

VA Gen. Gray OK's Firing of Truman 'Fair Deal' Proposals Legless Veteran New Loyalty Board Memo Ends Pretense New Loyalty Board Memo Ends Pretense

Of Fair Hearings on Individual Cases

NEWARK Jan. 4-General Carl Gray, head of the Veterans Administration, has turned down James Kutcher's appeal for the recovery of the VA clerical job from which he was dismissed last October, Kutcher ?

reported today after receiving ponents, and will lead to a police a letter from the top VA office state if not stopped."

in Washington. The legless vet-The veteran said that he would eran, who was purged because file an appeal with the Loyalty of his membership in the Social- Review Board within the specified ist Workers Party, was given 20 time limit. "If I don't get justice days in which to file an appeal there, if the Loyalty Review with the Loyalty Review Board Board dodges the real issue just of the U. S. Civil Service Com- as the Branch Loyalty Board and mission

admitted and therefore it must to the civil courts and, if be concluded to be a fact that necessary, all the way up to the you are a member of the Socialist Supreme Court," he added. Workers' Party. . . . The At-torney General has determined cited as part of the authority for that the Socialist Workers Party its decision on the Kutcher appeal is an organization that seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means. The Veterans Administration is bound by that

determination of the Attorney General." In a statement to the press,

Kutcher replied: "I did not get a fair deal from the VA. The real issue in my case is not my designated the following five membership in the Socialist Workers Party, which I have always to alter the form of the governfreely admitted, but the ques- ment by unconstitutional means: tion of whether or not my party is subversive.

from the VA admits that in and Young Communist League. making its decision it was 'hound' by the Attorney General's the consideration of a case : designation, and therefore could Loyalty Board finds as a fact What I am seeking is a dec.-

sion on that crucial issue. Attorney General Clark put my advocates the overthrow of the party on his blacklist without government of the United States submitting any specification of charges or evidence. When we removal of the employee, or the asked for a public hearing at

the VA Administrator have done, The VA letter said: "You have then I will be compelled to go

was a copy of a new document Memorandum No. 32, issued by the Loyalty Review Board on Dec. 17.

This memorandum, signed by Seth W. Richardson, chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, reminds all of the government's executive departments and agencies that Attorney General Clark had groups as organizations seeking Communist Party, Communist Political Association, Socialist "The letter I have just received | Workers Party, Workers Party The letter then says: "... if in not even consider the real issue. that an employee or an applicant is a member of one of the foregoing organizations, or that he by force or violence, then the refusal of employment to the applicant, is mandatory." The significance of this document is that in the past Richardson, and Truman and Clark before him, had repeatedly promised that no one would be purged merely because of his membership in any organization on the blacklist, that each individual's case would be judged on its own merits, etc. Kutcher too was told at the beginning of his case that its outcome would depend not merely on his admitted membership in an allegedly "subversive" group, but above all on whether or not he as an individual was "subversive." Now the pretense of individual consideration of cases is ended in reactionary principle of "guilt by Call. association."

State of the Union, 1949



Calls for Universal Military Training, Curb On Strikes and Power to Freeze Wages

By Art Preis

Truman's 'State of the Union' message to Congress on Jan. 5 is largely a restatement of various promises of limited social reforms he has made over the past three years. Some of them he now puts forth in watered - down form. Others he repeats in vague language. Together they amount to no more than crumbs in terms of the⁹

needs of the people and as it is being described, is mere made pointed reference in his sugar-coating for Truman's basic message, this cost of militarism the vast potentialities of this naprogram. That is the total mili- past and present is the chief force tion to produce abundance and tarization of the country. It is powering the inflation rocket. security for everyone. this program Truman emphasized Although Truman dwelt at But this "Fair Deal" program,

when he called once more for the establishment of universal military training and the creation of the most costly and gigantic military machine ever known. **Dutch Consulate**,

His administration, he stressed, would "hold resolutely" to its course of the "cold war," creation and arming of a world-wide military alliance against the Soviet Union, intervention in other Despite a pouring rain, memcountries, bolstering of bankrupt bers of the Socialist Workers capitalist regimes everywhere, Party picketed the Dutch Consufinancing the suppression of late here tonight in protest colonial revolts and working against the Dutch government's class uprisings, etc.

ITS REAL MEANING

Truman did not mention the real meaning of this program for the American people themselves. spheres of American life by the For instance, just before deliver- military machine and its officer ing his message, he held a White caste. He said nothing about the for Indonesian Independence and House conference with Demo- legislation being urged by his cratic Congressional leaders at Defense Secretary James For-Far Eastern Policy. The New which it was agreed that Tru- restal to give the military man will propose the biggest agencies, without prior Conthe demonstration in good faith, peacetime federal budget in his- gressional permission, blanket believing that the addition of its tory-about \$42 billion. Of this, authority to send military forces

length on the dangers of inflation, he did not dare to put his finger on the basic cause - the military program. Therefore he could not propose a continuation or repetition of feeble and inadequate measures. His principal proposal was for "stand-by" powers to put price ceilings on certain commodities. Tied to this was a demand for power "to limit anjustified wage adjustments"-that is, to freeze wages. It was under this same formula hat wages were frozen during the war, while prices kept rising

steadily. In his references to his military program Truman was silent about the sinister invasion of all

which we could defend ourselves against his charges, he arbitrarily denied it. This bureaucratic witch-hunt method is the same kind used by Hitler and Stalin against their political op-

Anti-Labor Press Hails Dubinsky's T-H "Substitute"

Glowing praise is being heaped by the Big Business press on David Dubinsky, president of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, for the fact, as well as in words. Now, proposal of his General Executive more nakedly than before, the Board to retain some of the worst | government purge is shown to features of the Taft-Hartley Act be guided completely by the in a new "substitute" law.

Spoken of in labor circles as the "Dubinsky-Taft-Hartley" bill, the ILGWU president's proposal would continue the strikebreaking compulsory "cooling off" period and,"fact-finding" government in-tervention of the Slave Labor Law. It would also strengthen the section requiring yellow-dog oaths of "non-communism," ban "secondary" boycotts such as the refusal to handle scab goods and give the Department of Labor authority to decide so-called "jurisdictional" disputes.

The ultra-conservative N. Y. Sun hails the Dubinsky bureaucracy's "fine reputation for responsibility and foresight." It notes that the ILGWU Board "echoes labor's cry - 'Taft-Hartley must go' - but in its next words recommends retention, and in some instances even extension, of policies incorporated in the present legislation. . . Clearly it is the name rather than the character of the law which is under attack here.'

The N. Y. Times editorially recommends "careful consideration" of Dubinsky's program "because these recommendations come from one of the most progressive, best led and most responsible trade unions in the country." A "responsible" union leader, to this Morgan paper, is one who yield's most to the employers. The rabidly anti-labor Daily News greets the "helpful words" of Dubinsky and notes approvingly that Dubinsky and "his boys" crave "sharper and longer teeth in laws to help them battle Communists."

(See editorial on the Kutcher







The party of Norman Thomas, Social Democratic Federation, 1 is preparing to abandon any pretense of independent class politics and enter the Peoples politics and enter the Peoples- would be maintained with social Front-type coalition forming on democrats abroad, "particularly the liberal fringe of the Demo- with those who visit the United cratic Party. That'is the mean-States in connection with United ing of the programmatic state- Nations proceedings." ment of the National Executive

At the same time the SP will Committee of the Socialist Party, "press for full unity at the earlpublished in the Dec. 24 Socialist | iest possible date" with the Social Democratic Federation, which The statement first examines supported Truman in the last electhe results of the presidential tion. In previous unity negotiabrought organized labor "into in a united organization the SP closer relations with the Democra-tic Party." Hopes for a new par-for public office. It appears that ty "as the expression of liberal the SP National Committee is and labor interests" must now be now ready to more or less abandon postponed for some time to come. that policy and accept the SDF The Socialist Party vote was "dis- | line of supporting liberal capitalappointing." Therefore, the SP ist politicians.

must "create new machinery and An internal discussion of "varioutline new strategies." ous alternatives" in election tac- party. Establishment of an "American | tics has been opened in the SP, to Socialist Center" is proposed. This be followed by a national confer- wing of well-heeled lawyers, the hard-pressed Indonesian peo-"Center" would include the SP, ence around Decoration Day.

Not one word is said in the SP statement about monopoly capitalism's campaign to tear up America in preparation for a war al demands are confined to a

of a full stage in the degeneration of the post-Debs Socialist election: The Truman victory has tions the SDF refused to continue Party from its high point some 12 denouncing Dutch imperialism years ago. RECENT HISTORY

a little to the left under pressure of the upsurge in the mass movement. Resolutions against war and capitalism were adopted and revolutionists were invited into the The

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forces would increase the impact of the action.

SWP Pickets at

Backs Indonesia

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 -

ruthless attack on the Indonesian

The call for the demonstration

had been issued by the American

Labor Party in conjunction with

two other Stalinist-front organiz-

ations, the American Committee,

the Committee for a Democratic

York Local of the SWP came to

Republic.

The SWP members had barely joined the picket line, however, when the Stalinist leaders demanded their withdrawal and got the captain in charge of a police detachment to eject them from the line.

The SWP then formed its own ine adjacent to the Stalinists and continued demonstrating. Before the action was finished, the SWF line was twice as large as the Stalinists'.

Even more notable was the difference in the spirit of the two the Bill of Rights and militarize groups. The SWP demonstrators were lively and continually shoutto conquer the world. The politic- ed slogans such as Freedom for the Indonesians! No Aid to Dutch "Social Budget for America," in- | Imperialism! Unite to Fight Imcluding full employment, full pro- perialist Reaction! The Stalinist duction, adequate housing and pickets were obviously dispirited. "socialization" of steel and coal. At first they shuffled in silence The statement of the National around the prescribed course. Only Committee marks the completion later they began feebly shouting slogans.

The SWP distributed a leaflet and exposing Washington's role in the rape of Indonesia. It hailed the Indonesian Trotskyists in Back in 1935-36 the SP moved | their "revolutionary struggle for complete and unconditional independence of Indonesia." It called on the American labor movement "to mobilize its ranks and the mass of the American people in a campaign to supply the maximum ultra-conservative right material and moral assistance to

not less than \$25 billion will go anywhere in the world, and to for direct military expenditures provide military support to any and the conduct of the "cold country at war and, in the process, to clamp the vise of military conwar."

This budget represents one- trol on the people at home. fifth of the total annual national It is against this background income. Taken together with the of wealth - devouring militarism estronomical U.S. war debt of and the extension of totalitarian

\$252 billion, to which Truman (Continued on Page 2)

23,777 TORONTO VOTES CAST FOR ROSS DOWSON



ROSS DOWSON

many times the 3,201 cast for the RWP candidate two years ago. It demonstrates that the RWP hasbecome a strong electoral force in this industrial center. The rise in Dowson's vote is even more significant in the light of the showing of the other labor, candidates. All eight candidates or City Council of the reformist Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, endorsed by the Toronto Labor Council, (CCL-CIO), were defeated. A lone CCFer was elected to the Board of Education, with the support of the capitalist press. The Stalinist Labor Progressive Party maintained its representation of two on the Council, with slightly increased votes, and added another to its single seat on the Board of Education. But one of its top national leaders, Stewart Smith, running for re-election to the four man Board of Control, which is elected on a city-wide

By Barry Brent

TORONTO, Jan. 3 - Final

returns in the Jan. 1 Toronto

civic elections give Ross Dow-

son, the Revolutionary Workers

Party (Trotskyist) candidate for

mayor, 23,777 votes, approximate-

ly 20% of the total. This is more-

than 50% above the 15,423 votes

polled by Dowson last year, and

Supreme Court Again Shows Its Class Bias

them ex-corporation lawyers and tions limiting closed shop agreeall appointed by either Roosevelt ments.

or Truman - on Jan. 3 invited Act has been one of the restricley" laws in the 48 states by up- bor. It was the basis for the atholding closed-shop bans in North Carolina, Nebraska and Arizona.

udicial guardians of the employreactionary state legislatures to months. enact similar laws where they do not yet exist. In this way, the open-shop interests will be able to

retain one of the main provisions

ers with non-union men and scabs.

Such a ban in the Taft-Hartley tempts by the Big Business publishers to undermine the AFL Inemployer to refuse jobs to union union men.

members." What kind of contract does an employer need when he's THE COURT'S ROLE got a company union?

It is especially significant that

All the state bans, as well as the Taft-Hartley clause, hypo- Nebraska laws and the other on whelmingly repudiated Taft-Hart- coal miners, the portal-to-portal Revolutionary Workers Party."

The nine life-termers on the teen states already have such security. They mean the right of counted — on the side of the open restraints, contemptuously over-U. S. Supreme Court — most of bans and five more have restric- employers to replace union work- shop interests. These included the ride the will of the people.

"liberals" like William O. Doug-In upholding the North Caro- las (keynote speaker at the re- of the American courts - and lina and Nebraska statutes, the cent CIO convention), Felix particularly the very highest court claimed that these provided Frankfurter, Hugo Black, Robert court — is nakedly revealed. Their the spread of "Little Taft-Hart-ley" laws in the 48 states by up-bor. It was the basis for the at-contending that "state laws also Murphy alone dissented in the smokescreen. They are nothing make it impossible for an employ- Arizona case, but without com- but the legal guardians of the er to make contracts with com- ment. Arizona's law speaks only propertied interests, selected by pany unions which obligate the of the "right to work" of non-

This Supreme Court ruling is mit. an arbitrary and arrogant blow at these Supreme Court decisions - the majority of the American cne on the North Carolina and electorate who so recently over-

Once more the class character

smokescreen. They are nothing the ruling rich to serve the ruling rich. Because they are irremovable, they can commit acts that elected officials do not dare com-

In any important conflict between labor and capital - the injunction and fine against the Ross Dowson, candidate of the of the Taft-Hartley Act in the event of the latter's repeal. Six-

CAPITALIST ALARM . The capitalist press is alarmed at the rise of Trotskyism. The powerful Toronto Star editorializes, "Apart from the decisive rejection of the two-year term, the feature of the election was the impressive vote registered for The Globe and Mail, mouthpiece of the Bay Street mining inter-(Continued on Page 2)

basis, received' 43,384 votes as

compared with 49,319 last year.

ternational Typographical Union Two decisions by the supreme and restore open shop conditions - an attempt which the ITU has ing class give the green light to fought grimly for more than 15 RANK HYPOCRISY

JAMES KUTCHER

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Monday, January 10, 1949

However, the real aims are dif-

ferent from the public pronounce-

ments. N. Y. Times correspond-

ent James Reston, commenting

from Washington on the step,

declares that U.S. authorities are

thinking in terms of a possible

Russian war within a year or iso.

Whatever the time table may be,

the Ruhr is of enormous impor-

tance in preparing for this war.

Capitalist Propaganda Runs into "Sales Resistance" World Events

By M. Stein

gone begging for an author. We hope the right to add that "the further revelation that 21.7% man will soon come along to do a rounded study of have no fixed opinion about private ownership inthe people's ability to become immunized to the dicates that there are many who still may be sold powerful indoctrination and opinion-molding ma- if enough effort is expended." chine which operates at top speed to standardize American thought.

press, have been treated in such books as Seldes' well at the next stage conclude that capitalism is Families. The Big Business monopoly of the press is a well-established fact. It advocates, with one minority sees no democratic virtues in capitalism without shame or restraint for the most reac- when this boom runs its course and ends, as it tionary policies of the monopolists.

SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE

We do not know of a single serious work dealing with the people's resistance to this incessant selling job is both false and true. It is false so far pounding. Yet this resistance is considerable. The as its propaganda efforts are concerned. In this recent elections gave us one example. A majority of respect everything humanly possible has been done. the voters defied the lords of the press and the From the cradle to the grave everyone of us is submachine had set out to put over as the next capitalism. The school system, the pulpit, the president.

come to light. The Jan. 1 issue of Business Week | Where capitalism has failed is not in its propaganda which 20.9% of the people flatly reject the idea not only in this country, but on a world scale. that this country must have private capitalism in order to have democracy. This identification of the deadly enemy of democracy --- on the very cratic virtues of capitalism.

has been done so far on the good features of our wtich-hunts and loyalty purges.

five is certain that private capitalism is not an can observe capitalism operate as the very negation There is one highly interesting theme that's long essential part of a democratic nation." They hasten of democracy. He makes his living in the factory, helped articulate the people's opposition to capital-This alarm is quite understandable. 42.6% of the

people already either reject this capitalist propa-The operations of this machine, particularly the ganda or remain unconvinced by it. They may very Lords of the Press and Lundberg's America's Sixty in reality the mortal enemy of democracy and then decide to do something about it. If so a large voice and minor variations, the line of the Na- or is skeptical about them at this time under the tional Association of Manufacturers, plumping conditions of economic boom, what will happen must, in a bust?

WHERE CAPITALISM FAILED

To say that capitalism hasn't done a good enough thinking of peoples in other countries whose exradio, and rejected the man this propaganda jected to an incessant pounding on the virtues of ist order can democracy really find its fulfillment.

press, the radio, the movies-they all do their part Or take another significant case which has just in extolling capitalism and damning socialism. carties a Psychological Corp. survey according to efforts, but in its performance as a system. And Psychological Corp. survey is particularly im-Our generation has seen the rise of fascismdemocracy with the rule of monopolies is the task foundations of capitalism. We have witnessed the of tasks of their huge propaganda mill. And the brutal capitalist suppression of the colonial peoples NAM mouthpiece is naturally alarmed that so fighting for the democratic right of self-determina- has not taken part in this campaign. Included are is fertile soil for the building of the revolutionary large a minority refuses to place faith in the demo- tion. Right now in this country we are witnessing agencies bearing the official stamp of the govnot the extension of democracy, but its curtailment ernment, the unofficial stamp of monopoly capital- of American workers and imbue in them the con-

capitalistic society if at least one person out of | Finally, every worker in his daily experience | This red-baiting campaign has swept along scores mine or workshop, where he is subjected to the ist rule. This about-face by the intellectuals has autocratic rule of employers who wield their power not because they were democratically elected to their posts, but through the plutocratic hierarchy which is the very antithesis of the democratic process.

> It is this glaring contradiction between life's experiences and the sugary lies of the capitalist propaganda machine which creates the sales resistance among the people.

What we see here is not the failure of capitalism to do a good "selling job" but the growing disillusionment with capitalism by people once completely sold on the system. This trend is not specifically American-it is .world-wide. If anything, our people are in this respect behind the periences in the struggle to safeguard and extend democracy have taught them that capitalism is the mortal enemy of real democracy. Many of them have learned that only in the struggle for a social-

AGAINST THE TREND

The strong current of opposition to capitalist

indoctrination in this country reported by the pressive since it runs counter to what appear on - I the surface to be the current trends. Since the end Business Week complains: "A poor selling job and the introduction of the police state methods of ism, as well as the church hierarchy and the union officialdom.

and hundreds of intellectuals, who, not so long ago, transformed them into apologists for the vilest features of capitalism. An individual like Eugene Lyons, for example, who in the Twenties participated actively in the great protest movement against the legal lynching of Sacco and Vanzetti and wrote a book on that epic struggle, today sings paeans to the "misunderstood" Herbert Hoover. These articulate elements have helped inundate

the country with pro-capitalst propaganda. They have helped create the impression that the opposition to capitalism was no more, that the voice of rebellion has been drowned out. Even among revolutionists there have been a few who became deceived by these outward appearances and felt themselves isolated.

MORE QUESTIONING THAN BEFORE

But the truth is that there is more thinking going on today among the mute masses than ever before. There is more questioning, more widespread opposition to the system which passes from the

misery of economic crisis through devastation of war to inflationary boom-only in order to repeat

again this cycle-crisis, war, inflation.

Intellectuals who are quick to learn are very frequently even quicker in forgetting. The great mass which learns by its hard experiences rememof the war we have been subjected to a red-baiting bers its lessons well. To revolutionists this report campaign of gigantic proportions. There has not of how widespread really is the mass opposition been an agency for molding public opinion that to capitalism is an infallible indication that there party. It is a challenge to us to reach the masses viction that the struggle for socialism articulates their innermost feelings, thoughts and aspirations.

By Joseph Hansen **Australian Workers** Help Indonesians by **Dutch Ship Boycott** The maritime workers in Australia are helping the Indonesian

of their land.

Group.

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The Manifesto of the Second

International has been translated

The main conclusions of this

The New Banner Group does

Paves Comeback for

Renewal Rate Rose

As the Year Ended

theoretical magazine, Fourth In-

Detroit and Boston each sent 16

paid for direct or to branches last

year will be entered at the 1948

However, several readers, rush-

ing renewals in to avoid missing

any copies, paid at the new high-

er rates, or added donations. We

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German Capitalists

people in their struggle against Dutch imperialism by a boycott on Dutch ships. In Sidney, the longshoremen

voted not to work any Dutch As the forge of Europe, it is vital ships. In Melbourne, work is to the production of either peace banned on all yessels bound for or wartime goods. Under Allied domination, the Indonesian ports in Dutch hand's. Ruhr industries will inevitably be The tugboat workers refuse to geared into the war machine now handle Dutch ships, making it difficult for them to dock; and under construction. The first step is to speed the wheels of the the Ships Painters and Dockers Ruhr industries. Even if major Union will not perform any repairs.

emphasis is placed for a time on civilian needs, this can quickly be The militant Australian marichanged in accordance with the time workers have thus set a military requirements of the ocmagnificent example for organized labor everywhere. Similar upying powers. Significantly, the Ruhr agreeaction by American trade unions

ment does not repudiate the inwould help slow down the war machine of Dutch imperialism and famous Law No. 75 promulgated by General Clay on Nov. 10. This assist the Indonesian people in hurling back the foreign invaders law, under guise of breaking up German cartels, called for German trusteeship of certain industries. General Clay followed up Dec. 14 with an order to return certain coal mines and steel companies to their former capitalist In Chinese Language owners.

Like the commutation of the sentences of former prominent World Congress of the Fourth Nazis, this was an obvious political gesture designed to hearten into Chinese and published as a and encourage the German capipamphlet by the New Banner talist class as prospective allies in the projected assault on the The Second World Congress, USSR.

which met last year in Paris, Clay's decree brushed aside the deliberated on the danger of anstate constitution approved by the other war and the problems facing military government which provided for the socialization of these industries in accordance with the popular vote taken on this issue. Socialization of the Ruhr industries would place this key industrial region in the hands of the German people and destroy the power of the capitalist class to divert it to war production.

But that would throw a kink into the war plans of Anglo-American imperialism. That is why they forestalled socialization by decreeing an "International" authority as a transition to returning the German capitalists and Nazis to full power in the Ruhr.

German Trotskyists Publish Second Issue The Western Powers on Dec. **Of Die Internationale** 28 announced that they had set

The December 1948 issue of Die Internationale, magazine of the Ruhr which excludes Soviet the German Trotskyist movement, participation. The nations includhas been received by Pioneer Pubed are the United States, Britain, lishers.

The table of contents is as follows: Germany as the Object of 24 World Politics; Notes on the World' Situation: German Econ-

omy after the Monetary Reform;



power of 1939. Moreover, this (Continued from page 1) Prussian-type military control entire program is to be paid ou that the reform proposals of Tru- of new payroll taxes on the work man must be viewed. Then it can ers.

pe seen now meager and tem porary these proposed reforms are.

HOUSING INADEQUACY

is not for unconditional repea. Nothing makes the contrast so of the Taft-Hartley Law and clear as Truman's specific' pro- restoration intact of the Wagner gram on the most acute and Act, as most of labor had pressing social problem in Amerdemanded. He proposes to restore ica today-housing. Housing ex- some of the worst features of the perts agree that we need, for the | Taft-Hartley Act in the form of adequate housing of America's an "improved" Wagner Act growing population, not less than which, he said, calls for "means.. 25 million new housing units in for settling or preventing strike the shortest possible time. Tru- in vital industries which affec man in his message proposed a the public interest." His advisor government low-cost building have spelled this out as injunc program of-one million units in tive powers, "cooling off" period the next seven years! That and "fact-finding" governmen' wouldn't even make up for the boards-all key clauses of the annual loss of housing due to Taft-Hartley Act.

deterioration, fire and flood. He CIVIL RIGHTS himself said: "Five million Truman devoted just five senfamilies are still living in slums

and firetraps. Three million tences to his much - promised families share their homes with civil rights program — a key

On the most publicized promise of his campaign, to press for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act Truman is openly hedging. He

partments and agencies-but he

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CAST FOR ROSS DOWSON (Continued from page 1) ests, is outraged: "Toronto prides itself upon being a loyal democratic community, yet one out of

23,777 TORONTO VOTES

five of those casting votes for a mayor supported a man whose party wants to start a revolution. And Mayor Hiram E. McCallum

expressed the fear in the heart of the Canadian capitalist class as a whole when he said, "I think almost every vote Dowson got was a Communist vote. I think there are at least 23,777 Communists in Toronto."

Dowson was the only opponent of the Tory incumbent, McCallum, who polled 97,715. The failure of organized labor to challenge boss control of the highest civic office thrust this big job on the shoullimited resources of the Canadian Trotskyists, they were able to plan and carry through the most effective campaign in their history.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN From the start, Dowson took

In marked contrast to the RWP campaign was that of the Stalinists. Stewart Smith campaigned on a purely personal, non-party and non-class basis. According to him, the trouble with the Council was not its class nature, but its incompetence and bungling, because it lacked the "sound administrative ability" of Smith.

gument that there is "no room'

after ward.

The encouraging RWP vote and CCF opportunism must cer- reaching military alliance for war

the working class throughout the world in organizing revolutionary struggle against the reactionary forces preparing that war. second congress of the world Trotskyist movement were drawn up in the form of a Manifesto addressed to workers everywhere. It was published in serial form in The Militant last summer.

not officially belong to the Fourth International. The official section On the demand for a 1,000-unit in China is the Revolutionary low-rent housing project, sponsor-Communist Party. ed by the CCL, Smith lined up with Tory McCallum against the labor movement with the boss ar-New Ruhr Authority

for more houses within the city. The CCF met complete defeat in this election primarily because it, too, ran on a non-class basis. In most of the wards the candiders of the RWP. Despite the dates did not even run as CCFers, up an International Authority for and thousands of workers therefore could not identify them. This accounts for the low CCF vote. which the RWP topped in ward France, Belgium, the Netherland's

and Luxembourg; that is, the powers now meeting in secret in and the bitter fruits of Stalinist Washington to draw up a far-

STALINIST LINE

pledge of his campaign. He merely others."

stated that he still stood on his He admitted the gross inadequacy of the social security program of last year, including system, in which a third of the an anti-poll tax law, anti-lynchworkers are not covered, and ing law and a Fair Employmen' which provides the starvation Practices Commission. It remains pittance of \$25 a month on the to be seen whether he will really average to the pauperized aged. | fight for these things, or concreased-but he mentioned nothof his proposed health insurance

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Truman said the coverage should tinue as in the past to merely he extended and the sums in- repeat them for the record. But we know that Truman is ing specific. He was equally not doing anything to end condivague when it came to the details | tions of racial discrimination and segregation where he can act bill, extension of unemployment right now. As Commander-in- ing individuals and organizations want restored. And Truman ininsurance benefits, etc. Even if Chief of all the armed forces he present benefis were doubled, could end military segregation political blacklist. He is sponsor- wishes. remember, they would only be with a simple executive orderrestored to their purchasing but he doesn't do so. As Chief to legalize the present invasion have promptly hailed Truman's crimination and segregation in perpetrated in his "loyalty" the rest of the government de- purge.

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the said not a word on the doesn't do so. Meanwhile, in spite of the quickest and surest way to get protests of the CIO and other these taxes-the restoration of abor organizations, he is con- the excess profits tax that the Democratic-controlled 79th Continuing and extending his Gestapo-like witch-hunt among gov- gress abolished. That's the tax, ernment employes and is victimiz- above all, the corporations don't on the basis of his "subversive" dicated he's respecting their

The Trumanite labor leaders ing revision of the Espionage Act Executive he could end dis- of constitutional rights being message as a "Fair Deal." On cold analysis it is a War Deal, with some sops for the people thrown One thing Truman was most in. It solves none of the basic specific on-another \$4 billion in problems now facing the masses.

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taxes must be raised. He said It promises new burdens when these must be raised from the the full program of militarism corporations "principally." But is unfolded.

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the offensive against the capitalist candidates and their system, and he never lost it. He ran as a worker and a Trotskyist, on a program of militant labor de-

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mands, stressing the need for a fundamental socialist change. Over 40,000 copies of the party's election manifesto and paper. Labor Challenge, were distributed at factory gates and door-to-door the working class districts. The Toronto branch's sound-truck, equipped with election slogans,

helped mobilize the class-conscious labor vote behind Dowson.

party was able to put its candidate on the air for ten minute talks. A third opportunity was presented on election night, when Dowson emphasized that his vote expressed the rising class consciousness of the workers and that it was a vote for a program - for socialism.

The effectiveness of our campaign was apparent in two ways. On the one hand, the hostility of

the capitalist press and political stooges was greatly increased over last year. Then we were treated as something of a curiosity, and got considerable publicity in the press. This time, we were recognized as a serious political force, and were almost complete-

and CCF members over the poli- of the Ruhr thus widens the The Sixth Plenum of the Intercies of their leaders. It has breach with Moscow and marks national Executive . Committee established Trotskyism as a force another step in the preparations and its Resolutions; France Faces in Toronto politics. As Dowson for World War III. said in his statement to the press:

planning of socialism."

Twice during the campaign the arty was able to put its candi-**Socialist Party** (Continued from page 1)

writers and union officials thereupon split the party, formed the Social Democratic Federation, and supported Roosevelt in the 1936 election.

Freed from the dead weight of the old right wing, and reinforced by new detachments of experienced revolutionary socialists, the SP could have become a dynamic force in the working class political movement. But the Norman Thomas wing shrank from classstruggle policies; clung to their forlorn hope of gradually reforming capitalism toward social-

eviction threat by the City Housing Authority, is active in defending the tenants' rights and securing adequate maintenance of the

ership in the revolutionary strugbuildings. Proceeds of the dance will go to help this activity.

tainly have raised considerable on the Soviet Union. doubts in the minds of Stalinist The new set-up for Allied rule Is There a Von Paulus Army?;

a Decision; The Yugoslav Ques-

As usual, this is pictured as a tion and the Crisis of Stalinism; "The RWP poll reveals that it is peace move. It is intended "to Three Conceptions of the Russian making great headway and con- assure disarmament and demilit- Revolution (Trotsky); The Generfirms our confidence that it will arization of Germany," claims the | al Strike of November 13; A Clasconquer over its enemies and agreement. And the Authority is sic Marxist Work on the Jewish usher in the peace, freedom and told "to prevent persons who fur- Question; Correspondence of Die

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"Writings and ly blacked out. ism; imposed gag laws upon the On the other hand, we enjoyed party membership; and in 1937 the increased interest and supexpelled the revolutionists. port of the workers. Our distributors were treated very sympa-When war came, the party of thetically at plant gates. Dow-Norman Thomas shed its pacifist son got warm applause in CCF pretenses to openly support Amerworking class areas. Letters and ican imperialism. Today, they This important 500are fellow-travelers of the State callers, expressing sympathy or page book containseeking information, began arriv-Department in the cold war against the Soviet Union. The ing at our headquarters. ing many unpublishproposed "Social Budget" is their ed letters, articles. 'socialist" camouflage for that **Tenant Group Dance** support. and speeches by the Thomas and his followers have In Harlem Jan. 14 great American Sodegenerated into war-supporting, middle-class minded liberals. They NEW YORK-The first annual cialist, recently isare rotten-ripe for unity with dance of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue sued at \$4.00 NOW their blood-brothers of the So-Tenants League will be held at cial Democratic Federation. the Central Ballroom, 120 W. AVAILABLE FOR 125th St., Fri., Jan. 14 at 9 P. M. They are prepared ideologically The Militant to see where we are for intimate collaboration with going. I am determined not to Kenneth Major's Dance Band will provide rhythm and melody. the social-democratic agents of take back what we have advo-European capitalism and stooges | cated for 40 years. I know we are The league, formed in 1947 to of American imperialism, who right... I will never compromise protect residents of the present "visit the United States in con- at this age. Limited Time - Limited Quantity - Rush your order Stephen Foster site against an nection with United Nations pro-

ceedings." The party of Norman Thomas has forfeited any claim to lead-

gle for socialism.

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TROTSKY

"In the last analysis, all the problems of our planet will decided upon American soil. There is much in favor of the idea that from the standpoint of revolutionary order, Europe and the East stand ahead of the United States. But a course of events is possible in which this order might be broken in favor of the proletariat of the United States. . . We must not for a minute lose sight of the fact that the might of American capitalism rests more and more upon a foundation of world economy with its contradictions and crises, military and revolutionary. This means that a social crisis in the United States may arrive a good deal sooner than many think, and have a feverish development from the beginning. Hence the conclusion: "It is necessary to prepare."

-Leon Trotsky, 1929 LENIN

Truman's Military Budget

Truman preceded his "State of the Union" message with an elaborate propaganda campaign to impress the American people with his desire to "economize" and thereby limit the tremendous tax load.

He has been shadow-boxing with the military departments and agencies over the size of the military budget. Truman says he will not support a direct military budget of more than \$15 billion for the next fiscal year, unless "further evaluation" calls for it. The military spokesmen argue that they can't get along with a nickle less than \$171/2 billion.

Let's look a bit more closely at this \$15 billion "bargain" Truman is selling. It happens to be, in the words of the N. Y. Times, "the most costly effort of its kind ever undertaken by the United States." As a matter of fact, his military budget for 1950 "is the most audacious for any non-war period in American history.

Indeed, it takes something more than audacity-more nearly downright deception and dishonesty-to try to palm off the "most costly" military program in U. S. peacetime history as an "economy." And that doesn't take into account many billions more for

military preparations abroad in the form of "foreign aid" and for the universal military training program as proposed once more by Truman.

A year ago Truman asked for an \$11 billion military budget, but he didn't resist when Congress voted expenditures of nearly \$14 billion. Now he's demanding an "economical" 40% increase over last year's budget figure and you can bet your boots he won't veto any bill for more than \$15 billion if the top monopoly circles decide to splurge beyond Truman's "maximum."

All this Truman talk of "economy" is designed to smokescreen the essential fact of Truman's program-that it is saddling the tax-payers, and that means principally the workers and working farmers, with a gigantic and permanent military burden. That burden will be immeasurably greater this year than last, and still heavier the year after. It means that no matter what Truman promises by way of social improvements, the wealth produced by the labor of the American working people is going to feed a voracious war machine instead of improving living standards.

New Book on Sacco-Vanzetti

Full Story of 1927 Murder of Two Working Class Fighters

THE LEGACY OF SACCO AND VANZETTI by G. Louis Joughin and Edmund M. Morgan, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1948, 598 x xvii pp., \$6.

By Paul Schapiro

When Sacco and Vanzetti were electrocuted in 1927, the ews of their death had a profound effect on millions throughout the world. The case of these two hitherto obscure Italian immigrant anarchists accused of •

hold - up and murder had and rich persons who supported provoked intense passions and them.

great struggles. Now, 21 years later, two distinguished profes-sors, G. Louis Joughin and Edmund M. Morgan, have published a book which attempts to analyze this case and to study its impact backward workers did not support upon American law, society and Sacco and Vanzetti, it was beiterature.

The labor which has gone into this book is very great. Morgan, one of the foremost authorities on the law of evidence in the bourgeois legal world, has carehysteria of the bourgeoisie, frightened by the Bolshevik Revofully gone over all of the court records. Joughin has plowed lution. Once the issues were jointhrough the enormous literature ed, the 'representatives of the on the case in order to discuss bourgeoisie felt that they could its social and literary effects. not retreat.

The result is a work of scholarship which is definitive in the sense that it has amassed and and their institutional representapresented in organized form a far reater amount of material than was ever presented before, but which requires correction in much of its evaluation of the significance of the case.

For the case of Sacco and Vanzetti, victims of capitalist justice, as they themselves were well aware, cannot be really understood without a knowledge of how the government and the various institutions of society act as agencies of its ruling class - and this is beyond the ken of these dwellers upon the academic heights.

LEGALISTIC APPROACH

Moreover, the authors are unduly timid in what they have to innocence of Sacco and Vanzetti. We cannot know that Sacco and Vanzetti were not guilty the conclude; we can only know that they were not proven guilty. "In the Sacco-Vanzetti affair American justice was tragically inept. And since justice failed we consider it inevitable that both literary tradition and historical judgment will continue to support the presumption that Sacco and Vanetti were innocent of the crime or which they were executed." Much more than this can, however, be said. If I were to charge that President Lowell of Harvard, the leading member of Governor Fuller's committee which advised him that Sacco and Vanzetti were



The two victims of capitalist frame-up, Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco, are shown here under armed guard shortly after they were sentenced to death in Massachusetts.

opposed Sacco and Vanzetti for case as an effort to rectify a causes which "are not pleasant to "miscarriage of justice." La Guar-That some individual capitalists contemplate." It is this shrinking dia and John Haynes Holmes id not go along with their class from contemplating causes which counseled faith in Governor Fuler, although La Guardia knew of gives the book its weaknesses.

tives on this issue does not alter CAPITALIST LIBERALISM the fact that the institutions of capitalist society revealed their The Sacco-Vanzetti case in realclass bias: The press exhibited its ty marked the bankruptcy of the "functional degeneration," sup-pressing facts of which it was bourgeois liberalism and the conservative noblesse oblige for aware. The church was "open to which Joughin and Morgan stand. rebuke" for its general silence, The only reason why the electrowhich the authors find "both puzcution of Sacco and Vanzetti was zling and disappointing." The 'world of higher education," as were not done away with quietly well as "all other groups which and obscurely was the fight put linized, whose secretary was one ordinarily thinks of as conup by revolutionists and working- James P. Cannon, which defended cerned with social problems," was class militants all over the world. all political victims of capitalism not "markedly more responsive When the bourgeois liberals gain- regardless. of political differthan the church." The practicing ed ascendancy in the Defense ences: members of the legal profession Committee they carried on the "I repeat, I will repeat to the wolf to man."

last, only the people, our comrades, our friends, the world revolutionary proletariat can save us from the powers of the capitalist reactionary hyenas, or vindicate our names and our blood before history. . . There are some who think that our case is a trial for" a common crime; that our friends should contest our innocence but not turn the case into a political issue, because it would only damage us. Well, I could answer to them all that our case is more than a political case, is a case of class war in which our enemies are personally interested to lose is — not only for class purposes but for personal passions, resentments, and fear. . . "

THE REAL LEGACY

The legacy of Sacco and Vanzetti is not the legacy of faith in bourgeois democracy which Joughin and Morgan present to us, that bourgeois democracy which their trial demonstrated to be fundamentally a sham and which is hardening into rigid authoritarianism as the monopolies tighten their grip on the economy

and militarism grows. Their legacy is the faith in the victory of the workers over the Fuller's red-baiting oratory when plutocrats and in their ability to both were members of Congress. do away with oppression and es-The verdict of Fuller's Advisory tablish a classless society which Committee after its closed hear-Vanzetti voiced, in that English which, though broken, is the adings exposed the weakness of miration of professors of English, when he said to Judge Thay-

Sacco and Vanzetti themselves realized the true nature of their er: "Sacco's name will live in the hearts of the people and in their ase. Vanzetti wrote to the Interdelayed for seven years and they national Labor Defense, at that gratitude when Katzmann's [the prosecuting attorney] and your time an organization not yet Stabones will be dispersed by time. when your name, his name, your laws, institutions, and your false god are but a deep remembering of a cursed past in which man was

Record Vs. Ours on Indonesia

By Joseph Hansen

The Dec. 24 issue of Socialist Call carries a letter from Norman Thomas to an unnamed "Dutch Socialist leader" appealing for opposition from the Netherlands Social Democratic Labor Party to the imperialist con-3

quest of Indonesia: "Unless the Plan, thus jeopardizing the mili-Labor Party in the Netherlands | tary alliance of Western Euroshould promptly protest this ac- pean powers against the Soviet tion, the reputation of democratic Union and their preparations for Socialism throughout the world the projected World War III. will be sadly tarnished."

Both of these fears have been At first sight it might appear expressed by spokesmen of the that Thomas is standing on firm U. S. State Department who socialist principles in calling on dislike the lack of finesse disguilty, was the hold-up man who the Dutch Social Democrats to played by Dutch imperialism in oppose the foreign policy of their smashing the Republic of Inthe paymaster and the guard, his capitalist government. Could a donesia. Thus the U. S. State heirs would almost certainly be socialist commit a more monstrous Department and its for crime against the principles of over the Indonesian situation loom socialism than supporting blitzbehind the Norman Thomas letter krieg war on the Indonesians, It is not as a socialist but as murder of the freedom fighters, supporter of the foreign policy crushing of the independence of American imperialism that movement and the restoration of Norman Thomas writes to his Holland Now!" imperialist rule over the In-Dutch fellow Social Democrats, donesian people? advising them not to support the foreign policy of Dutch imperial- Republic. Year in and year out However, something beside oncern over socialist principles ism. This "moral hero" preaches. is back of Thomas's letter of ad-"Do as I say; not as I do." monition to his Dutch co-think-



bourgeois liberalism.

From the day the Indonesian Republic declared its indepenlence, the Socialist Workers Party called on the American labor movement to rally to its aid.

The American Trotskyists explained how this colonial struggle weakened the giant corporations like General Motors that have holdings in Indonesia, thereby aiding the American labor movement in its struggle against its enemies at home.

The Socialist Workers Party told the truth about the Marshall Plan and how it would be used to build up militarism in Europe as part of the preparations for another war. Throughout the 3-

ear struggle of the Indonesian

Republic, the Socialist Workers

Don't Wait Until the "Bust"

For some years the AFL has maintained a Shorter Work-Week Committee, headed by Daniel W. Tracy, president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The object of this committee is to campaign for the 30hour week, six-hour day, as the AFL's program to meet any threat of mass unemployment.

Nothing much was heard from this committee until the other day when Tracy issued a press statement that "we don't know how long present employment will continue, but we must be prepared to move toward a shorter work week." He expressed a rather optimistic view of immediate economic prospects, however, and reported that the AFL's campaign is merely in the "preparedness stage" and that there will be no real drive for the 30hour week at least until the next AFL convention in October. October is 10 months off and no one can say with confidence when the "boom" is going to bust. At most the business forecasters speak only of "cautious optimism"-which is to say they hope for the best, but they're not offering odds.

walking the streets before fighting for a program to keep the greatest number working through the shorter work-week.

The United Mine Workers intends to make the shorter work week-reportedly the 30hour week, six-hour day-a basic demand in its next contract negotiations. That's a wise move and an example the rest of the labor movement would do well to follow.

Certainly the least the unions should fight for right now is a clause in every contract providing for the automatic reduction of the work-week, with no loss in weekly take-home pay, in the event the employer claims he cannot provide enough work to retain all workers now employed. The employers are hot for the "right to work" of scabs when it comes to banning closed-shop contracts. Make them respect the right to work of decent union men.

It's a foolish man who waits until his appendix bursts before he submits to proper pnedical treatment. And it would be just as foolish for labor to wait until millions are

At the same time, a united nation-wide aggressive campaign must be launched by the unions for the establishment of the universal 30-hour week, six-hour day, with no reductions in weekly pay. Production has doubled since 1939. Capitalism will "produce" the workers right out of their jobs if labor doesn't win some of the benefits of increased productivity in the form of shorter hours and higher wages.

unable to prove by alibi or otherwise that he was not. Such a charge levelled against this blueblood aristocrat would, however, be regarded not merely as unproven but fantastic.

shot and killed without warning

And fantastic it would be but not more fantastic than the same charge of vicious, moneyseeking murder without political motivation against the men with the philosophy of life and the beauty and strength of character revealed in the letters of Sacco and Vanzetti, a philosophy and a character that was such that Sacco would not sign a petition for executive clemency which might conceivably have saved his life because it was against his political principles and that Vanzetti, on being told by one of his lawyers that he might save him at the possible expense of Sacco against him was weaker than its case against his comrade, replied: Republic. I can well believe that "Save Nick. He has the woman and child."

ways been easy." For Morgan and Joughin the This coolness toward the In-Sacco-Vanzetti affair was donesian Republic is all the more tragic miscarriage of justice,' extraordinary in view of the fact brought about by a fever of prejudice, chauvinism and hysteria government put down by the in society. The origin and nature Dutch despots were "socialists" of this fever they do not explain. holding the same general views. They are content with recomas Norman Thomas and his mending legislative enactments Dutch correspondent. such as giving the accused the HIS REAL CONCERN privilege of being tried by a judge

r body of judges instead of by Secondly, there is not a trace jury to "decrease the chances of anger with the Dutch Social of miscarriage of justice" in cases Democrats for supporting Dutch involving "community hostility" imperialism. "You may even want and this after demonstrating to argue that your Government's n their own account the prejudice expedition will really be welof Thayer, the trial judge, of Dean comed by the Javanese," says the Wigmore, "the author of the most ineffable Thomas. Such a foul omprehensive treatise ever pubargument from a Social Democrat ished on the law of evidence," and in behalf of Dutch imperialism of President Lowell, "the official would make even a dish-water representative of New England liberal boil over, you might think.

As for the line-up of forces in the case, Morgan and Joughin find on the side of Sacco and Vanzetti expostulation - tempered with those who "to some degree grasped the fundamental quality of democracy" and opposed to them those who did not. In the 1920's there was not in "the opinions held by the people of this country. . . a preponderance of same democratic thought." Hence the execution of the two anarchists. The Marxist interpretation they reject

culture."

ers. First of all, one notes a com-SHARE THE GUILT plete absence of enthusiasm for

There is an instructive political the cause of the Indonesian lesson in this episode. The U.S. Republic. This American Social State Department felt embarrass-Democrat, who is touted in some ed over the brazen cynicism of its Dutch ally in attacking the but the Dutch Trotskyists have circles as the outstanding "moral hero" of our time, does not Indonesians. As a face-saving hesitate to repeat in his own way gesture of remonstrance, it cut the Dutch imperialist propaganda off the trickle of Marshall Plan about Indonesian "provocation": aid to the East Indies while con-"I do not necessarily attribute tinuing that aid to the Netherby stressing that the state's case great efficiency or complete virtue lands where it counts the most in to the government of the young the war against Indonesia.

Norman Thomas felt embarnegotiations with it have not alrassed over the brazen cynicism his fellow Social Democrats

would reveal in supporting this rapacious Dutch imperialist venture. As a face-saving gesture that many of the leaders of the he addressed a letter of remonstrance to one of the Dutch Labor Party leaders while continuing fraternal relations with these assistants in colonial conquest.

Clearly, the Dutch Social Demorats and Norman Thomas share the guilt of the Netherlands government and the U.S. State Department in the crushing of the Indonesian independence movement. The Dutch Social Democrats serve as high-pressure salesmen for Dutch rule in Indonesia. Norman Thomas serves as a high-pressure salesman for the Marshall Plan through which

the Dutch war machine. When Norman Thomas admonishes the Dutch Social Democrats about supporting imperialism, it's an obvious case of the

TROTSKYIST RECORD

Contrast the record of the Trotskyist movement. In the Netherlands, the Revolutionary Communist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, has consistently opposed Dutch im-Stalinism mainly but also revolu-tionary socialism. And he fears perialism. One of its main slogans Main 7781. Daily except Sun., 10 a. m.-that the way except Indonesia rines it came out of the under. 5 p. m. Library, bookstore. because there were workers who that the war against Indonesia since it came out of the underwanted Sacco and Vanzetti killed might "discredit" the Marshall ground struggle against Nazism

Party exposed the perfidious role NORMAN THOMAS of the Truman administration in putting the Dutch despots back

has been, "Free Indonesia from

solidarizing with the Indonesians

and joining with them in militant

struggle against Dutch capital-

This course required courage

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Today the Socialist Workers The Dutch Trotskyists defend Party calls for an immediate halt the cause of the Indonesian in Marshall Plan aid to Dutch imperialism and for militant inthey have patiently and pertervention by the labor movement sistently explained to the Dutch in behalf of Indonesia. workers the imperative need of

in power.

Against the record of the genuine socialists the record of the Social Democrats at home and abroad is a "sadly tarnished" one indeed!

CORRECTION

not swerved. International soli-The Kutcher Civil Rights Comdarity against oppression is one mittee asks for a correction in our Dec. 27 story reporting that of the basic principles of socialism. And the Dutch Trotskyists Local 107 of the UE in Camden had voted support to James know how to carry out their duty as revolutionary socialists. Kutcher. The /union referred to was actually Local 103, and the Similarly in the United States, the Socialist Workers Party gave KCRC adds that it implemented full support to the freedom move- its support with a \$100 contribument of the Indonesian people. tion to help the legless veteran.



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New Developments in Kutcher Case

Ever since the beginning of the Kutcher case, certain liberals have predicted that the government would surely restore the Newark veteran to his VA job because of the "special circumstances" surrounding this case namely, the fact that Kutcher lost both legs in the war.

These predictions were renewed in the pre-election period when Attorney General Clark, after meeting personally with the legless veteran, announced that he was favorably impressed with Kutcher's war record and would discuss it with Gen. Grav of the VA.

And these predictions were redoubled after the "great liberal victory" of Nov. 2, when these liberals reassured us that now the administraton certainly would reconsider the case

The latest developments in the case, reported on Page 1 of this issue, should serve as a real eye-opener to the liberals who really believed what they were predicting.

They should also convince the most naive people that the Kutcher fight against the blacklist will not be won, despite the "special circumstances" and despite the "liberal election victory," unless it gets active and aggressive support from every fighter for civil rights,

The Loyalty Review Board's Memorandum No. 32, issued six weeks AFTER the elections, puts an end to all pretenses about fair and impartial consideration of individual purge cases by making it MANDATORY to dismiss all government employess belonging

to groups allegedly seeking to alter the form of government by "unconstitutional means."

This means that when Kutcher's case comes before the Loyalty Review Board, as it soon will, the proceedings, will be as cut-and-dried as a kangaroo court.

There will be no consideration at the hearing before this board of the legality of Truman's executive order establishing the purge. There will be no consideration of the fact that the administration is penalizing its political opponents by "unconstitutional means."

There will be no consideration of the arbitrary manner in which one man, the Attorney General, included organizations on his blacklist without offering any evidence and without affording the accused a public hearing to answer the charges against them. There will be no consideration of the question whether or not the Socialist Workers Party is really "subversive."

If that is justice, if that constitutes the fair hearing which Kutcher was promised, then the Reichstag trial was also just and the Moscow trials were models of impartiality. In the light of Memorandum No. 32 and the government's obvious intention to stand firm on the Kutcher dismissal, the "special circumstances" 'in his case, which have been embarrassing to the government, only emphasize the calculated viciousness of the purge as a whole. They give warning that only a movement of determined mass protest can end the system of thought-control by which the government is imitating the practices of a police state.

But not Thomas. His top emotional register is Milquetoast anxiety that "our Dutch comrades

pot calling the kettle black.

"high - handed action" of the Dutch might push the people of Indonesia and Asia towards 'Communism," by which he means

should understand. . ."

something else. He fears that the

The real concern of Norman Thomas is not at all over socialist principles. He is worried about

"Christian Will to Peace"

By Art Preis

All wrapped in sweetness, light and "Christian love," an atom-bomb was placed symbolically on the doorstep of humanity Christmas day, and by no less a personage than "God's Vicar on Earth," Pope Pius XII. It was his Christmas Eve radio message from the Vatican Palace.

While the devout in many lands sang of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" and "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild," the Pontiff in the Vatican used the occasion for a summons to the capitalist world to prepare for a "holy war" against the Soviet Union and its Eastern European satellites. The "Spiritual Father" called on the "Christian nations" to join against "aggression" not by prayers alone, but "by force of arms" if necessary.

True enough, Pope Pius XII spoke at length on "peace"-the eternal prayer of the pious at Christmas time. Repeatedly he spoke of the "Christian will to peace." But there was no misunderstanding the holocaust of murder, rapine, loot and destruction which he sanctioned in the name of Jesus, the Man of Peace. The capitalist press in many lands and of many religious hues understood the meaning of the Pope's message under all the religious doubletalk. The N. Y. Times, on Dec. 25, carried a typical headline:

"POPE ON CHRISTMAS ASKS NATIONS JOIN TO NIP AGGRESSION"

"Counsels Christian World to Use Armed Force if Needed-Would Outlaw Offenders"

In what the Times called the "most realistic" and "by far the most pessimistic" speech since his advent to the Papal Throne in 1939, Pope Pius exhorted:

"One thing, however, is certain - the commandment of peace is a matter of divine law. Its purpose is the protection of the goods of humanity inasmuch as they are the gifts of the **VOLUME XIII** Creator. Among those goods some are of such importance for society that it is perfectly lawful

to defend them against unjust aggression. Their defense is even an obligation for the nations as a whole who have a duty not to abandon a nation that is attacked." Mis Holiness, although he did not go into details, is especially sensitive on the matter of "goods," that must be defended from "aggression" even if it means a third world war. Among these "goods," for instance, are a trifle of 1,500,000 acres of the best land in Hungary that before the war was owned by the Vatican and on which the war was owned by the Vatican and on which tens of thousands of serfs toiled for the greater glory of God and the enrichment of Rome. This land is being cut up and parcelled out to Hungarian peasants under the Stalinist rule-surely "an act of aggression" that "the world as a whole" must halt "by force of arms" if necessary. Nobody misinterpreted the Pope's spech to be a condemnation of the brutal imperialist rape of Indonesia, which the Netherlands, armed by the U. S., brought to a peak of ferocious aggression the very week the Pope spoke. Nor did it have reference, to the Viet-Namese, who are being butchered in Indo-China by good French Christian arms. Only a few days before, the Pontiff had sent special "affectionate blessings" to Francisco Franco and the Spanish fascist government. Indeed, the Vatican's concern about "aggression" has come to most recent flower-precisely when its own huge property interests and profits are, at stake. When Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, that was "bringing in triumph the Cross of Christ to Ethiopia."

The Vatican, through the Pope's Christmas Eve speech, has shown once again that it is on the side of capitalist reaction, a prop of imperialism. This it uses the name of Jesus and the deepest sentiments of the people for peace to help lead humanity to the hell of atomic war.

Italian Veterans Protest

By W. F. Herndon

Five months have passed since a rank and file supported late swept out the Stalinist machine that had controlled the CIO National Maritime Union for over 10 years. The new administration under

the leadership of Joseph Curran and good will from the overwhelming majority of the mem- the CIO national convention. The bership. After five months this invaluable capital is slowly but list, having violated the constisurely melting away. The ominous turn toward a full scale internal political purge and the soft attitude of the administration to-

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ward the steamship operators is filling many leading NMU mili- ed thief should throw the wretch tants with grave apprehension as into the bastille, on the ground to the future course and intentions that since he allegedly molested of the Curran administration. The fighting program that aroused the enthusiasm of the fore deserves no defense, trial by

ranks and assured a clean and jury or right of bail, guaranteed lemocratic victory over the discredited Stalinist machine was summed up in one sentence: "Restore the union to the membership!" But the conduct of the Curran leadership is now threatening o snatch the fruits of this victory way from the membership and mpose a new machine on the rank

and file. The twice monthly membership neetings most accurately reflect the new turn of events. This is especially true in the Port of New ork, whose membership meeting, attended by more than 2000, is the most important in the union. It is here that the top officials

membership. Despite the numerous and pressing problems confronting the for intervention in an internal union in the maritime industry, union struggle. They recognized virtually none of them get to the the danger of such action to the floor since all business is suspended to make way for the anti-Stalinist purge. This appears to to the courts were badly discreditoccupy the minds and attention ed of the administration to the ex-

clusion of everything else. The same old vicious practices ACEWR Reports Stalinist hacks are now being employed by the new leadership. All the campaign promises, on the basis of which the members gave the leadership to the Curran

group, are now cynically ignored and violated.

PROMISES NOT KEPT

A year ago, for example, the Rrank and File Caucus issued a \$296.34 were contributions. statement condemning the tactics \$12 from the waiters of an East Side restaurant. Party to dominate and disrupt our The Los Angeles ACEWR membership meetings [as a] dis-Chapter made \$850 on its annual grace to our Union and the labor movement." The statement de- bazaar, the Chicago b a z a a r cratic machine. scribed the CP tactics: "When the brought \$350, San Francisco's meeting opens, the Communist \$169 and the Flint, Mich., bazaar, the Stalinist hacks that an arous-Party Agent appoints CP mem- the first such affair held there ed membership was able to smash bers only to count the vote for by the ACEWR, netted \$160. This highly successful bazaar Chairman (then a bitterly fought issue). They try to steal the elec- season will enable the ACEWR of the union. These democratiction, adding to the CP's candidate to renew the stream of relief count and taking votes from the packages to n e e d y European cope with any anti-union viola-Rank and File count." It advo- workers. Lack of finances in tions or attempts at disruption. cated the democratic method in November had forced the commit- But the Stalinists are not the which counters are "paired up tee to cut its shipments drasticone CP and one Rank and Filer ally. The final bazaar of the season for each row, so that they can check each other. This will guar- | will be held this month in Minnesota's Twin Cities. If previous antee an honest count and prevent delaying the meeting by reyears are a precedent, it should be one of the most successful. counts." In the present meetings the Despite widespread belief that chairman cynically denies the economic recovery has taken place taken by the U.S. Supreme Court right to a recount, to say nothing in Europe the need for relief packof double counters. The adminis- ages there remains as vital today tration appointed counters are as ever. All believers in internachecked by no one. The vote to tional solidarity are urged to supexpel the last group of Stalinists port the work of the American appeared to most observers to Committee for European Workers have lost. Yet it was announced Relief. Donations of money, used The proposed ordinance is based to have carried overwhelmingly clothing and food should be sent and thus ensuring that the union on one now on the books in Bir- and the demand for a recount was to: ACEWR, 130 West 23rd St., will remain a democratic and arbitrarily denied. New York 11, N.Y.

The crowning formula for this began its term with ample credit political purge was given by Curran himself upon his return from Stalinists on the published purge tution, are not entitled to the protection and rights guaranteed by the constitution, he said.

It is as though some police judge confronted with a suspectprivate property in violation of the U.S. Constitution, he there-

by the constitution. The union's constitution does not exist if an official can arbitrarily decide who can enjoy its much harm to the union itself. rights and who is denied them. The victim cannot even appeal to NMU is therefore fraught with the membership against the acthe greatest dangers. The way tion of the official. many leading militants see the This happened in the case of

picture is this: They helped create Stack, prominent Stalinist leader, the Rank and File Caucus to who was brought up on charges smash the bureaucratic Stalinist and was denied the simple right machine and restore democracy in of appearing at the membership the NMU. This program was overmeeting. Stack had no choice but whelmingly endorsed by the rank to appeal to a state Supreme and file, who swept the Stalinist Court Judge for an order to get hacks out of office and replaced him into the meeting. them with the spokesmen of the For many years it has been

Rank and File Caucus. of the union appear and face the considered by all class conscious workers something akin to treachin office, the new administration ery to appeal to cops and courts is violating the mandate of the membership, is resorting to the self-same bureaucratic methods of the CP and is thus trampling labor movement and those few on the democratic rights of the misguided workers who resorted membership as a whole.



last general election is lived up to. nounced that the recent bazaar An old American patriot once obheld by the New York ACEWR served: "Eternal vigilance is the Chapter, netted \$1,300, of which price of liberty!" That's the situation in the NMU today. Unless the Among the money donated was membership is vigilant and aggressively asserts its rights, it will find that it has only smashed one bureaucratic machine to have

Nailing Marx to the Cross

By Paul Abbott

In a radio broadcast Christmas night, H. R. Knickerbocker made a comparison of Jesus Christ and Karl Marx. According to this commentator the birth of Christ was the best news that ever happened on earth while the birth of Marx was the worst news in 2,000 years. Knickerbocker did not reveal his rating of Satan, apparently believing that alongside Karl Marx anything out of hell fades into insignificance.

"Of all the enemies of Christ," Knickerbocker declaimed, "none has proved so swiftly powerful as Karl Marx. . . From Marx came the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. That cost 20 million Russians their lives. From the Bolshevik revolution sprang Adolf Hitler. Without it, Hitler could never have come to power. . . To Karl Marx belongs the responsibility of World War II. It cost 40 million lives. Sixty million dead bodies lie at the door of Karl Marx, to date. That is more than all the victims of the most celebrated killers in history, from Attila and Mohammed to Napoleon. It is more human beings than probably lived in the Western world when Jesus Christ was born.'

Who is H. R. Knickerbocker? A humble follower of the legendary Galilean, who in this day and age has taken up the cause of the poor against the rich? No, you will not find this high-pressure phrasemonger in that camp.

H. R. Knickerbocker is a finished product of the ultra-reactionary school of William Randolph Hearst. He is one of the highest paid professional propagandists in Wall Street's publicity stable. He is a cold-blooded, calculating demagogue in the tradition of Joseph Goebbels of Nazi Germany. That is why Knickerbocker's Christmas broadcast was so obviously shaped according to the Nazi propaganda formula-the bigger the lie, the easier people believe it. The German capitalist politician, Hitler, deli-

berately blamed Karl Marx and the Jews for all the ills that are part of the decay of the capitalist system. The American capitalist journalist Knickerbocker, broadcasts this same poisonous mythology, leaving out the Jews for the time being and concentrating on the major Satanic figure, Karl Marx. .

Why do the multi-billionaires and their sycophants like Knickerbocker display such poisonous hatred toward Karl Marx? The reason is this: Karl Marx is guilty of an unforgivable crime in the eyes of the rich. He brought to the cause of the poor and the oppressed the most powerful of weapons, modern scientific theory.

Marx submitted capitalism to scientific analysis. He showed how it arose out of feudal society and how its own inherent development will eventually and rengious groups in lead to its downfall and replacement by the superior system of socialism.

Marx worked out a scientific program for the brutality against Negroes. The workers to guide them in their struggle against policy of the department has been the capitalist class. This program shows humanity to beat and shoot Negroes in prohow it can escape the frightful poverty, fascism cess of arrest. The obvious inand wars of capitalism and establish the endur- tent, observers point out, is to has publicly condoned the proing peace, abundance and well-being of socialism. intimidate the Negro people and cess. By calling Karl Marx unholy and nailing him prevent any action toward secur-

leas and Knickerho

Brandishing crutches, canes and wooden legs, 2,000 wounded Italian veterans stage angry demonstration in front of the office of Premier de Gasperi in Rome, protesting meager government pensions. Twenty demonstrators were injured.

the recent court decision freeing the police murderer of a 15-year old Negro youth. Unions, NAACP, and religious groups have pro-

The decision in this case comes on the heels of a wave of police

ng their democratic right cker

JUDGE FREES COP-KILLER OF NEGRO YOUTH IN DETROIT

DETROIT-Labor and Negro | cialist Workers Party issued organizations are aroused over the recent court decision freeing murder," and "aimed against a discriminated minority."

The judge's statement denounced the NAACP as "pink" and the whole case as a Communist-inspired plot.

Observers point out that while legal" murder of Negroes is





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The present situation in the

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bitrary suspension of basic democratic rights gives its victim no choice. The old class boycott breaks down and a dangerous precedent is set which can bring

think they can kill his ideas. They are just as mistaken as were their ancient predecessors who thought crucifixion of a spiritual leader would end the ferment among the poor.

Portrait of New Congress

– By Joseph Keller

Although the 81st Congress when it convened Jan. 3 had many new faces, its general complexion was as reactionary as ever. If you want to know what interests this so-called "liberalized" Congress really represents, you need only study the composition of its membership-and we don't mean merely their party affiliations.

Of the 521 men and women in Congress, there are 301 lawyers-a 58% majority-most of them practitioners in the field of corporation and business law. There are 68 businessmen and 13 bankers. Another 33 are classified as farmers, which covers rich ranch owners, "country gentlemen" who live on big landed estates, factory-farm operators, tenant and sharecrop farm landlords, cotton plantation owners, etc. Most, if not all, of the 415 law-makers in the above categories are obviously directly tied by occupation and previous sources of income to the profit interests.

That leaves 106 who aren't listed as lawyers, businessmen, bankers or landowners. Of the 106, 35 are listed as "politicians and civil servants," which means they customarily make their living as professional functionaries of the Republican or Democratic parties cr on government payrolls. Another 31 are designated as "teachers" - not generally to be counted on the side of labor if we can go by the testimony of college professors before recent Congressional hearings.

There are several unionists in the new Congress, who presumably are listed among the 40 designated as "miscellaneous."

Thus, the new Congress, like its predecessors. is made up overwhelmingly of individuals who reflect the ideology of capitalism and who unquestionably put capitalist interests first and foremost.

A majority of the members of Congress are aged time-servers. Because of the "seniority" governing appointment of heads of the powerful committees, most of the committee chairmen in both the House and Senate will be vintaged politicos-mainly Southern Democrats-more than 70 years old. Venerable reaction will draft and steer most of the legislation before Congressand scuttle progressive measures by devious technicalities.

Dec. 20, when "Trigger Happy" policeman Louis Melasi was acquitted of charges of manslaughter. The judge commended the cop for being an "alert policeman." His "alertness" was expressed in his clubbing a 15-year old youth into almost insensibility. Then when the youth had staggered

away a few feet, he was shot in the back in cold blood. The cop had ignored civilian bystanders on the scene who volunteered to retrieve the staggering half-conscious boy. The "law"

chose to kill rather than arrest. Jubilant over the court decision, the cop said, "I never had any doubt as to what the verdict would be." Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy, former employee of the Ford Motor Co., reinstated the

cop with back pay for the time he was suspended. The suspension was made only after the public had become aroused.

The decision of the judge is so raw that the Mayor's own Interracial Committee has protested. The NAACP is planning further ction

The Detroit branch of the So- mingham, Ala.

Fascists Push The latest outrage occurred on Segregation Law

ST. LOUIS - Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Party began the new year here with a decision to circulate an initiative petition for a city ordinance making it illegal for whites and Negroes to gather together at public meetings and enertainment places.

Through their local secretary, Don Lohbeck, the fascists anhounced that they will set up stands on street corners in an attempt to get the signatures of 7% of the registered voters which are necessary to place the question on the ballot.

In explanation, Lohbeck patterned his remarks on the position on segregation: "This is not discrimination. We are not against the Negro getting everything he is entitled to, so long as he does it separately from the white man."

it replaced with another bureau-Let us remember in regard to this powerfully entrenched machine by the democratic processes processes are fully adequate to main danger facing the NMU membership 'today. The danger is

that the new administration's political purge is giving new strength to the presently discredited Stalinist leaders and if continued, will help build them up

again in the eyes of maritime workers.

The leading militants around the old Rank and File Group therefore have the responsibility of seeing that the NMU is steered along the progressive course on the basis of which the Curran administration won the election militant outfit.



By John G. Wright

"Cautious optimism" - that

is how the most prominent spokesmen of American capitalism sum up their economic outlook for 1949. In its leading editorial, Jan. 3, the N. Y. Times of moderate readjustment." This A continued sales slump, however, is simply a guess to the effect

that the future will not differ too drastically from the past. Upon this guess they pin their optimism. The grounds for their caution, on the other hand, is much less speculative in character. arising from the completely unexpected weakness shown by retail sales during the 1948 Christ-

The Christmas sales were a will be dropped shortly. Never-theless the results of the Christmas sales have proved inconclu-

sive. They sagged enough to show

ists hope that last year's sales same effect as slashing exports that case the "readjustment" may not prove too severe, they hope.

would signify just the opposite. To be sure, the domestic market economic picture. But in no other outlets play so predominant a role as in the U.S. Last year's gross national output shot beyond the \$250 billion mark. Of this staggering total the domestic retail sales absorbed on the average be-

of last year.

NARROW LIMITS

This means that the limits for of the Christmas sales proved inpossible "readjustments" here are conclusive was the absence of genthat the domestic market has been quite narrow. A decline of, say, eral liquidation of inventories. impaired, but not backy enough 13% in retail sales would not at all There were only scattered and iso-

to disclose at this stage the actual, be moderate, inasmuch as it would | lated instances. But the current | saturate a market that still apscope and depth of this impair- cause more than a billion dollars' ment. This will be shown only by worth of goods to pile up unsold vulnerable. Today there is as big further tests in the next period. | each month. A monthly decline of The optimists among the capital- 5% would have approximately the

levels can be approximated at by half. Hence the urgency of least in the first half of 1949. In maintaining last year's levels. In the light of these figures i is not at all difficult to understand why eyes of all businessmen continue to be glued to the department store cash registers. These is only one factor in the overall provide the most sensitive gauge of retail trade as a whole. And capitalist economy do domestic by the same token the moods of business circles will henceforth fluctuate with the rise and fall of these same cash registers.

It should be borne in mind that retail sales are only one segment of the domestic market. Another tween 11 and 12 billion dollars a extremely important outlet for inmonth, or almost as much as the dustry is inventories. The quarter entire U.S. exports for the whole of a trillion boom was made possible by the piling up of more

than \$55 billion in inventories. One of the reasons why the results

inventory position remains highly pears inexhaustible on the sura question mark over these inventories as there is over retail trade.

FINAL QUESTION

The final major and still unanswered question concerning the domestic market is: Just how strong are its remaining unimpaired sectors such as metals and the automotive industry? It is confidently expected by the masterminds in Washington that their huge arms program will bolster up heavy industry, in the first instance, steel. Such expectations are by no means unwar-

ranted. But arms production has only an indirect bearing on the output and sales of autos, still the largest single consumer of steel. Nobody knows what the actual condition of the auto market

Estimates as to how many more cars can be absorbed at home range from the high of 7,500,000 to a low of 2,50,000. Nor is

face. A great deal hinges here on what happens in the other vulnerable sectors of the domestic market. Should these sag badly, they will drag down the rest. Conversely, if they show any sign of

strength, the remaining props will add to this appearance of strength. This by no means exhausts

the whole economic situation. (For a fuller treatment we refer the reader to the article, "Economic Balance Sheet of 1948;" in the January 4th International.) But in our opinion, it does suffice to show that the country's industry has moved dangerously close to a head-on collision with the limits set for it at home by the capitalist mode of distribution. The only element still in doubt is the. time interval. And the clue to this

will be given by the short-range developments in the three sectors of the domestic market which we have singled out: retail trade, in-

SOUND FAMILIAR? - In an article on U.S. JOB FOR DuBOIS - Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who policy in Asia, Hanson W. Baldwin, N. Y. Times was dismissed from the post of NAACP Research military editor, says: "We must remember, too, Director last Sept., has taken a post with the Stalinist-dominated Council on African Affairs. The scholar stipulated that his work with the Council "would not be subjected to any form of asserts that ahead lies "a period dictatorship," according to the N. Y. Times. * * *

MORE ON GPU AND TROTSKY MURDER? - Isaac Don Levine, who cooperates closely with the House Un-American Committee and has just returned from Mexico, claims that he found new links there between GPU agents and the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

* * * BOWLING BIAS ROLLS ON - The mayor of Atlantic City has turned down the CIO's mas season. request that he ban the American Bowling Congress tournament in that city's Convention Hal! flop. This is now slurred over next month because the ABC excludes Negroes but all pretenses to the contrary from membership.

ANSWER SCHEDULED - The CIO's proposal for joint action on a legislative program will be answered by the AFL Executive Council meeting that the domestic market has been in Miami at the end of the month.

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Notes from the News

MORE VOTES REPORTED - Another "final" tabulation, as issued by the State Department, gives Farrell Dobbs, SWP presidential candidate, 13,611 votes; Teichert, SLP-29,240; Thomas, SP-139,543; Wallace, Prog. -1,156,883.

1776?

STALINISTS SORE BUT DON'T ANSWER-The Stalinists were stung by The Militant's documented expose last week of how the CP, through Louis Weinstock and others, sabotaged the fight against the Smith Act. They didn't dare to answer it, however. Instead, the Daily Worker carried a column about the "degeneration" of New York AFL Painters District Council 9 since the members kicked Weinstock out of office.



industrially and politically beyond the eighteenth century are .not ready for complete self-government." Why didn't