

SWP Plenum Opens Offensive On Anti-Marxists National Body Outlines Program to Defend Dubinsky Deals Stab-in-Back To Labor in Taft-Hartley Fight

Union Democracy, Labor Independence

NEW YORK, Dec. 27-The 20th Anniversary Plenum o the Socialist Workers Party, which concluded here tonight mapped out an ideological and political counter-offensive against all the enemies of Marxism in 9 the labor movement

Taking advantage of the crimes of Stalinism, the top union officials and their Social-Democratic allies are waging a war of distortion and defamation against the Marxist program for the socialist liberation of mankind. At the same time they are attacking democracy in the unions and fastening their dictatorial grip on the workers, aiding and abetting the schemes of the capitalist government to deprive the unions of their independence.

The campaign of the SWP to strengthen and advance the Marxist program in the labor movement will begin with the following measures decided on by the plenum:

1. An organized and well-integrated campaign in the ideo- greatest discussion of the twological, theoretical and political day sessions was the one by spheres against the enemies of Cannon on "New Problems of Marxism in the labor movement, the American Labor Movement.' whose sinister influence has been | The growth and consolidation of growing in recent years.

2. A struggle to defend demoeracy in the unions, for the in- Social Democrats and renegader dependence of the unions from in support of American imperialthe government, and for in- ism, obliges the Marxists to redependent labor political action. examine the situation in the

with the objective of defeating the government's attempts to outlaw or half-outlaw the SWP and other working class organizations through the "subversive" blacklist.

4. An extension of the effective propaganda and agitation methods developed in the presidential election campaign.

5. A strengthened SWP staff.

elected National Secretary, and M. Stein was again chosen as Organization Secretary. A Trade Union Department was establish-

ed, with Bert Cochran, veteran CIO leader, as chairman. Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate in 1948 and for many years editor of The Militant, was elected National Chairman of the SWP. Dobbs, who was the Party's banner bearer in the election campaign, will now continue, in the capacity of party chairman the activity he began during the presidential campaign. He will

testify before congressional committees and utilize all possible mediums of expression to publicize the program of the party.

a conservative labor bureaucracy he said, and its alliance with

3. An intensified campaign labor movement and define their against the current witch-hunt, methods of struggle more precisely. The early days of the movement, Cannon recalled, were of

necessity almost exclusively devoted to theoretical exposition and polemic, designed to combat the degeneration of Stalinism, to cused were required to speak work out the party's program

and to assemble the cadres of the for President Joseph Curran, the organization. In recent years the SWP devoted itself increasingly

NMU Chiefs Copy **CP** Methods in

By Ralph Bell

The anti-Stalinist purge in the CIO National Maritime Union was accelerated last week with the expulsion of three prominent Stalinists and the suspension for one year of four others on charges of "anti-union activity." Under the general head of "anti-union activity" were included such charges as participating in an illegal meeting, circulating literature containing slanderous attacks on union officials and disruption of union meetings.

The trial was strongly reminiscent of the technique perfected by the Stalinists in dealing with union opponents during their period in office. It was a mass trial in which diverse elements were lumped together in a group and voted on as a whole. Included deadly weapons, defacing union shipping cards, etc. The latter

The trial committee was a

Under U.S. Socialism? main architect of the purge. After Curran completed a to practical work of organization twenty minute attack on the ac Vew York Post. paign was the highest point of at the union meeting concede that the party's activity in this field. | if an accurate count had been In the next period, however, taken of the hand vote, the report of the trial committe would have Cannon warned, the party must been rejected. As it was, the (Continued on Page 2) official tally recorded was 1,172 to accept the trial committee rely refused.

By Farrell Dobbs The nature of planning under socialism is described by Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman

ILGWU Bureaucrats Peddle Own Anti-Strike'Substitutes'

By Art Preis

While basking in the sunshine of swanky Miami Beach, Fla., the well-heeled bureaucrats on the general executive board of the AFL International Ladies

announced on Dec. 26 details of a proposed "substiiute" for the Taft-Hartley Act hat has promptly been dubbed he "Dubinsky-Taft-Hartley Bill." ILGWU President David Dubinsky-whom the Big Business press nas frequently praised as the 'most responsible" and "statesnanlike" union leader in the ountry-is the chief author of his first "substitute" anti-labor oill put forward by any major mion. But it is widely known that Dubinsky and other AFL op leaders held a secret meeting with Truman in the White House everal weeks ago at which the AFL heads made far-reaching commitments on a new laborontrol law.

Garment Workers Union

Dubinsky's "substitute" law ould go beyond even what Truman is reported to be seeking in the way of union-curbing legisla-

tion. It would foist on all American labor a law modeled on the notorious Railway Labor Act the Taft-Hartley Act and the that has hamstrung the railroad War and driven them from first militant union struggle. to 20th position in comparative

DAVID DUBINSKY

Railway Labor Act, for stalling workers since the first World off union demands and halting

This proposal is all the more wages with other industries. It treacherous coming at the very would give the capitalist govern- time one million members of 16 ment exceptional powers to in- non-operating railroad unions are ing stalled by a "cooling of



with the Stalinists were individuals charged with such offenses as shipping off the dock, use of came off with the lightest penal-

"hanging committee" composed of administration adherents. The count was taken by administration-appointed counters. A request by the accused that the count be checked by their own counters was rejected by the ad-

ministration chairman. The acfirst, with the last word reserved

CANNON'S REPORT The report that aroused the

the Trotskyist press, improving and general anti-capitalist agita- cused, discussion was immediately the direction and coordination of tion. The 1948 presidential cam- closed and a vote taken. Observers the party's work in the trade unions and other mass organizations.

James P. Cannon, the founder of American Trotskyism, was re-

Stalinist Legislator in Ceylon port with 667 opposed. The de-mand for a recount was summari-**Joins Trotskyist Movement**

Lakshmone Rajapakse, a In a recent by-election for the member of the Ceylon Parlia- parliamentary seat for South ment, has quit the Communist Colombo, Bernard Soysa, the Trotskyist candidate, made an (Stalinist) Party and joined the impressive showing. He came Trotskyist movement. He was elected from the south part of votes. He was topped by a well-Ceylon, the tea and rubber producknown independent candidate ing island off the tip of India. who received 4,700 votes and the In a public statement, Lakshmone Rajapakse declared that candidate who got 5,900 votes.

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his views on most national and international questions are more in conformity with those of the Bolshevik Samasamaja Party, Ceylon Section of the Fourth International, than the Stalinists: Therefore, he has decided to accept the discipline of the Trotskyist fraction in the Ceylon parliament.

The Bolshevik Samasamaja Party was formerly known as the Ceylon Unit of the Bolshevik Leninist Party of India.

This brings the number of Trotskyist members of parliament to seven. Stalinist representation has declined from five to three. In addition to Lakshmone Raiapakse, another Stalinist member of parliament resigned, but has not announced affiliation to any other party.

The so-called "left turn" of the Stalinists has convinced members of the Communist Party in Ceylon that the Trotskyists were correct in opposing World War II. During the war, the Stalinists slandered the Trotskyist leaders as agents of Japanese imperialism. Now the Stalinists are compelled to eat their own words about the war. Considerable disillusionment with Stalinism has therefore become noticeable among the best elements in their ranks.

The ranks of the Trotskyists, on the contrary, are firm and confident, and the movement is

'THEIR OWN MEDICINE'' From the conduct of the meet- tion.

ing it was apparent that the Stalinists were to be given a have I for believing socialism in "dose of their own medicine." The practice of charging opponents with "anti-union" activity, hand-American system?"

picking a trial committee, rigging the count and railroading the ary socialism has nothing in comthird in the field, polling 4,200 victims out of the union was mon with the capitalist liberalism introduced into the NMU by the of Norman Thomas which he mis-Stalinist machine. The "99 year calls "socialism." Genuine socialclub" composed of hundreds of ism will bring conscious aims and winning United National Party seamen expelled for 99 years by rational plans into the struggle disability and in their old age. started Russia on the road to (Continued on Page 4)

of the Socialist Workers Party, in the following letter to Sylvia F. Porter, columnist on the

Who Will Do Planning

Dear Miss Porter, Your column of Dec. 21 in the

N. Y. Post reports that Norman Thomas, in an interview on the radio program "Meet the Press," failed to answer your questions about economic planning under socialism. You ask if "any socialist among you" wants to try his

hand at it? I accept your invita-

You want to know, "What basis practice, as opposed to socialism in theory, will cure the ills of the

First let me say that revolutionto wrest from nature everything As social wealth grows, luxuries

December 29, 1948 man needs and to erect a new that only the rich can now afford culture not for an elite but for will be enjoyed by everybody. While collective ownership will the mass of the people. Socialism will abolish the capprevail in the means of produc-

italist system of causing artificial tion, each person will retain priscarcities in order to coin huge vate ownership of his fair share corporation profits. Wealthy corof the fruits of production. poration owners will no longer You may object that this is mere ive in fantastic luxury at the "theory," not "practice." For you say in your column, "To date, no expense of the great mass of the people. The basic means of proone has shown me how to avoid luction and distribution will be substituting the evils of state nationalized. The country's rich monopoly in our country for pri-

vate corporation monopoly." I asnatural resources, vast industries, skilled labor force and advanced sume you have in mind present conditions within the Soviet technology will be geared for all-out production - planned to Union.

Life under Stalin's brutal police meet the needs of the people. The first goal will be to provide regime is not socialism in "pracverybody with adequate food, tice," as the Stalinist liars falsely clothing, housing, medical care, claim. It is anything but socialeducational facilities, and ecoism. Why then - if the revolution nomic security during periods of of 1917 led by Lenin and Trotsky (Continued on page 2)

terfere in internal union affairs. regulate the unions, break strikes period after months of fruitless and otherwise fulfill the aims of negotiations, climaxed by a dirty the Taft-Hartley Act itself.

MAJOR FEATURES

The major feature of Dubinat American labor is the provi-

sions for blocking strikes in soman Administration, under both

deal handed them by the government's "fact-finding" board. This board rejected all the unions' basic demands. For instance. sky's proposed stab-in-the-back when the unions asked for a 40hour instead of the present 48hour week, with premium pay called "vital" industries through for Saturdays, Sundays and holicompulsory "cooling off" periods days, the board offered a 40-hour and "fact - finding" government staggered work week, without boards. These are standard proce- premium pay on week-ends and dures now employed by the Tru- holidays-to be put into effect (Continued on page 3)

to the Socialist Workers Party.

In addition, it has invited

Kutcher as a guest speaker to

CIO convention on Jan. 15.

present his own story to the state

John J. Driscoll, Connecticut

CIO secretary-treasurer, also in-

In California, Carey McWil-

liams, noted author and lecturer,



The executive board of the Connecticut State Industrial Union Council, CIO, has endorsed the fight to help lames Kutcher, legless veteran fired from his VA job because he belongs

The State of the Union and Our Legislative Program

BY THE ED!TORS

Congress and the American people are eagerly awaiting the President's annual "State of the Union" message, which Truman will deliver on Jan. 5.

We predict in advance that the main direction pointed by Truman will be toward militarism and war. We further predict that he will offer little or nothing toward the solution of the major problems confronting the American people.

Truman-as he has already indicated-is going to water down many of the promises he made in his election campaign. He will people as the 81st Congress prepares to convene: hedge on unconditional repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, his key promise to labor, and offer a substitute bill with many features of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Last week Truman's Attorney General Tom Clark revealed how the Administration intends to carry out its promise to defend civil rights. It will continue its Gestapo-like "loyalty" purge and "subversive" blacklist and will seek to amend the Espionage Act to legalize many of the illegal practices now carried out in star-chamber sessions of Truman's "loyalty" boards.

The most Truman will offer as a housing program is a for-therecord endorsement of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill calling for only 5 million government-financed, privately-built housing units in 10 years. Housing experts say there is an immediate urgent need for 25 million new units.

On the high cost of living, Truman will repeat his proposal for limited stand-by price controls coupled with power to freeze wages, after prices have soared 'way beyond wages, and with the object of maintaining this gap between living costs and the pay-envelope.

All Truman's campaign promises on social welfare-health, edugaining in influence in Ceylon. cation, minimum wages, old age benefits, etc.-will boil down to not

spending, including the atom bomb.

During the election campaign, the Socialist Workers Party presidential and vice presidential candidates, Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, predicted that few of Truman's promises would be kept if he were elected. His "State of the Union" message next week will confirm this prediction to the hilt.

The following election campaign program of the SWP remains the only sound legislative program to meet the urgent needs of the

1. Take the war-making powers out of the hands of Congress. Let the people vote through nation-wide referendum on the question pay and unemployment and disability compensation. of war or peace. No secret diplomacy. Withdraw all troops from foreign soil.

2. Unconditional repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. No government interference in union affairs. No restrictions on the right to the needs of the day and pay the teachers a living wage. organize, strike and picket. No compulsory arbitration. Outlaw government-by-injunction.

3. End rea'-baiting, witch-hunts and political persecution. Tear up the anti-democratic "subversive" blacklists. Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

4. Liberalize the election laws which discriminate against minority parties. Extend the right of franchise to youth of military age

5. Pass and enforce legislation to punish lynching, abolish the poll tax, establish a Fair Employment Practices Committee with \$25,000 a year.

formed the Kutcher Civil Rights more than a tiny fractional increase in federal expenditures com- | real power to root out discriminatory practices and eliminate segre Committee that the CIO execupared to the \$15 billion minimum he plans for direct military gation wherever it exists, including the armed forces and governtive board intended to send letters to all its affiliates, urging ment agencies. them to give support to the

6. Nationalize the basic industries, natural resources and Kutcher fight. banks, and operate them through democratically elected committees of workers and technicians.

has joined the movement to re-7. Build 25 million permanent low-cost, low-rent housing units. store Kutcher to his job and re-Finance the housing program with the billions now spent for war gain his civil rights. nreparations The Dec. 16 Newsletter, issued

8. Federal benefits equal to union wages, automatically adjusted by the Student League for Industo meet rising prices, for veterans' allowances, old-age retirement trial Democracy, reports that the Wayne University SLID has voted

9. A government program to provide complete medical care for all working people and their families, financed entirely through a tax on the monopoly corporations. Expand school facilities to meet

10. Establish price control to be regulated and enforced by mass consumers committees of housewives, unionists, working farmers and small shopkeepers.

11. Guarantee the cost of production to working farmers through program to be operated by their own representatives. Abolish sharecropping and landlordism. Transfer title deeds of the land to those who work it. Ban commodity speculation.

12. Repeal all payroll taxes. Abolish all sales taxes. No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year. A 100% tax on incomes over mas weekend.

to support the position taken by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee. "Again Wayne SLID has asserted itself in a matter of civil liberties which is creditable," says the Newsletter. "Acting chairman John Houston and the chapter are

to be praised for their alertness to this vital cause." The Kutcher case was scheduled

to come up for discussion at the national convention of the SLID,

held in New York over the Christ-

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Post-Election Trends and Perspectives in U.S.

By M. Stein

(The following extracts are from the report by M. Stein, SWP Organization Secretary, on "The Election Results and the Tasks of the SWP," delivered at the 20th objective situation which must determine our Anniversary Plenum of the SWP in New York, Dec. 26.)

There were a number of significant featy since the LaFollette movement in 1924. A parties. second was the Dixiecrat split from the Democratic Party. A third was our own party's entry on the national political arena for the under Roosevelt. That too, like its European first time.

working class as a class stands out like a gave it its peculiarity here was the fact that mountain peak in the total picture. To be the working class had no party of its own. sure, it did not act through the instrumenta- | The coalition then took the form of a deal lity of its own party and its own candidates. with the trade union bureaucracy on a com-Instead it used as its vehicle a minority capitalist party.

In our resolution on the Wallace party, we characterized it as a splinter capitalist party. We can with some justice say that the Democratic Party, as it appeared in 1948, was a minority capitalist party. A much larger minority than the Wallaceites, but a minority. | nue. This coalition broke up at the end of It represented a small minority of the capitalist class, which was united as a class around the Republican Party and its candidates, It was united around a common program of Taft-Hartleyism. It was united in its confidence of a Republican victory - and treated felt cocky enough to launch a drive against with contempt the Democrats and their candidate.

The working class, by its intervention in this minority capitalist party, upset the ena coalition it did not seek. It imposed a policy even with some wage gains. of appeasement of labor it had discarded at the end of the war - and hoped it was done ating in the Taft-Hartley Law. Against this with.

boration politics, and the workers acted with- Congress. The trade union leaders were too can bring victory or defeat to a candidate. ceiving from Truman. Only a few weeks ago, of the country. out our approval. It is our task though to cowardly to use the economic power of the It is this new consciousness of power which the CIO leaders held what they referred to

more important, to understand what can result from it.

For it is the new class equilibrium established by the elections which represents the tant thing is that labor took this course as

tactics for the next period. There is nothing especially new about class

collaboration or coalition politics. It has become the pattern in Europe where capitalism tures which make the last elections a land- in its death agony could no longer rule in mark in American history. One was the emer- its own name and was compelled to resort to crisis. The 1948 coalition was forced on the gence of the Progressive Party - the first coalitions and "peoples' front" combinations such attempt to create a third capitalist par- with the powerful but treacherous workers'

Here in the United States we have seen the special American version of coalition politics

counterpart, was imposed on the capitalist But the role played in the elections by the class by a devastating economic crisis. What mon program. From this deal, capitalism gained a lease on life. It staved off complete bankruptcy, gained time to prepare for war, and carry it out to a victorious conclusion. The trade unions, in this deal, gained in strength, wage concessions, social reforms. prove disastrous under revolutionary condi-The bureaucracy gained in power and revethe war.

POST-WAR CAPITALIST OFFENSIVE

After the war the capitalist class - once sure of its power - bolstered by lush profits. the working class, to deprive it of its acquired power.

The drive against the unions on the ecothe elections through the instrumentality of nomic front proved very costly. It resulted in bitter strikes out of which the unions tire picture. It imposed on the ruling class | emerged with their organizations intact, and Then came the political offensive, culmin-

analyze why it happened, and what is even | unions for political strikes and too capitalist- | must now become our point of departure in | as their victory convention. They were treat- | tion promises and performance will come to minded to launch labor's own political party. summoning the workers to greater and bolder When the elections came, there was little

choice but the "lesser evil." But the impora class. By so doing, it gave such a demonstration of power that it startled the world by upsetting all predictions. More than that, it upset the plans of the bourgeoisie.

The New Deal coalition of the 30's was imposed on the bourgeoisie by a grave economic capitalist class when it least needed it from the economic point of view. It will never again sit on top of a more favorable economic conjuncture than 1948. It had everything bureaucracy. The workers will give them

pretty much as it would have wanted. But where it miscalculated — and so did we — was in not properly assessing the consciousness and the power of the working class. We made the mistake in thinking that the Republicans would win as a consequence of working class apathy in the elections on the one hand and a greater Wallace vote on the other. For the revolutionary vanguard, such a mistake in properly estimating the work- plosive force. ers' moods and the compulsions which made them take the course they did is a cause for

blushing under ordinary conditions. It can tions

THE POWER OF AMERICAN LABOR

We have been cognizant of the power of This sharpened class struggle, without the American labor. We have talked about it. We have written about it. But we were solved itself in a deadlock. Such a position caught by surprise when we saw just how it expressed itself in life. And we will be seek to free himself from this deadlock, for caught by surprise again and again unless we take yet another factor into account, ters. The working class in its present frame namely, that the political power of the working class is a demonstrated fact today and fied with mere sops. The elements of conis part of the consciousness of all classes in flict are there and they are building up even society.

What is most important from our point of view is that it is part of the consciousness | SIGNS OF DISCONTENT of the average workers. The worker in the political offensive, the unions proved power- factory felt on the morning after the election | union bureaucracy is beginning to show signs We, of course, do not condone class colla- less. They had no party, no spokesmen in that he put it over, that he is the man who of dissatisfaction with the treatment it is re-

deeds Let us take an example: Our slogan for a Workers and Farmers Government will appear to a worker far more practical since the elections than it did before. Our propaganda for a Labor Party will henceforth occur

on a much higher plane. The question as to whether labor has the strength to build its own party is no longer a debatable one.

WHAT FUTURE DEPENDS ON It is true the Democratic Party has a period of grace before it. So does the trade union some time to deliver on the campaign promises. How long this period will last it is hard to tell. It depends on the international situation, on the duration of the economic boom. It depends on Truman's ability to deliver the reforms he promised. It depends on our own dovelopment. But it is safe to say that the first real conflict between Truman and labor will bring up the Labor Party issue with ex-

The arrogant offensive of the bourgeoisie following the war sharpened the class struggle here almost to the breaking point. What prevented a real showdown fight more than anything else was the fact that the working class is politically unorganized and saddled down with a capitalist-minded leadership. possibility of an immediate conclusion, recan only be of brief duration. Truman must he must do the bidding of his capitalist masof mind will on the other hand not be satis-

I get the impression that even the trade

ed there to a speech by Justice Douglas. His main theme was the refutation of Marxism and the class struggle as applying to the

United States. That is purely a European phenomenon, according to the learned Justice of the Supreme Court: We here have a classless society. The bureaucrats assembled ate it up. They

cheered themselves hoarse for the distinguished guest and his pearly drops of wisdom. But o and behold! several weeks later the New York State CIO met in convention. There Potofsky, who inherited Hillman's mantle, made a very significant speech. He said, in effect, that if Truman does not come through with his election promises, the trade unions will have to take the European road and build their own party on the British model. To paraphrase Leon Trotsky, the bureaucrats may not recognize the class struggle, but the class struggle recognizes them. And I may add, very often uses them as its instrument against their will.

At the present stage, Potofsky was only threatening. But isn't it a little soon after November 2 to be threatening? It certainly is, unless the bureaucracy is already dissatified with the treatment it has been accorded since the elections.

The trade union bureaucracy, which cringed before Roosevelt during all his years in the White House, holds out a threatening finger under Truman's nose even before his inauguration. The difference is not merely in the caliber of the two men. The difference is in the shift in class relationships. The bureaucracy has acquired a new sense of power which stems from the power of organized labor. With power grows desire. They can no longer be satisfied with the role they played under Roosevelt.

CIO convention was only in part a maneuver | fought over again. The outcome of this fight against the Stalinist-controlled unions. In will depend on the maximum mobilization of the main, it is an attempt by the union leaders | the independent power of the working class to really strengthen the labor movement and | and the Negro people in a Congress of Labor their own specific weight in the political life that would bring together and unify the The elements of conflict between the elec- program and a common course of action.

tions.

the fore when the 81st Congress convenes. What is to be the substitute for Taft-Hartley Law? Will the burden of taxation be shifted to the monopolists? What will happen to the high prices? Will the people get homes? What will happen to Negro rights? What will happen to civil rights, generally? All eyes will be on Congress when it is in session.

We on our part must follow carefully the next session of Congress, intervene through our spokesmen in Congressional hearings, agitate for the independent action of the workers and the Negro people to force Congress to come through with the fulfillment of their election promises.

The slogan of the Congress of Labor will acquire particular potency. Only the other week the Illinois State CIO went on record for a Congress of Labor. This slogan proved powerful during the strike wave in 1946. It then declined in popularity during the period of working class passivity, but was picked up by the ITU, which was under special attack under the Taft-Hartley Law. But what is interesting is that it should be adopted by important union bodies now so soon after the elections.

It is a clear indication the workers, even though voting for Truman, did not give him a blank check. There is a growing awareness that whatever concessions will be gotten from the 81st Congress, must be wrested from it. The past experiences with capitalist politicians who had been hoisted to power on the workers' backs, only to betray them, has not been wasted. The American worker's attitude towards them is now far more distrustful and vigilant.

The easy victory monopoly capitalism won against the workers in the 80th Congress The organizing drive decided on by the proved inconclusive. This battle will now be exploited and the oppressed around a common

SWP Pioneers Honored At Anniversary Affair

niversary of American Trotskyism, the authentic Marxist movement in the United States. At a banquet in Irving Plaza hall, some 200 members and friends of the SWP paid tribute to the veteran fighters who for two decades following their expulsion from the Communist Farty in 1928 have carried on the battle for

international socialism. James P. Cannon, SWP National cent R. Dunne, Rose Karsner, George Clarke and Harold Rob-

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 - | skyist movement in Chicago, told | twenties and early thirties emwhere and the decay and corruption of capitalism, he said, "What still is lacking is leadership. That

is what we will supply." Vincent Dunne, chief organizer, of the famous Minneapolis Drivers Union and SWP candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota this year, stated that "one of Founders and pioneers of the things we are proudest of is American Trotskyism, including that we have established here one of the finest examples of revolutionary party-building anywhere

Trotskyist movement.

Tonight was a gala occasion of the early experiences and phasized the world influence of hardships. "Today we have a American Trotskyism, whose for the Socialist Workers Party, hardships. "Iouay we have a literature penetrated the "farthest party with solid ranks and ex- literature penetrated the "farthest perienced cadres." Describing the corners of the earth" and inspired upheaval of the workers every- the reawakening of socialist internationalism.

A highlight of the celebration was the ovation accorded James Kutcher, Newark legless veteran

fired from his VA job for membership in the SWP, whose courageous fight against the "loyalty" purge has become the cutstanding civil rights struggle in the country today. Comrade Kutcher praised the SWP and its leaders for their all-out support in his defense.

SWP Opens Offensive Against Anti-Marxists

(Continued from page 1) ally conscious sections of the ternational. labor movement.

every attempt to smuggle James Kutcher and the response orientation. bourgeois ideology into the labor which his fight against the blackeport was adopted unanimously liberties. after a fruitful discussion of the **ELECTION REPORT** perspectives which it opened up. It will be printed in a coming issue of the magazine, Fourth International and the discussion will be continued.

other mass movements. The report | emphasis on the shortcomings, nore properly balance its agita- and resolution were both adopted. difficulties and errors in the tion and propaganda, with special Extracts from the report are campaign. This included shortemphasis on polemical struggle printed on Page 2 of this issue, comings over which the party against opponent tendencies and and the resolution will be printed as yet unfortunately had little organizations in the more politic- in the next issue of Fourth In- or no control, such as its financial handicaps. It also included mistakes which the party must Singled out for special concen-

The party cannot grow and tration was the struggle against recognize and correct, such as prosper by simple anti-capitalist the government's persecution of inadequate planning and preparaagitation and good works alone, the SWP. A report by William tion, the setting of unrealistic Cannon continued. It must defeat F. Warde dealt with the case of goals and faulty propaganda

Clarke urged that the whole movement under the guise of a list has already won in broad sec- party should study these problems workers' program. Otherwise, the tions of the labor and liberal and lessons in preparations for agitation will be wasted and movements. It was decided to give future campaigns, and that it the workers' vanguard will be increased backing to the Kutcher learn to use and extend the demoralized and disrupted by the defense movement, and through propaganda and agitational offensive of the anti-Marxists. this case to step up the party's methods which it has employed The general line of Cannon's fight in defense of its political on a large scale for the first time in this campaign. Both the report

Mine Tragedy

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bins, were honored for their 20year-long struggle for the regeneration of the revolutionary socialist movement.

Special tribute was paid to struggle and the struggle to build Comrade Cannon, who launched American Trotskyism," described the fight against degenerate the bitter battle the early Trot-Stalinism and has been the out- skyists had to wage in physical standing leader of American defense of their right to speak Trotskyism since its inception. He | and circulate literature. climaxed the celebration with an inspiring speech in which he paign Manager in the SWP's first described the immeasurable com- presidential campaign, described pensation the revolutionary so- interesting experiences of the cialist movement gives the in- recent Dobbs-Carlson campaign, dividual in the privilege and in which the SWP for the first satisfaction of serving the cause time won wide recognition "as of human progress.

"True, we got a few wounds in tionary left of American politics." the fight," he said, "but we Clarke was the youngest of the consider these decorations of founding members of American merit," He added pointedly, "And Trotskyism. on these decorations something is | Ted Selander and Jack Wilson

written, 'Remember, your fight spoke as representatives of militant groups which had fused with isn't finished yet.' "

Rose Karsner, first woman the Trotskyists in the Thirties. member of the official Trotskyist | Selander, Ohio SWP organizer, | movement founded in New York. | told of the way in which the SWP described with pride how she was integrated the worker-members the first person in America to of the old American Workers only a small percentage of indusread the famous suppressed Party on the road to building the trial workers. Before socialism lease the country's -tremendous Farmers Government. There will document, by Leo Trotsky to genuine revolutionary party. Wil- could be established there, it was the 6th World Congress of the son, a militant steel worker, who necessary for highly industrial-Comintern, which Cannon had joined the Trotskyists from the ized countries like Germany and smuggled out of the Soviet Union left-wing of the Socialist Party the United States to take the and which laid the programmatic in 1937, told of how "it was like socialist road and come to the aid basis for the American party. Arne Swabeck, beloved veteran room into the fresh air."

of more than 40 years of socialist | Two SWP leaders who had been struggle, who founded the Trot- in Europe and Asia in the late



the 20 candles on the beautiful Harold Robbins, introduced as SWP birthday cake, symbolizing a "veteran of three wars-the the 20 years of struggle of Amer-Second World War, the class ican Trotskyism.

The master of ceremonies, William F. Warde, reminded the gathering that this was the celebration of a series of anniversaries, including the 100th Anniversary of the Communist

George Clarke, National Cam-Manifesto of Marx and Engels, and the fifth anniversary of the war-time imprisonment of the 18 SWP leaders, in the Minneapolis Labor Case, for their opposition to imperialist war.

The audience paused in their the banner bearer of the revolucelebration to pay a standing

Grim faces reveal ordeal of miners who survived cave-in of the Christmas mine near St. Meinrad, Ill. Four men were killed. silent tribute to the memory of, "International," everyone was all the Trotskyist fighters the urged to join a picket line at the

world over who have given their Dutch consulate here next Thurslives in the cause of socialist day to demonstrate international emancipation.

solidarity with the Indonesian Just before the singing of the freedom fighters.

WHO WILL PLAN UNDER US SOCIALISM

(Continued from page 1) socialism, as it did — was Stalin

able to take power and betray the entire world working class? Russia, in 1917, was an induswalking from a smoky, dusty of the Russian workers. Instead, the ruling capitalists in Europe

and America were able to organize military expeditions against the Soviet Union.

The Russian workers defeated Will the economic planning be their enemies, but they emerged by me or will it be for me?" Will from battle hungry and tired, cut it ignore or underestimate the human element? off from the rest of the world. Socialism will give full freedom Then Lenin died.

Stalin exploited these condientire population. For the first tions to defame and exile Trotsky time in history, the central inso he could impose his fatal struments of production will be theory of "socialism in one country." Next the Stalinist ruling controlled by the majority. Declique utilized scarcities of goods mocracy will come into full bloom. to foster development of privi-Contruction of the socialist order will begin under the leaderleged layers in Soviet society, as ship of the Workers and Farmers a means of support for their police rule. Under Stalin, instead Government. That government of advancing toward socialism, will be composed of democraticalthe Soviet Union has degenerated. Iy elected representatives from in science or art. The degree to all segments of the working pop-

ism.

BASIC DIFFERENCES Unlike Russia of 1917, the white collar workers, sharecrop-United States is the most ad- pers, working farmers, housevanced industrial nation in the wives, professional people, negroworld, with the most powerful es, students, rank and file soldiers food, from the madman's dream working class. Instead of foreign and sailors. Unions will be prepowers launching military as- served as a means for the workers humanity will be released from saults on a socialist America, as to defend themselves, by strike the shackles of superstition and the working people of the entire injurious government policy.

world would follow the American A giant network of democratworkers unto the socialist road. ically constituted committees rep-The great mass of the workers, resenting every field of producsupported by the farmers and all tion and distribution will be the little poeple, would be drawn drawn into the preparation and trially backward country, with into the struggle for socialism. execution of economic plans under the guidance of the workers and Once in motion, they would reproductive capacity to quickly be full freedom of criticism. Ineliminate economic scarcities. itiative will be encouraged everywhere. The working people will There would be no privileged layers of society on which an decide all questions and build American Stalin might base himtheir own life. Differing opinions over policies self. The United States, and the

and methods in building the whole world with it, would start the uninterrupted march to social- socialist society will no doubt lead to great debates. Political We come now to your question, parties will crystalize in support of various points of view and contend for government office.

There will be genuine freedom of elections with universal suffrage in these contests and free access to the creative capacity of the to all mediums of expression now controlled by the monopolists. The youth will be guaranteed a complete education in their chosen calling. They will receive every opportunity to criticize, make mistakes and grow up free from

regimentation or restraint. Neither an arbitrary plan nor a shadow of compulsion will be imposed in personal relations or which creativeness is individual

ulation - industrial workers, or collective will be decided entirely by the creators.

Socialism will free all mankind from the beast-like search for of profits and empire. Oppressed undreamed of heights.

THE PARTY'S TASKS

Complementing this report was the resolution on "The Election Results and the Tasks of the SWP," the report on which was made by M. Stein, Organization Secretary.

The resolution traces the background of developments in the class struggle since the end of the war. Against this background Stein described the political trends among the workers during the election campaign, and the influences which persuaded them to back the Democrats. He laid great stress on the consciousness of their political power felt by the workers as the result of their impact on the election results.

In addition, he analyzed the new position of the trade union bureaucracy in its coalition with the Democrats, showing how this had changed from their role in Philadelphia Got the pre-war New Deal coalition. the elements of conflict that are at work in the present coalition Party.

specific limits to the reformism magazine of American Trotskyof the new administration and 1sm. pave the way for its discreditment. The inability of the ad- of the branch's last 1948 mobiliza- week in the recent period, mostly ministration to fulfill the promises tion to visit readers whose subs the work of Bebe Patch in calling it made the masses will surely had expired or will expire soon. back for renewals. lead to new political explosions, This was their last opportunity

Stein predicted. to renew at 1948 rates. Even before Truman's inauguration, the demand for a from readers whose first in- Eleven from New York and eight Congress of Labor is winning new troduction to The Militant was from Detroit were the next support in the labor movement, the 25c. special election sub. Five highest returns of the short proving that the workers did not new subs were also obtained. The give Truman a blank check and rest were renewals by readers of recent subs obtained by branches that the prospects are good for longer standing. successful combat against class-The 34 Philadelphia subs

called for special attention to it was particularly welcome here. rates. the Negro movement, the Wallace Philadelphia already has a record A dozen renewals and new subs voters and the awakening student of 79 subs for December, after came in at 1949 rates, which we movement as fertile sources for 49 in November. recruitment to the SWP.

The discussion of this report they did against the Soviet Union, action if necessary, against any prejudice. Civilization will rise to delt mainly with the new prob- The Militant's business office in forced to raise sub prices beginlems and trends in the unions and recent sub-getting. In response ning this year.

and recommendations were accepted, and steps were taken to implement them.

A high point of the plenum was the report by George Clarke, The National Committee also SWP National Campaign Manreceived a financial report and ager, on the lessons to be drawn took steps to insure the collecfrom the party's highly success- tion of sufficient funds to carry ful entrance onto the national out the decisions made at the political scene in the 1948 elec- plenum.

It also voted to continue until The campaign, he showed, was the next plenum the discussion a magnificent achievement for a by the party of the draft resoluparty as small as the SWP, bring- tion on Negro work introduced ing benefits in many ways — in at the last SWP convention in increased morale; in the acquisi- July, 1948.

tion of new techniques and | The first day of the plenum methods of propaganda; in publi- was followed by a spirited celecity that reached the biggest bration of the party's 20th anaudience the party has ever had niversary, held under the auspices and helped to establish it in the of the New York Local. When the minds of millions as the extreme plenum itself ended tonight, left wing of American politics; many of the old-timers present in experience and training of the were of the opinion that it had party members in the many fields been one of the most fruitful that are indispensable for the sessions of the National Comgrowth of the revolutionary party. mittee in the history of the move-Clarke's report placed equal ment.

THE MILITANT ARMY

to notices of rising rates in 1949, 45 renewals and new subs were 9

Boston has kept up a steady This was partially the result flow of renewals, five or six a

Newark held a mobilization Ten renewals were obtained which obtained 18 subs last week. Christmas week. Many of the have not yet been received here. However, all mailed before the collaborationist politics. Stein brought in \$43 at a time when year-end will be entered at 1948

> appreciate. The old rates don't quite half pay the costs of Not even Philadelphia equals publication. That is why we were

And then he carefully delineated 79 Subs in December mailed direct to this office last Philadelphia continues to lead week. These included 14 subs for off this column by turning in 34 Fourth International for a year between them and the Democratic more subs this week, 22 of them or more. Three were for twofor a full year and eight combi- year renewals. The new subs Stein pointed out that the world nations including Fourth Inter- were mostly sent in by old subcontradictions of capitalism set national, monthly theoretical scribers for their friends.

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"In the capitalist states the most monstrous forms of bureaucratism are to be observed precisely in the trade unions. . . It is thanks to this that the whole structure of capitalism now stands upright, above all in Europe and especially in England. If there were not a bureaucracy of the trade unions, then the police, the army, the courts, the lords, the monarchy would appear before the proletarian masses as nothing but pitiful and ridiculous playthings. The bureaucracy of the trade unions is the backbone of British imperialism." ALL HILLY

-Leon Trotsky, "Communism and Syndicalism," 1929.

The UN and Indonesia

The Dutch armed forces are proceeding with "mopping up operations" in Indonesia the way Hitler's armed forces once mopped up in the Netherlands after the initial surprise attack. Meanwhile the big powers dominating the United Nations are putting on a show of disapproval of the Dutch action while at the same time doing everything possible to help the drive to crush the Indonesian Republic.

So far, the United Nations has issued only three orders: (1) for both sides to "cease fire"; (2) for the immediate release of all political prisoners; (3) for the UN observers in Indonesia "to observe and report" on compliance with these orders and to telegraph an account of "the events which have transpired in Indonesia since Dec. 12, 1948."

Eventually the Dutch hope to get around to "obeying" the orders. They will permit the UN observers to travel around when the main butchery is over. They will "cease fire" when the last Indonesian freedom fighter is six feet under ground. They will release the bulk of the political prisoners after Dutch military rule is entrenched.

Actually with these inconsequential "orders" the UN did nothing but give the green light to the Dutch imperialists. This becomes even clearer when you consider what happened to the proposal to order the Dutch to withdraw their troops to previous truce lines.

The proposal was first advanced by the United States delegation in hope of creating the impression that Truman was doing something against the Dutch while really continuing to supply them with armaments and Marshall Plan aid. The Soviet, Ukraine, French and Belgian delegates abstained, thereby killing the measure.

The Soviet delegation thereupon repeated the proposal. This time the United States joined in killing it.

While the big powers tossed the hot potato of responsibility for UN inaction back and forth, the Dutch armed forces continued their blitzkrieg on Indonesia.

The UN farce was all the more shameful in view of the perfectly apparent fact that the Netherlands government would not have paid the slightest attention to a UN order to withdraw. The dispute was not at all over whether the Dutch should actually be forced to withdraw their troops, but solely whether the UN as an organization allegedly favoring world peace should or should not go on record in favor of withdrawal.

The war on Indonesia has therefore served to once more underline the fact we have insisted upon since the United Nations was set up: That this thieves' den does not serve the interests of world peace but only the sordid economic and political interests of the Western imperialist powers.

Forrestal Asks for More Power

Last week The Militant called attention to the Dec. 16 report of the influential Eberstadt Committee outlining how the ruling clique intends to militarize America. The report holds that war is the "normal" condition of national life.

This thesis, we said, reflects "the monstrous growth of militarism in the United States. A specific grouping is developing in power and influence, the military caste. Its thinking on national affairs starts from the premise of the certainty of war. Presumably written

dictatorship has required Congressional approval in each case. Forrestal wants Congress to abdicate this power. Forrestal wants to by-pass leigslative discussion and approval, leaving the amount of aid, the kind of aid and its destination to the discretion of the White House.

This ominous proposal, if enacted, would greatly increase the dictatorial powers of the military clique. They could, for example, put General Franco of fascist Spain or any other ultra-reactionary regime on their list without having to consult Congress or explain to the public.

'Morality" in Indonesia War

Where Philip Murray Stands in Struggle Against Dutch Imperialism

By Joseph Hansen

In his Dec. 23 letter to Secretary of State Marshall, CIO President Philip Murray declares that the attack of the Netherlands government on the ndonesian people "conforms neither to the morality of our civilization nor to the practical political needs of the people of Western Europe and the United States.'

The Dutch imperialists take a lifferent view. They believe that practical political needs demanded their Nazi-style blitzkrieg attack against Indonesia; and they consider their action morally justihed, as can be seen from the following:

On Dec. 24, Dutch Commanderin-Chief Spoor urged his troops to "live up to the Christmas spirit" so that "Christmas may be a symbol from which you may draw strength to carry out your orders with the beautiful objective - to bring peace to Indonesia.'

And on Dec. 25, in her Christ mas Day broadcast, Queen Juliana declared that the Dutch armies were merely carrying out the promise during World War II of assuring the Four Freedoms to Indonesia."

Are these declarations pure hypocrisy? No, not entirely. The Dutch imperialists must be credited with a certain amount of fervor. They probably feel the same kind of moral glow that he Southern Bourbons feel in nstigating lynch murder.

The Dutch capitalists are not suffering from a temporary aberration, a passing lapse from the "morality of our civilization" which they will rectify as soon as a sterling moralist like Philip Murray calls it to their attention. Their actions accord with apitalist morality.

MORAL PRACTICES

This is confirmed by the fact that the British, French, Belgian and American capitalists are aidcalling them to account for their crimes against humanity. They do this because they sym- their real morality.

TH "SUBSTITUT



In violation of truce agreement, Dutch troops in Nazi-style blitzkrieg were landed by air (1) and sea (2) on the islands of the Indonesian Republic, which had declared its independence after the war. Indonesian spokesmen have appealed to the United States to cut off Marshall Plan aid to Holland. The Dutch imperialists could not carry on their war without this military and financial aid. The Socialist Workers Party has backed the Indonesian plea and called on Murray, Green and Lewis to mobilize the American labor movement to help the Indonesian Republic in its desperate struggle for freedom.

pathize with the Dutch capitalists and share their views on sequently, Philip Mutray is inner twinge! morality. The British are waging wrong and the Dutch despots are in Malaya; and the French in Indo-China. The Belgian capitalists are notorious for their colonial brutality. And Wall pines and Latin America, backs all the other colonial rulers with The actions of the capitalists do guns and dollars. not conform to the morality they

The truth is that capitalist profess. morality is the very opposite of what most working people consider upright. In the moral world must pay lip service to the the only one. of the capitalist class a war of morality which the working peoconquest is a crusade for "peace." ple observe in their daily lives; Mass murder is "pacification." Plunder and rape and the smashremain in power. Secondly, aling of an independence move- though the capitalists actually live ment is "police action." Broken by cold calculation and a merci-

DUBINSKY STABS WORKERS IN BACK

promises, violated truces, the less drive for profits, they inlies, deceit and treachery leaddulge in rationalization to salve ing up to a Pearl Harbor attack their conscience. Many of them ing the Dutch in their war of are viewed by the capitalists as find the feeling of guilt resultimperialist conquest instead of justifiable means "to save lives." ing from their actions painful to. Everything is turned upside bear. So they picture themselves down in their morality-that is, as guardian's of morality, in many cases actually coming to believ

From this point of view, con- this delusion despite an occasional This is true not only of the similar action on their ownaccount | tight in the dispute over whether | capitalists but of their agents in or not a ruthless colonial war the labor movement, as can be conforms to the morality of seen in the case of Philip Murray. capitalist civilization. However, He no doubt is convinced that he it must be at once added that is a paragon of virtue. Yet if Street, besides its own criminal Murray is not completely off his actions be compared with his record in Puerto Rico, the Philip- base in his statement. There is a professed beliefs, some unpleasant grain of truth in what he says. discrepancies emerge.

Plan orders earmarked for the Dutch East Indies while con-The contrast between his tinuing Marshall Plan aid to declamations on democracy and Holland. his actions in building a dicta-They hate to admit their real torial bureaucracy in the CIO is Murray thus served the prac-

moral views. First of all, they the most glaring instance but not In his letter to Marshall, Murray proclaims the lofty moral guilt for what is happening in otherwise they could not long view that "The CIO has always

Indonesia. Like the Dutch imfelt that the peoples of the perialists, Philip Murray procolonial countries should be given | fesses a morality that does not the greatest possible assistance | conform with his actions.



Proposes United Action Against Election Fraud

Editor: After reading the report by Emmett Moore of Flint, regarding errors in the counting of votes in his city, I feel that I have to put in my two-cents worth. With these proposals, Dubin- the most reliable agents of U.S. Reports of vote stealing in this It is with this type of procedure honor of spearheading the drive Dubinsky's move to split and recent election have made me-

Senator as a preliminary to possible challenging the election of Republican Homer Ferguson." Fitzgerald, Democratic National Committeeman, said, "Oakland county reported quite a few errors there and Jackson county says the tabulations were wrong from Shiawassee county is that more votes were reported than In Lansing, Democratic chal-

there." He added that "the word the registration lists allowed."

lengers reported numerous irregufighting mad and I would like to larities. "One of the more serious

irregularities reported . . .

an instance at one precinct in

developing free, democratic

To conform with this moral

standard, what actions are re-

quired of Murray? As head of

the CIO, shouldn't he do some-

thing like the following: Call on

the maritime workers to halt

shipments of war supplies to the

Dutch. Call for demonstrations

and picket lines to put the spot-

light on the sinister role of the

Truman Administration in sup-

plying the Dutch despots with

arms, ammunition and dollars to

carry on their war of conquest.

Mobilize labor's mighty power

against the Dutch imperialists

and their American backers

through boycott and other means.

Organize effective, direct aid for

Philip Murray took no action

like that. It cannot be argued in

his behalf that he was too stupid

to think up such obvious measures

It so happens that the Socialist

Workers Party wired Philip Mur-

ray, as it did John L. Lewis and

William Green, proposing this

militant course of action. The

Socialist Workers Party follows

Bolshevik morality, practising

what it preaches about fighting

in the cause of the oppressed

and making its deeds conform to

Murray did something quite

the contrary. He lauded the State

Department on its cheap. face-

saving gesture of stopping some

\$14 million in future Marshall

tical political needs of the Tru-

man Administration by doing his

part to cover up White House

the views it proclaims.

the Indonesian Republic.

governments.

under civilian auspices, the Eberstadt report affirms this Prussian-minded view."

On Dec. 29, one of the chief spokesmen of the military caste, James Forrestal, reported on a year's operation of the National Military Establishment. His report picks up where the Eberstadt report left off.

Forrestal includes a legislative program which the military caste will try to push through the coming session of Congress. First on the list is a demand to give the White House and the top brass a blank check in providing "military assistance" to any country.

Up to now military assistance such as that given the Greek Royalist regime or the Chiang

Bad as this would be, there is a still worse gimmick. The trigger-happy brass hats could plunge America into war whenever they pleased without the inconvenience of asking Congress. Under Forrestal's proposed legislation, the White House could send military missions abroad anywhere and any time on its own initiative. Where is the dividing line between a military "mission" and an Expeditionary Force?

This militaristic legislative program demanded by the brass hats must be aggressively opposed by the labor movement. Stop the growth of Prussianism in America!

all the unions. Dubinsky also wants to give the

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government power to settle 'jurisdictional" disputes through a board nominated by the Department of Labor. This board could rule out of existence a militant union in favor of a conservative HELPS REACTION union or even a disguised company union. He likewise favors a ban on so-called "unjustifiable" secondary boycotts — a perfect legal weapon to force unions to handle goods made by scabs during a strike of a sister union. Such a provision in the Taft-Hartley Act has blocked efforts of the ILGWU itself to organize scab clothing contractors.

YELLOW-DOG OATH

The "Dubinsky - Taft - Hartley Bill" would go even beyond the present law in requiring noncommunist affidavits and financial statements. It would require a others of his stripe is all the more yellow-dog oath not only from vile because he and the other all elected officers of a union, Trumanite labor leaders called on but from all paid functionaries of the workers to vote for Truman the union. To make this restric- with the assurance that "Intion on labor more "equitable," junction Harry" would work for Dubinsky wants it extended to all unconditional repeal of the Taftemployers - a pretty tough Hartley Act if elected. Since the restraint on the capitalists, to elections, Truman has made clear, make them swear they're not he intends to advocate his own communists"! anti-labor bill, including some of

Another Taft - Hartley clause the most vicious features of the present law. that Dubinsky wants incorporated

into his "substitute" bill would These union leaders are not continue to permit employers to only trying to cover up for Trupetition for collective bargaining man's dishonest repudiation of his elections where "a bona fide promise of unqualified repeal of question" exists as to which of the Slave Labor Law. They actwo or more unions is entitled tually like certain features of the to represent the workers. This has Taft-Hartley Act! They find the already been widely used by emyellow-dog oath procedure a ployers as a pretext for refusing veapon in their raids on nonto negotiate with long-established complying unions. They welcome unions, particularly when they go the red-tape of "cooling off" and on strike, and for bringing in "fact-finding" as a means of rival and company unions. curbing the militancy of their

The ILGWU president anmembers. nounced that his executive board FOR WALL STREET WAR had even voted to "thank" the Dubinsky has a special aim in 80th Congress for one provision of the Taft-Hartley Act-the ban mind, moreover. He is seeking to establish himself as the most on the use of union funds for political campaign purposes. Be-"reasonable labor statesman" in the eyes of the U.S. State Decause of this ban on labor's political rights, Dubinsky explained, partment, ever ready to sacrifice the ILGWU bureaucrats had the labor's interests for the sake of pretext for keeping their huge Wall Street's war preparations treasury intact while squeezing against the Soviet Union. He is an additional \$275,000 for Tru- one of the ambitious Social man's campaign out of "volun- Democratic-type liberals in the tary contributions" from the labor movement who are playing membership. for government recognition as

of the Wagner Act along anti- repeal of the Taft-Hatley Act lines. Dubinsky has spelled out the workers' demands, expressed frame of mind. the text of the law implied, but not specified, in the AFL con-oust the Taft-Hartley Congress-fireworks in Michigan over the not specified, in the AFL convention resolution adopted in

ANTI-LABOR

sky has now assumed the dubious imperialism inside the unions.

November.

The effect of Dubinsky's traitor-No Substitutes!" ous proposals will be to intensify the efforts of the Truman administration and the Democratic Congress to retain as much of reliance on Truman or any other as possible in any "substitute" statesmen" will now be called on

compromises" when repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act is actually under debate in Congress. The treachery of Dubinsky and

that Dubinsky wants to shackle of the AFL moguls for revision betray the fight for unconditional pass on just a few of those labor and anti-industrial union comes as a direct repudiation of reports that have put me in this

men and Senators. The workers vote count. And the point to tested the machine, pulling down want full and unqualified smashremember is that it has been be- the lever over the Republican ing of the Taft-Hartley Act. And tween the Democrats and Repu-presidential candidate's name at their further slogan is: "Accept blicans. So if they are busy least 11 times and each time

Labor has just demonstrated the ballot box, what must they be (There are many other charges ts power. It does not have to go doing to the minor parties? Anybegging hat in hand. Mobilized way, here are just a few samples and Republican labor-haters in in united action, placing no of what went on in Michigan: "George D. Stevens, Flint the Taft-Hartley Act restrictions capitalist politician, using its own Democrat, declared officially to Party votes were lumped with the independent organized strength, have lost his bid for the sixth law. Having already yielded so labor can compel Congress to congressional seat, announced Frimuch in advance, the "labor grant its demands on Taft- day he would petition Congress Hartley repeal, housing, civil for a recount within 30 days." to agree to further "reasonable rights and all other progressive Stevens' attorney, Stanley E.

measures. Beattie of Detroit, "contended What is needed is a National that there were disturbing errors United Congress of Labor, such in the count." as the AFL International Typo-And on Nov. 8: "Democratic graphical Union proposed and the party leaders in five counties National Maritime Union and were searching today for evidence many local union bodies have of reported irregularities in

endorsed. This Congress of Labor | tabulating the vote for U. S. should be convened in Washington. with rank and file representation of all unions, to confront the 81st Congress with labor's demands and labor's mighty power on the day the new session opens.

Lansing where a machine was There have really been some reported out of order. The Chairman of the precinct election board cutting each other's throats at recorded it on the machine." that I won't go into.) The Detroit Free Press reported of one precinct that "Progressive, Socialist and Prohibition

> Republican vote. The counters said, 'There were so few of these votes, it would not make any difference'." If this is going to be the attitude of election boards, I say that we should take steps to do something about it. We are on common grounds with all other

minor parties so why don't we get together and try to eliminate this practice? K. N.

Lansing, Mich.



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The Stalinists and the Smith Act Elsewhere in this issue The Militant has file CP members should press for a change in printed the sensational evidence, drawn from the Louis Weinstock correspondence on the Minneapolis case, of some of the Communist

of labor solidarity during the war. Today the Stalinists have changed the kind of slander they direct against the Trotskyists -they now do not denounce us for hampering "national unity," as Weinstock did in 1944—but they have not in any way changed their line with respect to labor solidarity. They still refuse stubbornly to lift a finger on behalf of the civil liberties of their political opponents in the working class.

Party's consistent violations of the principle

The most recent example is their silence on the case of James Kutcher, the legless veteran fired from his government job because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party, as a result of the "subversive" blacklist which is also being used again the Stalinists themselves. It is reported that many CP rank and file members have expressed doubt or opposition over this policy, but the leaders refuse to alter it in any way.

Members of the Communist Party can see for themselves that the Stalinist refusal to support the Kutcher movement's fight against the blacklist serves, like the Stalinist sabotage of the Minneapolis fight against the Smith Act, to undermine the very principle of labor solidarity which they are compelled to invoke in the fight against their own persecution under the Smith Act.

In self-interest, if nothing else, the rank and

this policy. In self-defense they should demand that the Communist Party openly proclaim its support of Kutcher's civil rights, despite the deep and unbridgeable political differences that separate the CP from the SWP. In behalf of their own rights they should insist that the CP leaders accept the offer of the SWP for a united front struggle against the Smith Act and the growing witchhunt against political dissidents,

As for non-Stalinist workers, they must not permit themselves to be so revolted by the criminal policies of the Stalinist leaders that they become indifferent to the outcome of the government's attack on the CP's civil liberties. The outlawing of the CP and the arrest of its leaders by the government presents a threat to ALL workers, because the precedent thus established will in turn be directed against all other working class groups.

It is necessary in this connection to overcome the many prejudices and the great miseducation on labor solidarity that have been spread by the Stalinists for many years. Support of the Stalinists' civil rights does not in the least signify support for their antilabor policies. Support of their civil rights is necessary if our own civil rights are to be preserved. That is why The Militant vigorously urges on all workers the necessity to stop the persecution of the Communist Party, whose false and reactionary policies we were the first to expose and warn against 20 years. ago.

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"Children Not Wanted"

By Art Preis

"I never realized how unpopular children are how discriminated against, even how hated — until I went across America in search of apartments to rent," Howard Whitman declares in the January Woman's Home Companion. "My mind still echoes with 'No Children,' 'Adults only,' 'No dogs or children.' Discrimination against children would be bad enough any time. It's fantastic in the worst housing shortage in American history."

From coast to coast Whitman found apartment house doors barred to children. "In Chicago, after dismal plodding, I was offered only two places to live - provided I boarded out the children. In a small Missouri town a professor's wife denied me even a trailer which she had advertised for 'adults only.'

"Out of 43 ads in a Cincinnati paper, 22 openly barred children. In a Pittsburg paper 17 out of 26. In Columbus, Ohio, the total reached 87% --13 out of 15!"

In New York, the world's largest city, conditions are no better. "The New York City Housing Authority maintains a Vacancy Listing Bureau. In its sparse files 88% of the listings contain a ban against children. Many of those which admit children are either priced sky-high or far removed from working centers.'

Whitman discovered that this universal discrimination against children embitters parents. "I was aghast at the number of couples who have apparently been convinced that somehow it is a crime to have children these days. One father walked into the Los Angeles Housing Authority and said, 'Every time I find a vacancy I know there is no use because I have two little children I shouldn't have had.' "

Why do landlords discriminate against chilren? The most common excuse is that "Children are destructive. However, that is not the real reason.' "When stripped of masquerade," says Whitman, "the basis of child discrimination is largely a greedy axiom: "Get the most money for the least occupancy."

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"What can we do about it?" asks the author. He proposes "educating" the landlords. "A small landlord can be painfully ignorant," Whitman says. "He hasn't been educated to the basic tenet conditioned by the public good."

This is a hopeless proposal. Capitalism has existed for hundreds of years, yet the capitalist class has not yet learned to "condition" the profit motive "by the public good." Capitalism puts profits first. It always has and always will.

Only under socialism will the welfare of the family be placed first and children welcomed as our most preicous asset. Under socialism, America for the first time will be able to fully solve its housing problem and provide every family with the ideal living conditions that children require.

A step in that direction can be taken right now by mobilizing public pressure on Congress for a federal housing program to relieve the present impossible conditions. If the money now spent in armaments were turned into the construction of homes it would not take long to break the back of the housing shortage.

With plenty of vacant apartments for rent, landlords would begin to think twice before putting up their cruel sign, "Dogs and children not wanted.

all countries, it is the rare party that has lasted

as much as ten years and the rare individuals

And rich American capitalism has tremendous

who has survived even as long.

powerful political enemies.

NUMBER 1 VOLUME XIII MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1949 Weinstock Letters Show CP He proposes "educating" the landlords. "A small landlord can be painfully ignorant," Whitman says. "He hasn't been educated to the basic tenet of the free enterprise system: a profit motive conditioned by the public good."

THE MILITANT

By George Breitman

On the eve of the trial of 12 Communist Party leaders under the Smith Act, The Militant has come into possession of a file of correspondence that clearly proves: 1. That the indictment of the Stalinists under this reactionary law is due in great part to their sabotage of the labor

movement's fight against this of the Council delegates who law during the war. 2. And that | "were almost ready to give these people a helping hand" and urges the Stalinists, who now are ad-Tobin to send him "a brief hisrocating labor solidarity against the coming trial, themselves were tory of the case" that could be the grossest violators of this used to prevent aid to the CRDC. The second letter was to Sidney undamental principle, materially Hillman, chairman of the CIO contributing by their example to the workers' present lack of Political Action Committee, falsely charging the CRDC with response to the appeals for united using the name of the PAC and protest against the government's asking for a prompt reply that persecution of the CP. would accuse the CRDC of mis-

This file of correspondence con-

representing facts. sists of letters from and to Louis "I know that this is not the Weinstock in the months of May case," wrote Weinstock, "but a and June, 1944. They were written lot of other people are misled by by him in his capacity as this subterfuge. We know that secretary-treasurer of New York the Political Action Committee District Council 9 of the AFL of the CIO is doing everything Brotherhood of Painters. At the for the re-election of President same time Weinstock was a mem-Roosevelt. We also know that ber of the National Board of the these eighteen (18) Trotskyites Communist Party, which means convicted in Minneapolis were that he was carrying out the everything but supporters of our Stalinist line.

President. . . . At the beginning of 1944, the It is true that the Trotskyists 18 leaders of the Socialist Workhad serious political differences ers Party and Minneapolis with those elements in the labor Feamsters Union Local 544-CIO were imprisoned because they ex- Roosevelt. But Weinstock's point movement who were supporting ercised free speech in opposing was that since such differences the 2nd world war and fought for existed, the pro-Roosevelt uniondemocracy inside the union moveists should not give any support ment. The indictment against to the Trotskyists in their them was based on the Smith resistance to persecution. It is 'Gag" Act-the first time this precisely this approach which witch-hunt legislation was used. The U. S. Supreme Court three opposing support to the Stalinist times refused to review the case. victims of the witch-hunt!

THE CRDC CAMPAIGN

There is no evidence in the file The Minneapolis case was the to show that Hillman ever most flagrant attack on American answered this letter. He knew political liberties in World War that although the PAC had never including a letter Tobin had at that time demonstrates that II. and as such aroused a storm acted on the Minneapolis case, solicited from Victor E. Anderof protest from most sections of most of the important CIO lead- son, prosecuting attorney in the the labor and liberal movements. ers had expressed support for the Minneapolis trial. In this letter, The Civil Rights Defense Com- 18 defendants. Hillman's own mittee, which was organized to paper, The Advance, did the aid the defendants, carried on an same.

aggressive campaign for the IRONICAL ASPECTS pardon of the defendants and against the Smith Act. In the dated May 11 was addressed to course of time it asked the Painters District Council 9 for formal Attorney General Francis Biddle, GOVT. INTERPRETATION support of its objectives.

A number of delegates to the Council from locals which had

No Justice Here

Army court martial procedure will continue under the dictatorial swav of commanding officers, since the new "reform" law which goes into effect in February makes no basic changes. Above is scene of a court martial in session.

Equally ironical is the fact that | ist majority in the District Weinstock himself would now be Council voted down the motion among the 12 CP National Board to support the 18. Weinstock on members under indictment ex- June 12 then issued a press statecept for the fact that in 1946 the ment denouncing the Trotskyists painters revolted against Stalin- as "fascist minded disrupters ist domination and kicked him out | . . . who are trying to break up many labor leaders today use in of office, which led to his demo- the unity that exists today in the American nation." In subtion from the National Board.

On June 2 Weinstock got his stantiation, he reprinted in full answer from Tobin, who offered Anderson's remarks on the con-"information" that he hoped stitutionality of the Smith Act. An examination of the press would be helpful to Weinstock,

Weinstock's frenzied activity against support to the Trotsky- Act.)

dated. May 21, Anderson tried to justify the persecution of the 18 by asserting that the Supreme Court while refusing to review

the case had found the Smith Act The third of Weinstock's letters was "not unconstitutional." charges, became a notorious scandal on the waterfront.

Anderson's letter to Tobin in-

The memory of this ferocious whose department had engineered bureaucratic persecution so emthe trial and conviction of the terested Weinstock so much that bittered many members that they 18. Weinstock told Biddle he was he entered into direct corre- are ready to condone any method anxious to get information spondence with Anderson. In a

sts was not at all an isolated phenomenon. All the other Stalinists in leading union positions did the same, and issue after issue of the Daily Worker read like a summons to the workers to lynch the Trotskyists and other of their political opponents who did anything that might in any way interfere with "national unity."

UNDERMINED SOLIDARITY.

Thus the campaign to mobilize the labor movement to smash the Smith Act was undermined in part by the Stalinists in collaboration with reactionary union bureaucrats like Tobin and Department of Justice officials like Biddle and Clark. Although the CRDC won the support of organizations representing millions of people, it was unsuccessful in its challenge to this gag law, and it remained on the books where the Department of Justice last year picked it up again, this time for use against the Stalinists.

It used to be a recognized principle in the labor movement that all sections must unite in defense of any individual or section within its ranks that was subjected to reactionary attack by the employers or government. The Stalinists, by their behavior in the Minneapolis case as in many others, did more than any other group to disrupt and destroy the practice of labor solidarity. By withholding support from victims of reactionary persecution merely because they had political differences with these victims, the Stalinists helped to create a new approach to the problem and a precedent which the labor leaders are today employing with full force against the Stalinists themselves.

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gave vent to hysterical outbursts the Stalinists on trumped-up calculated to invite reprisals.

In opposition, the Stalinists acted like people bereft of their senses and permitted themselves to be repeatedly provoked into committing acts of disruption that turned the membership o rid the union of the hated against them. Thus, they provided

men and women of tougher moral fibre, armored against all adverse circumstance and inspired to utter selflessness. These men and women do not come from the privileged sectors of society. Most of them are ordinary working people. They had no special educational advantages. Yet the cause and the

Not So Few, But So Many

By Paul Abbott

It has come to be an axiom that the revolutionary socialist movement is a devourer of men. Yet as I looked around at the comrades during last Sunday's banquet celebrating 20 years of American Trotskyism, I was struck by the thought not of how many had fallen by the wayside, but how many have stood firm over the years.

Of the leaders of the party, most of them have to their credit 15 to 20 years of continuous service to the American revolutionary movement of our times, and none has less than a full decade. And among the ranks, I saw scores and scores at the banquet - and it was largely a New York City affair - who have staunchly fought the good fight for as many years. How remarkable, I thought, that we have not just a few veterans, but so many.

Sitting at the speakers' table were James P. Cannon, Arne Swabeck and Vincent R. Dunne, men who already were veterans of the struggle for more than 20 years when they took up the cudgels in 1928 to fight to rebuild the revolutionary movement from the ground up after the betrayals of Stalinism and the Second International "socialists." And they are not merely honorary figures, but dynamic, active leaders of our movement

Not only individuals, but so many movements professing to be Marxist, have disappeared from the scene or degenerated in the past 20 years movements far larger numerically and with greater material resources to begin with than Trotskyism. In the annals of revolutionary movements in

It cannot be said that American Trotskyism has had an easy time of it or offered material rewards to its members and leaders. No advantages of good living or public acclaim have held the veteran Trotskyists to their posts for so long. On the contrary, they have all led lives of poverty and physical hardship. They have undergone ceaseless abuse and victimization from a host of

resources for the corruption of revolutionary leaders, either to buy them off entirely or soften them. No one can say that of the American Trotskyists, who are recognized by their bitterest

These Eyes that Haunt...

enemies as incorruptibles, who never yield an inch on principles. Only one thing has held so many so long unswerving to their revolutionary duty - a great and true program, principles so powerful

and enduring that those who absorb them become

program have molded them into revolutionary leaders, teachers and fighters, ever young and ever courageous.

In Indo-China and Indonesia, the French and Dutch imperialists are carrying out what they call the "pacification" of the local population. This is a time-worn term invented in the early days of colonial conquest, not to place a truthful and accurate label on what the troops abroad were doing but rather to help in the pacification of popular indignation at home.

That the process of "pacification" of a colonial people has not changed to this day can be seen from the following letter sent by a woman in the zone of Indo-China now occupied by the French imperialists. The letter was released by the Vietnam American Friendship Association. Dear Friend,

A am writing to you at 1 A.M. from the martyrized province of Quang-tri. I have been sitting up all night for the last two days, for as soon as I go to bed I see them appear in front of me, haggard, in tears, crying for vengeance. Oh these eyes that haunt ... How can I forget them?

Two days ago, when I was following the Quang-tri-Dong-ho road to go to the village of Khai-phong, the noise of motors suddenly throbbed in my ears. There the enemy is coming. Save himself who can.

All those who were on the road and in nearby villages disappeared in the bushes and forests like poultry at the approach of a hawk. I crossed the rice field, dived into a wood and squatted in the middle of a thorny bush, my

clothes torn and my body lacerated. The rumbling of motors became louder. Then, noises of heavy boots on the road, oaths and jokes.

Suddenly a cry of terror burst out, a feminine voice calling for help. A long and feeble groan of agony was followed by a squall of laughter. I trembled to think of the fate of this unfortunate woman, of that of thousands of others who are suffering from the French bestiality.

Time turned out horribly long to me. I kept on waiting, restraining my anger and indignation. I finally heard a death-rattle and the noise of boots and trucks slowly fainted away.

I waited until complete calm had returned. Then leaving my hiding place, I went in the direction from which the cries of distress had come. I found under the shade of a tree ... guess it

. . the corpse of a girl of about twelve or thirteen. The blood was coagulating on the road, She was dead but her open eyes were fixed upon me.

Ah! how serene and ingenuous these eyes were which moved me to the bottom of my heart. They cried out the hatred of the Vietnam women, the hatred of the whole Vietnam people. They craved for vengeance. How can I forget these eyes?

already endorsed the CRDC's campaign urged the Council to do likewise. The Stalinists, who then controlled the Council, opposed this action and set up a committee

"investigate" the matter. to Weinstock took the lead in securing the "evidence" on the case On May 11, 1944 he sent off three letters, copies of which The Militant now has.

SCABBY LETTERS

The first was to Daniel J.

labor movement." office on May 17. "You may be these doubting Thomases whom assured," it said, "that the basis we have around here."

of the prosecution in this case On June 7 Anderson replied had nothing to do with activities with an offer to supply any addion behalf of the labor movetional information "if it is within ment." our power to do so." Again he

An ironical aspect to this letter referred to the Supreme Court's Tobin, czar of the International was that it was written for refusal to act on the defendants' Brotherhood of Teamsters, at Biddle and signed by an assistant appeal because "the law under whose request Roosevelt had in- attorney general-Tom C. Clark, which the prosecution was had structed the Department of who is now attorney general and was not unconstitutional in Justice to prepare the indictment spearheading the persecution of violating free speech or for being ficials. Membership meetings of the Trotskyists. In this letter the Stalinists under the same indefinite."

Weinstock complains about some Smith Act.

demonstrating that the 18 were letter dated June 5, he praised Stalinist clique. The Curran convicted for "sedition" rather Tobin for supplying him with "a leadership has cleverly exploited than "activities in behalf of the proper and satisfactory explana- this sentiment. At each stage in tion concerning these defendants" the purge Curran has been able The first reply Weinstock got and asked Anderson for addi- to point to the Stalinist record to these letters was from Biddle's tional help to "satisfy some of and the bureaucratic precedents they established to justify their use against them.

CP ADVENTURISM

In addition, since their defeat in the last election, the Stalinists embarked on a reckless course of irresponsible adventurism and disruption. Their mimeograph machines churned out a steam of unsupprted accusations and invective against the elected ofwere broken up and rump meet-With this "evidence" the Stalin- ings held at which the Stalinists

Spot

the leadership with abundant pretexts for moving against them. The most ominous development is the tendency of the Curran administration to seek short cuts to eliminate their Stalinist opponents. This manifested itself first in the publication of a purge list and the announced intention of jerking union books without trial. The administration was com-

pelled to abandon this practice when the Stalinists went to court to seek an injunction against the leadership for violating the union's constitution. In recent weeks there have appeared a number of inspired resolutions adopted by various branches calling for a referendum to amend the constitution to outlaw "communists" rom the union.

The great danger is that under cover of the fierce faction fight against the discredited Stalinists the leadership will move to curb the democratic rights of all members and reintroduce those bureaucratic practices against which the membership rebelled when they ousted the Stalinist gang from office. Ironically enough, the prime movers against the Stalinists were long-time collaborators and ex-members of the Communist Party. In view of this fact the membership has good reason to feel apprehensive about any tendency to stifle the hardwon and dearly-bought internal union democracy without which there can be no talk of militant and progressive unionism.

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USA Foreign

We single out this editorial because it is characteristic of the politics of the liberal wing. We can expect much more of the same in the future. There is no doubt that as a result of the election, the government is going to pass laws which in one way or another, ing away some of the terrible burdens that now rest upon the

Negro people. The Star, Bowles with his appointment of Negroes, Humphrey with his speeches against the Southern Dixiecrats, and all that bunch are going to spread themselves in denunciation of Jim Crow and passionate ap-

peals for justice on behalf of We will not believe one word

of it and we ask the people who voted for civil rights for Negroes not to believe one word of it. Until these fast-talking politicians point New York but their own Democratic Party, ruler of the country for sixteen years, has been the

emplar of Jim Crow in the counof Negro rights who does not lay Negro and all other types of

Notes from the News

program.

FREE ENTERPRISE - John R. Franco, Michigan Democratic chairman, frankly admits he paid commissions as high as 45% to



professional fund raisers in the recent election campaign and denies that the practice is either unusual or unethical. "I have won an election and the end justifies the means,"

SAND RUNNING OUT - Allan L. Swim, CIO News editor, writes that the Democrats must "do their utmost to carry out their campaign pledges" if "the nation is to avoid the creation of a real third party."

FED UP WITH RENEGADES? - The New Jersey Labor Herald, a local AFL paper, didn't like Max Eastman's speech at the recent AFL national convention and complains editorially that it is "fed up with the horde of ex-Communists who, in recent years, have had the unmitigated gall to assume the ridiculous pose of prophets, lecturing (at so much per) those of us who never. tolerated the Commies, on our behavior." But of course the top AFL leaders know how useful the renegades from Marxism can be.

STALINIST DEFEAT-The Stalinists suffered a severe setback in the UE-CIO last week when the members of Local 601 in Pittsburgh, representing 16,500 members, voted them out of control by a vote of almost two-to-one.

DEATH FROM THE SKIES - Peacetime uses of atomic energy still remain a dim prospect, but its wartime uses have apparently unlimited horizons. Defense Secretary Forrestal's annual report envisages a project for a man-made satellite or platform, hanging beyond the earth's gravity pull. From this "earth satellite vehicle" atomic rockets and bombs could be launched by radio. Scientists are now busy at work on this project as part of the central guided missiles

POPULATION STATISTICS - U. S. population stood at 148 million at the end of the yearan increase of 3 million in the last year, and almost 17 million since 1940. The number of households exceeded 40 million, making the average family about 31/2; persons. More than 3 the fine, fat and rosy futures they million families were living "doubled-up" with see for themselves as pioneers of and all others who are fighting Jim Crow contract with one of the other families. There are over 14 million women the new liberalism. What thereworkers out of a total civilian labor force of fore is their tactic? To maintain a 63 million. * * * .

COMPETITION - The House Committee on Un-American Activities is competing with the Justice Department to see which can propose more savage laws against radical parties and militant labor. Recently Attorney General Clark informed reporters that the Truman administration will present a bill to Congress tightening up on "subversive" organizations. This week the House Committee advocated passage of "Com- Court of New York supporting in the history of Connecticut). All to the utmost limit that is pos- these liberals and their circle are munist-control legislation" along the lines of the discrimination against Negroes in this is supposed to be fighting the sible. But any kind of champion a powerful obstacle in the road of notorious catch-all Mundt Bill. The House Com-

tremendous racket about Negro grievances and to tackle such modest problems as seem to offer some prospect of solution without touching fundamental industrial and political interests. A TYPICAL CASE

A case in point is the decision by the Appellate Division of the mittee also advocated its own continuance.

is far easier to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act than it is to make any serious attempt to grant civil on the decision, bursting with New York, which is supposed to rights to the Negro people. Discrimination against Negroes is part of the life-blood of American capitalism and as far as this problem. Stuyvesant Town, it system is concerned, Negroes are said, had been granted tax exemp- resposible for this infamous transgoing to have to stay "in their tion by the municipality of New action? Nobody but that great place.

By J. Meyer

This is the dilemma in which Senator Humphrey, Governor Chester Bowles, Leon Henderson and other liberals of this group the Star, the Negro petitioners find themselves. They were very prodigal with promises before the election. They know that this is

one question about which they have to do something. But they also know that this is one question which can ruin their careers and the case.

subject, would probably have on to Washington!" the platform with him the young

the Stuyvesant Housing project, Negro issue. which is controlled by Metropol- It is time that the Negro people the responsibility for this and emancipation.

people are hypocrites and fakers who are playing politics with the Negro question.

Who was the person directly York for 25 years. Restrictive liberal, the late Fiorello La will make the pretence of clear-

covenants, it said, had been barred Guardia, the Little Flower himby a decision of the Supreme self. Was La Guardia unaware of what he was doing? The Negro people in particular protested vigorously to him on the injustice and the inevitable consequences a good chance of winning a vic- of his signing such a contract for tory. It was "pretty sure," it said, the city. In vain. La Guardia

that the adverse decision would be insisted. encouragement to the American dia, the great liberal, on behalf Negroes.

The whole method of approach and line of argument are familiar. Negroes. Then a New York judge,

dress it up another, and Hubert Division supports Benvenga's de-Humphrey would be very noisy cision. And then, the Star, breath-

Negro whom he has appointed as A POWERFUL OBSTACLE

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country over the protest of the Chester Bowles would dress it up Justice Benvenga, decides in favor out that not only La Guardia in of Metropolitan. The Appellate

indeed. Bowles, speaking on this ing battle, proposes: "On, Boys! most active practitioner and ex-

try, we shall continue to insist that on this, as on all other serione of his military aides (the first / We are for using the law courts ous politics affecting the people,



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Court in May. Therefore, argued should take their case to the Supreme Court in Washington with

"knocked down." It gave bland Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP

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Jim Crow Puts Liberals on itan Life Insurance. and the labor movement set out other cases upon the New York Bartley Crum is another of on a systematic campaign thor- municipality and upon liberals The left wing of the Demo- bardey orum is another of on a systematic campaign dict like Fiorello La Guardia-all such oughly to expose this fraud. First like Fiorello La Guardia-all such

cratic Party finds itself on the New York Star, very often ex- of all, who gave Metropolitan this

spot on the Negro question. It presses the views of this particu- Jim Crow contract? Nobody but lar wing of the Democratic party. the New York municipality itself.

On Dec. 23 it printed an editorial The municipality, mind you, of righteousness, good will and a be the center of freedom for the

desire for Negro emancipation. Negro people above the Mason Housing, it said, was a public and Dixon line.