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Editorial—

In a few days we shall be celebrating the Third of November, Panama's Classic Day. The people and the Government of that great country will engage in a series of festivities commemorating their independence from the mother country. Everybody will be happy but some people, in their happiness, will reflect. They will reflect on the ambitions, aspirations, and struggles of Panama from the first blow for independence to the present day. And they will be proud of her achievements. They will want to jealously guard the things already gained.

To us, an achievement of major importance is the growth of labor organizations and trade unions in the republic. It is a sign that Panama is continuing to grow. The people have begun to taste the benefit of trade unionism and they want more.

Panama's trade unionism would expect a sympathetic and cooperative attitude from the trade unionists of neighboring countries and territories. It is only logical to expect this.

Recently, as everybody knows, the AFL went on record as favoring legislation to throw out "aliens" from all "skilled, semi-skilled, and office jobs on the Canal Zone." The classification of "alien" of course includes Panamanian citizens. This is a direct threat to the interests of all "aliens" on the Canal Zone and in Panama and creates the possibility of a reversal of all the things already gained by these people. President Enrique Jimenez regards the action as "absurd" and quotes the treaty of 1936 between the United States and Panama as contrary to the request of the AFL. He feels confident that the fairness of the American people will not permit this regrettable action on the part of the AFL to go through. Everyone should share that confidence.

Today, in preparing for the celebration of the day of days for Panama, Independence Day, some of us will reflect on these things and ponder.

Junior CIO

By HUGH ADAMS

The children of La Boca have been saying that couple of months ago they had to go to Balboa to get first aid and medicine. When they used to go to Balboa Dispensary, they were separated from the 'Gold' people. Now that La Boca has a dispensary with no discrimination in it, they say it is plenty better.

The houses of La Boca are dirty. The "gold" community houses are painted inside and outside. The Silver people have to purchase paint and paint the inside of their apartment. The outside is now being painted.

A boy who had to leave school to work on account of his parents low wages said this, "For forty years or more, Silver employees of the Canal Zone have been waiting for the ugly gold and silver signs to come down but the waiting is finished. This is the time action will take place."

In some working division the gold and silver signs have been removed from drinking fountains. But the "gold" people put something in its place that means the same thing. Having Gold drink at fountains painted in white and Silver people to drink at fountains painted in blue. What do you think of that? I think the "gold" person who thought of that really is a smart Aleck.

This boy also said that he wants the silver people to have 100% membership in the CIO. Can this happen? Let's see if we can all make it happen and we will have a larger union.

"THE HOT CORNER"

By DRAWDE

We started a game of ball forty-two years ago, and we are just around the "hot corner" or third base. For sixteen years many pitchers faced us, and during the course of that period, we managed to get to first base on a "scratch hit." The pitcher then tightened up, and the infield closed in for our next batter. The runner and batter got the signal from the dug-out for a hit and run play. Expecting a bunt, the pitcher made the delivery. The latter hit to short, short to first, batter out. First threw to second for a double play, the ball dropped and the runner was safe on an "error". One man on second base and one out, was our situation in 1920. We all know what happened then: the big strike, the failure on account of not being properly organized by a Metal Trades Scab, who fleeced sands of dollars. He returned to the US to his own backyard, happy and contented, while the poor unfortunate people were thrown out of their quarters by the U. S. Army with fixed bayonets. They were moved to the border of the Republic of Panama where they were met by the authorities of Panama to see that duty be paid on all their household goods and proper security of obtaining quarters before they were able to cross the border.

A consultation was held in the dug-out for a period of time to determine our next batter. Our next batter was the P. C. W. IEA, and every (TURN TO PAGE 3)

"OPERATION PANAMA"

by Ed. Cheresh

NOTE:—This is a continuation of the famous Wallace Speech. We apologize for the omission of this note in last week's issue.

IMPORTANCE OF CHINA

China is a special case and although she holds the longest frontier in the world with Russia, the interests of world peace demand that China remain free from any sphere of influence, either politically or economically. We insist that the door to trade and economic development opportunities be left wide open in China as in all the world. However, the open door to trade and opportunities for economic development in China are meaningless unless there is a unified and peaceful China—built on the co-operation of the various groups in that country and based on a hands-off policy of the outside powers.

We are still arming to the hilt. Our excessive expenses for military purposes are the chief cause for our unbalanced budget. If taxes are to be lightened we must have the basis of a real peace with Russia—a peace that cannot be broken by extremist propagandists. We do not want our course determined for us by master minds operating out of London, Moscow or Nanking.

Russian ideas of social-economic justice are going to govern nearly a third of the world. Our ideas of free enterprise democracy will govern much of the rest. The two ideas will endeavor to prove which can deliver the most satisfaction to the common man in their respective areas of political dominance. But by mutual agreement, this competition should be put on a friendly basis and the Russians should stop conniving against us in certain areas of the world just as we should stop scheming against them in other parts of the world. Let the results of the two systems speak for themselves.

ALWAYS WILL BE IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT

Meanwhile, the Russians should stop teaching that their form of Communism must, by force if necessary, ultimately triumph over democratic capitalism—while we should close our ears to those among us who would have us believe that Russian Communism and our free enterprise system cannot live, one with another, in a profitable and productive peace.

Under friendly peaceful competition the Russian world and the American world will gradually become more alike. The Russians will be forced to grant more and more of the personal freedoms; and we shall become more and more absorbed with the problems of social-economic justice.

Russia must be convinced that we are not planning for war against her and we must be certain that Russia is not carrying on territorial expansion or world domination through native Communists faithfully following every twist and turn in the Moscow party line. But in this competition, we must insist on an open door for trade throughout the world. There will always be an ideological conflict—but that is no reason why diplomats cannot work out a basis for both systems to live safely in the world side by side.

ONLY UN SHOULD HAVE A-BOMBS

Once the fears of Russia and the United States Senate have been allayed by practical regional political reservation, I am sure that concern over the veto power would be greatly diminished. Then the United Nations would have a really great power in those areas which are truly international and not regional. In the world-wide, as distinguished from the regional field, the armed might of the United Nations should be so great as to make opposition useless. Only the United Nations should have atomic bombs and its military establishment should give special emphasis to air power. It should have control of the strategically located air bases with which the United States and Britain have encircled the world. And not only should individual nations be prohibited from manufacturing atomic bombs, guided missiles and military aircraft for bombing purposes, but no nation should be allowed to spend on its military establishment more than perhaps 15 per cent of its budget.

Practically and immediately, we must recognize that we are not yet ready for World Federation. Realistically, the most we can hope for now is a safe reduction in military expense and a long period of peace based on mutual trust between the Big Three.

During this period, every effort should be made to develop as rapidly as possible a body of international law based on moral principles and not on the Machiavellian principles of deceit, force and distrust—which, if continued, will lead the modern world to rapid disintegration.

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BY MILITANT

The leaders of the A. F. of L., "American veteran labor organization", seems, like some people, to be very absent minded. Did someone ask why? Well, here's the reason for such a statement. On October 12, it was reported by a local daily that the A. F. of L. intended to organize "Latin Workers." Then, on October 20, eight days after, this same paper carried a news item to the effect that the A. F. of L. had passed resolutions which they hoped to have adopted in the Congress of the United States. Among these resolutions was one which would permit the employment of Americans only in skilled, semi-skilled, and office positions on the Canal Zone. The, undoubtedly, at the request of the Metal Trades Council, an organization which, if I am not mistaken, it was proposed by the editor of the paper carrying the news item, should accept Panamanians as members on an equal basis with "North (Turn to Page 5)