

labor unions - Communist party influence
problem
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THE TRUTH

CRUSHES

COMMIE LIES

American unions work with the
United States Department of La-
bor in giving workers from other
lands the truth about free labor.



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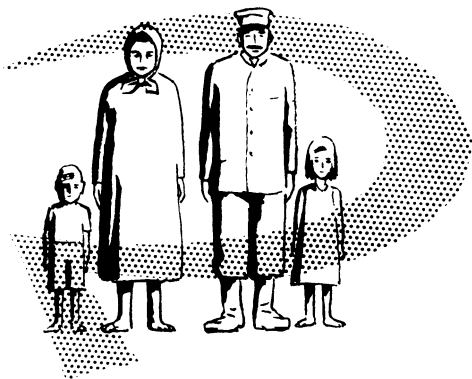
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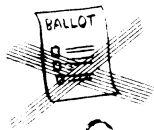
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COMMUNISM IS TOTALITARIANISM



The State directs the individual



No free elections



No freedom of speech



No freedom of press



No freedom of education



No freedom of religion



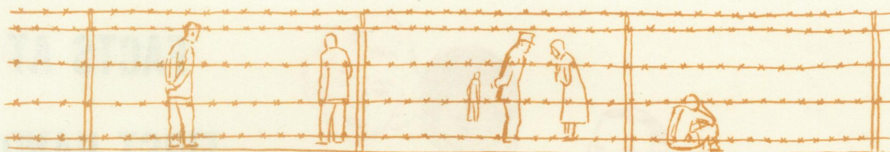
Communism Means No Freedom For Workers



Under Soviet labor law,

workers:

- Can not bargain collectively
- Can not choose or quit their jobs
- Dare not strike
- Can not form or join their own unions



Company unions

Leaders of Soviet "trade unions" are appointed by the State.
Soviet "trade unions" had no convention for 17 years (1933–1949).

Speed-up

The major function of Soviet "trade unions" is to drive the workers; not represent them.

Job dictatorship

Soviet "bosses" can send workers to *jail* for 20 days for refusing to go from one job to another. No court action is required; no court appeal permitted.

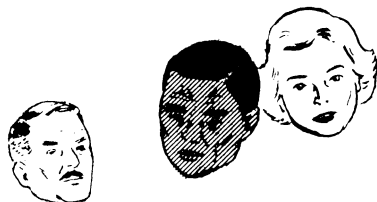
Party-line unions

Soviet "trade unions" are the vehicle for Communist instructions.

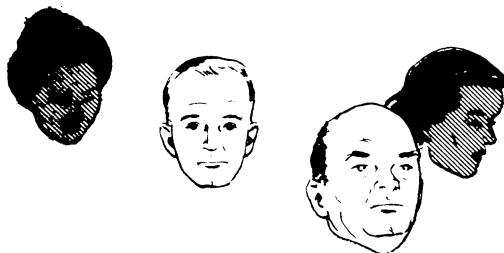
THE SECRETARY SAYS:



FACTS AT FIRST HAND



The Department of State is bringing foreign leaders from many walks of life to the United States to see democracy in action for themselves. Working with American trade unions and other organizations, the Department of Labor arranges programs for foreign labor officials to learn the truth about our workers, our trade unions, our labor-management relations, our wages and standard of living. They learn for themselves the role of our workers in the community and in our democratic economic, political, and social way of life.





Workers are Communism's first target. Democracy's answer is free trade unions, fair labor conditions, and decent living standards. Not only are these right in themselves, but they are also the foundations of world peace and prosperity. We are helping *raise* world standards to ours. The Soviets are *lowering* standards of their satellites to theirs. Communist propaganda is spreading lies to the workers of the world about American labor. This leaflet tells what we are doing about it and what you can do to help.

Maurice J. Tobin
Secretary of Labor.



Foreign visitors like Miss Elizabeth Wolf (right), of German Shoe Workers Trade Union, get facts first hand from American workers.



Foreign visitors learn about American trade unions from national and local unions. In 1950 over 300 visitors from foreign countries learned about the freedom of American workers.

YOU CAN HELP

Your local union can sponsor the visit of workers from other lands in your community.

You can

- have them observe your union meetings and democratic procedures.
- arrange for them to sit in on grievance and collective bargaining sessions.
- take them to civic functions, such as PTA meetings.
- show local government and politics.
- take them into your homes.
- do many more things which will show your fellow workers from across the seas that Communist talk about the "slavery" of American workers is a pack of *lies*.

ON OTHER FRONTS

The Labor Department spearheads other important programs to fight world Communism:

1. With representatives of governments, employers, and workers of 62 major nations (except Soviet Russia) in the International Labor Organization, an agency of the United Nations, the Department of Labor works to develop higher labor and working standards throughout the world.
2. In the Reciprocal Trade Program, the Department of Labor helps to protect workers from substandard competition in other countries and helps to expand world trade.
3. In the U. S. Foreign Service, the Department of Labor guides our labor attachés to keep our Government alert to foreign labor developments and tell foreign workers the truth about American workers, giving the lie to Communist propaganda.
4. Cooperating in President Truman's "Point Four" Program, the Department of Labor makes available technical assistance to underdeveloped countries to help them raise their standards of living. As requested by other countries, the Department sends technical labor experts abroad and provides training in the United States for foreign specialists.

All of these activities are carried on in close cooperation with American labor, management, and other private organizations.



From Department of Labor officials, visitors learn facts about American labor. Secretary Tobin meets with foreign visitors.



Armed with the truth about America, visitors like these will help point out Communist lies to fellow workers in their native lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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