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Reds Revive Scheme For Southern Negro Republic

The South is lost, and we saw tonight a bloody struggle. Almost all of Dixie, from Washington to Jacksonville to New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis, is going to become a Negro republic when the Communist Party of America takes over the reins of Government.

This fantastic proposal is not quite new. The Communists were shuffling for it in the thirties in a bid for Negro support. But this week Benjamin J. Davis Jr., Communist New York City Councilman, revived the scheme and inserted it into the new Red platform.

It proposes, as the map shows, that the autonomous Negro nation be carved out of eleven Southern States with large Negro populations. Surrounding the black republic is a "cushion zone" including Charlotte, Durham, Washington, Baltimore, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, Jacksonville, Little Rock, etc. In this border territory, we presume, whites would be allowed, but small numbers.

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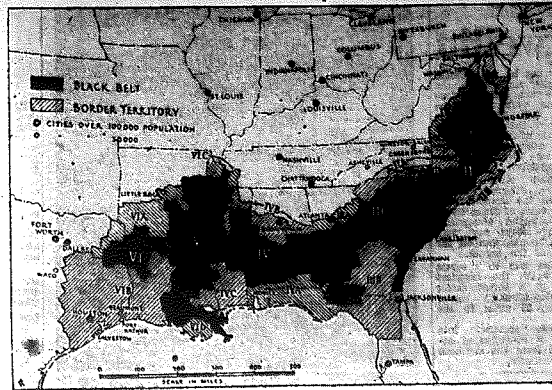
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This map shows the Negro republic proposed by Communist City Councilman Benjamin Davis of New York, a scheme apparently favored by Party leaders.

principal of Communist tactics which had erroneously been dropped by Earl Browder. According to one official Communist pamphlet, "The Negroes in 'Soviet' republic," but may date in favor of federation with the Soviet Union States." As laid out in the official map, the Black Belt swings across the South from Texas to Maryland and Virginia, including Washington, including such cities as Richmond and Norfolk, Va., Atlanta and Savannah, Ga., Montgomery, Alabama, and Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn.

His Cup Runneth Over

By MAJ. DAVID HENDERSON

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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In his article reviving the Black Belt issue, the Manhattan Councilman joined his colleagues in the Communist movement in their array of literary broadsides (called "blackbelt self-criticism") intended to exploit their past in support of Earl Browder's policy of cooperating with the American system of free enterprise.

He did exhort himself for not obtaining "an official position" of the right of self-determination for the Black Belt. He said, in effect, that the Communist had made a serious error in dropping the Black Belt issue.

The platform for an independent Negro nation is set forth in Communist documents, including "The Communist Position on the Negro Question," "The Negro in the Soviet America," 1936, and "Negro Liberation," 1938, as well as an official book.

All of them credit Josef Stalin as the authority for a separate government in the Black Belt on the basis of his knowledge of minority racial groups in Russia. The Communist Position on the Negro Question summarizes the official doctrine. "We propose to break up the present official state boundaries established for the convenience of the white ruling class, and will set forth the state unity of the territory known as the 'Black Belt.'"

The Communist Party demand that the Negroes be given the complete right of self-determination in their own government in this territory, and the right to separate. They also demand that the Negroes be given the right to separate.

This is the program Councilman Davis is reviving.

Moreover, it is gratifying to know that there are Southern-thinking white citizens in Charlotte, who are conscious of the situation that exists and will be paid to do something about it.

You are right, Mr. Wyatt, the laundry strikes are only asking for wage increases and better working conditions. The Negro doesn't want sympathy, he only wants a chance to be a decent citizen of the American citizen. He contributes in every way he can toward building up his country. He has assisted in building Charlotte to become the Queen City of the Carolinas. Now because he asks for an increase in his weekly earnings so he can meet the high cost of living and better contribute to the welfare of his community, there are those who would seek to retard his progress. This is a challenge to prominent white citizens of Charlotte who are citizens of Charlotte who are citizens of Charlotte to allow such scandalous wage of thirteen cents per hour to be paid to the laundry workers.

As for the labor union, it is an American way of life to have collective bargaining. The cost of the democracy our boys are fighting and dying for, Negro and white, has been paid. It is a challenge to prominent white citizens of Charlotte who are citizens of Charlotte who are citizens of Charlotte to allow such scandalous wage of thirteen cents per hour to be paid to the laundry workers.

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Hot Money

The Government seems to have missed its chance to catch a lot of income tax evaders and black market operators in the act. All the little people who pay their income tax (many of them because it is deducted from their pay checks) and who take along both a pocketbook and a ration book when they go shopping will have a keen and personal interest in the Government's efforts to catch up with big-shot income tax evaders and black market operators.

One of the best leads was the possession of large sums of currency, which usually were bills of large denominations (\$100, \$500, \$1,000) for the sake of convenience. Having money in bills rather than in a bank account was not necessarily proof of any illegality, but the amount of such bills outstanding had increased enormously. There was talk that the Treasury contemplated calling them in, making the issues invalid after a certain date. This was the first time that had been done.

That appealed to us as a neat scheme to bring to heel a class of people who are worse than the common run of crooks. But the Government, instead of calling the bills in, chose to require bankers and brokers and other dealers in money to report whenever they took in or paid out bills of \$50 or higher. The effect has been to reduce the amount of such bills outstanding by \$467,000,000 in four months. But in the same time the total amount of currency in circulation increased by \$935,000,000.

To call in all the \$20s and \$10s to which this hot money has fled would be mainly impractical and a great nuisance all around. And it may be, of course, that from its reports the Government has acquired a good many tips which will produce crack-downs. But we still think it missed the boat, the same boat that the Communists had in mind. It called in its currency and issued an entirely new and different batch.

Fabian No. 1

Prime Minister Clement Attlee is a mild, dry-humored man unencumbered by a flair for oratory. He is everything that Winston Churchill was not, down to his thick mustache—but that is not to say that he is a rational revolutionary. He is a Communist, and that word has no such meaning in Britain as it has in America. Major Attlee, Oxford graduate, lawyer and son of a lawyer, has been a member of the Fabian Society for 38 years.

Socialism in Britain is untainted with Marxism, and Communism as such is as foreign to English politics as to our own. In 1884 a group of British intellectuals who were Socialists but couldn't stomach the Marx theory formed the Fabian Society, named after the Roman general, Quintus Fabius Maximus. Among their early leaders: George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells, J. Ramsay MacDonald, Sidney and Beatrice Webb. They poured out a series of tracts, charging that while Marx may have stumbled on the right answer to our economic ills, he gave the wrong reasons and proposed the wrong methods.

Thus British socialists abhor revolution, and the proletariat that the bourgeoisie. They favor a gradual extension of such existing Socialist services as the postal system, municipal water works and power plants, public housing.

Major Attlee is the personification of Fabian Socialism. He joined the Society in 1907, worked in London's clubs

Shooting High

There seems to be a time of revolution ahead for American business, and it won't come from the Communists and their assorted brethren. It develops that most of them are in the Army Air Forces, of whom there are more than two million, have their own notions of what our business world should be like—what jobs should pay, and how the system should work.

A Fortify survey of 5,500 airmen shows that 42 per cent of them expect to have businesses of their own in ten years after the war—and you can add to that the 12 per cent expecting to become independent as farmers or professional men. Many of them—most, in fact—could not guess at their probable earnings, but a good half of them thought they would earn over \$300 a month.

Air Forces pay is high, and the boys have become accustomed to incomes they couldn't reach as civilians. Many officers interviewed are drawing pay more than \$300 a month; many of these held uninteresting, low-paid jobs before the war. Air pay, however, has more than doubled in a month, and perquisites are first-rate in many cases.

No one knows, we suppose, whether most of these men can be employed at a satisfactory wage, but it is inevitable that many, many thousands are going to be disappointed. After receiving high pay for a dangerous job, and hearing that civilians back home have been getting rich, they're likely to react strongly when the good jobs they expect don't turn up.

Second Shift

This week in New York the Communist Political Association is studying its annual convention. One schedule is the holding of the curious flip-flops which began with this war, and went on hilariously as Russia was attacked by Hitler, sauged close to the democrats, and outwined the Communists.

This time, the CPA was changed to the Communist Party of America. It is stated, too, to turn out Earl Browder, the old reactionary who embraced the cause of the United Nations, and gave up on the doctrine of armed revolution. His successor is supposed to be William Z. Foster, the "Z," like to "Bill" in Harry S. Truman, was just borrowed for dignity's sake.

The Communist cartwheeling is going to be amusing, and disgusting, too. Last year the CPA worked like fury with CIO's Political Action Committee to help elect President Roosevelt—but in 1940 the words had been broken by the United States' entry into the fight against Russia. Not the least amusing angle in the Communist breast-beating will be this: Tammany Hall has thrown its support behind City Councilman Benjamin Davis, a Communist. Mayor Tammany Davis, a Communist, will scarcely make their weight felt politically. In 1940 Browder polled only 46,000 votes for President, less than one tenth of one per cent of the total. And in 1944 the depression of '32 Foster polled only 102,000. So long as they trail even the Prohibitionist ticket, we suppose, the jack-in-the-box American Communists won't out-much of a figure. The war has undone them.

Statesmen At Work

(Careless, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record.)

SEN. CAREWRIGHT (Ind.) Mr. President, I have to commend the action of the Labor Party in its determination, as it is reported in this morning's edition of the Washington Times Herald, that it will support the Japanese war effort. I think that is a very patriotic thing to do.

Some 4 weeks ago when I first suggested that the question of peace terms with Japan should be brought out in the open, and that our Government should be free to discuss the question, I was told that the exact terms Japan should be required to meet I felt that it was the duty of the American people.

Again I work when I suggested that the most important question on the floor of the Senate should be the question of peace terms with Japan. I was told that it was the duty of the American people to discuss the question of peace terms with Japan.

Better Wages For The Negro

By WILLIAM HENRY

Reading Mr. Wyatt's Charlotte article on the Negro laundry workers, I could not help but write a supporting letter.

Wake up white citizens of Charlotte! Help the poor Negroes get a decent wage.

Petaín On Trial

By Samuel Gratton

There is something queer and dark about the trial of Francisco Petaín. He is not a victim of his countrymen; he destroyed their country in the name of the United States. He is the man who led the United States into the Spanish Civil War.

France cannot go to France, in the mind of certain Frenchmen, when she will let their parliament be re-elected for an eighth time. I must have seemed to them in fantasy, that France should be re-elected for an eighth time.

It is only on the basis of some such process as that outlined above that we can fit together the apparent contradictions and oddities of the Petaín trial. The Hero of Verdun could not really have sold out to the Germans because he worked with the Germans only in the name of the United States.

As to whether Petaín is technically guilty of the crime charged, I do not know. But I believe that we must in accordance with a good journalistic tradition leave it to the jury to decide. But it is not so odd to find a Marshal of France on trial after all, when his countrymen have been so kind as to elect him to the office of the United States.

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