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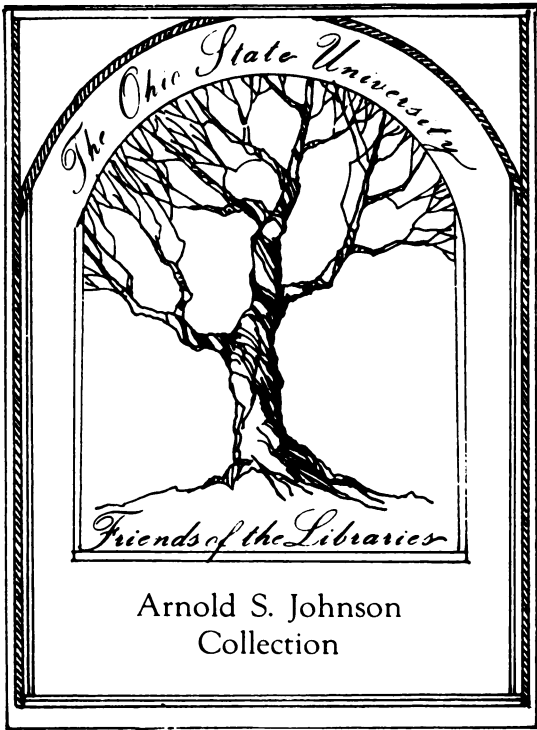
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WHAT is the significance of the much publicized recent meeting in Poland of the nine big Communist Parties of Europe — those of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Poland, the Soviet Union, France, Czechoslovakia and Italy? The capitalist press of the world, particularly that of the United States, is frantically attempting to answer this question by shouting in furious tones that the Communist conference had as its purpose to prevent European economic recovery, to attack the Western European democracies, and especially, to inflame the peoples of Europe against the United States.

All this is a tissue of lies. Actually, the conference will aid European recovery, not hamper it; it has only friendliness towards democracy in Western Europe and the rest of the world; and as far as the United States is concerned, its opposition is directed, not against the American people, but against reactionary Wall Street.

The simple reality is that the nine-party Communist conference, and the Information Bureau which it set up, have as their purpose to put the peoples of Europe on guard against the attempt of Wall Street imperialism to conquer and enslave them. Events since the end of the war prove conclusively that the great capitalists of the United States, now firmly in control of Congress and the Truman Administration, are determined to estab-

lish their imperialist domination over the whole war-ravaged world. One of the major aspects of this Hitler-like plan of imperialist expansion is to bring Europe under the control of Wall Street. It is against this most dangerous threat that the nine-party Communist conference in Poland warned the various peoples.

Wall Street is striving to build up under its general leadership a reactionary, anti-Soviet Europe. To this end it is seeking to scatter the forces of democracy and to defeat growing European socialism. This is the meaning of its determined efforts to break up the newly-formed democratic coalition governments in various European countries by driving the Communists out of their cabinets, to halt the nationalization of the banks and industry and the breaking up of great landed estates, to abolish national economic planning, to restore to control the discredited fascist-minded monopolists, to smash the growing Communist-Socialist unity, to wreck the unity of the trade union movement. And behind all these reactionary moves, the Wall Street monopolists are menacing the Soviet Union and the democracies of Eastern Europe with the threat of another war.

In these attempts to reconstruct a reactionary Europe, the Wall Street imperialists have as their supporters and tools, British imperialism, the capitalist monopolists and big landlords all over Europe, the Vatican and its powerful Catholic parties in various countries, the fascist organizations and demobilized reactionary military officers in many lands, and last but not least, the right wing Social-Democratic Parties and governments, particularly of Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany. Thus, democratic America is placed by big business in the disgraceful position of being the main organizer of European reaction.

This combination of reactionary forces, under Wall

Street leadership, 'is using American food supplies, American financial loans, and threats of American military action, particularly with the atom bomb, to coerce and dominate European peoples. And the whole imperialist mess comes to a head in the get-tough-with-Russia policy, the Truman Doctrine, and the Marshall plan of the Truman Administration.

In order to give an appearance of justification to this reactionary drive of American imperialism, every effort is made to make it appear as a defensive movement. With its tremendous propaganda machine of the press, radio, etc., at its disposal, Wall Street makes black look like white and stands the world political situation on its head. In lurid colors its Red-baiters paint the war-ravaged, socialist, non-imperialist Soviet Union as a savage aggressor that is threatening the peace of the world; whereas fascist-minded Wall Street imperialism, the most powerful the world has ever seen, is made to look like a gentle lamb, interested only in preserving the peace and democracy of the world. And many Americans, with no other sources of information at hand, are being deceived by this monstrous distortion of the world situation.

By and large, Wall Street's foreign policy, its insane, Hitler-like attempt to conquer all other nations, is failing on a world scale. Nevertheless, by promising various European peoples endless billions of dollars under the Marshall plan, and by also hanging over their heads the threat of a third world war, the Wall Street imperialists are undoubtedly causing much alarm among these peoples and are strengthening the forces of reaction in Europe. It is against this deadly menace that the nine-party Communist conference in Poland took its stand so clearly and emphatically. It spoke in the interest of a big majority of the common people of Europe.

In Defense of National Independence

One of the major features of the conference of the nine Communist Parties was its call to the respective peoples to defend their national independence. For, in Wall Street's drive for world control, the monopolists are following policies that threaten the national independence of every country in Europe, as well as in the rest of the world. All over the Continent the agents of Wall Street, acting through our government and using as weapons the huge food supplies, financial resources, industrial power, and military strength of the United States, are actively interfering in the internal affairs of all the countries and trying to impose their will upon them.

Toward the U.S.S.R., American government policy is one of extreme antagonism. This is the so-called get-tough-with Russia line, and its purpose, backed by military threats, is to force the Soviet Union into a position subordinate to the United States. There can be no doubt but that if the Wall Street reactionaries could have their way, they would violently overthrow the Soviet Government, wipe out socialism completely, and establish an ultra-reactionary government in Russia after their own liking. They are vigorously trying to have the American people forget the U.S.S.R.'s decisive role in winning the war against fascism, with losses of 20,000,000 dead and wholesale devastation of their cities and land, and they are shamelessly portraying that country as the enemy of mankind. If these warmongers have not already launched a war against the U.S.S.R. it is because they fear the fate of Napoleon and Hitler and the other would-be world masters who have tried in vain to subjugate the brave Russian people.

Toward Great Britain Wall Street's policy is calculated to reduce that historic empire to the position of

playing second fiddle to the United States. To this end, Wall Street agents in our government worked out Shylock-like terms in the recent British loan, and they are now brazenly letting the British people realize that if they are to get more American financial "help" they must put a stop to their socialistic "nonsense." This is the way Wall Street treats our so-called British ally in this post-war period. It is primarily because of such American interference that further nationalization of industry has been suspended in Britain and that the Labor government made its recent big swing to the right. In the *N. Y. Times* of October 6, Harold Stassen is quoted as saying that "British socialization of industry must come to a halt if economic assistance is to be expected from the United States." But Mr. Stassen is a bit late with his reactionary proposals. For this has been the policy of the Truman Administration all along. American expansionist penetration into the British Empire has already become so far-reaching that the question of whether Great Britain can maintain its national independence has become a real issue in that country.

In France and Italy Wall Street interference in the national political life is also brazen and ruthless. It was American pressure that brought about the ousting of the Communists from the cabinets of the French and Italian governments. The Wall Street politicians told the lickspittle Social-Democratic and Vatican political leaders of these countries that they had to take this action or they would get no American loans. In other European countries, also, by the process of giving or withholding economic assistance, the United States is actively intervening in their internal affairs and infringing upon their national independence. Thus, everything democratic in Europe is now under fire from American reactionaries. Behind the scenes, the Wall

Street agents are insisting that all progressive policies must be scrapped; otherwise the countries concerned will not receive American financial assistance. This pressure is deadly in countries already sunk deeply in crisis.

As part of their direct interference in European countries, American reactionaries are also busily driving wedges between the Socialist and Communist Parties. In Italy, to accomplish this purpose, they split the Socialist Party. They are also trying everywhere to split the united trade union movement. As for the progressive democracies of Eastern Europe, Wall Street is seeking to coerce them into doing its will by denying them badly-needed food and loans altogether, and by stirring up armed revolts against them. Similar pressures are being followed by American imperialism in Latin America and the Far East.

At present, with Western Europe slipping deeper and deeper into economic crisis, there is a growing tendency in American big business circles to intensify their reactionary intervention in those countries' internal life, to drive home Wall Street's imperialist knife. This is the significance of the new growth of isolationism in the United States. The isolationist leaders do not intend that the United States should pull up stakes and quit Europe, as many writers assert. Far from it: They are militant imperialists. Their plan is to impose still tougher terms upon the impoverished peoples of Europe. Present-day isolationism signifies harsher political conditions in loans, more determined opposition to all democratic and socialist developments, more vigorous use of atom bomb diplomacy, more virulent war threats against the U.S.S.R. and the new democracies of Europe, more attacks generally upon the national independence of all the countries. It is by such intervention as the foregoing that Wall Street has made into a living issue

all over Europe the question of the defense of the national independence of the various countries.

The Fight Against Economic Chaos

The nine Communist Parties, in their conference, also took timely action by warning the European peoples of the economic dangers involved in the present drive of Wall Street imperialism to master Europe and the world. For the United States, in spite of all the billions it has poured, and will probably continue to pour, into Western Europe, is not basically helping to economy of that vast area, but is actually undermining it.

This is because the Wall Street reactionaries, in their determination to establish their own control over the international market and to force their so-called free enterprise system upon an unwilling and socialist-minded Europe, are destroying the economic and political measures that are fundamentally necessary for that continent's economic recovery. This is the real significance of Wall Street's efforts to abolish the national unity, the nationalization of banks and industry, the break-up of great landed estates, the national economic plans, the democratic coalition governments, and the other vital economic and political means that were adopted pretty generally by the peoples of Europe immediately following the war to meet their difficult problems. The general effect of this American reactionary intervention has been to throw the economy of Western Europe into its present critical position. American billions cannot substitute for these vital reforms. It may be added also that when the oncoming American economic crisis develops it will wreak further havoc on the weakened countries of Western Europe. Every country in Western Europe is now living in fear and alarm at the prospect of an approaching American economic crisis.

It is highly significant that the Soviet Union, as well as Yugoslavia, Poland and other new democracies in Eastern Europe, although during the war they suffered incomparably greater losses in manpower and property than Great Britain, France, and Italy, are nevertheless making a far more rapid recovery than the latter monopoly capitalist-controlled countries. The democratic countries of Eastern Europe, while naturally experiencing severe hardships as a result of the huge war devastation and badly needing financial assistance, nevertheless have no economic crises. Instead, they are rising swiftly to higher economic levels than they had before the war. All the new democracies, notably Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, are making extremely rapid recoveries, as various American newspapermen have been compelled reluctantly to admit. Speaking of the reconstruction of war-ruined Breslau, in Poland, the *New York Times*, Aug. 2, 1947, says: "What happens every day in this . . . city is so extraordinary that it is always one of the best revival stories in Europe." And as for the Soviet Union, its rate of recovery is simply phenomenal. The United Press of October 15 stated that Russian agricultural output this year is 58 per cent greater than in 1946, while industrial production during the past 12 months has increased by 18 per cent. As the U.S.S.R. surprised the so-called political experts by its tremendous strength in the war, so it is amazing the world now by its spectacular recovery from its gigantic war losses.

The secret of this rapid industrial recovery by the new democracies of Eastern Europe (not to mention the U.S.S.R.) is that they have adopted and maintained the progressive and revolutionary economic and political measures made necessary by the collapsing capitalist system. That is, they have weakened or smashed the power of the monopolists, put the workers and other demo-

cratic forces into power, nationalized industry and finance, reorganized agriculture, and begun to develop planned economies. These basic measures are immeasurably more effective in healing an economically sick Europe than all the billions in loans that Wall Street has poured, or can pour, into that ravaged continent.

The Wall Street imperialists are shouting that the Communists are sabotaging European recovery. This is a bare-faced lie. The facts show the absolute contrary to be the case. In the countries of Eastern Europe, where Communist leadership is dominant or is a powerful factor, economic recovery is swift, even in the most terribly devastated lands; whereas in countries where reactionary Wall Street and monopoly capital's influence remains decisive, there the economic crisis steadily grows worse. Nor will these countries be able to cure themselves basically economically until the peoples concerned adopt the democratic economic and political measures proposed by their Communist Parties. Communist economic policy, if applied, would pull Great Britain, France, and Italy out of their crisis in a hurry, even if these countries did not receive a cent of Wall Street's money.

The United States has a solemn obligation to give the war-devastated nations—all of them, big grants for aid and through the United Nations. But this aid must not be given at the expense of the fundamental economic and political reforms in Europe and in such fashion as to undermine the national independence of the various countries.

The Struggle Against Fascist Reaction

The nine Communist Parties, in their joint conference, were also correct in warning their nations and

all humanity of the fascist danger involved in the offensive of Wall Street imperialism against the peoples of Europe and the rest of the world. Because the whole line of American imperialism, if its sponsors were to achieve success, could only result in creating a fascist Europe and in strengthening fascism everywhere else.

Here in the United States the Wall Street monopolists, strong in their control of Congress and aided by the subservient attitude of the Truman regime, are driving hard in the direction of fascism. The Taft-Hartley Law, which strikes at the very heart of American democracy, the trade unions, has been rightly characterized by Philip Murray, William Green, Henry Wallace and others as a long stride toward fascism. In the same fascist category also belong such dangerous developments as the reactionary actions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the President's "Loyalty pledge" for Government employees, the fierce lynching and other attacks upon the Negro people, the wild orgy of Red-baiting now going on in the American press and radio, and the many attempts to outlaw the Communist Party and to jail its leaders, notably its General Secretary, Eugene Dennis.

In Europe and other important world areas the Wall Street monopolists are even more ruthless in their drive toward fascism than they are in this country. In every country of capitalist Europe they are working hand-in-glove with the worst reactionaries, fascists, and lick-spittle right Social-Democrats, all of whom are looking to American imperialism's victory to replace them, or to keep them in the saddle, on the people's back. In Germany the State Department's policy would lead to the resurrection of fascism. In Spain, American and British support is the main prop of the infamous Franco regime. In France, in Italy, Wall Street is backing reactionary clericals, and fascist and semi-fascist movements of vari-

ous sorts. If the De Gaulle movement is now threatening the existence of the French Republic the main responsibility is Wall Street's. Characteristically, the *New York Times*, October 21, says that De Gaulle's election success, is "a victory for the United States and the Marshall plan." In the Balkans, agents of our State Department are stirring up armed revolts by reactionaries and fascists, such as Mikolajczyk, Petkov, and many others against the existing democratic governments. In Greece, the American representative, Griswold, armed with American taxpayers' money, has become a virtual dictator, in holding in power the bankrupt royalist fascist regime. A similar reactionary line is being followed by agents of our State Department in China, Indonesia, Japan, Latin America, and in various other parts of the world.

Above all, the fascist-minded Wall Street reactionaries are directing their heaviest blows against the Soviet Union. The monopolists know very well, even if many conservative trade union leaders and muddle-headed liberals do not, that the Soviet Union is the main fortress of world democracy and socialism. They understand perfectly that any weakening of the position of the U.S.S.R. would be a weakening of freedom everywhere. That is why fascists all over the world, from Wall Street to Tokyo and Buenos Aires and Berlin and Nanking, are making the Soviet Union their main object of attack.

The right wing Social-Democrats, working closely with the agents of American imperialism, are greatly facilitating its reactionary drive. The reformist Social-Democratic governments of Great Britain and France are acting as helpers of European reaction. With their pretenses of socialism, they tend to hold back the left forces from full political strength and action. By their inaction and lack of results, they disgust and demoralize the workers. Thus their policies serve to enable

the reactionaries, disorganized by the defeat of Hitler, to regroup their forces. The Labor government in Great Britain and the Ramadier Social-Democratic government in France, if their course is not changed by the workers, may well prepare the ground for a return of reaction to power in these countries. In the *New York Times* of October 22, Mr. Harold Stassen is quoted as proposing "a unity between capitalism and the sincere Socialists [i. e., right-wingers] of the world." But Stassen is a bit late in making this proposition, for the world's capitalists, recognizing the Attlees, Bevins and Blums as faithful lackeys, have long since been using them as their tools.

A major defeat of the forces of democracy in Europe, and this is the central objective of Wall Street policy from Great Britain to Asia, could have no other result than a rebirth of fascism on a gigantic scale. Almost certainly, it would mean a fascist Europe. It is precisely upon the resurgence of such a reactionary force that Wall Street is depending in order to set up its imperialist dictatorship over Europe. Due to the activities of American big business and of its fascist, clerical, and right Social-Democratic vassals in Western Europe, a vigorous fight against the fascist danger has, therefore, again become an urgent necessity not only in Europe, but also here in the United States and in various other world areas.

The Defense of World Peace

The statement of the nine Communist Parties also does a major service in awakening the peoples of Europe and the world to the growing danger of a new world war, as a consequence of the ruthless expansionist drive of American big business. The powerful capitalists of the United States are determined to use armed force in

order to compel the peoples of the world to do their bidding. This is the meaning of the present belligerent diplomacy of the United States in the United Nations, of the huge military establishment in this country, of the war preparations that are to be seen on every side in all American-controlled areas, and of the attempt to "sell" to the American people the idea of a war against the U.S.S.R., with much the same methods and energy that business men employ in selling washing machines or automobiles to the public.

The recently increased warlike tension between the United States and the U.S.S.R. is due principally to the growing failure of Wall Street's imperialist foreign policy. American big business is finding out the hard way that the peoples of the world, who fought so valiantly and successfully against Hitler, are not going to submit tamely to would-be American capitalist masters. Hence, the imperialists are filling the world with growing tension and with their threats of atomic war. And there is an increasing number of the Wall Street warmongers who, in their desperation, want to try by military means, by using the atomic bomb, to solve the imperialist problems that they cannot master through economic, political and ideological means.

The war-ravaged peoples of Europe are not blind to these war preparations, even if lots of Americans, drugged by jingoistic radio and press propaganda, are. Especially is the war danger brought home to these peoples when they observe the ruthless policy that Wall Street imperialists are pursuing in Europe and elsewhere. They see that American money and arms are supporting the bankrupt semi-fascist Chiang Kai-shek government in the civil war in China, and that American big business is helping the forces of reaction to fight the progressive forces in Indonesia and Indo-China. And, looking closer to home, the peoples of Europe in-

creasingly understand that, as in Greece, the United States is ready to furnish arms and money to any and all reactionary adventurers who are willing to fight the new democracies. The peoples know that Wall Street is behind the armed revolts and underground conspiracies of fascist-like reactionaries in the various countries of Eastern Europe.

The war-weary peoples of Europe realize also on a growing scale that such Wall-Street-provoked civil wars might develop into a general military conflagration. They sense that the Hoover-Truman get-tough-with-Russia policy is a war policy; they have seen the Marshall plan split Europe into two hostile camps, and they know that Truman's Hitler-like anti-Communist crusade, if it is not checked, could lead to a new world war. Hence, the timeliness of the declaration of the Nine Communist Parties, sounding the alarm against war and and urging the peoples everywhere to be vigilant to defend world peace from the menacing aggression of the Wall Street imperialists.

Ex-Secretary of State Byrnes' new book, entitled, *Speaking Frankly*, is further shocking and alarming the peoples of Europe. In this book we have the naked war program of American imperialism. Mr. Byrnes proposes, in short, that the United States, with its controlled majority in the U.N., should formulate a treaty for Germany to its own liking. Then, if the U.S.S.R. refuses to sign this treaty, he proposes that the Red Army be driven out of Eastern Germany by force. This is a proposal for an aggressive war. Recently in Nuremberg, Germany, a score of Nazi leaders were hanged for waging the kind of unprovoked war that Mr. Byrnes so boldly advocates.

Byrnes' outrageous proposal is an example of the growing insolence of Wall Street's warmakers. It also exposes the war heart of Byrnes' get-tough-with-Russia

line. It proves that all along this was a war-breeding policy; and it explains clearly why Byrnes did not arrive at a general agreement with the Russians. He did not desire any such agreement. Doing the bidding of Wall Street, Byrnes wanted, instead, to lay the basis for eventual war. At the time this pamphlet goes to press, President Truman has not yet disavowed the shameless warmongering of his former Secretary of State. This, inescapably, leaves the implication that Truman, too, had essentially the same understanding of the war character of the get-tough-with-Russia policy that Mr. Byrnes has.

Defeat the Wall Street Imperialists

The foregoing four major points explain in brief the significance of the historic conference of the nine Communist Parties in Eastern Europe. This conference was a signal that the people of Europe are not going to permit the imperialists of Wall Street to rob them of their national independence, ruin the economy of their countries, inflict upon them a new plague of fascism, and fling them into another world war.

The present attempt of American big business to conquer the world is a wild and insane project. As the Communist Parties' conference pointed out, Wall Street has split the world into two camps, that of imperialist reaction and that of the world democratic peoples. This drive cannot possibly succeed; all it could do would be to bring fresh misery and desolation to the world's already devastated peoples. And upon the American people it would inflict a ruinous and lost war.

Wall Street cannot turn back the wheels in history; it cannot force its obsolete "free enterprise" system upon a Europe that has suffered such terrible agonies from monopoly capitalism; it cannot subjugate the peoples

of Europe and the world with its political loans, its food reserves and its atom bomb; it cannot fasten fascism on the necks of a freedom-loving humanity; it cannot stamp out the Communist movement, and above all, it cannot prevent the world advance of socialism. The peoples of Europe and the world are on the forward march and all the gold and food and military force at the disposal of Wall Street cannot possibly stop them.

Wall Street imperialism, far from cowing the peoples of Europe, will, by its attacks, force them to go further to the Left. It will compel them to hasten faster along the road to socialism. The recent history of Poland points up this basic lesson. In that war-stricken country the Anglo-American imperialists tried desperately to compel the Polish people to accept as their rulers the fascist so-called London government and, later on, when that had failed, to accept the clique gathered about the reactionary peasant leader, Mikolajczyk. The Polish people not only refused utterly to submit to this outside intervention, but they pressed on to the Left and eventually set up their present progressive government, based on a coalition of all democratic forces. Consequently, Poland is now one of the most advanced democracies in Europe and it is fast traveling the road to Socialism. The action of the nine Communist Parties is eloquent evidence that all of Europe, confronting reactionary Wall Street economic, political and military pressure, will eventually react as Poland has done. The drive of American imperialism for domination will speed the arrival of a Socialist Europe.

American workers, instead of joining in with the attacks of big business against the action of the nine Communist Parties in coming together to protect their people's welfare, have the most powerful reasons why they should make common cause with these great parties. Only in this way can they defend their own and the

general national American interest. American workers and progressives will have to learn the basic lesson that the aggressive foreign policies of Wall Street injure not only the peoples of other countries, but also those of the United States. They must realize that every blow struck by Wall Street against the national independence, economic well-being, political freedom, or domestic peace of other peoples is at the same time a blow against the liberty and prosperity of the American people. Especially the American masses must learn that war with the U.S.S.R. is not inevitable. The present war scare has been deliberately created by Wall Street in order to blackmail the American people into accepting reactionary policies and also to terrorize other nations. The democratic American and Soviet peoples can live in peace and harmony together. But the price of such peace is to curb the Wall Street monopolists and to make impossible their schemes of fascism and war.

Those conservative labor leaders and pseudo-progressives, whether in the A. F. of L. or C.I.O., who are supporting the Hoover-Truman-Marshall plan are sacrificing the interests of the working class and the whole American people. For it is impossible to fight big business reaction at home while backing its imperialist policies abroad. It is a great contradiction in labor and progressive strategy to think one can fight successfully against Wall Street's Taft-Hartley law and other reactionary measures in this country, while at the same time giving active assistance to big business' Marshall Plan in Europe and elsewhere in the world. Wall Street's foreign and domestic policies are indivisible; they are two sides of one coin. Consequently, the very essence of working class and American national interest demands that Wall Street be fought in its foreign as well as its domestic policies.

Today the American working class and the forces of

democracy generally in this country are under fierce attack from the Wall Street reactionaries. This offensive of big business must be beaten back, and the United States enabled once again to resume its forward march. The democratic masses, constituting a huge majority of the people, have ample power to do this. If they will but unite their forces they can smash the Wall Street gang; they can force the real wages of the workers upward; they can give protection to the harassed Negro people; they can vastly extend the present inadequate social security system; they can strengthen our democracy in every direction; they can ease the present international tension and enter into friendly, cooperative relations with the U.S.S.R.; they can build the United Nations into an effective guardian of world peace; they can strengthen the basis of advancing world socialism.

But the people of this country can do none of these things if they join in with the Red-baiting warmongers, as many labor leaders are now doing, and thus support, directly or by implication, Wall Street's program of imperialism world domination. For this program would have as its inevitable consequences economic chaos, fascist-like reaction and warmongering militarism in this country. In courageously pointing out the unity between Wall Street's foreign policy and its domestic policy, Henry Wallace is doing a real service for the American people.

The Presidential elections of 1948 will constitute a great test of the intelligence, unity and strength of the American labor and progressive movement. The time has now come for organized labor to open its eyes politically, to unite its divided forces, to cleanse its ranks of Hitler-like Red-baiting, to cut loose from the leading strings of the Democratic and Republican Parties, and to launch a great mass, anti-monopoly, progressive peace party of its own.

The two major parties are the creatures of Wall Street. It would be folly for the workers to follow the banner of Truman in this election, as many labor leaders are advocating. President Truman has abandoned every principle of the Roosevelt program upon which he was elected. He is a representative of big business; hence to support him means to surrender to the enemies of the people. There must be established a great national democratic political coalition of workers, farmers, Negroes, veterans, youth, intellectuals and women, with a united labor movement as its base. The increased political activity of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O., as well as the strong grass roots movement behind Henry Wallace, indicate that the workers and their allies are moving toward the formation of such a great new third party. The coming Presidential election, the most critical in our national history, must give birth to this people's party. The 1948 election must be a crushing defeat for Wall Street and a great victory for the democratic American people.

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