Summer Session
Program to Date:

Courses
The courses carry through the entire ten weeks from June 28 to September 4 and with the recent additions to the faculty are as follows:

Basic Economic and Social Forces in Modern America
Henry Black, Instructor
Henry Black is Commonwealth's librarian and has taught classes in Political Economy and the analysis of Imperialism and Fascism daily.

Public Speaking
It is not as yet definite who will teach this course.

Labor Publicity
Ira Henry, Instructor
Ira Henry is a member of the Newspaper Guild and is connected with a big metropolitan daily.

Imperialism and Fascism
Winifred Chappell, Instructor
A leader in the Methodist Federation for Social Service, Winifred Chappell has taught courses in Current Events and Imperialism and Fascism while at Commonwealth.

Current Events
Paul Harris, Instructor
Harris is a free lance journalist and is connected with the Federated Press.

Discussion Groups
Discussion groups meet daily for two hours. There will be one hour for the lecture and one hour for open discussion. Each topic is discussed a full week, as follows:

June 28 to July 3
The International Scene
Two Weeks: First Week.
Carl Haessler
Haessler, a Chicago labor journalist, is central bureau manager of the Federated Press.

July 5 to July 10
The International Scene
Second Week.
Arch Henderson
Henderson is active in workers' education at Chicago.

July 12 to July 17
International Peace
Eugene Bechtold
Bechtold, a Chicagoan, is a leading labor educator there.

July 19 to July 24
The Youth and Student Movements
Lecturer to be supplied by American Youth Congress.

July 26 to July 31
Trends in the American Trade Union Movement
Douglas Jacobs
As a C.I.O. educator, Jacobs was active in the Emerson Electric strike at St. Louis. He is editor of the People's Press there.

Faculty Almost Complete
With these two additions the faculty for the coming summer is all but complete. Teachers are now under consideration for the course in Public Speaking and the discussions on the Organization of the Unemployed and The Youth and Student Movements, the instructor for the latter discussion.

Tuition Rates
TUITION for the full ten weeks of the summer session is $50, students working 15 hours per week in return for room, board and laundry.

Students are welcomed for shorter periods, however. Anyone desiring to attend Commonwealth for a few days or a week or a month should write to Charlotte Moskowitz, secretary-treasurer, NOW. Rates are:

$1.00 a day plus two hours work.
$2.00 a day—no work required.
$7.00 a week plus 15 hours work.
$14.00 a week—no work required.
$25.00 a month plus 15 hours work each week.
$50.00 a month—no work required.
$50.00 for ten weeks—plus 15 hours work each week.
$100.00 for ten weeks—no work.

Note: These rates include room, board and laundry.

Douglas Jacobs, London born trade unionist, educator and writer, will lecture on Trends in the American Trade Union Movement during the fifth week of the Commonwealth summer session.

Paul Harris, free lance journalist, will conduct the Current Events class through the entire ten weeks period.

Jacobs, C.I.O. Educator; Harris, Federated Press Writer, Join Summer School Faculty

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Fascism and the Trade Unions
America Learns from Spain, Germany, Italy

BY NORMAN LAW

"The Fate of Trade Unions Under Fascism" is a pamphlet that every worker should read whether organized or unorganized. Here is as well written page as the significance of the struggle for democracy and freedom for labor in Spain is emphasized and sharply brought home to us. If we hesitate, if we are nonchalant (because we think the Constitution or American traditions will make fascism "impossible") or because we do not clearly see the threat of fascism there will come a time when "we will not even have a fighting chance" against it.

Spain's Fighting Chance

As Francis J. German, president of the United Textile Workers, points out in the first section on "Fascism and the Trade Union Movement," the people of Spain with their powerful people's front government and growing unity in the trade unions still have at least a good fighting chance. In France fascism has been checked; Victory for the people in Spain would push the decaying shell of desperate fascism much closer to its final collapse. But this does not mean that we in America would then be immune. Now, while our trade unions are still legal, as they are NOT in Italy, Germany, and the fascist provinces of Spain, we can build our trade union movement "until the millions of workers in mass production industries are organized."

American People's Front Needed

Further, it is only possible to protect and guide these gains, to preserve peace and liberty in the face of the potential forces of American fascism if we build now toward a labor party: an American people's front.

- In dealing with "The Labor Problem in Germany," Alfons Goldschmidt, formerly of the University of Leipzig and now director of the Social Economic Laboratory in New York, tells how disunity on the political front cleared the way for Hitler in Germany.

German Constitution Misused by Economic Royalists

The German Democrats and Social Democrats bowed to Hitler's misuse of the Weimar constitution in his struggle to gain power. Hitlerism was "constitutional" —but only with the aim of destroying the republic's constitution. The German trade unionists also placed their trust in the constitution, but it defended them no more effectively than our constitution has defended the American people against the usurpation of power by the Supreme Court. The German constitution became a mere scrap of paper used by Hitler and the economic royalists of Germany against the German trade union movement.

Labor Under Hitler

Hitler's "just" wages are less than were paid as relief under the republic. Real wages have declined 25 to 30 per cent since 1933. Labor becomes more and more compulsory and wages therewith become lower and lower. Strikes are forbidden; differences over working conditions are left to the decision of Nazi officials. Hours are as long as 1924 weeks! Many of the German workers are living in stables.

This is what fascism has meant to the German people. But this was the "classic country of labor organization" before Hitler, and the German people are now forming a people's front.

Big Business Runs Italy

A third part of the pamphlet is written by Gaetano Salvemini, formerly of the University of Florence and more recently visiting professor at Harvard and Yale. "The Italian Trade Unions Under Fascism" is quite a concise analysis of Mussolini's "corporative state" and its relation to the trade unions. Big business runs the machine of the Italian dictatorship. Labor contracts are drawn up by big industrialists with leaders of fascist trade organizations who are appointed from above by the party in power. There is complete suppression of freedom of activity of rank and file members. Strikes are forbidden as in Germany. Men and women work long hours at low wages under threat of imprisonment. Workers are laid off by the employer simply declar.

Guest From Alabama

Mrs. Frederick Warren Freer of Fairhope, Alabama, mother of Kitchen Manager Fred Freer, visited in Mena and at Commonwealth the first part of this month.

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Who Has Heard
BY JOE HOFFMAN

Who has heard the moaning And the crying Of Spain's children, Seen the streets of wounded And of dead Around Madrid, Who has heard the cry For freedom Rising out of Spain And seen the faces Of the people As they shout No pasaran! Determined to be free Or die, And has not given Out his portion And more than his share, To save liberty By making Madrid The grave of fascism, Most give still Before it's saved And fascism Is rooted out of earth, Or die a traitor To his fellows.
THE TRIPLE TRUMVIRATE

1. In what case did the Supreme Court establish the precedent of declaring acts of Congress unconstitutional?
2. How did the Supreme Court use its power in defense of the slave system?
3. How does the Supreme Court use its power today in defense of wealth?
4. What methods have been used by presidents in the past to override a reactionary Supreme Court?
5. Why is it difficult to solve a constitutional crisis through a process of amendment?
6. Is it consistent with democracy that the Supreme Court hold the power to check acts of Congress and the President?

ANSWERS FOR LAST ISSUE

1. The question of federal unions was prominent at the 65th A. F. of L. convention, because in this question was contained all the dynamite of the craft union versus industrial union issue. New federal unions in auto, rubber, radio, and others, backed by John L. Lewis, demanded that the A. F. of L. apply general industrial union policies as the only way and means of organizing the workers in mass production industries.

2. The organizing funds of the C.I.O. come from no mysterious source. The vast financial resources are the nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars of men and women in factories and mines; they come out of $16 and $20 and $30 pay checks of the workers in the C.I.O.

3. Federated Press (FP), 30 Irving Place, N. Y. C., is an agency which supplies labor papers with news, feature stories and pictures, Federated Press is an indispensable part of modern labor journalism.

4. There is an essential economic difference distinguishing sharecropper, sharetenant, and renter. Like the wage worker, the sharecropper owns no means of production and sells only his and his family's labor power—but he gets paid only once a year in the form of a "settlement" with the landlord. A share-tenant owns tools but not the land. He pays rent with a third or quarter share of the crop. The usual renter leases land for cash rent and has more independence in working the land.

5. The sit-down strike as such is a strike intended to stop production. The stoppage of production through strike has been recognized for years as legal in the United States. Furthermore, the right to strike involves a property right. The highest courts have long held that a worker has a property right in his job. The Supreme Court recognized this right when it declared the Railway Labor Act and the Wagner Labor Act constitutional.

That the sit-down is an encroachment on the employer's property right does not make it illegal. Both the right to strike and the right to picket encroach on the employer's property—and both are legal.

6. A central labor union is a trade union body to promote collaboration of all unions in a city. The central labor body does not encroach upon the functions of the member unions, such as collective bargaining, but is an organ of working class solidarity.

WOMEN IN STEEL

Today the greatest steel strike since 1919 is in effect throughout America. Workers have been murdered in their efforts to win a better life for their families and children. Constitutions, laws, government labor boards mean nothing to the steel corporations.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, the "union" of the economic royalists in steel, is bending every effort to maintain "wages" of $125.00 an hour (an hour!) for corporation leaders.

In the face of their fascist tactics the only recourse for the steel workers is in union. The Steel Workers Organizing Committee of the C.I.O. is organizing the men—but what of the women in steel?

WANTED HERE AT ONCE:
College Farm Manager; Union Man is Preferred

WHAT COMONWEALTH COLLEGE?

Commonwealth College is a non-sectarian labor school which has as its function the training of young men and women for active service in some militant organization in the labor movement.

It's courses, which include economics, history, labor problems, protestant culture, public administration, and daily labor, are taught from a point of view partisan to the working class.

Most of the food consumed at the college is grown on the college farm. The school has its own laundry, canner, print shop, etc. All work is done communally by members of the group. The school pays no salaries or wages. Teachers receive only their maintenance.

Students pay $50 tuition per quarter term (three months) and receive their board and room in exchange for 20 hours work per week. During terms, and 15 hours per week during the summer term, on the college farm, in the garden, office, library, etc.

Commonwealth is located near Mansfield, Ohio, and is an institution of the American Labor Institute. It is the only school of its kind in the United States.

VISITORS HERE

Penn Vandervoort with his wife and Miss Kay Browne of Missouri stopped off at Commonwealth Memorial Day week-end while on their way to the West Coast. Vandervoort, a photographer for Life Magazine, took pictures of the college and campus life while here.
But "China Is Not Ethiopia"  

**BY WINTIFRED L. CHAPPLE**  

**JAPAN is eating up China, gulp after gulp. The government of China has been acquisitive, even cooperative. General Chiang Kai-shek’s notion has been that China must be unified before she can resist. To him resistance means suppression of the Reds. So his party, the Kuomintang, has been leading campaigns, one after another for several years, against the Red Armies. But they have proved unconquerable. They have devised and used brilliant tactics suited to the conditions under which they have had to fight and to the objectives they have set themselves.**

**Troops Fraternize**  

Moreover, there has been fraternizing between the rank and file of the two armies. As a result, thousands of Kuomintang soldiers, who have been trained in the formation of organized labor, have turned to organizing the workers, and have been successful in doing so. At the same time, while they are fighting in the field, they are engaged in organizing and educating the workers in China. This has been going on for several years, and has been successful in many places.

**"Resistance at Once"**  

Resistance must begin at once, they say, while they move up into the northwest where the Japanese are pushing farther and farther in; and in the interior where China will mean that Japan will presently have taken the last gulp. The lamb will be lying in the belly of the lion.  

Their position on this matter is increasingly also that of groups independent of them, not formerly sympathetic to them. Scientists, merchants, professional folk, left-wing elements in Kuomintang political and military circles are pressing more and more upon their government to resist Japan. Students have launched a National Salvation Movement. Branches are springing up all over China.

**March Toward Unity**  

This story is told in part in documents gathered together in a pamphlet put out by Workers Library Publishers, New York City. "China: The March Toward Unity," a successor to their earlier pamphlet, "Heroic China." Here are some samples of this new booklet:

From an open letter to the Kuomintang by the Communist Party of China: "The loss of the four northeastern provinces . . . North China’s loss of economic rights . . . the destruction of the customs and administrative regime, the widespread network of Japanese administrative bodies . . . the unrestricted flight of hostile airplanes over our territory . . . the suppression . . . of the patriotic movement of the students . . . the mass murder of workers and peasants . . . the violent removal of patriotically inclined troops from the garrisons . . . All these factors, in the eyes of the people of our country, signify the violation of the territorial sovereign rights of China." "Japanese imperialism will never relinquish its robber plan. . . . Until that plan is smashed to atoms." "China is not Ethiopia!"

**Japan Is Greatest Enemy**  

From a statement by members of the All-China National Salvation Union on "essential conditions and minimum demands for united resistance to foreign aggression": "It is time the people realized that the Kuomintang, too, are Chinese. And we are still stronger in conviction that every member of the Kuomintang will understand that the enmity between them and the Communists, no matter how great it was in the past, can in no wise compare with the boundless enmity existing between us and Japanese imperialism." "We do not agree with the analogy drawn by Mr. Chiang Kai-shek in his report between China and Ethiopia."

**Would Pursue Mobile Warfare**  

From statements by General Mao Tse-tung, president of Executive Committee of Chinese Soviets, to the journalist, Edgar Snow, relating to the proposed resistance to Japan: "As for munitions, the Japanese cannot seize our arsenals in the interior which are sufficient to equip Chinese armies for many years. Nor can they prevent us from capturing great amounts of arms and ammunition from their own hands." "The strategy should be that of a war maneuver over an extended, shifting and indefinite front; a strategy depending for success on a high degree of mobility in difficult terrain and featured by swift attack and withdrawal. . . . Geographically, the theater of war is so vast that it is possible for us to pursue mobile warfare . . . with a telling effect on a slow-moving war machine like Japan’s. . . . The mistake of Ethiopia . . . was that they attempted to hold a deep front, enabling the fascists to bombard, gas and strike with their technically stronger military machine. . . .

**Treat Captured Japanese as Brothers**  

"Properly led and organized such [Chinese military] units can keep the Japanese busy twenty-four hours a day and worry them to death. . . . Japanese officers and soldiers captured and disarmed will not be killed. They will be treated in a brotherly way. Every method will be adopted to make the Japanese proletarian soldiers, with whom we have no quarrel, stand up and oppose their own fascist oppressors. . . ." General Mao Tse-tung makes some equally important comments about the part that other nations may be expected to play in this coming conflict.

**Books Needed By Library**

From Bryan to Stalin, by William Z. Foster.  

The Legal Foundations of Capitalism, by John R. Commons.  

Eyes on Japan, by General Victor A. Yakhofov.  

Japan’s Feet of Clay, by Frieda Utley.  


Three Comrades, by Erich Remarque.