be seen that the hand and neighborhood industries formerly enumerated were small affairs, averaging less than two workers per establishment and that their value added consisted chiefly of wages.

Difference between value added and wages averaged slightly more than one and a half times wages from 1899 to 1947 or, to put it another way, on the basis of a five day week a production worker worked two days to produce the value of his wages and three days to produce additional value. The highest ratio (186%) occurred in the depression year of 1933 when both wages and value added were at the lowest point since 1914. **Thus it can be seen that the rate of exploitation has been consistently high, even during the country's greatest economic slump.**

Figures for number of workers and number of establishments show a trend toward larger establishments with respect to average number of workers employed, and consequently a larger "difference" per establishment. However, this does not show the entire story of increased concentration in ownership, since many establishments are under the same management.

It is hoped that this table and explanation will be of interest to readers and that further data can be presented in the future. Meanwhile, readers desiring further and more detailed information than is presented here should consult **Census of Manufactures:** 1947 (3 Vols.), U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. — **S. A.**

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increasing cost of living, as the inflationary spiral gathers momentum.

The Federal Government is holding a Referendum on the 22nd September to seek power to prevent "Communists" (not defined) from holding executive positions in key Trade Unions and the Public Service, the Labor Party is affecting a great show of righteous indignation about the tyrannical provisions of this measure to attempt to amend the Federal Constitution. It seems very doubtful that the Referendum will be carried by a majority of the people and a majority of the States, as required.

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TRUTH WILL OUT

So far we have already authorized for the coming fiscal year more than $56,000,000,000 for the armed services—$6,500,000,000 for military construction, bases, etc—$1,600,000,000 for such defense supporting activities as stockpiling and atomic energy—and $8,500,000,000 for foreign military and economic aid.

But the $72,000,000,000 total represented by the above authorizations is not all. Another $5,000,000,000 will probably be added as the cost of the Korean war. And still another $30,000,000,000 is under study for the increase of our Air Force from the 95 groups now planned to the 150 groups advocated by a group of Republican Senators.

Thus, as the United States News and World Report has recently pointed out, the total amount authorized and currently under study for defense in the comng year amounts to $107,843,000,000.

Such a sum is not even comprehensible to the human imagination. If placed in stacks of bills of $1000 denomination, it would build over 100 stacks, each higher than the tallest skyscraper.

The cost can be stated simply: economic regimentation, a lowered standard of living and eventually a nation in which the voice of the military will become economically, socially even politically predominant.

What we would be buying, of course, is great military strength — more strength than is needed to make this country impregnable—more strength in all likelihood than is needed to make war in any part of the globe an unprofitable venture for the Soviet Union.

In other words, what we would actually be buying is sufficient military power to force a showdown with the Soviet Union—the power, in other words, to engage **successfully** in an **aggressive** war.

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The Socialist Party of Canada

and

The World Socialist Party of the United States

OBJECT:

The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM HOLD:

1. — That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., lands, factories, railways, etc.), by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labor alone wealth is produced.

2. — That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.

3. — That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

4. — That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.

5. — That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

6. — That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly of the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of plutocratic privilege.

7. — That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interests of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

8. — THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM, therefore, enter the field of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labor or avowedly capitalist, and call upon all members of the working class of these countries to support these principles to the end that a termination may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labor, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

Those agreeing with the above principles and desiring enrollment in the Party should apply for Application for Membership form to secretary of nearest local or to National Headquarters.

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