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**Miserable Life Of Workers Under 'Reds'
Is Exposed By Hungarian Labor Refugee**

BY ARNOLD BEICHMAN,
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New York.—This is how it's done under a Communist regime, specifically in Hungary. A so-called "rank-and-file" worker in a factory stands up on a box during a rest period and says:

"Comrades, I move that we all vote to work an extra hour today to help our fellow-comrades in the French coal mines (or whatever the current trouble spot is).

The first time this happened in the Hungarian factories, the anti-Communist workers demurred. The next day leaders of the opposition groups were summoned before the secret police, and the next time a "vote" was taken, there was no opposition.

That's the report from the one-time leader of the Hungarian movement, Charles Peyer, who recently arrived in America, an exile from his native land. He was brought here by the International Rescue Committee, an organization of labor leaders and liberal spokesmen on whose board are AFL Vice President Matthews Woll and ILGWU Vice Presidents Luigi Antonini and Louis Stulberg.

In a special interview with the AFL News Service, Mr. Peyer disclosed that the work-week in Hungary has been increased from 48 hours to 54 hours with no increase in wages. In fact, the average weekly wage for an industrial worker today is worth in purchasing power about \$10.

According to Mr. Peyer, the Communist regime in Hungary has:

1. Abolished the right to strike.
2. Prohibit a worker from leaving one job for another.
3. Introduced political selection in appointment of foremen and superintendents.
4. Introduced a spy system in factories so that in every group of 10 workers, one is working for the secret police.
5. Compelled women to work in factories and abolished prohibition against child labor. Previously no child under 14 was allowed to work in a factory. Today, as Mr. Peyer said, "they don't ask questions." Worst of all, he said, the children are trained to spy on their elders who work in the factories.

Hungary at one time had a high standard in social legislation. Since "sacrifice" is the propaganda line in present-day Hungary, no Hungarian worker, who values his life, would dream of taking advantage of sickness or accident insurance, old-age pensions, allowances for dependents or other benefits.

Mr. Peyer, who began his career as a toolmaker and then became secretary of the Ironworkers Union and later secretary-general of the Trades Union Council, said that sabotage in industry and agriculture was fairly extensive in Hungary. However, he deprecated the Hungarian anticommunist movement, saying that it could do little

**Green-Meany See
World-Wide Fight
On Poverty, Reds**

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New York.—President William Green said that organization of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in London will eventually mean "the lifting of standards of wages and working conditions in all democratic countries and therefore will be of great benefit to American workers."

He made his statement in a shipboard press conference on the Queen Mary which brought back the AFL president as well as George Meany, secretary-treasurer; Charles J. McGowan, president of the Boilermakers Union; W. C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter-Carriers, and George Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, all AFL vice presidents.

It was a triumphant return for the AFL leaders whose negotiations with other national trade union movements had averted any calamitous rifts and had led the establishment of a democratic world labor federation with representation in 53 nations and able to speak in the name of 49,750,000 workers.

Working in close harmony with the AFL officials were the spokesmen for the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Two of their delegates, CIO Vice President Allan Haywood and David MacDonald,

against the might of the Soviet army which still occupies the land.

The leader of the Hungarian Social Democratic Party who had to flee the Communist regime under Bela Kun in 1919, then was imprisoned by the Fascist dictatorship of Admiral Horthy, then imprisoned by the Nazis in the Mauthausen concentration camp and finally had to flee for his life when the Hungarian Communists, under Matayas Padosi, came into power.

The International Rescue Committee is currently conducting an Iron Curain Refugee Campaign to provide material aid to recently escaped refugees from Communist-controlled countries in Europe. The campaign chairman is Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

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secretary-treasurer for the United Steelworkers of America, returned on the same boat and participated in the joint press conference with the AFL spokesmen.

"The two delegations acted unitedly," said President Green. "I can truthfully say that there is real international unity between both groups because we agreed so thoroughly on all proposals. We are both satisfied with the work done, and the sound actions taken."

Secretary Meany stated that "the kind of unity we have achieved on the international front should help achieve unity between the AFL and CIO on the domestic front."

Secretary Meany said that the international confederation would make possible "a real fight against communist influence the world over." He said:

"The fight against communism will go on, through the international confederation of free trade unions, right inside the iron curtain countries. There were many delegates at the London conference from Soviet-occupied lands and we intend to maintain liaison with the democratic elements that remain in those iron curtain countries."

Secretary Meany also declared that one of the most important steps taken by the conference was "the action against dictator Franco which should be of great encouragement to Spanish workers who are fighting fascism."

The delegation agreed that the biggest job would be to intimate real support for the "point four," bold new program, to aid foreign countries raise their living standards with U. S. help and know-how, and it was President Green who disclosed that wide co-operation had been pledged in the international confederation to a program to implement point four.

A meeting of the confederation's executive board is to be convened in the next few months when application for consultative status will be made to the United Nations.

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