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MAY DAY IS MORE THAN JUST A SENTIMENT!

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A federal judge in Boston declared the Selective Service Act of 1967 invalid and unconstitutional this past month. The reason he gave for his action was that the Act made no provision for conscientious objection on

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IWW TO ORGANIZE IN CHICAGO!

On Friday, May 2, the regular monthly meeting of the Chicago General Membership of the IWW will be open to all our friends. It is at 8 p.m. at 2422 North Halsted.

Instead of routine, we will discuss ways of launching a

campaign to make the IWW the bread-and-butter bargaining agency for workers in a number of Chicago establishments this spring and summer. We welcome your presence and advice, and we hope to tap your manpower.

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WORLD SOLIDARITY—A BREAD & BUTTER ISSUE!

May First was made a world labor holiday 80 years ago on the suggestion of Samuel Gompers to an international labor congress in Paris. Its immediate purpose was agitation for the eight-hour day. Since then it has been customary to speak on May Day of world labor solidarity as an ideal. Today it is a bread-and-butter necessity for workers the world over to reach a common understanding, stick together, and back each other up in wiping out the great differences in wages and standards of living that plague us by bringing us all up, those at the bottom the fastest.

Look across the Rio Grande. It marks a difference of \$1.31 in the minimum wage. Electronic and other firms carry material and equipment duty-free to the tax-free "border development plants" they have built south of the river. There they hire *senoritas* at wages ranging from 29¢ to 41¢ an hour to do work that requires a \$1.60 minimum here. They bring the product back to the USA and do not sell it in Mexico. 40¢ an hour barely keeps one alive in Mexico, but the girls say this is better than no job at all. The corporation heads say that if they don't do it in Juarez, they will have to do this work in Korea or Taiwan or some other place where labor is dirt cheap.

You can read about Korean labor in the March National Geographic. It explains how "skilled but inexpensive labor—Korea's most-abundant resource—attracts increasing numbers of foreign investors". The average per-capita income is \$143. A farm worker in a year will earn besides his board and bed about \$148, or enough to buy 10 150-pound sacks of rice. He can't borrow money and start farming because the 6%-per-month interest rate would double his debt in a year. He moves toward Pusan, where skyscrapers mushroom downtown while "a clutter of shanties clutters the hillsides". He may become one of the 6,000 who turn lumber from the Philippines or from northern Borneo into \$25,000,000-worth of plywood for export to the USA. Or he may get a job in a plant assembling \$3,000 autos from Toyota parts (They have a big backlog of orders.), and find it would take every cent of his wages for the next five years to buy one of those cars. His daughter may get a job making wigs for export to the USA out of hair from the unfortunate women of Indonesia or India. She will work one of those ultra-modern double-headed sewing machines illustrated in the article for \$33 per month. Modern machinery, skilled labor, low wages bring immense profits. One American company recovered twice its investment in an oil refinery in four years.

Or in the same conservative publication for January you will find a piece on Taiwan, where the USA keeps Chiang Kai-shek in power. He won't allow any unions. The Bank of America says: "Taiwan's most-important and least-expensive resource is its supply of diligent and intelligent working people." Eating has become a bit more regular since Chiang swapped the former Japanese industries for the land of the old landlord class. He maintains a tax-free Export Processing Zone where raw materials are imported duty-free, processed in tax-free plants by cheap labor using "the latest production techniques" for export.

In Latin America 130,000,000 live under military dictators usually enjoying Washington approval. A major labor scandal of our times is the fact that the AFL-CIO, through its ORIT unions, tries to secure working-class acceptance of these Washington policies; but, as Emilio Maspero of the Catholic trade-union federation CLASC says: "When the United States

supports military governments, it alienates the people who have to suffer the consequences of military governments." He explains there are a hundred million workers and peasants who need real unionism, and to quote Freudenheim's account in the Chicago Daily News: "CLASC seeks to organize these rural workers, but on 13¢ per day they are not asking for dues." Maspero explained to him: "Last year in Latin America CLASC alone had 1,265 cases of leaders arrested, some jailed, some tortured, some exiled."

A world market has replaced national markets. This is a basic fact for any union member to face in 1969. The old tariff shield did not and does not stop this from being a fact. The union approach needs to be the same inside the USA and outside it: In world-wide industries, build world-wide unionism. Erase wage differentials by steps as big and as fast as can be taken without bringing on a degree of unemployment that outweighs the wage gains. Don't fear that this will upset local wage patterns; they need to be upset. A global economy run by multi-national corporations requires world-wide industrial unionism. An imperialist age requires the sort of unionism that declares its independence of government policies, that is frowned on by governments, and that refuses to do their dirty work abroad.

Modern technology makes this one world. INTELSAT met in Washington in February and March with delegates from 67 countries. That's the International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium, whose Comsat satellites bring you news events instantaneously on your TV. It expects to include every nation—communist, capitalist, or what-have-you; for this method of communication makes it a global undertaking. General Electric now proposes the use of satellites for regular business correspondence, including pictures, with instantaneous service and at less cost than the Post Office handles a letter at. Does the old world of maps of many colors and warring governments fit this technology any better than it fits atomic inter-continental missiles?

The steel interests of the USA, Japan, and the European Coal and Steel Community met this year to split up the world market for 1969. They required the USA to import 14,000,000 tons of steel this year, with 5,700,000 of it from Japan. This is a business decision typical of today's world market. The current merger of Yawata and Fuji will restore the old Japanese Iron and Steel Company to a position second only to that of US Steel. Years ago the Japanese company bought up the old New York Third Avenue El as scrap (over radical labor objections) and threw it back at American troops in a capitalist competition for markets. It is futile to let ourselves be put into different-colored uniforms to shoot holes through each other. Don't plan once more to lick your Japanese fellow workers. Instead join with them in building a world union of steel workers, a world union of ship builders, a world union of textile workers, a world union of the working class to make this world a good place for workers everywhere.

— FT

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The Editor



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Labor and the Courts

In Arbetaren (March 20, 1969) is reported a labor case which might be of interest to members of the IWW. Sweden has a construction company called BPO for short which is sponsored by the business unions and a co-operative outfit. The company does business just like any other capitalist enterprise shooting for the highest possible profit in the shortest possible time.

It was found in violation of Sweden's basic labor law which says that a worker can indeed join the union of his choice. LO, the Swedish equivalent of our AFL-CIO, has provided itself with what we call here a "Union security clause", by means of which it aims to prevent the employment of any worker not paying tribute to it. They learned how to play this monopoly game from their capitalist superiors in the business.

A member of SAC (the syndicalist union) brought the case to the Labor Court and won 1,889 kroner back wages for the man offended and 1,000 kroner for its own troubles.

Strong believers in liberal bourgeois democracy may feel tempted to sing hallelujah to victories like this; but they might as well restrain themselves, because our capitalist master, in or out of government, is not likely to go overboard on this. Nevertheless a thin slice of justice is certainly better than a kick in the pants.

In this country we have the National Labor Relations Act

What Profiteth It A Man?

The profit motive in commercial transactions appeals to the selfishness and greed that lie latent in even the best of mankind; but by contrast, production for use and not for profit arouses thoughts of altruism and mutual benefits for all. Man has a higher nature that is worth probing for.

Bear this in mind: our free-enterprise system pays the most to those who exert themselves the least to earn it. They who are ignoble, greedy, and ambitious eat out of this trough and think themselves well-paid for their efforts.

It is not by the sweat of THEIR brows that ditches are dug, rails are laid, or bridges are erected. They harvest no crops and build no cities, but they are the pigs who gobble the filthy lucre when the job is done.

Free enterprise is a thermostat set to regulate the worker's wage, while the employer subjects himself to the dubious restraints of conscience for his gain, with mild guidance from laws of his own devising.

We are most humbly naive when allowing ourselves to be misled by this greedy element in our society.

Psychologists tell me, in their grimly humorous way, that I am the most important person in the world. I am that, but to myself only, of course. However, being a creature of human dimensions and aspirations, I have learned the value of certain altruistic principles.

We who study at the radical school of thought envision those ennobling principles being put into practice in future socialistic commonwealths.

We think in terms of co-operation, not competition; of friendliness, not hostility; of peace, not war.

What profiteth a man, that he should seek wrongful gain from his fellows, unmindful of the equality, the essential brotherhood, of all men? A few short years and he goeth down to his grave, taking with him to an unknown destination only sad thoughts of worldly riches left behind.

J. F. McDaniels

pretending to guard everybody's interests, including working people's. The batting average of the NLRB as regards protection of labor is almost as good as the Las Vegas slot machines that puke up a dime for nearly every dollar fed into them.

Tory politicians have hinted a labor court might be an improvement on our present

machinery to deal with labor. Studies have been made of the Swedish Labor Court, and many capitalist politicians find that this is just what the political doctor ordered. Don't be surprised if a labor court is proposed for this country one of these days when the con-game of the National Labor Relations Act has run its course.

—Evert Anderson

Preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



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At this stage the most helpful thing our friends can do is to assemble the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of those they know in possibly - organizable shops, together with other

relevant information, and hand it in. Ask your friends to do likewise.

We are confident of organizing shops where workers prefer a union that is NOT preferred by the Establishment. The times favor a new unionism.

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non-religious grounds. The fact that it discriminates against atheists and agnostics leaves the Draft Act in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution, stating that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion.

Meanwhile the number of young men who are trying to make the institution of war itself invalid is growing.

George Meany, head piecard of the AFL-CIO, says that the Federal Income Tax is rigged against the working man in favor of what he calls "the loophole set". A married wage stiff who makes \$8,000 a year pays \$1,000 in taxes, while a married stock broker who makes an income of \$8,000 through increased value of stocks pays only \$354. The 20 largest oil companies pay taxes averaging 8.5% income, while the lowest rate for wage earners below the poverty line is 14%. That's good talkin', Georgie; what you ought to do is affiliate with us if you really want to do something about it.

You folks who have been sweating it out over your income tax don't need to be told about things like this; but with higher income tax, surtax, and more sales tax, you should be doing some thinking about where it's all going to.

Meanwhile back here in Mayor Daley's Corral it has been disclosed by the Resistance Press that the prosecution cases that arose from the fracas during the Democratic Convention have been assigned to judges with crime-syndicate connections. We always thought there was something unsavory about La Cosa Nostra. Keeping company with Daley's gang of politicians and cops like that!

A new movie has just come out called "Villa Rides", starring Yul Brynner. The advance advertising blurbs pictured Pancho Villa (a la Brynner) with a top-heavy chick in one hand and a blazing revolver in the other, showing also that "Villa lusts" and "Villa kills". It is just as well that Hollywood is not making any claim to historical authenticity. According to first-hand accounts heard by your scribe, old Pancho was such a Puritan that in his part of Mexico he had compelled the priests to legally marry the nuns; and for those gentlemen of the cloth who had not been observing their priestly vows with the parishioners' daughters, he

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STUDENT REBELLIONS GET RESULTS

The student rebellions aren't getting all they aim at, but they are getting results. This sounds much like the way union bargaining goes (especially in the days when unionism was penetrating previously unorganized areas)—and it is. A move is afoot in Washington to establish a special mediation service to routinize this process and make it easier for deans and rebels to arrive at some mutual accommodation. But this routine and accommodation get denounced, as in union struggles as "sell-outs" or by that favorite word of the New Left, "co-optation".

This process is re-shaping life in every country where there is a college. By re-shaping education and research it makes the future less foreboding. Students who see a parallel in union history ask how to maximize the results and yet avoid having the spirit of the revolt "routinized" out of it.

In mid-April Cornell trustees allocated \$250,000 to start an Afro-American study center, and \$2,000,000 to help start the housing problem in Ithaca. Such loosening of the purse-strings occurs at many places where it would not if some young folk were not "making a nuisance of themselves".

A current NET documentary, "To Calm a Troubled Campus", explains how the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia responded to a six-day February sit-in that swung from a Left to a middle-of-the-road approach and made a settlement by forming a committee to represent students, faculty members, and community organizations, to advise on how to use a \$10,000,000 University fund to work on housing and related problems. It all started out of the need to stop University expansion from knocking people out of their homes, and out of student desire to stop science centers from serving secret military purposes. Somehow

that TV documentary did not explain that the University has relinquished to the West Philadelphia Corporation the land-clearing and other functions that students and faculty members wanted to regulate in the interests of those being ousted. There is a strong feeling that "eternal vigilance" will be needed to make sure the City Science Center keeps away from military research. All this falls far short of original aims; but, as Galileo is reported to have said: "It still moves."

At the convention of the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia April 12, Students for Social Action took the floor. President Deutsch accorded them the time he would have used to read an address, so they presented their resolutions. These were defeated—but they secured an unforgettable hearing for their viewpoint that psychological research and training should be used for something better than manipulating the masses in a commodity culture.

Harvard is the oldest college in the USA. Back in October 1912, the social-service magazine Outlook carried an article describing military and police brutalities during the Lawrence strike, and quoted one officer as saying: "Our company of militia went down to Lawrence in the first days of the strike. Most of them had to leave Harvard for it, but they rather enjoyed going down there and having their fling at those people." If one thinks no change is occurring,

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Solidarity at Chicago Welfare Office

Union and community organization found common ground during a month of protest at the Wicker Park Public Aid Office on Chicago's Northwest Side in April.

For the past several months the Latin American Defense Organization (LADO), which represents Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, and other Spanish-speaking people in Chicago, has been attempting to secure the ouster of Office supervisor Walter Cunningham. Since he replaced former supervisor Sosin last fall, Cunningham has refused to deal with LADO and has practically put a stop to all emergency checks for furniture and clothing for reliefers. He has installed a buzzer lock on the front door of the Office and has ordered that LADO leader Obed Lopez be kept from the building.

The Independent Union of Public Aid Employees representing Welfare employees was brought into the struggle when Wicker Park steward Lionel Dresde was ordered trans-

ferred from the Office. He had been working closely with Lopez and often spoke up against the way Spanish-speaking people were treated by the Office. Cunningham, notoriously anti-union, is alleged to have said: "Dresde is trying to run this office, and there can be only one boss here."

Community residents held a march outside the Office March 10 and were attacked by club-wielding Chicago police. On April 7, the day of Dresde's transfer, some 40 pickets marched in front of the Office peacefully. When Dresde was transferred as planned and no apparent change was made in Office policy, a march and rally took place April 12. Over a thousand persons took part in the parade, including representatives of several community and radical organizations.

Before the march, four leaders of the Young Lords Organization, an ex street gang turned activist, were arrested

and beaten by police as they prepared to take part in the demonstration. Charges ranged from disorderly conduct to a traffic offense.

Little has changed in Wicker Park as of press time. A daily vigil was to begin on April 14 and last until Dresde's transfer is rescinded. Several workers who have difficulty in seeing beyond a trade union have withheld their support from Dresde and LADO. The buzzer lock is still keeping the Spanish-speaking masses from entering the offices which are supposed to serve them. There is talk of a work slow-down in the agency, but support for such action is not there.

Yet more and more it is becoming known that working-class Latin Americans are the victims of the same kind of discrimination that victimizes black and poor-white working-class Americans. Whether this knowledge can work to change the System is another matter.

S. B. Kirchhoff

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compare that with the police brutalities against Harvard students shown on TV in mid-April. Student action has ended compulsory military training, and has put an end to credit for ROTC courses at Harvard and most other campuses. Some day college facilities will be devoted exclusively to classes, class struggle, dating, and other enlightening uses.

At Illinois Medical last winter, an entire sophomore class of 200 students struck, and thereby turned a previously required class in autopsy into one students could either take or pass up. Today doctors seldom need to make an autopsy, and prefer that it be done with specialized competence. The students ended a practice that made sense in the horse-and-buggy days, and had lingered until the strike.

Active among doctors-to-be is the Student Health Organization, which gave first aid to the 400 injured in the fracas at the Democratic Convention, and which supplies vaseline to marchers to minimize the effect of MACE. Members of the SHO invaded the March meeting of the Council of Academic Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges. (Some say that's where the real decisions in the field of medical practice get made.) SHO announced their unending opposition to the allocation of medical resources on any basis other than the right of every human being to health care. This does not suit the AMA. Socially-conscious med students are concerned because only 2.2% of doctors are black. They volunteer their time and talent to staff clinics in poverty areas, and press for improved health service to the

poor. They have only made a start, and they will need to crack the bottleneck that limits the number of students being trained as doctors.

Because students are demanding more to say, faculty members are getting more to say. Changes get made, and men wonder why they were not made decades ago. Standard procedure to check an upsurge is to put the lead hands on a committee to cope with it. That's not new. Didn't parliament get started along with the "power of the purse" substantially as a trade in decision-making to ransom those assembled to discuss the king's needs versus the good burghers' objectives? Its power is still that "power of the purse". In a factory a grievance or safety committee runs into this, too. The point is: Let no plan of accommodation take away your bargaining power, which is your power to be troublesome; let no routinization dissipate that collective spirit without which you have no bargaining power whatever; apart from that, work to gain the most with the least trouble to your side.

There are marked similarities between what is happening at colleges and what happened as unionism entered previously-unorganized fields, as in the Thirties: the aims sought; the bargaining process; the need for a minority to take the lead; the denunciation of this minority for being a minority; the attempts to isolate them from their fellows whose support they needed; reprisals and punishments and the demand for amnesty or no discrimination against strikers; at Palm Beach a yellow-dog contract for students.

But as one fellow worker studying part-time writes: "The kind of activities these students engage in are utterly impossible for a man who has to hold down a job and meet installment payments. He can't afford to go out and scream at the cops—he'd get arrested and there would go the job and the mortgage." True, all too true—but it still leaves good unionism and good student rebellions as guides and inspirations to each other, the basis of a solidarity that will change the world.

— F.T.

FAREWELL TO JOHN PANZER, CHARTER MEMBER

He was born on June 10, 1883, and died there on February 5, 1969 after a long life spent for the cause of the working class. At the time of the formation of the IWW, John was a member of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of San Francisco, that had affiliated with the organization as a body in 1905. He was there during the Quake, when he and other Fellow Workers participated in rescue operations.

From there he went out into the field organizing among the migratory workers in the fruit orchards, logging camps, and railway and construction projects, at one time teaming up with Wesley Everest to organize the camp where both were working.

Among his fondest memories were those of the Gold Rush days in the boom towns of Tonapah and Goldfield, where he blossomed out as a soap-box orator for the IWW. It was at Tonapah during the days when everyone there carried guns that he was making an organizing speech when he was menaced by a gang of scabs. A saloon bum who was the leader of the scabs drew his gun on him, and John, in Wild West fashion, drew his own gun and shot the gun out of the saloon bum's hand. Naturally John spent a little time on the rockpile for that little episode, but only until the warden found out he was a skilled sheet-metal worker and tinsmith, and made him an engineer with the run of the jail for the rest of his stretch.

The Spokane Free Speech Fight was another bright spot in John's career. He was arrested three times in that fray—twice for breaking the city ordinance which forbade

speaking on the streets of Spokane, and again as one of the dozen leaders who had "conspired" to induce others to break that ordinance. After a farcical trial the twelve were sentenced to six months each in the county jail, but after having served less than half of their sentences, they were released on a pardon by the Governor of the State of Washington.

John Panzer at that time was becoming so well-known as an excellent speaker and organizer that Big Bill Haywood took him under his wing and found plenty of work for him to do. His last big job, prior to the nation-wide Government raids, was on the Mesabi Iron Ore Range, where he left his mark. Like many of his Fellow Workers in those days of the War hysteria, he was picked up in the wholesale Government raids and did his stretch in Leavenworth.

After his release he went back to his home town of Detroit to continue his activity on behalf of labor. He married and raised a family, which in turn raised his grandchildren, and then settled down to live his old age respected by all who knew him. Many of his old-time Fellow Workers attended his funeral to bid him goodby, remembering him as one of the most active ones when the workers locked themselves in the Ford plants and began the famous sit-down strike that brought Ford to his knees and made the auto workers a power in the land.

I know that I am missing John Panzer. If I were to write his epitaph, I would inscribe it thus: "Well done! Thou true and faithful rebel."

—Richard Brazier

BIBLE BUNK



Before God made man, he made heaven and earth,
His power and wisdom to test;
He made many Holy Angels;
One third of them were not of the best.

This confused and vexed God greatly;
He was puzzled what next to do;
Seeing his work was a failure,
He started all over anew.

He made Adam, a man in his own image and likeness,
A man of perfection to bemoan;
Then foolishly rendered him imperfect
By removing from his body a bone.

With the bone that God removed from Adam,
He proceeded to make him a wife;
The imperfect pair were placed in a garden
To be tempted with confusion and strife.

Then trouble broke out in heaven:
One third of God's Holy Angels had sinned,
Making his work a failure from the beginning,
With fraud and deception within.

If one third of God's Holy Angels were spurious,
Along with his Holy Bible to begin,
With the story of Holy Angels sinning in heaven,
How could Adam's have been the first sin ???

The theists change their Holy Bible
When contradictions within make them squirm;
Under the searchlight of Atheism and Science,
Truth and wisdom must be confirmed.

Let's get down to earth and use reason,
While Nature and all her beauties are spread,
The creator of all that is good, bad, and living,
And the sepulcher of all that is dead.

— Joseph T. Landis

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was kind enough to see to it that they could easily live out the rest of their lives in humble celibacy.

And across the other border, in British Columbia, the natives are getting restless—the native Indians, that is. Despite the fact that in one community the Indians had given 10 acres of their valuable tribal land to the neighboring white settlement of Sechelt for the construction of a hospital, the Indian kids are being brutalized by the RCMP (the "mounties"). All they had asked for in return was that a certain percentage of the hospital staff hired be Indian. The lumber workers' local of Sechelt, which has a percentage of Indians in its rank and file, has called for an investigation of the RCMP. Looks like in Canada, too, they are cutting the grass out from under the Indians.

In the Dominican Republic the Balaguer government is trampling over the rights of the Dominican workers. The trade unions especially are being visited with brutal police intervention. Union headquarters are being violated by government police repression, and many union activists are in jail. You, Gentle Reader — if you remember your recent contemporary history, it was your withholding taxes that paid for the establishment of this regime!

And for you, ladies, in case you didn't know it, you can have "sexy hair" if you buy your shampoo from the right drug-store chain. Just think, with sexy hair, look at all the money you can save on the pill.

In far-off Hong Kong there is a two-story tailor shop with the sign on its front door: FOREIGN LADIES HAVE FITS UPSTAIRS.

The problem of Black Lung among the coal-miners has finally reared its ugly head among the politicians. It seems the polities are concerned about the possibilities of wholesale compensation and disability payments that will have to be paid out to afflicted coal-miners as medical research under the auspices of the United Mine Workers indicates that large numbers of workers become totally disabled after enough years of working in the mines.

As things stand right now, the miners who have to quit work due to black lung get the short end of the stick. Their compensation plus their union

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Chicago Forum

Raya Danayevskaya of News and Letters, Detroit, spoke at the IWW Forum in Chicago's Alice's Restaurant April 13 on "Race and Class". A black and white audience, young and old, responded warmly to her description of how the black liberation struggle has sparked the labor movement for a century.

She told how British textile workers during the Civil War, facing a Northern blockade on the cotton needed for their trade, declared they preferred hunger to any British intervention that might perpetuate slavery. She spoke of Marx's reaction to slavery from his early humanist essays to his formulation that the surplus value milked from the working class varies with the extension of the work-day beyond that

point at which workers have earned their wages. She noted that nationwide unions came only after Emancipation, and how in our own days this new and welcome blossoming of radicalism grew out of such events as the Birmingham bus boycott or the determination of students that both black and white should eat at Woolworth's —and today results in fast decisions to start Black Studies programs.

The Forum got a two-page illustrated spread in the April 14 Chicago Sun-Times, with an announcement of the forthcoming IWW organization drive. Several young workers in the audience promised to help and to gather the names of friends working in shops that may be organized.

REBEL VOICES

Paperbound copies of Joyce Kornbluh's "Rebel Voices: An IWW Anthology" may be had from headquarters at \$4.95 each.



Easter Day-Dream & Nightmare Reverie

There was no Peace March here on Easter Sunday, but a number of people met in a "workshop" at the old Moore Theatre. Most were young people who are personally and directly concerned with the unspeakable abuses of militarism, but there was also a sprinkling of concerned veterans of military and labor struggles. It was obviously an occasion not for the joy and laughter of a bright spring day, but for a serious discussion by dedicated people about mutual current problems.

The main topic dealt with the feasibility of getting the military establishment to recognize the American Constitution so that the drafted soldiers or servicemen may gain the benefits of the Bill of Rights, which is now being ignored by the officer clan. In other words, the servicemen who led the workshop expressed the need for freedom of speech with regard to the life-and-death issues which concern them and the population as a whole. That may sound "naive" and unrealistic to some people—as it did to others in the days of Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine!

Sitting back there day-dreaming, I let my memories drift back to another time... to another war: "The War for Democracy"... Ah, yes, our Very Best People were just as good liars and hypocrites in those days as they are today! The undemocratic Democrats had sent an army to Siberia to help the parasitic exploiters,

known as the White Guards, against the revolting poor people of Russia. And what did that mean, and what did it accomplish? It meant the end of the hope of a peaceful revolution without bloodshed and material destruction. It meant the blasting of the hope of the Internationalists, who had a program of peaceful world solidarity of all people, including Russia's. It, or rather they (US, British, and French imperialists), furnished the needed impetus of the top-heavy political autocrats for their program to stay in power, the impetus for trouble-making nationalism and its Siamese twin, militarism, thus making capitalism the god-father of Stalin et al., and by different means, as the record shows, the maker of Herr Hitler! No wonder there is no room for the Bill of Rights in the "Military Mind"!

But what about that and the Issues of Today? This was a day to commemorate the death of Christ, who is also known as the Son of God; the Savior; aye, the Prince of Peace. "Peace"? Say, what would happen today in any "patriotic" American city if Jesus—another one of his names—and his disciples were wandering through the streets advocating peace, not to mention an army camp? I shall let the readers take it from there and use their own imaginations.... But you may be sure that if one of those "unkempt and seditious bums"—any one of 12 at least stool-pigeon betrayer Judases

HIERARCHIC INCOMPETENCE

Have you heard of the Peter Principle? In Peter and Hull's recent book of that name it is stated: "In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence."

For example: The bright student becomes a teacher, and possibly so effective and happy a teacher that he is promoted to an administrative job. He doesn't like this and doesn't do it very well, but he feels compelled to get ahead and stay ahead, and so unhappily spends the rest of his life at this "level of incompetence".

A hierarchic society can scarcely avoid this consequence; and we are surrounded with examples of how it works. A society of equals would not have this problem. Higher wages on less-glamorous jobs and a host of bright young folk who reject this gospel that they must get ahead are undermining hierarchy and its traditional compulsions. They may yet save us from the terrifying consequences of what the Peter principle might do in a more-advanced technology that insisted on remaining hierarchic.

might have been known and spared—had been shot in the back, it would have been declared a "justifiable homicide". And all conducted judiciously in the name of the Savior, who is still used as a convenient scapegoat by those who practice human slaughter as a favorite means of settling minor disputes.

So with that being the situation now, in this year of 1969, with wars being fought in the name of the Prince of Peace, what chance has worthy Ted Kennedy or any other politician, good or bad, to make a needed change in our social structure and philosophy?

The autocratic "leaders" and the political supermen have failed—everywhere—to serve the need of humanity. Though probably inevitable, and even needed, in the historical past when the majority of the people were illiterate and without modern means of communication, they now obviously constitute the greatest menace to world peace and human welfare. As practically all races and nations have become inter-dependent, that is, dependent on each other industrially and economically, a new concept of democracy and human solidarity is needed if we are to have Peace and Freedom in this world. My best bet for building the required structure of "the new society within the shell of the old" is the program of the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

—Sugar Pine Whitey

“Not By Tortillas Alone!” (Book Review)

ZAPATA: The Ideology of a Peasant Revolutionary, by Robert P. Millon. International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016 (cloth \$5.95, paper \$2.25).

This book of 160 pages (141 actually text) purports to be an analysis of the ideological background of the Zapatista movement during the Mexican Revolution, and in many respects does a very-good job. It definitely establishes that Emiliano Zapata was not the simple illiterate peasant bandit that has been romanticized up here, particularly by Hollywood. On the contrary, he was very conscious of social developments outside his own immediate peasant environment.

This is no colorful chronological account of his campaigns and exploits, as these have been adequately covered by previous writers. A brief historical background is given in the first chapter, but only as a backdrop for his movement's purpose. Though the primary objective of the Zapatistas was the re-distribution of land to the peones, they had also formulated a clearly-defined program for economic and social progress, and thus were truly ideological.

Through the long years of struggle with the forces of reaction and counter-revolution Zapata had always established and maintained the distribution of land among the peones in the areas under his control. That way he also alternated his fighting forces with those who stayed on the land and produced for the peasantry as well as furnishing the fighting forces with supplies. During the Revolution the aims of the Revolution were actually being carried out. This is admirable considering that these areas were constantly encroached upon by federal forces.

Zapata kept in touch at the same time with other revolutionary forces in Mexico as well as other parts of the



world, as he carried on correspondences despite his duties as headman of his movement. He realized that freedom for the agrarian workers meant nothing without freedom for the urban workers and the small shopkeepers, and for that he even formulated a plan for the economic and political liberation of the cities. Despite the fact that the Zapatistas had the most class-conscious outlook of all the active revolutionary factions (with the exception of the Magonistas—Ed), their forces were the least appreciated and most vilified by both reactionary and anti-reactionary elements.

They never attained military or political supremacy. In the latter case, they had no interest in political control of the land, only in economic control. As for military control, Zapata always had more men than guns because virtually all his arms were obtained through capture of enemy supplies. Other revolutionary factions, through compromise with the provisional government or with foreign investors, had a more-ready access to munitions; but as the author of this book continually stresses, Zapata would make no compromises with foreign interests, and remained to the end a man of unimpeachable integrity.

The Zapatistas, however, did have delegates at the Constitutionalist conventions, and greatly influenced the

Leftward trend of that body. It is now conceded that the most-profound libertarian impact on the Revolution and its eventual outcome was due to the Zapatistas. It was Zapata's Plan de Ayala that influenced the re-establishment of the agrarian collectives.

In his chapter on misconceptions concerning Zapatista ideology, Millon mentions those who say that the Zapatista movement displays either strong socialist, anarchist, or Indianist features. I quite agree that it is not quite logical to equate a movement rooted in the Mexican soil with some of the classic Western ideological concepts; but at the same time Zapata, despite his humble origins, being a self-educated man, was quite well-read and familiar with the bases of many of those ideas. He was familiar with socialist ideas and was greatly influenced by the writings of Ricardo Flores Magon, who at that time was publishing the anarchist organ *Regeneracion* while in exile in the United States. Actually the only time a mass anarchist movement really existed was in Spain up to the Franco take-over. Zapata's movement could be more-closely equated with the Makhno Ukrainian Peasant Movement that was brutally crushed by the Bolsheviks. Agrarian movements contain many of the libertarian principles that are dear to the Anarchists.

But when Millon says that

the Indianist concept can be disposed of most easily, I must take issue with him. Of course, Zapata never had any plans to exterminate the Europeanized Mexicans in southern Mexico. Genocide was never a part of Indian culture. After several hundred years of Spanish domination it is impossible to tell who is Indian and who is Mestizo (of mixed blood), but Zapata and the people of his native state did speak Nahuatl, which is spoken there today. When Zapata captured a silver mine to mint his own coins to buy supplies for ships docking at Acapulco, he inscribed on these coins "La Republica de Los Indios". But he nevertheless did have a universal outlook which can also be argued for as a typical Indian trait.

Aside from a few nit-pickings, Millon did a commendable job of research for this book. Of course the reader will encounter certain ambiguous phraseology, such as the "agrarian-oriented, petty-bourgeois radicalism of the Zapatistas"; but that's what one has to expect from certain proletarian professors who think along Marxist-Leninist lines. One also gets the unmistakable impression that he is linking up the ideology of Zapata with that of Bolshevik analysis. However this book in conjunction with previous histories and analyses of Zapata is a good addition to a library on the Mexican Revolution.

—Carlos Cortez



Did you ever
Go on a job
Thinking you would
Last one day?
Made your mind up
That no matter
WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN
You were going
TO PROPAGANDIZE?
Then when you
Get on the job
The bunch don't



TACTICS

Appeal to you at all
Because they tell these
Dirty stories
And talk about booze
And other nonsense.
When you become disgusted
And bawl them out
For being scissorbills,
Sapheads and fools—
At night-time,
When the boss
Tells you to go,
You're not surprised a bit—
ARE YOU?
Suppose you had



Joined the bunch
With a different spirit;
Had told
As good a story
Of your humorous
Hard times,
And kind of
Let them know that you
Were normal,
Gradually to get
Into their confidence
And in a clever way
Turn discussion into
Lines that you want.
Soon you talk about



WORKING CLASS CONDITIONS
In all the world—
AND RIGHT ON THE JOB.
Even though they disagree,
Don't you think
It's best to have the bunch
So any other Wob
Can talk where you left off?
DONTCHA, NOW? DONTCHA?

—Achef

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disability pension does not make up for the wages they no longer make, and in addition it is deducted from the Social Security benefits which they have been paying for ever since they started working. One Senator who was sitting in on one of the probe sessions had the brass to ask whether these miners' lungs deteriorated because of cigarette-smoking. The Union Doc had to set him straight on that.

The high-powered public-relations firm of Whitaker and Baxter has been hired by the California grape-growers to institute a massive counter-move against the growing success of the FWO grape boycott. This is the same outfit who with their television spots during the Truman days about the friendly family doctor had held off even so mild a plan as Medicare until 1965. Apparently the grape boycott is making the fruit barons in the Golden State mighty up-tight. So buy olives instead; but don't buy them from Greece!

The 99-day strike of the West Gulf Longshoremen that had been settled last month would have been settled earlier but for a definition of two words in the container clause. It seems that both management and the Union big-wigs were so snarled up that someone had to come to the rescue with a dictionary. This is not only an indication of what lengths will be gone to in order to stall a settlement, but also perhaps an indication that such things ought to be left up to those who can talk "plain talk".

One preacher in Texas is warning the Anglo establishment of that state that a little better treatment must be extended to the Mexican American residents there. He points out a provision in the state constitution indicating that a referendum may be called by Texas citizens for the purpose of creating... "separate states, relative to the best interests of the populations in given geographic areas"

Three Oklahoma highway patrolmen sitting in a restaurant choked on their coffee as a well-endowed chick ambled in wearing one of those transparent vinyl blouses with nothing underneath but her endowments. The three patrolmen, after putting their eyes back in their sockets, did nothing else but slink out the door whence ambled in the chick. Moral: You can do almost anything if the fuzz are going off duty.

THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICA

(Written in 2100 A. D.)

America was riding high,
With realms of conquest in her eye,
To the West's lone battle field,
Where fate of Indian tribes was sealed.
Round and round the realm marched she
Where coursed the hosts of Destiny.
Her lordly boast and harsh command
Subdued the wandering hunter's band,
And to her country's vast estate
She lent a fearful name and great.

Rode she o'er the dark and gory —
This, alas, the black man's story!
On her left lay conquered slave,
And on her right the hero's grave.
Liberty's torch she bore in pride;
A book of statutes was her guide —
These, symbols of the master's fame,
The tokens of the victor's shame!

Yankee! What glory in her name,
What dark dominion was her claim!
How greedy was this brazen hand
That cast her power through foreign land!
To Vietnam's far eastern shore

Her military "help" she bore.
How red the earth, how darkly wet
Where conquered and subduer met!

Still sweeps the Yankee eagle by,
Proud monarch of that murky sky.
Stark witness to her devious past
Rises the naked Senate vast,
Where yet the gods of Mammon wait
To sway the destiny of state.
And through its hollow chambers play
The echoes of her bygone day.
None but this crumbling stone abides.
The Yankee's martial cry has died.
The mask of glory veils no more
The cruel countenance of war.

So must it be with all proud lands.
The fateful tides and shifting sands
Shall claim at last with ruthless doom
Their victory o'er the hero's tomb.
Then Death shall stalk the lonely course,
Pale relict of a vanished force,
And all our pomp shall be as naught
Where once immortal power was sought.

— Dorice McDaniels



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Crass cross
Wafted across
The abyss of men's minds
Finds pasture
And ever after
Pricks and blinds.

— Eugene Nelson

Was B. Traven a WOB?

To the Editor:

A group of young Anarchists in Minnesota is planning to publish a series of pamphlets written by Peter Kropotkin.

These pamphlets describe various theoretical, tactical, and constructive aspects of libertarian socialism.

Anyone who would like to receive these pamphlets free of charge should send name, address, and zip code to Jim Cain, 323 Fourth Street, Cloquet, Minnesota 55720.

PEACE MARCHES

This year the Easter demonstrations against war were bigger and more numerous than ever. About half of those marching were doing something they had never done before. They are potential recruits for the larger struggle to change the System. So are the sidewalk by-standers.

In New York, despite the rain, over 40,000 marched —there as elsewhere including

Over many years we have been asked by those who admired "The Treasure of Sierra Madre" or "The Bridge in the Jungle" or "The Night Visitor" or "The Rebellion of the Hanged" or other stories that appeared under the pen-name of "B. Traven" whether this author wasn't some old-time IWW. Those who asked felt that the values and expressions used in his stories indicated as much.

His death at age 78 last month led to the information

from his widow that he had been born Traven Torsvan in Chicago, gone in early years to Germany, left home there at age 13, been shanghai'd, and out of this experience written his first great story: "The Death Ship". We have inquired from those who reported his death in Mexico to the news services, and are still hoping for answers. We will appreciate any definite information about his connections with the IWW or other phases of the labor movement.



EASTERN ORGANIZING FUND

At last month's press-time we had received John Herold's \$25 too late to acknowledge. Köszönjük, Fellow Worker!

That grand total is now \$1,698.

If that money is matched by active organizing now: Watch out, East!