhoods signed on the best conditions they could get in the circumstances. The union presidents made no secret of their dissatisfaction with the contract, but were powerless with the government holding them, and functioning as strikebreaker. Thus is revealed again the government's tech-

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nique for defeating Labor and the evils of craft division of Labor's ranks.

WHAT GOOD IS IT? Six Phila. locals of the Textile Workers Union (TWA) with 9,000 members, voted to quit the CIO and join the AFL. This is the aftermath of the feud between Int'l. Pres. Rieve and VP Baldanzi which resulted in the reelection of Rieve and his slate and Baldanzi's defeat at the recent convention. Baldanzi subsequently got an AFL pie card to organize textile workers. Since the only difference it makes to the workers is a change of union bosses and that now their per capita goes to the AFL, their vote is baffling. But it does expose the kind of union movement we have wherein two great labor orgs. waste their resources in internecine strife, scabbing on each other and dividing the workers so that they are easy prey of the bosses.

At its San Francisco convention, the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen's Union set up a 2½ million \$\$ war chest and laid plans to engage in fratricidal strife with the United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, in the Nation's meat-packing plants.

THE STEEL STRIKE: Philip Murray's latest strategic move in the steel strike is to agree to produce steel for the "defense" program while the strike is on. Thus Murray has thrown away the steelworkers' trump ace, in a further effort to appease his friend Truman and the Demo politicians. The workers who return to work at wages and conditions their brothers are striking against are scabbing on their fellow workers and on themselves, while the companies will get profits out of what is produced. Nevertheless, both Senate & House have asked the President to invoke the TH Act. The politicians thus again demonstrate their contempt for Labor and their subservience to Big Business. The Pres. is hesitant because this is an election year and no one can tell what repercussions might follow.

Meanwhile, it is informative to chronicle the master-minding of the alleged great labor statesman, Philip Murray, who, besides heading the CIO, is Pres. of the Steelworkers Union. After a long period of negotiations with no prospect for agreement, the union threatened to strike. At the President's request, the strike was called off, pending investigation by the NLRB, which, after further lengthy meetings with workers' reps. and Co. reps., recommended a wage scale and working conditions, which were immediately accepted by the workers and rejected by the Co's. Meanwhile, the President had taken over the steel plants, but the companies appealed to the courts and Truman's action was ruled illegal and the workers struck. Over 3 months have elapsed since the President brought in the NLRB and the union revoked its strike order, which is much more time than the T-H Act requires, but this means nothing to the venal politicians who will do anything to defeat labor. Truman, probably echoing Murray, says that the workers would not obey the T-H Act, but

Murray was always militant in words and subservient in action.

OUR ALERT PRICE ADMINISTRATOR: COST OF LIVING RISES-- Price Administrator Arnall told the House Banking Com. that he was shocked when his wife sent him to buy a quart of milk and he handed the grocer a dime and was told the price was 28¢. No wonder the women in the audience roared with laughter. The Nat. Industrial Conf. Board reports that prices rose 1 % from March to April to 179.9, only .2 % below the all-time high. For the year ending March the index is up 3 %. The purchasing power of the \$\$ dipped to 55.6¢ in April, a drop of .9 % from March, and 3 % from April 1951. We record rising living costs because just as our comparative well-being in the past diverted the interest of the workers from the revolutionary movement, declining living standards, brought about by war preparations must eventually give impetus to a new Socialist movement in this country.

Lobbyists for the US C of C and NAM have begun a drive on congress for a Federal consumers sales tax, which won't get the attention of our reps. until after election when they are safe from the wrath of the people.

TWO KINDS OF SOCIAL SECURITY: The House magnanimously voted to increase pensions for workers \$5 from \$8.80 monthly, average \$6, and raised permitted earnings from \$50 to \$70 monthly. The monthly pension average is now \$48 a month for a single person and \$76 for a couple, beginning at age 65. There is no death benefit. This is what is ludicrously called social "security" for workers. Contrast this with Congress' generosity to itself in the Cong. Reorganization Act of 1946--average pension is \$3,375 depending on length of service and amount contributed, beginning at age 62, after 6 years' service which does not have to be continuous. Outside income is unlimited and there is a death benefit of \$12,500.

The workers must learn that capitalism cannot give them any kind of security, that the pittance they receive after a lifetime of work, if they live to collect it, will not buy even the necessities of life. Indeed, capitalism cannot even assure security to capitalists!!

One worthy drawing pension is ex-Cong. Andrew J. May, who served a jail term for bribery and another who soon becomes eligible is ex-Cong. J. Parnell Thomas, who went to prison on a salary "kickback" conviction. Thus Congress rewards its own.

INVESTIGATE THIS GUY!! In a review of a new book; "Business Be Damned", by Butler U. Filosofy Prof. E B Jordan, the NY Times reviewer says: "Business is incompatible with culture and should be eliminated. He (the author) finds business to be without intelligence, without morals, and corrupting to everything it touches. It is without intelligence, for it knows and cares nothing for the broad consequences of its actions. Its only concern is for advantage, power and profit, which it seeks thru force, fraud and deceit. Etc... The reviewer does not indicate how the author proposes to effect the intended transformation, as he does not advocate Socialism, which is the only social system that can eliminate these and capitalism's other evils. But we include the review in SM to show that others besides Socialists occasionally expose the anti-social effects of capitalism. If the book achieves any substantial circulation, the author can expect to be labeled a Red, a subversive, or a Communist by those who protect our minds from the truth and be hauled before the Un-Am. Con.

ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES: Truman asked Congress for a \$\$ 4 billion expansion of the atomic program for military purposes. Not one¢ has yet been appropriated by the peace-lovers for its application to peaceful pursuits.

DID MACARTHUR LET THE CAT OUT? In his speech at Landing, Mich, on 16 May, Gen. M. intimated that a secret deal existed between the 2 capitalist (major) parties wherein the Dems would nominate a weak candidate, insuring the election of the Rep. candidate with the same foreign policy as the present administration. The workers know they have no voice in the selection of candidates for political office, but pre-election ballyhoo is intended to convince them that there is a difference between the Rep. tweedledee and the Dem tweedledum. This imaginary difference between the 2 parties of capitalism in the USA is carefully nurtured by the powers-that-be, who always select both candidates.

WAKE UP WORKERS!! THE WORST IS YET TO COME: Some of the HSA'S top economists attending a U of Minn. economic conference predicted that the USA faces a long period of inflation and an unstable future. NATCH!!

GOVT. WITHHOLDS INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE: Speaking before the Intl. Fed. of Newspaper Publishers at Brussels, Belgium, "Christian Science Monitor" editor Edwin D. Canham said that access to news had been under widespread attack in the U.S. recently and that while freedom of the press is guaranteed by the Constitution, there is no such guarantee to access to news. "There has been more refusal of access to public records in the past 5 years than in any previous quarter of a century", he said. Altho he did not specify, he probably refers to the authority given to petty bureaucrats under cover of the so-called national emergency to call matters "Highly Confidential" and withhold them from the public. The latest instance of withholding information from the public, according to Sen. Hennings is Truman's ordered suppression of the FTC 2-year investigation report of the deal between Standard Oil of NJ and the Texas Co., cooperating with Royal Dutch Shell and Anglo-Iranian to divide the Middle East's rich oil reserves and fix prices. The Senator, in a letter to Atty. Gen. McGranery, asking him to act against "the giant oil cartel" said, "...it is unthinkable than even the portions of the FTC study may be considered as classified material, that circumstances should serve as a cloak to shield law violations". Hennings comes from Pa., where the oil interests are one of the dominating political and economic powers. So it is unlikely that the Atty. Gen. will act and his excuse will be Truman's statement that publication of the report "might adversely affect our foreign relations".

'SOCIALISM' OK FOR CORPORATIONS: Whenever the government, functioning in the interest of capitalism generally, is obliged to act against one group of capitalists, our national politicians, both the ignorant and the prevaricators, scream that the government is promoting Socialism. This same crew does not consider it "Socialism" to pass laws that enable corporations to extract huge sums from the national Treasury without performing any service for it.

An illustration is the recently launched superliner, the "United States", which Congress agreed to turn over to United States Lines for \$23 million and which cost the government almost \$80 million. That's a neat profit for exercising "individual initiative" by doing nothing. Another case was the government paying potato growers \$326 million during the past 3 years to keep prices high. Ain't the "American way" wonderful!. Strange, but nobody yells "Socialism".

DID anyone ever hear of "our" government paying workers for doing nothing, or of subsidizing wages? Just for the record, Socialism has nothing in common with government ownership, control, or interference in society's affairs.

LABOR NEWS: The nonsense that comes from the mouths of labor leaders these days is comparable only to that of the politicians. Having manipulated the unions into an almost helpless position, the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class now shed crocodile tears at labor's plight. At its 18th biennial meeting, Pres. Potofsky of the ACWA charged that military men in charge of purchasing clothing had awarded contracts to low-bidders operating non-union plants with cheap labor, resulting in much union unemployment. "The Pentagon makes its awards on an anti-union and cheap labor basis", Potofsky said, and had "encouraged middlemen who farm out work to substandard shops. False economies threaten the return of the sweatshop to America and endangers our decent standard of living". He wants civilians to do the buying. He had complained to Truman and top defense officials; Truman expressed sympathy, but the condition was unchanged. Potofsky, trying to excuse Truman, conveniently forgets he is commander-in-chief and has full authority. Thus, the union is repaid for its support of the Administration's policies at home and abroad. The rough deal they are getting did not the assemblage from giving VP Barkley, who addressed them, a 15 minute ovation. Hal

FRUITS OF VICTORY: Foreign investments in Japan are 67 million shares, "the great bulk of which are held by americans", according to the NY Times.

DO AS WE SAY, NOT AS WE DO: Last month we told of the protests of the Italian, Danish and Swiss ambassadors against U.S. tariffs on cheese, while a horde of U.S. reps try to induce European nations to reduce theirs. This month the Swiss are aroused over the proposed increase in U.S. tariffs on watches and watch movements, instigated by the Hamilton and Elgin companies. The Swiss buy \$5 worth of Am. foodstuffs for every \$3 of Swiss goods purchased here, and threaten retaliation if the U.S. watch tariff is raised. "Watch" out boys.

INTERNATIONAL

BY JOHN LOEB | WORKING CLASS

UNLINED CONGRESSMAN RANKIN: Congressman John Rankin, Mississippi fascist, has a very different namesake: John Rankin of Glasgow, Scotland, M.P. for Labor and its affiliated Cooperative Party. He recently attacked American war policies...

The London Committee of the Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism blasted French dictatorship in Tunisia...

"Bevanism" is growing among European Social Democrats. The Belgian Socialist Party uses Bevan's "One Way Only" to justify SP opposition to the Roman clerical government's arms drive. A German translation of "One Way Only" bolsters trade union opposition to Premier Adenauer's rearmament policy. And Marceau Pivert, former leader of the defunct revolutionary Socialist Party of Workers and Peasants, who now takes a Left line within the reformist French Socialist Party, has contacts with British "Bevanites" . . .

JUNIOR BUYERS' STRIKE: The "South Wales Democrat" reports that some British children are protesting high candy bar prices by holding a buyers' strike. The kids scrawled on a wall: "Don't buy 8¢ bar. If you do you will get this (and an arrow pointed to a picture of a hanging.) Join the strike" . . .

James T. Farrell, in a New York Times letter, suggests a campaign to bring hungry Spanish loyalist refugees from France to America . . .

Work communities in France, Switzerland and Italy-- libertarian groups similar to producer cooperatives-- are linked by the Entente Communitaire in Paris, which provides information on work community activities and gives advice to people interested in starting new groups. Of course the groups can't escape the capitalist world, but these groups are successful. They refuse to isolate themselves-- taking part in general working class activity. They comprise both Marxist and non-Marxist radicals. . .

The neo-Nazi "Socialist" Reichs Party, which advocates appeasing Russia, now receives even more money from the Stalinists. . .

SLAVERY IN LIBERIA: A Negro leader, who fought the dictatorship in Wall Street-controlled Liberia, says Liberian President Tubman forces people in the Negro "republic" into slave labor. This confirms the fact that Liberia is just an American colony disguised as a democracy. The Negro leader, Dih Dwo Twe, tried to run for President on his Reformation Party ticket against Tubman, the Wall Street puppet. But Tubman kept his opponent's name off the ballot. To escape arrest, Twe fled by canoe. After a 48 hour trip on the Atlantic, he arrived in British-ruled Sierra Leon. Then he came to America. . .

Capitalist papers call Colombia, S.A., revolutionists "bandits" -- without mentioning they are rebels against the clerical fascist state. . .

16 of 20 Latin American countries have military-created dictatorships. And the State Department is friendly to every dictator-- except Peron, who has resisted U.S. influence. . .

PANAMA ANOTHER SUEZ?: State Department officials fear Panama workers will follow Egypt's example and demand possession of the Wall Street-controlled Panama Canal. . .

Iraq's United Popular Front, Independent and Nationalist Democratic parties held a half day strike after the government ratified another deal with Iraq Petroleum Co.-- British and U.S. imperialist owned. . .

Delinquents on Easter Island, which the 500 natives call Rapa Nui and the

Many leading Chinese hate Chiang and the Stalinists equally, and seek a Chinese "third force", reports Gardner Cowles, "Quick" editor, after an Asian trip...

Chinese Stalinists are banning folk songs as "Reactionary" and substituting propaganda tunes. . .

REVOLUTION AGAINST CHINESE STALINISM: New peasant revolts threaten Chinese Stalinism after Mao's troops subdued a peasant rebellion in Hupoh province. The peasants were protesting fake land "reform" -- in which the Stalinist State replaces former landlords in exploiting peasants. In some cases the "reform" allows big private landlords to keep their land-- if they support Stalinism. The Hupoh peasants, numbering 280, stormed a village Communist Party office and killed the party secretary. Then the peasants, armed with swords and other weapons, fought with Stalinist militiamen. Later, regular Stalinist troops arrived and defeated the peasant revolutionists. The official Stalinist paper in Kankow, "Ynagtze Daily", commented on the peasant revolt: "Feelings of enmity" against Stalinism are "still strong" among Chinese peasants. . .

The puppet government of Tibet asked its Stalinist bosses in China to remove many Chinese soldiers from Lhasa, Tibet's capital. Reason: The large Chinese garrison consumes so much food that Tibet civilians are threatened with famine. And the Tibet puppet government fears a revolt. Tibetans hold secret anti-Stalinist meetings daily. Tibetans also plaster walls with posters demanding the Chinese withdraw from Tibet. The Stalinists are ready to destroy at a moment's notice their large arms supply in Lhasa-- in case Tibetans revolutionaries try to seize the arms. Stalinists denied reports a crowd of armed men stormed the house of the Tibetan minister who signed last year's treaty which gave China rule over Tibet. But Stalinists admitted a "minor clash" between Lhasa residents and Chinese troops. . .

British imperialist police in Malaya torture so many prisoners that numerous complaints are being made to London. Not only Stalinist political prisoners but non-political people, too, are tortured. . .

STALINISTS FAVOR FREE SPEECH: They threw acid in the face of a girls' school headmistress after she made anti-Stalinist remarks in Malaya. The government paid her plastic surgery expenses. . .

10 million Indian peasants in the southern state of Madras -- hungry from 5 drought years -- get government relief: 1 cup of semi-fluid gruel once daily. That's all. Peasants are thirsty as well as hungry. Wells, streams and rivers have dried up. . .

Many Korean war orphans are starving, altho UN officials now are making some efforts to feed them. . .

Stalinists in a U.S.-UN prisoner-of-war camp in Korea dragged an anti-Stalinist to the barbed wire enclosure's edge. Then they cut out his tongue with steel shears and throw it at U.S.-UN guards, who watching and doing nothing. Altho Stalinist POW'S killed and tortured several anti-Stalinists in prisoner-of-war camps, U.S.-UN authorities refused to separate brutalitarians from anti-Stalinist prisoners because it was thought anti-Stalinists could restrain Stalinists if they were together. . .

An anti-Stalinist BBC correspondent in Korea, Rene Cutforth, tells in his new book, "Korea Reporter", about U.S. - UN napalm bombings of old men, women, and children. The correspondent described one case of a nearly burned alive Korean at a British field hospital: "In front of us a curious figure was standing, a little crouched, legs straddled, arms held out from his sides. He had no eyes, and the whole of his body, nearly all of which was visible thru tatters of burnt rags, was covered with a hard black crust speckled with yellow pus. A Korean woman by his side began to speak, and the interpreter said: "He has to stand, sir, because cannot sit or lie". He had to stand because he was no longer covered with a skin, but with a crust like crackling which broke easily."

Demanding wage raises, Italian newspapermen and printers held a 24 hour warning strike against Rome papers. . .

Former inmates say Stalinist concentration camps in East Germany are "unbearable". Stalinists imprisoned 6,300 youth under 18 between January 1950 and May 1951, information smuggled out of East Germany reveals. Not only boys, but girls under 18 perform slave labor in German Stalinist camps. Even 14-year-olds are imprisoned for making anti-Stalinist remarks. . .

What Dwight McDonald once called the "Bolivian Pattern" threatens France: In Polivia, fascistic nationalists use more social domagogy than other fascists-- to win workers' support. And that support won the recent Bolivian revolt for fascists. In France, rumors say De Gaulle will stress his "social" ideas more to win support from Center and Left parties-- including misled Socialists. Then, the rumors add, De Gaulle will form a coalition government, and temporarily fight openly conservative groups in his own party. After consolidating power, De Gaulle would, of course, set up open fascism . . .

The Stalinists have almost banned divorce in all Iron Curtain countries. Altho Stalinist judges won't grant divorces for adultery or cruelty, judges will give divorces for political reasons: Stalinists can divorce anti-Stalinist mates.

The Stalinists are purging more Jewish officers and enlisted men in the Soviet army-- part of Stalin's campaign to use anti-Semitism for domagogy...

Anti-Stalinist underground working class forces report new purges in the Bulgarian CP. . .

Czech young socialists in exile are appealing to Czech workers to intensify their underground fight against Stalinism. . .

Peasant resistance actually stopped Russian Stalinists from wiping out farm villages and moving peasants into big "farm cities". The canceled plans would have deprived Russian peasants of their last ties to their own land-- small, individually-owned gardens the bureaucrats wanted to drag into the slave Statized farm systed . . .

"F" FOR FREEDOM: Anti-Stalinist underground groups scrawl "F" on walks in East Germany at night . . .

Stalinists purged and imprisoned Bruno Pontecorvo, British atom scientist who fled to Russia, rumors say . . .

STALINIST-ROMAN CATHOLIC DEAL? Pietro Nenni, pro-Stalinist leader of the follow-traveling Italian "Socialist" Party, is offering a deal to Premier De Gasperi and his Roman Catholic "Christian Democratic" Party: It Italy's election next year has proportional representation, Nenni's party would end its electoral alliance with the Communist Party and run independently. After the election, Nenni would prop the weakening "Christian Democrats" by forming a coalition with them. The price: Italy would give less aid to the Atlantic Pact Alliance. This Right-wing "neutrality" -- obviously different from the workers' Third Camp policy of fighting both war camps ideologically-- would help Stalin, Nenni things. Many Roman Catholic leaders in Italy's government like Nenni's scheme. It wouldn't be the first time the Kremlin and Vatican got together, of course. After World War II in Italy, Stalinist members of parliament gave the Roman church enough votes to make Roman Catholicism the State religion. Stalinists then were trying to recruit Catholics . . .

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CIVIL LIBERTIES FADING OUT

ODE TO HYSTERIA

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I am the model of a member of the faculty,
Because I'm simply overcome with sentiments of loyalty,
I daily think of reasons why I'm so glad to be American,
And thank the Lord I've always been a registered Republican.
The thoughts I think are only thoughts approved by my community,
I pledge allegiance to the flag at every opportunity,
I haven't had a thing to do with Communist conspirators,
And neither have my relatives, descendants or progenitors.
I try to keep away from propositions controversial;
I've no opinions social, politic or commercial.
And so you see that I must be, with sentiments of loyalty,
The very perfect model of a member of the faculty.

chorus

And so you see that he must be with sentiments of loyalty,
The very perfect model of a member of the faculty.

I'm qualified to educate in matters of heredity,
Un sullied by the taint of any doctrinaire rigidity.
I teach the Darwin theory with valuation critical,
Uninfluenced by dogmatists, religious or political.
I understand the economic forces that have made us great,
The system of free enterprise I do not underestimate.
I'm well equipped objectively to point out flaws in Marxist thought,
Because I've never read his work; and rest assured I'll not.
I freely follow the truth in ways which I am sure will satisfy
The Board of Regents, William Hearst and Hoover of the FBI.
And so you see that I must be, with sentiments of loyalty,
The very perfect model of a member of the faculty.

chorus

And so you see that he must be, with sentiments of loyalty,
The very perfect model of a member of the faculty.

...ANONYMOUS

ACLU FILES RADIO-TV BLACKLISTING COMPLAINT WITH FCC: MERLE MILLER STUDY OF ISSUE PUBLISHED:

ACLU directed a double-barreled assault on the whole problem of blacklisting in the radio and TV industry. Simultaneously with the publication of the "Judges and the Judged", the Merle Miller study of blacklisting made for ACLU, it filed a complaint with the FCC against the major networks, based on material contained in the book.

The charge that the blacklisting writers, artists and performers is against the public interest, called for a general investigation of the practice and regulations to end it.

The complaint named the National Broadcasting Co., DuMont TV Network, Columbia Broadcasting System and ABC, as well as Stations WPIX, operated by the New York Daily News and KOWL of Santa Monica, Calif.

The petition scored the role of "Red Channels", charging that discrimination on the basis of blacklisting in that publication is prevalent and must be stopped. The Civil Liberties group specifically cited:

WPIX for canceling a scheduled showing of a Charlie Chaplin movie purportedly because the commander of the N.J. Catholic War Veterans considered the star pro-

Communist; KWOL for baring Rev. Russell from making radio talks because he was "supposedly friendly with Communism; NBC for canceling a show by the Weavers, folksingers, allegedly for their political associations; also for permitting actress Jean Muir to be dropped by Gen. Foods Corp., after a listing in "Red Channels"; CBS for eliminating a dance by Paul Draper from the Ed Sullivan show after receiving a protest on his alleged associations and beliefs; Du Mont for having canceled pianist Hazel Scott's show after her listing in "Red Channels".

ANTI-STALIN MARXIST FIGHTS DEPORTATION:

A court appeal against deportation to the British West Indies of C. L. R. James, anti-Stalin Marxist, is being prepared after the Board of Immigration held him ineligible for discretionary relief.

James' attorney said the board agreed that he was of good moral character and acknowledged his deportation would cause his US citizen wife and child economic hardship. But the board held that James' authorship in 1937 of "World Revolution", a Trotskyist viewpoint, deprived him of the Board's power to grant leniency in hardship cases.

"If the board's concern is with the book", his lawyer said at the hearing, "it seems absurd to deport James while his book is still on library shelves here. The logical consequence of the board's ruling should be to burn the book and let the author remain".

James was actually ordered deported for having overstayed a temporary visiting permit. His counsel said; The question of his political views and publications arose as a bar to the board's use of its discretionary powers to cancel the deportation order.

IN BRIEF

"Persons who are members of organizations designated as subversive by the Attorney General", would be barred from occupancy of low-rent Federally backed housing unit under a bill recently passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

President Truman was urged "to direct the Dept. of Justice to cease immediately the setting up of concentration camps under the McCarran Act" by a delegation from the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act.

Some 100 clerical and service workers of RKO Hollywood studio were suddenly out of their jobs last week as Howard Hughes, their boss, practically shut down all operations to give himself time to complete a purge of suspected Communists in his organization.

The Connecticut State Board of Education has voted down unanimously a teachers loyalty oath proposed by the Catholic War Veterans.

A. Philip Randolph, president of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, told a Senate hearing on FEPC that the Federal government itself "is one of the best examples of racial discrimination in employment".

The widow and four children of Willie McGee, a Negro executed last year after a rape conviction which was widely protested as unfair, have been escorted safely out of Mississippi.

Deportation of 268 aliens, mostly sailors who jumped ship, was under way in New York--the largest number in four years.

"Pinelawn Memorial Park, dedicated to the American Ideal of Freedom of Worship is non-sectarian. But the administrators ask us to remind Catholics and Jews that they are traditionally interred incineraries of their own religion". (From an ad in the Daily News, New York City.)

Woodruff Randolph, president of the AFL Typographical Union, said: "We are right on the verge of Italian fascism under the guise of free enterprise.

In Los Angeles a new threat to the schools has met a rebuff from the AFL and CIO. The "Screening" of social science textbooks by a Chamber of Commerce sponsored committee was denounced by the CIO Council which said; "We wish no part of any book burning".

THE ANTI-LABOR DRIVE

Murray Kinton, labor writer of the NY Post, calls attention to the following recent developments on the Union front:

"Step by step, we are losing the sense that the individual worker has rights that cannot be taken away from him by an employer without penalty.

"It has, for example, long been a staple of our labor law that a man's union membership was his own business. This spring a federal court held that the president of a company had a perfect right to ask his employees about their opinion of the union and about what went on at its meetings, so long as the NLRB couldn't prove any actual threat in the questioning.

"The courts used to believe that picketing was a matter of free speech and therefore untouchable by law. That doctrine died long ago, and unions in New York have been enjoined repeatedly from picketing to organize, or for purposes which seemed to the courts socially undesirable.

"Now the US Court of Appeals here has found that an employer has a perfect right to fire one Charles Waugh for refusing to cross a picket line to pick up a load of newspapers. The court said Waugh could be fired because he had respected the picket line not to assist the strikers but because 'his only concern was his own standing as a union man'. In other words, he was following his conscience; the majesty of the law seems no longer disposed to protect you on that sort of trip."

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THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST LEAGUE DIRECTORY

Branch New York City: Our next meeting will be for members only on Saturday, 12 July with discussion on International Report led by Dave. However, we urge our friends to come along on the picnic we're holding the next day, Sunday, July 13, in the Bronx. For details see page 8.

Branch Chicago: For information, contact B. Rosen 1328 East 57 St., Chicago 37, Ill.

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