Business from the finest schools in the world. The $50,000, or whatever, per year they draw from their business as the salary of management would hardly pay their liquor bills. Any capitalist worth talking about can — and frequently does — spend far more on one social gathering than a Welfare recipient could gross in an entire lifetime on Welfare.

So what, you may ask, is the poi The point is that if people do not work — and most of the able-bodied adult members of the capitalist class either do not work at all or occupy some managerial function as a hobby — then somebody must be supporting them. They don't eat their money or their certificates of wealth-ownership. They are supported, and in style, by those who do all the work many of whom, from time to time, must hold out their hands for crumbs of tax money during periods of unemployment. Let's straighten out our perspective. Let's organize to abolish Welfare for unemployed workers and for the permanently unemployed capitalist class. Let's unite for world socialism.

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THE POLICE PLANT

In a recent talk over Radio Station WCRB A.M.-F.M., Boston, we discussed police spies, *agents provocateur**. Examples were cited of the wide use of such tactics by American business and by the Federal Government in the Thirties and in the Fifties; and the statement was made that one would have to be naive, indeed, to believe that the planting of *agents provocateur* by the capitalist state does not still exist, even more highly developed than ever before. We warned, in that talk, that workers should beware of organizations that tend to encourage infiltration by police spies, organizations whose theories and activities are such that undercover people might easily influence policies in order to set up the organization for persecution and for prosecution.

An interesting case in point was broken in the press, shortly after our talk, in which it was shown how the F.B.I. had gathered the evidence it claims in the case of the Berrigan brothers and others who are supposed — according to the indictment — to have conspired to blow up certain heating units in Government buildings and kidnap a high Government official as a means of ending the American war in Indochina. It seems that the Government employed a fellow-convict of one of the Fathers Berrigan, a convict with special privileges permitting him to leave the prison confines, to act as a contact man between Berrigan and his friends on the outside, and to carry letters back and forth. The plan worked, apparently, to the extent that the F.B.I. purports to have evidence, supplied by their *convict-provocateur*, in sufficient quantity to obtain a conviction — at least we are of the opinion that J. Edgar Hoover hopes so.

Now we hold no particular brief for the Berrigan brothers or any of the organizations that support them. The quarrel between the rebellious priests, and their fellow rebels, with the authorities is a quarrel over patriotism to country and to capitalist values in general. They believe *this* war to be immoral and they have whatever it takes to commit acts that they believe will help end *this* war. They are not concerned about ending the system of society, capitalism, that *creates* modern wars. They are fighting for what they believe to be the best interests of America as a nation. Our struggle is quite different, for we advocate the abolition of all nations and the creation of one world, world socialism. So our viewpoint and that of the Berrigans are mutually ireconcilable.

Nevertheless, we feel that the rebellious fathers and their friends have been had by the F.B.I., that the Government's police agents were determined to gain some sort of revenge for having been made somewhat the fool before placing both priests behind bars for destroying Draft records and that, as a result, they may find themselves in a far worse jam than they were already in. And this despite their large numbers of influential friends.

But what of an organization such as the World Socialist Party? Are we not also subject to infiltration by police spies? To be sure, we are, except that it would not take long for any agent to discover his error and abandon us for more fruitful organizations. The trouble is that we have been exposing the menace of state capitalism (which is frequently labeled Communism by the unaware and the ignorant) long before J. Edgar Hoover and his F.B.I. appeared on the scene. We have branded the so-called Communist movement, the entire philosophy of Leninism, as a menace to working class interests *years* before anybody ever heard of J. Edgar Hoover, and we continue to do so. We are not engaged in conspiracies. We have always *openly* proclaimed our position calling for the complete and immediate abolition of the wages, prices, profits, money system. Furthermore, we have always denounced those who would advocate the use of violent means by working people for the furtherance of such aims. We would not attempt to bar anybody from our meetings or committee sessions but we would, nevertheless, warn the F.B.I. that to become involved with us could easily lead to their agents, themselves, becoming convinced socialists, and defecting from the Department.

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THE WIDENING WAR

Just a little over six years ago, on March 6, 1965, a spokesman for the World Socialist Party (U. S.) was interviewed over Radio Station WCRB, A.M.-F.M. on the socialist attitude toward the War in Vietnam. In light of events in much of Indochina today it is interesting to refer to that interview.

At that time the question on everybody's lips was much the same as today. Should we escalate the fighting or should we get out? The only real difference, today, is that while America is widening the war and escalating the fighting, its official stance is that it is winding down the war, bringing it to an end as far as American participation is concerned, Vietnamizing it, and so forth. In other words, America is now fighting in Cambodia and in Laos in order that she might be able to get her armies out of So. Vietnam. How much wider the war will have become, six years hence, is anybody's guess. It could be, in fact, over — *all* over Asia if not the world.

But this sort of conjecture is not something that is confined to the World Socialist Party. The opposition to the war has increased, too, even to include a considerable section of America's capitalist class — those whose material interests are not tied into American domination of Southeast Asia. What is more-or-less unique about the scientific socialist case is our attitude on the question of opposition to the Vietnam War and, indeed, to war itself. In view of the years of mounting and widening outcries against America's war in Southeast Asia, and in view of the equally mounting and widening military activity by American capitalism in that area, even allowing for troop reductions in South Vietnam, it is of interest to restate some of what we said on March 6, 1965.

A question to the socialist spokesman went: "So this means, then, that the World Socialist Party agrees with those who demand that America should begin negotiations immediately. And, of course, as I have pointed out, you do have plenty of company there with all shades of political opinion expressed."

The response: "Well, not exactly. Just because we call attention to the open violation of the law by America