

The Negro Question

Robert L. Birchman
West Indian Negroes' Jobs in Canal Zone Defended by Minneapolis Labor

Questions Use of Term "Negro"

Colored people would rather be called such. They are not seeking to escape their color...

THE RUSSELL FIGHT... A STUDY ON LIBERALS

By WALTER O'ROURKE
The appointment of Bertrand Russell, English mathematician and philosopher, to the faculty of the City College of New York has been in the headlines of the bourgeois press for many weeks...

BUT THE LIBERALS CAN'T LEAD THAT FIGHT

The liberals who protest so vehemently against this reactionary example of capitalist democracy really present a sorry picture...

Toledo CIO Council Launches Red Purge

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purgas had resulted in the complete emasculation of labor unions. On the other side of the fence the most vicious and reactionary attacks were made against all who opposed the American Legion type of "Americanism..."

ONLY THE WORKERS WILL BRING FREEDOM

The case of Bertrand Russell and the excited liberals is just another illustration of how they choose to see the trees rather than the woods. For the trees are such figures as Judge McGeehan and the woods are the democratic or dictatorial oppression of the entire working class...

Flint Auto Unions Back 30-Hour Plan

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negotiations indicate that little progress has been made. General Motors has shown little or no inclination to make any concessions whatever to the UAW-CIO...

Militants Propose Strategy

Negotiations have begun at the beginning of the slack season in the industry when the company can afford a struggle with the union much better than during the fall upswing...

Company Provokes Men

The GM Corporation, well aware of its temporary advantage, has been provoking dozens of minor incidents in the plants. These provocations, speed-ups, the taking away of rest periods and the like, have been met with rank and file action in plant after plant...

Drivers Union's Story of Fight Now in Pamphlet

Our readers will be glad to know that they can now obtain all information and background material on the fink suit against the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544, in a pamphlet published by the Northwest Organizer...

The Struggle for a Proletarian Party

By JAMES P. CANNON
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(This is the fifth of a series of articles by Comrade Cannon, to acquaint our readers with the party's estimate of the dispute which arose in the party, was debated in a seven-months' discussion, and was settled by a decisive majority at the Third National Convention, April 5-9.)

The Case of Burnham

In the manner of all unreconstructed petty-bourgeois, for whom personal considerations, and especially personal grievances, real or imaginary, weigh heavier than the problems of the party and the class, our oppositionists industriously circulate the accusation that we have been "persecuting" Burnham...

honor and the decisive influence went to the leaders who had professional occupations outside the party and who, for the most part, lived typical petty-bourgeois lives which were far removed from the lives of the workers they were presumably "leading."

When we organized the Communist Party in this country in 1919, under the inspiration of the Russian revolution, we put a stop to all this nonsense. We had the opinion that leadership of the revolutionary movement was a serious matter, a profession in itself, and the highest and most honorable of all professions...

By and large there is no excuse for any exception to this rule unless the party itself, for reasons of its own, finds it advisable to have a prominent leader in this or that position outside the party to serve party ends. Naturally there are and have been and will be cases where the personal responsibilities of the individual cannot be provided for by the party, and he may have to seek an external occupation for economic reasons...

It is only natural that a man of the outstanding talents and equipment of Burnham should play a leading role in the party. This was universally recognized. At the same time, it seems to me, it placed upon Burnham the obligation to put himself completely at the service of the party and make party work his profession...

I proposed to him at that time, in the most friendly spirit, that he help us remedy the undoubted weakness. I proposed concretely that he make an end of the two-for-a-nickel business of instructing college students who have no intention of connecting themselves with the labor movement, and devote his energies and talents entirely to the party. After "thinking it over" for a day or so he rejected the proposal...

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