

WANTED: A PLAN THAT FITS DEMOCRACY

When, as frequently happens, we point to incidents that indicate the rapid passing of capitalism, we hope that the alarm that sometimes creeps into our paragraphs will not be misconstrued. We have no desire to preserve the private-profit economy or the class society upon which it is based...

THE MARCH OF LABOR

Illustration showing a group of workers and a man with a scale. Text includes: 'THE SUPREME COURT OF MICHIGAN IN 1940 HELD THAT THE DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE DUE TO LOWERED RESISTANCE RESULTING FROM AN ACCIDENTAL INJURY WAS COMPENSABLE UNDER THE STATE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW...' and 'IN 1934 43,000,000 PERSONS IN 17 COUNTRIES WERE COVERED BY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OF SOME TYPE.'

IN THE WIND

NOW THAT TEXAS NEGROES have won the right to vote in Democratic primaries, a new type of political organization is springing up—the White Men's Association. One such, in Jackson County, will hold a primary of its own on December 8 to nominate candidates for the unexpired terms of County Tax Collector Charles A. Mitchell and County Treasurer Claudius Branch.

WHY LEWIS AND GREEN FOUGHT WAGE INCREASES

The Labor-Management Conference in Washington proved one thing: President Philip Murray led a single-handed fight on the wage issue. John L. Lewis, William Green and management opposed it. Managements' position was not unexpected. But to find two leaders of labor lining up against the wage issue for purely political reasons is amazing.

Home-Front Accidents Took Greater Toll in American Lives Than War

A total of 34,335,000 Americans were killed or injured in accidents on the home front during World War II, or about 34 times the total of battle casualties suffered by U. S. armed forces, the National Safety Council has revealed. The death toll from December 7, 1941, to June 1, 1945, was 335,000 American lives, while the five-year toll was 485,000.

"Hell, I Was Better Off in the Army"

"Inquiring Reporter" from Washington Newspaper Tells How G. I. Joe Fails to Find Those "Cushy Jobs," With Big Pay

Lies, like chickens, have a habit of coming home to roost. By way of illustration: The Washington "Post" instructed one of its bright reporters to ascertain what is happening to the returning "G. I. Joes" who find it necessary to look for a job. The reporter is beginning to describe his discoveries, and they make interesting reading.

While in uniform, "G. I. Joe" has been reading about those "\$100-a-week-plus cushy jobs the war workers were supposed to be having." Naturally, he expected to pick up one of these good things as soon as he could secure his discharge.

"Hell," says "G. I. Joe," "I was better off in the service." The "Post" reporter thinks that's right. As he figures it out, "in the army the average enlisted man (serving overseas and having a wife and two children) receives as pay and benefits an estimated \$47.71 a week."

We sympathize with "G. I. Joe." During the war we tried to tell him that those stories about the "fantastic wages" being received by the war workers were just plain "bunk."

Now "G. I. Joe" is beginning to uncover the facts. Being a smart fellow, he is not likely to be further deceived by the propaganda which is being circulated by anti-union low-wage employers.

Yugoslavia Would Respect The Italian Character of Trieste

BELGRADE.—The newspaper Glas Istre writes: "According to the Italian Press, there were stormy ovations in the Italian Consulta when a deputy exclaimed: 'Viva Trieste Italiano'; all the deputies rose; the gallery rose; and all cheered Italian Trieste together."

While they were shouting "Viva Trieste Italiano!" in Rome, about 200,000 workers were on strike in Trieste, Monfalcone and Pola. These workers, the majority of them Italians, had repeatedly declared themselves for incorporation into Yugoslavia.

ALL WAR PRISONERS WILL BE SENT BACK BY MARCH

Employers will soon lose one of their major sources of cheap labor—that of prisoners of war. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson declared recently that the enemy prisoners are being sent out as rapidly as ships are made available, and that by the end of March all of the 410,000 prisoners in this country will be back in their homelands.

RACE WAR

"British, quit India!" has been the familiar slogan of Indian Nationalism for several years and is still the common battle cry. But today, among many inflammatory placards which adorned Calcutta's streets, one which struck a new note, read: "The white dogs must be thrown out of India."

This paragraph, which ended a story dealing with the crisis in India, illustrates the most momentous event of the postwar era. As the CALL columns have frequently predicted, the drive for freedom among colonial peoples has been too long suppressed by imperialist guns to be subject now to traditional treatment.

SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

An example of the cooperation which the British Labor Government is receiving from some areas of the British Commonwealth of Nations is the offer of the South African Labor Party to ship food supplies to the British Isles to relieve the prevailing food shortage.

Civilization is a state of human development that moves a man to pay the laundry for destroying his collars.

WE DON'T NEED A SPY SYSTEM

The State Department is asking for "a permanent American spy system." We are told it will only be used in foreign lands, but it still looks bad to us.

There is nothing new about these international spy systems. History is full of them. They have never produced anything good and never will. On the contrary, they have invariably involved in trouble the nations which supported them.

BOOSTING BIRTHS

Russia's high birth rate, which before the war was more than double that of the United States, has increased 35 per cent under a child subsidy program started last year.

WAR WAS COSTLIEST IN NATION'S HISTORY

Deaths incurred in battle during the last war came within 37,000 of equaling the deaths suffered in all previous wars in which this country was involved. That startling disclosure is made by General George C. Marshall who lists death casualties at 201,367, or four times as many as in World War I, and more than both sides sustained in the War Between the States.

Americans Are Playing Santa Claus To Big Business In A Big Way This Xmas

American industries are getting "their'n"—the money they invested in plant equipment for war production—back in a hurry.

In addition to the scores of billions spent by the Government on war plants and machinery, private corporations spent \$6,700,000,000. They have gotten most of it back and have written off \$3,700,000,000 of capital liabilities under the law allowing them to "amortize" war plants and equipment in five years' time.

MINISTERS CONDEMN COMPULSORY SERVICE

Despite newspaper "polls," the people of this country are emphatically opposed to compulsory military training in peacetime. A splendid illustration of this was given in Washington within the last few days.

1,100 MINERS TO GIVE LIVES TO LIFTING COAL

Estimates indicate Heavy Loss of Life for Production of Nation's Fuel. Approximately 1,100 coal miners will have lost their lives by the end of 1945 in the production of some 590,000,000 tons of coal for the entire year, according to forecasts issued recently based on fatalities in the coal industry through September 30, 1945.

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