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anti-fascist movements and city after city in Europe displays monuments to their heroism. They need no apologies. They have been a solid core of the struggle for freedom.

Mr. Truman calls upon us to save the so-called Western democracies from the «menace» of Communism.

But ask the Negro ministers in Birmingham whose homes were bombed by the Ku Klux Klan what is the greatest menace in their lives! Ask the Trenton Six and the Martinsville Seven! Ask Willie McGee, languishing in a Mississippi prison and doomed to die within the next month unless our angry voices save him. Ask Haywood Patterson, somewhere in America, a fugitive from Alabama barbarism for a crime neither he, nor anyone of the Scottsboro boys,

ever committed. Ask the growing numbers of Negro unemployed in Chicago and Detroit. Ask the fearful lines of relief clients in Harlem. Ask the weeping mothers whose son is the latest victim of police brutality. Ask Maceo Snipes and Isaiah Nixon, killed by mobs in Georgia because they tried to exercise the constitutional right to vote. Ask any Negro worker receiving unequal pay for equal work, denied promotion despite his skill and because of his skin, still the last hired and the first fired. Ask fifteen million American Negroes, if you please, «What is the greatest menace in your life»? and they will answer in a thunderous voice, «Jim Crow Justice! Mob Rule! Segregation! Job Discrimination!»—in short white supremacy and all its vile works.

Our Friends Are More Numerous Than Our Enemies

Yes, we know who our friends are, and we know our enemies, too. Howard Fast, author of the epic novel *Freedom Road* who went to jail for fighting against the restoration of fascism in Spain, is not our enemy. He is a true friend of the Negro people. And George Marshall, Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress, who went to jail and whose fight for the life of Willie McGee of Mississippi is one of the great democratic sagas of our time—he is not our enemy; he is a true friend of the Negro people. And John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo, Hollywood screen writers, who went to jail for maintaining their faith in the sacred American doctrine of privacy of political belief—they too are friends of the people.

Our enemies are the lynchers, the profiteers, the men who give F.E.P.C. the run-around in the Senate, the atom bomb maniacs and the war-makers.

One simple reason why I know that we shall win is that our friends are so much more numerous than our enemies. They will have to build many, many more jails—not only here but all over the world to hold the millions who are determined never to give up the fight for freedom, decency, equality, abundance and peace.

I have returned from London where the Executive Committee of the World Partisans for Peace met to further their crusade against atomic destruction. And there, spokesmen of millions of men and women from all parts of the globe—Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia—pledged themselves anew that the Truman plan for the world shall not prevail—that peace shall conquer war—that men shall live as brothers, not as beasts.

These men and women of peace speak not merely for themselves, but for the nameless millions whose pictures do not adorn the newspapers, who hold no press conference, who are the mass of working humanity in every land.

Did I say nameless? Not any more! For one hundred million (1) have already signed their names in all lands to a simple and powerful pledge, drawn up at Stockholm.

The Soviet Union and China are signing this pledge. People in all nations of the world are signing it. Will you take this pledge now? As the black worker takes his place upon the stage of history—not for a bit part, but to play his full role with dignity in the very centre of the action—a new day dawns in human affairs. The determination of the Negro workers, supported by the whole Negro people, and joined with the mass of progressive white working men and women, can save the labour movement, C.I.O. and A.F. of L., from the betrayals of the Murrays and the Greens, the Careys, Rieves and Dubinskys—and from the betrayals, too, of the Townsends, the Weavers and Randolphs. This alliance can beat back the attacks against the living standards and the very lives of the Negro people. It can stop the drive toward fascism. It can halt the chariot of war in its tracks.

And it can help to bring to pass in America and in the world the dream our fathers dreamed—of a land that's free, of a people growing in friendship, in love, in cooperation and peace.

(1) By mid September, more than 400 million people throughout the world had signed the Stockholm Appeal.



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CUBAN WORKERS' STRUGGLE -

BETWEEN 1939 and 1946 all Cuban labour unions and federations belonged to the Confederation of Cuban Workers (C.T.C.), which was the only national Trade Union Centre and was unanimously supported by half a million Cuban workers.

In that short period, salaries and wages underwent a total increase of \$1,590 million. Social legislation was applied and extended and agricultural workers also came under its benefits. Collective bargaining became general in town and village.

The C.T.C. supported the demands and enjoyed the confidence of the farming population, the Negro people, youth and women, and even of certain progressive groups of Cuban industrialists.

Our Trade Union Centre thus began to play an important role in national life.

Ever since its foundation, the imperialists and their agents, whatever their hue, have been combatting the C.T.C., concentrating their efforts on breaking its unity and splitting the working class.

The trade union unity, organization and discipline of Cuban workers was a source of considerable disquiet to the imperialists and big planters, since this unity was directed against imperialism and towards national independence and the fight

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for the final liberation of the workers.

They needed and wanted disorganization and disunity in our country in order to subjugate it, to seize our wealth, to exploit our people, and to keep us in a state of backwardness and poverty.

The plot against working class unity

At the end of the war the imperialists redoubled their attack on the unity of the C.T.C. Their anti-unity agents, the adventurers and Trotskyites grouped in the so-called Labour Commission of the "Cuban Revolutionary Party", decided to enter its ranks in order to ally themselves with the right-wingers and scabs and set about seizing control of the C.T.C. with the support of the government, so as to corrupt and destroy the C.T.C. from within.

This was the plan drawn up by the union bosses of the American Federation of Labour at a meeting held in Miami in 1946 along with a few right-wingers and Trotskyite adventurers.

At that time the imperialists had already embarked on their scheme for a war of world domination, and thus had a stronger motive for attacking working class unity on all continents and in all countries, using as their agents the right-wing social-democrats and every kind of adventurer and gangster.

The government of the so-called "Cuban Revolutionary Party" led by Grau, had submitted itself completely to the pressure of the American imperialists seeking to destroy the C.T.C. It handed over to the adventurers on the C.R.P.'s Labour Commission thousands and thousands of pesos from the state treasury, public offices and public monies, in order

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