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It is a recognized fact that the nature of the building industry is such that it is not profitable to build low priced homes for the low, uncertain income groups. The backwardness of the building industries—the outmoded methods of the numerous contractors and subcontractors, the bureaucratized labor unions with their restrictive customs forced by the eternally insecure conditions of the building industry, its inability to develop technologically under the obsolete restrictions of capitalist pro-

"The FHA must be satisfied that the proposed price or rent is reasonably related to the proposed accommodations."

Adding to this Robert Foley, FHA commissioner stated: "There is no intention to make this a price-fixing measure."

So after the big building industries are guaranteed a "reasonable" profit, those who need them most still remain without homes.

The solutions offered for the low-income groups by the local state and city governments are nothing short of insults. Quonset huts, barracks buildings, abandoned school houses, reconvered ships—everything except a decent livable home.

The government and the capitalist class it represents has proven itself capable only of destruction. A system that can only wipe out cities but cannot build them stands self-indicted.

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Turkey and Big 3

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with each passing day that the United States is using its tremendous power to strengthen Great Britain's imperialist lifeline in the Middle East. The United States sent a very sharp protest to Russia over her grab of Azerbaijan in Iran. But there is nothing mysterious in this. Great Britain, weakened by the war and now firmly under the financial thumb of the United States, is no longer a rival but is rather a subordinate power in the conflicts between the Big Three.

There are other reasons why Turkey may be thrown to the wolves in spite of Great Britain's need to keep Russia out of the country. For one thing, there is always the danger that the Russian army will march in and seize what it wants as it did in Iran, and for another, there is a great need for Russian agreement on the question of controlling the atom bomb.

RUSSIA'S IMPERIALISM

Contrast Turkey's plight today with what it was after the First World War. The old feudal régime was overthrown by the young Turkish nationalist movement. Great Britain, having successfully ousted the Turks from the Middle East, backed the Greeks in an attempt to seize the provinces of Kars and Ardahan, the Black Sea provinces now coveted by Russia. The Bolshevik leaders of that day SUPPORTED the Turks in their struggle to retain those provinces, despite the fact that Kars and Ardahan had been part of Czarist Russia

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ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE

As its first class on Friday night, Labor Action School is pleased to present an introductory course on the relation of primitive societies to modern social problems. The course is entitled *Modern Problems and the Primitive World*. It is being taught by Aaron Robart, a social analyst who has given much of his time in recent years to a study of recent discoveries in anthropology and the political and social conclusions arrived at by various analysts on the basis of these discoveries. The instructor has put an intensive amount of preparation into the lectures for this course and Labor Action School expects it to be one of the notable achievements in the school program.

This course will cover Plato, his conception of society, and an analysis of *The Republic*; in addition, at least one session will be devoted to Sigmund Freud's *Totem and Taboo* and its significance for the student of society. Emphasis will be given to the nature of primitive language and its importance in understanding primitive society; and there will be a study of one primitive group: the Dobu. A minimum of one full session will be devoted to a study of *Basic Personality: The Neo-Freudian Concept*. Following that, there will be a period devoted to a case study of *The People of Aler* and a session devoted to a discussion of conclusions to be drawn from the material presented in the course.

TWO POLITICAL COURSES

On Fridays at 7:30 and at 9:00 p.m. there will be two classes dealing with the political history of the Workers Party and the political differences between the Workers Party and other Trotskyist parties. These are the most intensive courses ever to be given by the Labor Action School on programmatic questions which affect the Trotskyist movement. The instructors will be Ernest Erber, who is managing editor of *The New Internationalist*, and Henry Judd, one of the editors of *LABOR ACTION*.

Ernest Erber's class, which lasts from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., will take up such questions as *The Historical and Theoretical Roots of the Workers Party*, *The Russian Question*, *The Nature of Stalinist Parties*, *The National Question*, and *The Concept of the Party*.

Henry Judd's class will take up various theories which are now prominent in the Trotskyist movement: *The Theory that Russia is a*

Workers' State, *The Theory that Russian Economy is a Form of State Capitalism*, *The Application of the Strategy of "Defense of the Soviet Union" to Poland and Finland During the Second World War*, *French Trotskyism and the National Question*, *The "Three Theses" and the International Communists of Germany*, *The Thesis of the IKD, "Capi-*

talist Barbarism or Socialism." Various theories on the Nature of Stalinist Parties.

For further information write or phone Labor Action School, third floor, 114 West 14th Street, New York 11, N. Y. CHelsea 2-9681. School catalogues will be mailed upon request. Labor Action School is open to visitors at any time.

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Calendar

The schedule of the School for the three eight-week terms of 1946-1947 is:

First Term: Nov. 12, 1946, to Jan. 17, 1947.

Second Term: Jan. 28, 1947, to Mar. 21, 1947.

Third Term: Apr. 1, 1947, to May 23, 1947.

All sessions of the School will be held on TUESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS in the school rooms at 114 West 14th Street, beginning Tuesday, November 12.

Courses

This catalogue contains a description of all courses to be given in the first term, together with a listing of the classes planned for the other terms. A full description of the Second Term courses will be available in the January catalogue.

Registration

Beginning October 21, the Labor Action School Office will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for information and advice. Registration will start on October 31, and will continue until November 11, at which time registration to all classes will be closed. The fee will be \$2.00 per course, to be paid in advance. When admissions to a single lecture are permitted, the fee will be 50 cents.

SUNDAY EVENING FORUM

Throughout the Winter and Spring Terms of 1946-1947, Labor Action School will bring you on successive Sunday evenings, a series of guest lecturers who have serious contributions to make in various political, scientific and cultural fields. Audience participation will be welcomed in the question and discussion period.

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Trade Unionism in America
INSTRUCTOR: OSCAR WILSON
Organizer, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 7:30-9:15 P.
FIRST SESSION: November 12

This course in the techniques, and problems of modern trade unionism is designed to provide trade unionists with the material for more effective labor movement.

In addition to dealing with the current problems of functioning in the course will take up a whole range as the future effects on the trade union technological and economic trends, the nationalization of certain phases of trade unionism in the labor movement, the struggles impending, the effects of CIO, and independent unions, such as phone workers' unions.

Several guest speakers will lecture in the phases of this course.

Marx's "Capital," Vol. I

INSTRUCTOR: F. FOREMAN
Organizer, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 7:30-9:15 P.
FIRST SESSION: November 12

This is a two-semester course for those who have already covered Vol. I. The lectures which will deal with the structure of the volumes of CAPITAL and the principles, will, however, be open to all who wish to decide whether their background qualifies them to participate in the class.

Socialist Perspectives in Post-War Europe

INSTRUCTOR: MAX SHACHT
National Chairman, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 9:00-10:15 P.
FIRST SESSION: November 12

1. The Decay of Europe
2. Eclipse of Britain and the Rise of the Empire
3. Decline of France
4. Whither Germany?
5. Shadow Over Eastern Europe
6. The Meaning and Future of Stalinism
7. Foundations of Socialist Renouveau
8. Problems of the Revolutionary Movement

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Trade Unionism in Action

INSTRUCTOR: OSCAR WILLIAMS
Organizer, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 7:30-8:45 P. M.
FIRST SESSION: November 12, 1946

This course in the techniques, structure, trends and problems of modern trade unionism is primarily designed to provide trade unionists with additional material for more effective functioning in the labor movement.

In addition to dealing with the specific, practical problems of functioning in a trade union, the course will take up a whole range of topics, such as the future effects on the trade unions of present technological and economic trends, the institutionalization of certain phases of trade union struggle, Stalinism in the labor movement, the major union struggles impending, the effects of Operation Dixie, trends in the railroad unions, the AFL and the CIO, and independent unions, such as the telephone workers' unions.

Several guest speakers will lecture on specific phases of this course.

Marx's "Capital," Vol. II

INSTRUCTOR: F. FOREST
Organizer, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 7:30-8:45 P. M.
FIRST SESSION: November 12, 1946

This is a two-semester course for students who have already covered Vol. I. The first lecture, which will deal with the structure of the three volumes of CAPITAL and the place Vol. II occupies, will, however, be open to all who wish to attend to decide whether their background is adequate to participate in the class.

Socialist Perspectives in Post-War Europe

INSTRUCTOR: MAX SHACHTMAN
National Chairman, Workers Party

TUESDAYS: 9:00-10:15 P. M.
FIRST SESSION: November 12, 1946

1. The Decay of Europe
2. Eclipse of Britain and the Rise of New World Empires
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4. Whither Germany?
5. Shadow Over Eastern Europe
6. The Meaning and Future of Stalinism
7. Foundations of Socialist Resurgence
8. Problems of the Revolutionary Movement Today

Program of the Workers Party

INSTRUCTOR: MARY BELY
East Harlem Organizer, Workers Party

FRIDAYS: 7:30-8:45 P. M.
FIRST SESSION: November 15, 1946

This course is intended primarily for those who would like a fuller explanation of the program of the Workers Party.

1. The World We Live In—Commodity Production, Labor Power, The Class Struggle.
2. How the World We Live in Operates—Accumulation of Wealth, The Profit System, Crises.
3. World Imperialism and War—World Competition of Monopolies, Redivision of the World.
4. The Labor Unions and the Class Struggle—Capitalist Ideas in the Labor Movement; Why Unions Are Not Enough.
5. What Is Politics?—The Labor Party and the Workers Government, The Workers Government and Socialism.
6. The Need for a Revolutionary Socialist Party—The Importance of Socialist Consciousness, The Principles and Program of the Workers Party.

Contemporary Problems of Marxism

DISCUSSION LEADER: ERNEST ERBER
Educational Director, Workers Party

FRIDAYS: 7:30-8:45 P. M.
FIRST SESSION: November 15, 1946

This course is designed to provide an arena for the discussion of theoretical questions that have assumed a renewed importance as a result of the great historical changes since the Russian Revolution.

The course will cover such currently controversial questions as: What is the Marxist concept of progress? Is social progress an inevitable part of technological progress? What are the limits of state intervention in the economy (stabilization) under capitalism? What are the historical implications of bureaucratic collectivism? Is bureaucratic nationalization a step toward socialism? What is the essence of socialism in the light of bureaucratic nationalization? What is the place of democracy in the Marxist concept? Is the concept of absolute moral values compatible with historical materialism? How does nationalization affect the relationship of politics to economics?

(Because of the nature of the course, an extensive background in Marxist theory will be indispensable to intelligent participation. The School reserves the right to limit attendance in this class.)

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Development of the Socialist Movement

Part I: The Struggle for Scientific Socialism

INSTRUCTOR: EMANUEL GARRETT

Editor of Labor Action

FRIDAYS: 9:00-10:15 P. M.

FIRST SESSION: November 15, 1946

This class is the first part of a three term course dealing with the evolution of the Socialist Movement and the ideas and social currents that molded it.

1. The French Revolution and Its Ideologists.
2. The Development of Utopian Thought.
3. Chartism and the British Labor Movement.
4. Class Struggles in France, 1848.
5. The Eighteenth Brumaire and the Marxist Historical Method.
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Henry Judd: Colonial World in Revolt

Albert Gates: Development of the Socialist Movement

Part 2: The Rise of the Mass Workers Parties

THIRD TERM COURSES

Oscar Williams: The Program of the Workers Party

Nathan Gould: Russia Today: Bureaucratic Collectivist Society

Max Shachtman: Strategic and Tactical Lessons of Revolution

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