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Welcome the King!

Their Majesties, George VI and his Queen Consort, are now on the high seas headed for this continent.

These parasites, who by right of heredity are kept in fish and chips by a democratic parliament for parade purposes and diplomatic missions that require neither brains nor muscle, will be regally entertained by the official representative of a government once founded on the proposition that all men are created free and equal. Many thousands of dollars, filched from the needs of the unemployed, will be expended on their welcome. In return, America's starving multitudes will be graced with the sight of the King in all his fifty resplendent uniforms, and other items of apparel which fill some forty trunks.

Wouldn't it therefore be a fitting welcome if, in addition to the top-hats, there gathered at the pier and other places of welcome, the refugees from the British Empire? Indian workers to greet the King and his Queen on behalf of four hundred million exploited Indian masses who work twelve hours a day for a few pennies, and to remind them of India's revolutionary ferment (George VI had to skip the traditional visit to Durbar, India, at his coronation); Irish workers to remind their Majesties of the long struggle for Irish freedom, and of Irish resistance to the British conscription plan; Ceylonese workers to thank the royal do-nothings for years of tyranny and oppression; South African workers to commemorate racial segregation in their native land; workers of China, the West Indies, and the many other colonies trodden under the heel of British imperialism.

Such a welcome would indeed be fitting.

Old Superstitions

Dr. H. F. Kilander, dean of the Panzer (N.J.) College of Physical Education and Hygiene reports that a three-year survey of 11,000 high school seniors, college freshmen and adults reveals that common "old wives' tales" and belief in supernatural tokens and charms still abounds.

A surprisingly large percentage of the population, for instance, believes that the thoughts of a pregnant woman affect her child, that excessive use of the brain causes baldness, that rubbers worn indoors leads to eye trouble, and that raw meat will reduce a black eye.

The learned educator did not even mention the most common superstition of all: the belief that the nation's industries in order to function must be owned and controlled by a handful of coupon-clippers.

910 Per Cent

During the first quarter of 1939, nine leading automobile manufacturers showed an increase of 910 percent in profits as compared with the first quarter of 1938.

These companies, General Motors, Chrysler, Packard, Nash, Yellow Truck, Mack Truck, Studebaker, Checker Cab, and Diamond Truck, at the end of March had raked in \$65,531,978 after all costs had been deducted, including enormous "executive" salaries. General Motors

alone piled up for its coupon-clippers in these three months \$53,206,716.

Yet in all the automotive centers, unemployment has increased during this same period and tens of thousands have been thrown from the relief rolls into the streets.

How long will this state of affairs last? Just as long as the millions of workers and millions of unemployed and millions of poor farmers permit the national resources and the national industries to remain in the clutches of a small minority of stockholders.

Cardinal O'Connell speaks on women's hat fashions: "You can tell the quality of a woman's brain by the kind of hat that covers it." Does that also go for the hats that cardinals wear?

High Time!

In the Congressional Record, where everything the Congressmen say openly is printed, the following speech appeared recently:

"MR. KUNKEL. Mr. Speaker, I want at this time to invite all of you and your friends and your guests at the lunch-time hour to partake of some of the famous Lebanon County BALOGNA, of which I have a supply here, and which will be available in the cloakrooms for those of you who are too busy to get to the House restaurant.

"Those of you who have lunch at the House restaurant will find it available there.

"This is a very unique product. It is both very good and very sustaining. It is manufactured in Palmyra, Pa., one of the finest towns in our entire State . . . and I am sure you will all enjoy it.

"Try it yourselves and get your friends to come with you to lunch. (Applause.)"

Mr. Kunkel, like the other barkers, acrobats, clowns, and pitch-men who perform daily in the Washington legislative gyp-joint for the capitalist overlords, is paid off at the rate of \$10,000 a year cold cash.

High time that the workers and farmers of the country throw these BALONEY salesmen out on their ears!

High time we workers and farmers put in power an entirely new and different government—a workers' government, that will represent our interests for a change!

Lewis and F. D. R.

John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America and of the C.I.O., has issued a sharp statement condemning the Roosevelt Administration for its attitude in the current mine conflict.

In effect the labor leader declared that the operators' efforts to "disembowel" the miners' union were made on a tip from the Administration.

But unless we are mistaken, this is the Administration that was put into office, in two presidential elections, by the self-same John L. Lewis. Not by him alone, but under his very vigorous leadership. It was Lewis and Hillman and all the rest of the heads of the C.I.O. (and most of the A.F.L., for that matter) who did all in their power to swing the labor vote behind Roosevelt.

Lewis' own statement is enough to judge the results of this policy of supporting one capitalist party as against another. With Lewis' own union engaged in a stiff fight, Roosevelt, not for the first time, takes a union-busting, strike-breaking position which, as Lewis now states, gives aid and comfort to the coal operators.

What then are the benefits of the capitalist party policy supported by Lewis, Hillman and Green—as compared with the policy of labor striking out on its own in politics?

The only "benefits" are those accruing to the operators, to the employers, to the capitalist politicians.

The results in the labor movement are: disorientation, confusion, a feeling of dependence upon political parties that are stacked, from start to finish, against labor.

Every child knows that Roosevelt could never have been elected without the powerful, organized support of labor. That same support, given to LABOR'S OWN PARTY, to LABOR'S OWN CANDIDATES, would have produced results a thousand times more solid, a thousand times more lasting, a thousand times more beneficial than the deceptive "benefits" gained by lifting coal operators' friends into the White House and Congress.

Every day brings a new event to prove over again labor's need of its own political party, one based upon, supported and controlled by organized labor.

For all his harsh words about Roosevelt, Lewis will undoubtedly try to continue the old game of supporting one capitalist gang against another. All the more reason why the rank and file of American labor must mobilize all its strength to force the creation of a MILITANT, INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY—labor's mighty arm on the political field.

Cannon Fodder Does Not Need An Education--So the Bosses Rule

It is the Job of the Teachers Union to Organize Mass Agitation for Restoration of the Cuts Enacted Under Pressure of Real Estate Owners by "Labor's Friends"

Education under capitalism never did amount to very much for the children of the workers of this country. The schools were made sufficient to teach most of the children the three R's and to fill their heads with the kind of bunk about history and government which would make them dutiful servants of the masters. More advanced education has always been available only to a small proportion of the youth of the land, mostly the sons and daughters of the well-off and the wealthy.

Nevertheless, because it wanted efficient, productive, and subservient workers, the boss system provided a portion of its surplus and spent a given part of its tax revenues for schools. Today capitalism cannot even provide place for 15,000,000 adult workers, no less the millions of their children who are growing up into a world that has no place for them except battlefields and graveyards. Between 18,000,000 and 24,000,000 young men and women who have grown up in the last nine years have never had jobs at all. The bosses are trying to want our youth and our children who will be the youths of tomorrow for cannon fodder purposes only. And you don't have to send cannon fodder to school. In short, capitalism could afford the luxury of elementary education for the masses in its lush days—but those days have gone forever. Along with wage bills, school budgets are the first things slashed at as the going gets harder.

BUILDING INTERESTS ENGINEER OUT

This is happening now in New York where the big real estate interests have engineered a cut of \$5,300,000 from the state aid to New York City's schools and where the "liberal" Mayor LaGuardia is forcing through an additional \$3,000,000 cut in the city education outlay. Both are measures designed to avoid the necessity for increasing real estate taxes. The business interests, utilizing the columnus of its controlled press, have been carrying on a propaganda campaign about the high pay of the teachers to help put these cuts over.

James Marshall, president of the Board of Education, declared in a public statement that these cuts "will wreck the school system." He said it would be necessary to cut out 6,800 teaching positions, including 1,000 held by regularly licensed teachers. In addition it would require the total elimination, he said, of all the admittedly meager social services and evening school activities which the board now sponsors. Such things as vocational playgrounds, athletic centers, baths and pools, summer play schools and gardens, would all go by the board.

INADEQUATE TO NEEDS OF CHILDREN

Marshall's statement, designed primarily to bulldoze the teachers into taking pay cuts, only told half the story. The school system even on its present basis is utterly inadequate to meet the educational needs of the children of this city. It is already badly overcrowded. In the face of unanimous agreement among educators, that a class of 30 pupils is the maximum that can be efficiently taught, nearly 64 percent of the city's school children from kindergarten up through high school—more than half a million children—are in classes that range in size from 35 to 54. This in itself represents a condition that makes it impossible to get the children and teachers both to make any effective headway in their work. In the elementary schools 58 percent of the pupils are in over-crowded classes. No wonder they arrive in high school actually unable to read!

Under the consolidations and increase of classes that would be necessary under the Marshall plan, the size of classes would go up to 66 and a terrific additional burden would be placed on teachers who already carry an extremely heavy schedule of work.

BEGINNING OF GENERAL ATTACK

The attack on the teachers now being led by the merchants and real estate owners, by the State legislature and by "labor's friend," Mayor LaGuardia, is only the beginning of a general attack on the tenure and job security of the civil service. The city has poured millions into showy highways and parkways, and into the World's Fair and is now trying to sweat that money out of its civil servants and off the backs of the city's children.

After all, reason these worthies, what good is all this education? We can afford to cut down on it and save our own taxes from going up.

That is precisely their reasoning, for they know that their society, their system of insecurity and starvation, holds no place for the millions of youngsters who every day are crowding in ever-greater numbers in search of continually decreasing opportunities for work and for livelihood.

It is the Job of the Teachers' Union, above all, to lead the fight against this attempt to hack away at the schools and at the civil service. A vigorous counter-campaign against the menace of cuts and against the real estate owners must be organized. Through the parents and through public organizations it is possible to force the State Legislature to call a special session to restore the educational grants and to stop LaGuardia's "economy" drive from making victims of the City's children while the owners of property get exactly what they want.

IN THIS CORNER

By Max Shachtman

There are few things more admirable and encouraging than the work of the scientist who ventures into plague spots in order to isolate, analyze and counteract the cause of diseases and pestilences so that mankind may be spared their ravages. Without prospect of monetary reward or interest in it, unconcerned with sensational and transient successes, he quietly risks his own life in order that the life of man may be easier and safer. Poisonous swamps and jungles, poisonous beasts and microbes must be wiped out in order that the human race shall not be wiped out. Selflessly performing this noble task, he is indeed the priceless servant of society, counterpart in another field of the country doctor, eulogized in our recent literature, who ministers conscientiously to his flock for miles around and under the most difficult circumstances.

The New School of Social Medicine

Of an entirely different kidney are the practitioners of a new school of social medicine which has developed as a distinctly post-war phenomenon. We do not mean the "society doctors" who prescribe harmless but expensive pills to neurotic dowagers. The reference is to the reformist medicine men who readily acknowledge that capitalism is sick—some even say it is dying—but declare that they will move heaven and earth to bring it back to life. Even when it was young and lusty, the bourgeoisie never did like the ominous words of Marx about the proletariat being the gravedigger of capitalism. It likes them much less today, as it listens to its arteries harden and watches its gangrenous limbs decay. How relieved it must feel, then, to hear spokesmen of the labor movement state that their efforts are henceforth directed towards doctoring and rejuvenating the patient!

Among the recent products of the school are Dr. David Lasser and Dr. Herbert Benjamin, bosses of the Workers Alliance of America. Testifying before a Congressional Committee, Dr. Lasser blushingy admitted that he used to be a socialist but now believes in capitalism, believes in "making it work" and is devoting his modest talents to seeing to it that it does work. His tender sentiments were echoed by Dr. Benjamin, an ex-revolutionist and therefore still a member of the Communist party, who also guaranteed to do his best to relieve capitalism of any and all maladies, from gout, hernia and arthritis to leakage of the heart and water on the knee.

If memory serves us, it was either Fritz Tarnow, head of the German trade unions, Dr. Naphthali, his theoretician, or Rudolph Hilferding, the German social-democratic leader, who coined the phrase some ten years ago about substituting for the terrifying words "grave-diggers of capitalism" the more pleasant phrase "doctors at the sick-bed of capitalism." In any case, all three of them and their colleagues set to work restoring German capitalism to health. After several years of continual blood transfusions from the workers to the capitalists, which left the former anemically haggard and paralyzed, without satisfying the increasingly irritated patient, the Nazis were called in to take up where the social-democratic doctors were forced to leave off. Although the patient hasn't died, neither has he been cured; but many are those who now realize that if the social-democratic doctors had spent their time fortifying the working class to resist the effects of capitalism's poisonous disintegration, the Brown-shirted doctors would not be where they are today.

The Way to Make Capitalism "Work"

Blandly unconcerned with the German experience, the distinguished quacks, Drs. Lasser and Benjamin, have taken the oath to "make capitalism work." Now we do not deny that capitalism, even today, can be made to "work" after a fashion. There is one infallible remedy for its ills, the one that has sustained it throughout its existence: a steady flow of good, substantial profit. If anyone ever discovered another way of making capitalism work, we have not been told about it. The flow of profit, rich with shiny yellow corpuscles, is as indispensable to the life of capitalism, as the flow of blood is to the life of Lasser and Benjamin.

Now, as the latter know—and who doesn't?—the capitalists do not make profit by taking in each other's washing or drinking up each other's champagne bottles. They make it out of the labor of those they employ in their enterprises. What is more, profits are not made by raising the wages of labor and shortening the work-day; quite the contrary. The longer the work-day, the smaller the wages, the faster the speed-up, the more intense the exploitation—the higher the profit.

To accomplish his task of "making capitalism work," the social doctor of the new school must therefore help the poor old invalid cut wages, lengthen the work-day, cut out "wasteful and costly strikes," cut down relief for the "surplus, superfluous population." The "dialectical method" of the new social doctor consists in saving capitalism by enslaving labor, bringing color to the cheeks of the capitalists by draining it from the veins of the workers, preserving the life of a decaying order by dooming to misery and starvation the only class capable of establishing a healthy social order.

That is precisely what the Lassers and Benjamins have been doing. When they boasted before the investigating committee that they were opposed to strikes and discouraged them, they were stating a truth of key significance: simultaneous with their announcement of devoted medical service to decrepit capitalism they present their credentials as strike-breakers. To prove that they are ready to "make capitalism work" they show how completely they have anesthetized and paralyzed the W.A.A.

Like all practising doctors, they ought to hang out a shingle. The following text is recommended for it:

Dr. Lasser & Dr. Benjamin
 Consulting Physicians to Capitalism
 Supply of Unemployed Guinea Pigs on Hand
 Healthy Flow of Profits Guaranteed or Money Refunded
 Emergency Service Any Time, Day or Night
 Service Charge Cheap—Very Cheap

In "World of Tomorrow" Setting Writers Urge a World War Today

By DOROTHY WILLIAMS

A group of well-fed, oldish writers and publishers gathered together at the World's Fair this week "to make the world safe for democracy." Officially it was the World Congress of Writers. Our sleek heroes are brave in the words they use to describe themselves, but it is doubtful whether they would be equally brave in deeds.

The fake gingerbread setting of the New York World's Fair was unquestionably the best place in which to hold the Stalinized World Congress of Writers. It was the best place to gather together those who with pen in hand urge the masses into the coming imperialist slaughter.

These writers are highly conscious of their mission in history. Behind every line uttered was a conscious feeling of superiority. Humanity should sit at their feet, spellbound. Such small matters as having enough to eat and clothes to wear are unimportant, hardly worth considering. Why should the common herd worry about eating when they can listen to Thomas Mann on the wonders of democracy?

These people ostensibly declaimed on the good, the true and the beautiful, but their business is big-time politics—more particularly the politics of the People's Front. One point of view prevailed at the Congress: that the democracies should unite at once to stop the fascist madmen—a call to join up for the next imperialist war.

It should be noted that when Vera Micheles Deane, Secretary of the Foreign Policy Association, declared that it was the duty of the intelligentsia to educate the masses in the ways of democracy, the audience stirred restlessly. Even this weak and tentative approach to reality was uncomfortable to contemplate. Much more heroic was the prospect of sending the masses into the trenches.

LAMONT AND BARUCH AMONG THE SPONSORS

The Stalinists, as the loudest advocates of Popular Frontism, had three field days at this World Congress of Writers—they've certainly gone up in the world. It is a far cry from the days when they advocated revolution. After all, it's no mean achievement to form a People's Front with some of the people who were listed as patrons and members of the hospitality committee. It's not everyone who can prevent fascism with the aid of such eminent anti-fascists as Bernard Baruch, Thomas W. Lamont, Henry Morgenthau, Winthrop Aldrich, Marshall Field, Mrs. August Belmont and other notables.

Need we say that no writer who has taken a real anti-war stand was present or, so far as one could learn, invited? No one opposed to the capitalist system disturbed the serenity of the Congress. Ignazio Silone was invited, said the Congress officials, but "unfortunate difficulties in regard to a passport and visas" prevented his being present. They said this privately. They did not employ their public forum to criticize the American Government for not giving Silone a visa.

But where were the American writers who stand against war or, for that matter, those who for one reason or another have incurred the enmity of the G.P.U.? The writers who spoke at the Congress in the name of American literature and thought were: Henry Goddard Leach (what did he write?); Hendrik Willem Van Loon, who can't wait for the war to start; Nora Walsh (you know her work of course); Henry Seidel Canby; Mary Colum; Bernard de Voto (who, incidentally, is the chief American propagandist for Pareto's fascist philosophy); Walter F. White; Dorothy Thompson; Vera Deane; Vincent Sheean;

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These, of course, exhaust American letters and thought, and so there was no room for James T. Farrell, John Dewey, Sidney Hook, James Rorty, Louis M. Hacker and all such people interdicted by the G.P.U.

DOROTHY THOMPSON'S LEFT-WING DEBUT

This was Dorothy Thompson's debut in such left-wing circles, and she cleverly catered to her audience. She expatiated on the subject of the "news" which could be planted on a newspaperman. She had just two examples: (1) Krivitsky had succeeded in planting his articles on the editors of the Saturday Evening Post (wild applause from the audience); (2) News from abroad blinding at a pending agreement between Hitler and Stalin was also planted (more wild applause from the audience).

These two well-chosen examples of newspaper misinformation provided Miss Thompson with the necessary background for a number of guarded remarks regarding the need for collective security. She drew vivid pictures of the psychological miasmas inherent in fascism as compared with the rarified heights of the good, the true and the beautiful as presented by our democracy.

Credit should be given where credit is due. As spinners of meaningless phrases, these "democrats" are the equals of the fascist demagogues.

It is easy to see how rapidly these "anti-fascists" will capitulate before true fascism, as their similars did in Italy and Germany. The objectivity which they have taught themselves to believe they possess is but a garment to cover their inability to think outside of established patterns—and their future capitulation.

To depend on them to prevent fascism, to depend on any kind of a People's Front, is to build mankind's present and future on shifting sands.

Who can believe that this smug group, clad in furs and the latest from Paris and Bond Street, can help save America or any other country from the barbarism to which capitalism must resort in order to protect its right to exploit the masses?