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Ford Maneuvers Fail to Shake Strike Solidarity

DETROIT - Thousands of Ford workers are maintaining their 24-hour picket line around the huge Rouge plant in Dearborn as the strike against speedup comes to the end of its second week. Bendix strikers in 3

South Bend, Ind., Chevrolet work- | guarantee assembly line producers in Flint who have voted for | tion at a constant speed geared the second time in a year to to "normal work practices" and strike against speedup, workers | not require workers to make up in every UAW plant in the coun- production lost through power try are anxiously watching developments in the Ford strike, which can have a decisive effect on the outcome of "fourth wage round" negotiations this year.

The latest "peace formula" of the UAW international team of negotiators headed by Walter fices to intimidate salaried em-Reuther has been rejected by the ployees into leaving their jobs on Ford Motor Company. This pro-posal asked that the company

Pennsylvania CIO James Kutcher

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 17-James Kutcher, legless veteran to split the workers' ranks by inwho was discharged from his gov. viting back to work all of the ernment job because of his membership in the Socialist Workers ed in the "B" Building and the Party, was the first afternoon guest speaker at today's opening session of the three-day Pennsylvania State CIO Convention in this city.

Twelve hundred delegates, filling the Chestnut Auditorium, cume to complete silence and attention when Kutcher began his quiet, unassuming description of Thompson, who now insists that his case. Everyone present displayed intense interest, in his include guarantees against speedevery word and recommendation. up in all Ford buildings, and not

IIis 15-minute speech closed merely in the "B" Building. with a simple appeal for support | The feeling is also becoming "not because I am a veteran nor widespread among the members becaues I have lost my legs, but as the strike continues that it because this is a civil rights case might be best to stay out until that will help in the fight for all issues are settled - contract the FBI for photostating, and at spies received expense allowances

failures, parts shortages, etc. COMPANY'S ANSWER

The company responded by announcing the firing of seven more UAW officials on charges they had "invaded" the company's offices to intimidate salaried emthe day the strike began. This was in addition to 14 other UAW members fired last week, and 14 suspended.

Ford himself issued a state-Convention Cheers the real issue, the speedup. The company has also refused to open negotiations on the contract, pension and wage proposals requested by the union. And it has sought

strikers except the 5,000 employ-Lincoln-Mercury plant. The Rouge workers do not favor the further application of

Reuther's one-at-a-time strategy that is, his insistence that the speedup issue be restricted to the "B" Building. It is this rankand-file sentiment which is responsible for the statement made by Local 600 President Thomas the settlement of the strike must

by the FBI, these police spies bored in as deeply as they could, sneaked copies of letters, minutes, bulletins and membership lists to human decency, J. Edgar Hoover's proved that all of them had been

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"Trenton Six" **PAID FBI STOOLPIGEONS Appeal Frame-up** PARADED AT CP TRIAL **Death Sentence** By Farrell Dobbs

FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, May 18 - The dreary parade of FBI stoolpigeons and provocateurs called to testify here at the thought-control trial of the il Stalinists drags on and on. In every case their

To make themselves look like testimony bears the stamp of the olice mind, the trade mark of loyal members, these informers Edgar Hoover. recruited people into the CP, in-

When asked the simplest policluding relatives and friends, and ical questions, their replies are then squealed on the poor devils vague and confused, revealing in their secret reports to the lownright ignorance of the FBI. They accepted the hospitality ABC's of politics. But they of the homes, and broke bread at remember names, dates, places the tabeles of CP members, all and a few well-rehearsed phrases the while making notes of everyike "violent action" and "sabothing that was said so they could report it at clandestine meetings tage the war effort." Planted in the Communist Party with FBI agents.

PAID FOR TREACHERY

For these outrages against Scores of witnesses at the trial

CIO in Detroit Urges National 'Labor Holiday'

Oil, Ship Unions Ask Shorter Week To Win Taft-Hartley Repeal With Same Pay

Calling upon all labor organiza tions to join in a drive for a horter work week to combat layoffs and unemployment, the CIO Oil Workers International Unior has announced that it will see! a 36-hour week in the oil industry with no reduction in take-home pay.

Like their brothers in practically every industry, the Oll Workers are feeling the sharp edge of the axe. Many companies are already curtailing employment, and others rumor of future firings. The OWIU believes that a rcturn to the pre-war 36-hour week will keep all its members Congress. employed.

Before World War II, the 36our week had been won in the oil industry. Under pressure of the war, it was stretched to 48 hours. Today the standard is 40 hours, with a much greater productivity per man-hour than before the war.

The statement of the National The six defendants - Collis Pelicy Committee of the OWIU English, Ralph Cooper, Horace also points out that in 1948 the Wilson, McKinley Forest, James average oil company "made net Thorpe and John McKenzie-were profits greater than its entire charged with the murder of an wage bill," and will "still mainelderly junk dealer in Trenton. tain handsome profits" if the workers win the same take-home pay for the shorter week. elsewhere at the time of the

DETROIT, May 17 ---- The Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council at its meeting tonight adopted a resolution calling for a 24-hour Labor Holiday as the best means of

Charging that the "months securing repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. since the election have shown

The resolution also urged the only too well that Congress inolding of a special session of tends to deliver none of its elec-Congress for this summer to act tion promises," the resolution n civil rights legislation and all calls on the UAW International abor and social legislation so far Executive Board, heading the neglected.

Council called for a mass con- Heliday." ference of labor to convene in Washington simultaneously with

The call for a special session of Congress parallels the prooosal made by the New York branch of the NAACP last month

which will be acted on by the national NAACP conference in Los Angeles in July.] Full details of this important step by the Detroit CIO, giving a

lead to the whole labor movement and all the minority groups fighting for the adoption of civil rights measures, will be printed in next week's Militant.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

"It becomes increasingly evident The campaign for the 24-hour that Congress does not intend to abor Holiday was launched last pass legislation in the interest

country's largest industrial union; To exert pressure for the to take the lead in urging all passage of this legislation, the unions to join in a "24-hour Labor The Hudson Local leaders voted to send copies of the resothe proposed special session of lution to the UAW international

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board and to all locals of the UAW. It concluded by urging "all local unions of organized labor to adopt similar resolutions.'

Stress was placed in the resolutions on the ineffective methods so far pursued in pushing labor's legislative program. "The method, of pressuring Congress by postcards, by visits to your Congressmen, by polite resolutions, by clever speeches has not brought us one step closer to the fulfillment of the goal set for itself by labor," states the resolution.

anyone unjustly persecuted as have been."

Before Kutcher had even stopit recognizes the foolishness of ped speaking, State CIO President Boyer came up to him and going back to work only to come out on strike again in a short pinned a delegate's badge on his while. lapel, amid stormy applause.

A resolution pledging the Pennsylvania CIO's support to his fight against the witch-hunt was in readiness, but was held over for action at tomorrow's business session.

union control of production) is During the noon recess, both further shown when Reuther James Kutcher and Mrs. Therese states that all he is trying to Steinbach, Eastern Pennsylvania achieve at Ford's is the satissecretary of the Kutcher Civil factory relationship already in Rights Committee, were warmly effect with GM, Chrysler and received by the arrangements Hudson on the question of speed committee, including Mr. Boyer of production. and Mr. Harry Block. The strike vote on this very

At the press tables the AP, UP question just taken at Chevrolet, a GM company, shows how misand Harrisburg News 'Bureau took copious notes on Kutcher's leading Reuther's statement is. (Continued on page 4)

and pension questions as well as every opportunity supplied picspeedup. This attitude is very tures of CP members to Hoover's realistic, and not merely because political police.

'Billion Dollar Club' Has 56 Members Six American corporations

NOT LIMITED ISSUE

in 1948 joined the most ex-The inability of the Reuther clusive fraternity in the world, leadership to grapple with the the "Billion Dollar Club," acproblem of speedup (or, as the cording to a United Press company calls it, the problem of survey issued on May 16. There are now 56 members, comprising corporations with more than a billion dollars of assets. Only 20 were in the club in 1929 - the famous "golden year." On Dec. 7, 1941, the membership stood at 32. The combined assets of the

club now total \$130 billion equal to 40% of the whole national wealth in 1940.

rom the government to cover crime party dues, literature, traveling

expenses and time lost from their regular jobs while doing special stoolpigeon chores. In addition they were usually paid on a piece-rate basis for their written reports to the FBI, a system obviously devised to speed up

production. Since my last report seven more informers have testified against the Stalinists.

Garfield Herron, an Arkansas farmer, went to Chicago during the war to work at the Douglas Aircraft plant. In 1943 he subscribed to the Daily Worker, after which the FBI paid him a visit and he agreed join the CP

as an FBI spy. While attending hand down its decision some time a CP study class he stole the inthis month. Meanwhile the fight structor's outline. Angela Calomiris of New York

for the freedom of the six should (Continued on page 2) continue full-scale.

cussion on "any demands for in-But Prosecutor Mario Volpe creased take-home pay," but inheld the defendants without dicated that these may be taken charges for "protracted questionup later "at any time conditions ing" when they were arrested, warrant." and by means of intimidation

The "Trenton Six" - Negroes

who were framed up and sen-

tenced to death last year - ask-

ed the New Jersey Supreme Court

on May 16 to reverse the convic-

Lawyers for the defense, re-

presenting the Civil Rights Con-

gress. the NAACP and other

organizations, presented a variety

of arguments showing that the

convictions were a gross mis-

carriage of justice.

tions.

SHIP UNION ACTION illegally extorted "confessions"

from five of them, which were Almost simultaneously, a later repudiated. The prosecution demand for shorter hours was made by the CIO Shipbuilding also suppressed important evidence about the case which was Workers Union who called for demanded by the defense. 35-hour week in place of their Furthermore, the trial judge's current 40-hour week without any charge to the jury was improper and prejudicial. And when the boost; a health and welfare plan; and other demands not yet jury returned the verdict it failed

published. to specify the degree of murder, According to the report in the which the judge himself set as May 9 CIO News, the shipbuilding workers are clearing the path The New Jersey Court will for a fight. "Under the present contract, which expires June 23; 1950, the union is barred from striking, except for 'money issues.' IUMSWA President John Green made it clear that each of the demands is a 'money issue' and that consequently the notrike clause in the contract would

> not apply." Both statements show the in-Had a few of the abstainers reasing awareness of the need to voted, as they will the next time defend labor's ranks against the this question is raised, the motion scourge of unemployment. The would have carried. The vote was Oil Workers' appeal to all unions scarcely a defeat for Franco; to join now in the fight for it showed only that the trend in shorter hours, should win wholethe UN is developing in his fahearted support. It should bevor, even if the big powers feel come a starting point for a nait is still premature for them to tional campaign, to safeguard openly embrace Spanish fascism. remaining jobs, and restore em-Washington and London pulled the strings for Franco behind ployment to five million victims of present layoffs. the scenes, while U. S. delegate

Next Week:

Paul Blanshard's new book

"One Year of the French RDR — A Case History in Centrism" by Pierre Frank traces the development of a group that started out as "independent thinkers" and ended

bundles of five or more.

week in Detroit by the Executive of the working people of this Board of Hudson Local 154, CIO country."

United Automobile Workers, The benefits promised labor by through a resolution urging the the Democratic Party and its candidates, says the resolution; CIO and AFL to call a 24-hour national work stoppage "in pro- "are instead being siphoned off test against the failure of the into super-profits." The 1949 first-81st Congress to carry out its quarter profits of the giant corclear election mandate" on Taft- porutions gives "ample proof" of Hartley Act repeal, housing, civil who has benefited from the Demorights and other labor demands. cratic victory.



By Ruth Johnson

LAKE SUCCESS --- The Latin-American resolution to restore diplomatic missions to Franco Spain was defeated but not lost in the United Nations session on May 16. If that sounds like double-talk, it is purely intention-@

al - for the entire debate I heard reeked with hypocrisy. There were 26 votes for the proposal, 15 against, and 16 abstentions. A two-thirds vote was necessary to pass the resolution.

support from the big powers.

of it."

"Some people here express

officially declares it will not take this demonstrative step, but Seeretary of State Acheson himself has opened the way for a change of line. On May 11 he told a news conference that the question of diplomatic missions was "of no real importance at all."

Diplomatic missions to Madrid

have already been sent or are pro-

jected by 11 of the nations voting

for the resolution. Washington

What IS important for Wall Street's plans, Acheson admitted, "is what can be done to bring Spain into the community of free. nations in Europe in both the economic and the defense fields," to make it a full partner in the Warren Austin abstained at the anti-Soviet bloc. "None of them Assembly, and British delegate (the Western European nations) Hector McNeill sanctimoniously say, nor do we say," Acheson unvoted "no." But the real truth of derlined, "that Spain, which has never been a full-flowered demthe situation was exposed in sudden wrath by the Bolivian deleocracy, must become so." gate, infuriated by his lack of Acheson still hopes that Franco may first vield one little token

reform, so that the "democratic" amazement that four small Latinimperialists will not be completely exposed before the workers of pose this resolution," he shouted. the world.

If Franco still refuses to save "But it is not we who have changed. It is you, the great pow-Wall Street's face, then perhaps ers, the United States and the he must wait for further aid. The United Kingdom, who set the Chase National Bank has already policy. . . There is a new political loaned him 25 million dollars. wind blowing in the world, and But the big bait - a \$1,250,000,we have only dared to take notice 000 loan through the Export-Import Bank - was postponed on

Not one of the capitalist papers the day of the UN vote. that I have read, reported this Washington says there is "still revealing outburst. They pretend some possibility" that the loan that the vote was a "victory" for will be granted. Like diplomatic liberalism. But the facts prove it recognition, this financial supwas only a tactical stage in the cold war against the USSR. port is only deferred for a more favorable time.

Norman Thomas Gives Pact His Blessings

By The Editors

The pin-striped State Department spokesmen and the multi-starred Big Brass were not the only distinguished figures who beat the drums for the North Atlantic Pact at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings. The capitalist press was pleased to note and report at length the appearance of Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party, who also counseled the Senate to ratify the greatest military alliance in history.

Not that the Senate needs any special urging, since it is generally recognized that the hearings are a mere formality and the anticipated ratification of the pact by the Senate will be a simple rubber-stamp. But that did not prevent the Senate committee members from according Thomas a cordial welcome and treating him with the elaborate courtesy they reserve only for those who loyally support the program of American imperialism.

To them, Thomas speaks for "socialism" and they are not at all averse to having a "socialist" label attached to the pact, along with other misleading tags like "democracy" and "peace."

Treatment of Thomas and Dobbs

Both the friendly reception of the Senators and the for genuine socialism, Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, who vigorously denounced the pact. The Senators rudely interrupted Dobbs' answers to their few questions and could not dismiss him from the stand fast enough. While Thomas rated front-page headlines and a large photograph in the ment," that is, Norman Thomas?

N. Y. Times for giving his "socialist" blessings to the

tence at the very bottom of a lengthy story jumped to quent statement issued by the Socialist Party. It seems an inside page. that while Thomas has long since made up his mind on

treatment of Thomas and Dobbs by the capitalist politismall sect, rapidly disintegrating and even now seeking final dissolution in some "broader" body like the Social-Democratic Federation where they can keep their "so-

cialism" completely anonymous. They Need "Socialist" Label

What the sponsors of the Atlantic Pact want is to be able to represent this Washington-dominated military alliance to the peoples of other countries not merely as the product of the American financiers and monopolists, but as the program even of the "socialist" movement in time, he warned of "dangers" - namely, the building America. The endorsement of the pact by Norman

Thomas, they hope, will serve that purpose. Nowhere in Europe, including the western pact coun tries, do the capitalists dare to speak in their own name.

The imperialist politicians abroad long since have been forced to appeal to the workers through the mouths of the so-called "socialists" and, when necessary, even What "Critical Support" Means

through the so-called "communists" of the Stalinist parties. The popular hostility to American imperialism and warm praise of the daily press for Thomas were in all its works is so great in Europe that the rulers of sharp contrast to the treatment accorded the spokesman the pact countries are having the greatest difficulty into the pact; not to use the pact to furnish moral or "selling" their military alliance with Wall Street's gov ernment to the masses. But who would be suspicious of such an alliance when it has the endorsement of the pact must be to reduce armaments; and for the United American "labor movement," that is, the top union bureaucrats, and even of the American "socialist move-

imperialist war pact, 'Dobbs was "covered" by one sen- hearing as a private individual, according to a subse-

There is method and calculation in this contrasting the question of the pact and is using his prestige as the most prominent figure of the SP to swing support to cians and press. It is not that they consider Thomas a the pact, there is still some unresolved doubt on the more significant and influential figure, for they are well question in what is left of the SP ranks. The SP Nationaware that the Socialist Party has degenerated into a al Committee, at last report, was being polled on the question.

first degree.

As on most other issues, Thomas expressed "critical" upport of the pact, which means he urged the Senate to ratify the pact, but to do so in a fashion that would blur and conceal its real aims and make it more easy to palm it off on the people as a pact for "peace" and 'democracy" and even "socialism."

The failure to ratify the pact, he said, "might be a tremendous jolt to governments and parties in Europe on the which the hope of democracy depends." At the same up of a network of military machines everywhere "insatiably crying for more; the danger of aggravating rather than minimizing the armaments race without a compensating guarantee of that precarious thing military security."

And so, Thomas appealed to the attentive Senators to surround the pact with certain safeguards. He urged them to "steadfastly oppose" the entry of Fascist Spain economic aid "to the wretched colonial wars" in Indonesia and Indo-China; to declare that the result of the States to appeal for an end to the armaments race "under effective international controls."

Now, of course, no Senator embarrassed Thomas by True enough, Thomas was speaking to the Senate asking him if they eliminated from the pact all dictator-(Continued on page 3)

lic Power, which is under attack by the capitalist press, * * * Home of the Brave, the new reviewed by Paul Schapiro.

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American Freedom and Cathowill be analyzed by Art Preis.

film on race discrimination, is

up in Wall Street's camp.

American countries dare to pro-

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- Labor Union Trends — FORD STRIKE AND THE **"FOURTH WAGE ROUND"**

standards and shop conditions of the workers. On this front, the even holding its own. It is slipping backward.

The old tradition of the AFL in wage negotiations was based on the principle of every local for itself and the devil take the for a craft to reach a settlement with the employer without any pense of, the other crafts involved. Agreements, by and large, were a-time." As if this wasn't suflocal in character and little ficient, he emulated Murray by effort was made to coordinate negotiations of locals, even among members of one international

union. Naturally, under this type of unionism, craft divisions and ing class - with malice aforejealousies were more prevalent thought - has borne its bitter than labor solidarity and only the fruit. The subsequent wage settleskilled workers managed to secure ments describe a sharply downsome benefits, generally at the ward graph, although after the unskilled and semi-skilled. The CIO in its heroic days faster than during the war. In changed all of that. It cut through 1946 the wage settlement was all of the craft and jurisdictional 18-1/, cents. In 1947 the wage rivalries and organized workers settlement declined to roughly 15 from the tool and die workers cents. In 1948, the grand preceright down to the sweepers, all lent of a national pattern was enjoying equal rights within the all but effaced and unions signed union. Out of the pioneering CIO up for 13, 11, 10, 9 cents, and in and industry-wide agreements. At even less. In this same year, the labor and capital was taken out striking affiliates, the Packing-

weighty character of a national the other unions stood around, tug-of-war between the two basic without lifting a helping hand. classes of modern society. corporations, one sector of the corporation profits have risen by

through what amounted to a the 1946 standard of living. national wage settlement.

By Bert Cochran The poor state of health of the | tions would be up for solution be-CIO. as of labor unions in gen- fore very long. Than which no eral, is nowhere so well illustrated greater calamity can be conas in the sorry spectacle of what ceived by Murray and Green. So euphemistically called "the they connived around to split up fight for a fourth wage round." the working class into a lot of After all, unions may engage in craft and industry and corporathis or that activity, but they are tion divisions and make sure that primarily in business to safe- never again would they be conguard and improve the living fronted with millions of workers simultaneously hitting the bricks. Murray signed a contract with

CIO is not moving forward or the steel corporations in 1946 which contained the joker of a two-year clause. By this clever little device, the steel union was taken out of the running in the 1947 wage fight. Reuther, who along with other talents also inhindmost. It was a commonplace cludes that of a "theoretician," worked up a fancy thesis that in auto, as distinct from steel or reference to, and often at the ex- coai, the only correct strategy is to strike the companies "one-at-

> signing last year a two-year contract with General Motors.

BITTER RESULTS This atomization of the work

working in cotton textiles. expense of the broad mass of OPA was abolished in 1946, prices Workers decided to do the self in a series of widespread depend on the relationship of and profits shot up higher and 'statesmanlike" thing and forego any fight for a fourth wage round onditions. Many AFL leaders resolved to save themselves the

struggles came corporation-wide the case of smaller locals, for wage talks for six months be- their way of thinking, speedup tive strength of labor in relation long last, bargaining between mighty CIO permitted one of its business outlook." The Carpent- followed a calculated policy of of the picayune and local scale house union, to be starved and voted to forget about wage in- all strikes that erupted over the and assumed the massive and slugged into submission, while creases in 1949 "if the rest of the question. Their idea was to side- attests to it - then the decision unions go along."

With the union leaders in re-The 1949 wage picture illus-This general trend reached its trates how badly the high-paid bling around settling for whathigh point after the war in the union officials have messed things ever they can get. A survey in the the industry. 1946 wage fight. Spurred on by up. In the two and a half years May 20 U. S. News reports that the head-strong behavior of the since the first quarter of 1946, out of 102 settlements in the think very much of this "stra-

was face to face with, what for the same period prices have risen In public utilities, AFL unions came concerned first of all with building at Dearborn will decide In the face of this the labor less and 6 gave no raises.

But the 1946 strike wave leaders have simply been flunkinspiring background upon which frightened the labor leaders even ing out. The first big union inworse than it did the capitalists. volved in wage discussions was the big industrial unions in steel, continued on this tack, some Textile leaders started the ball paring to enter upon their nego-

Pay Tribute to Slain Organizer



Out on a four-hour work stoppage, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union walk in silent tribute behind the coffin of 40-year old William Lurye, ILGWU organizer who was stabbed in a phone booth in New York's garment district.

year by submitting their demand this summer. The rank and file, dealers are stocked up with the for a 10-cent wage increase at for understandable reasons, were new models, nobody knows. the American Woolen Company little impressed with the fancy Strikes are not of much use, even to arbitration. The arbitrator, in lists of wage, pension and con- if led by Reuther personally, if his wisdom, ruled that the union tract demands drawn up by their the Ford Company doesn't need was not entitled to any increase. leaders and did not have too much cars. If we consider the Ford strike

The geniuses that lead this out- faith in the final results. Relying fit thereupon decided to drop the on their own observations, they only from the point of view of were, in the first instance, con- the fourth wage round, it is fight for wage increases for 65,-000 workers in woolen and worst- cerned with threatening unem- obvious that its outcome may well ed mills as well as 100,000 others ployment, the layoffs and the speedup. This anxiety, and their in other major industries. The Shortly thereafter the leaders feeling that union leaders did not concessions gained by any group of the Amalgamated Clothing have the answers, expressed it- of workers from the capitalists strikes in the auto industry over power, not on hot-shot strategy, the question of speedup - now or who can reel off more statistics in view of "unsettled" business climaxed by the big walkout at or talk fastest at the negotiating Ford.

From the point of view of strength is made by a number of headache of a tough wage battle Reuther, Mazey and the other by a similar display of states- UAW leaders, the Ford strike is manship. The Ladies Garment very unfortunate and interferes can only be determined by a leaders in St. Louis postponed with their wage "strategy." To strike. But invariably, the relacause of "uncertainty over the is a side issue. For a year they ers District Council of Cleveland pooh-poohing it and squelching track all this "small stuff" in favor of the big negotiations

treat, smaller locals are scram- with Ford this summer, where But the Ford workers didn't chemical industry, 70 were for tegy." First, as they watched the working class after another 138%, while the total wage and increases of 10 cents an hour or company speeding up the lines struck, until the capitalist class salary bill has risen by 42%. In less and 7 were for no increases. and laying off workers, they be- technical argument in the 'B'

all practical purposes, was a gen- to such an extent that a better signed up for wage increases the security of their jobs. From the terms of the settlement of eral strike. These strikes - shat- than 20% wage increase is now ranging from 6 to 11-1/2 cents. their point of view, speedup and tering all precedents - forced required merely to get back to In apparel, out of 43 agreements, working conditions were not side Love is right. And because he is 22 were for raises of 6 cents or issues at all, but, as the resolu- right, labor everywhere must tion of the National Ford Council view the Ford strike as - for the

This is the somewhat less-than- stated, were to be considered of present - the decisive test of equal importance with the wage and contract demands. Besides, labor, and viewing it so, cannot They saw that if the labor unions the CIO Textile Workers. The auto, electrical, rubber were pre- Ford needs cars very badly right permit this struggle to end in

now. What the situation will be any way but as a decisive victory pretty fundamental social ques- rolling in the early part of this tiations for a fourth wage round a few months hence when the for the union.

Branches Go Over Top In \$7500 Fund Drive

By Reba Aubrey Campaign Manager

On April 4 the Militant Fund campaign was publicly announced by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workcrs Party. In his article he reported that the National Committee, after consultation with the party branches, had promised \$7,500 to The Militant by May 15 and stated confidently that the romise would be kept.

He said: "We know for sure that the Trotskyist vanguard of the American Revolution, whose members have been educated and inspired by The Militant, will not let The Militant down. . . . This conviction enables me to conclude this announcement of the campaign with the confident prediction: The promised fund of \$7 500 will be paid on the line a the regular appearance of T Militant will be assured."

This prediction has been f filled to the letter by the ra and file of the movement.

On May 15 the campaign te minated and in this issue we pr the final scoreboard with a to of 37.585. This victory prov once again that faith in the me bers, friends and sympathizers determine what workers will win of the SWP is well founded. The triumphant conclusion of the campaign is all the more inspir ing because of the considerable

unemployment and partial employment which affected members of the organization throughout the country. table. Sometimes this test of

Every city on the scoreboard fulfilled its quota 100% or better. pressure moves back and forth. Only the "General" quota of \$115. Sometimes the test of strength assigned to miscellaneous contributions, fell behind the goal by note from S. H. saying: "Enclosed \$13; but this was more than made up, by branches which exceeded I'll never know how we did it." to capital determines the size or their quotas.

Because of local difficulties. If this law of the class strugseveral of the branches lagged in gle is correct -and all experience

Favorable Press of the Ford workers to strike now, obviously constitutes a superior strategy than the overthey hoped to set the pattern for elaborate scheme concocted by **Comment on Case** Reuther. The business community **Of Purge Victim** appraises the struggle in the same way. John W. Love, business columnist of the Cleveland In recent weeks James Kutch-

er's fight for reinstatement has received support from a number of publications representing up as promptly as possible, in significant bodies of public view of the many recent laysignificant bodies of public opinion.

The ADA World, official organ of the Americans for Democratic | in the mail. Action, reported in its April 20 issue that the ADA National strength between capital and Board had adopted a resolution enhanced by the fact that most

er's.

said it was "the intent of ADA's on their Sustaining Fund, and darity and support. policy on the loyalty program" Kute do such a cas

The Newark Jewish Ledger of April 13, which has a considerable circulation throughout Kutcher's

home state of New Jersey, carried

a full-page interview with the

legless veteran by its editor,

Simon Bloom. Bloom tells how he

first saw Kutcher when he was

given a dirty deal," wrote Bloom.

'Here is a man who has given

two legs to his country, and now

the country, in effect, tells him

he doesn't have a 'leg to stand

on.' Is that right? Is that fair,

The spring number of the

Workers Defense League Bul-

letin notes that Kutcher's fight

is that American Justice?

SCOREBOARD FOR MILITANT FUND

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San Francisco-Oakland	500	500	
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very happy to send the enclosed, Grace Carlson writes: "I am our final payment on the Milienclosing a check which comtant Fund, which fulfills our pletes Minneapolis' Militant pledge.'

Fund quota. We are very glad to M. Baker of Detroit sent a note in the latest Militant that partial payment last week, the fund is moving along well. assuring us: "There is no doubt that the Detroit quota will be We certainly hope that all of the branches will put on a spurt and collected in full, as in the old tradition of Trotskyist cam- finish on time. This would be a paigns. The comrades here have good morale-builder."

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The hard-working staff of The balance of Detroit's quota came Militant asks us to express its appreciation to all the friends of The successful finish of the the paper and members of the Militant Fund campaign was Socialist Workers Party for their defending Kutcher. The Board of the branches kept up to date wonderful demonstration of soli-

FBI Stoolpigeons on Parade at CP Trial

in recruitment. But he didn't tell and Lenin stood for.

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William Cummings works for thinking people prefer to spend port of the indictment charging the FBI spies. inside the CP, which she joined at the request of the FBI. the Electric Auto-Lite Co. in the summer in the hot city. Hoover's thought - control cops Toledo and belongs to the UAW. John V. Blanc of Euclid, Ohio, "publish and circulate books, gave her \$50 to contribute to the In 1943 the FBI planted him in a suburt of Cleveland, works at articles, magazines and news- industries, run secret schools to CP defense fund. She induced a the CP where he was pushed the Park Drop Forge Co. as an papers" and to "conduct schools teach "violent revolution," and if former member to rejoin the CP into prominence as a Negro ac- inspector and is a member of the and classes for the study of the war came, go underground, turn and then reported him to the tivist. Cummings became vicechairman and organization direc- CP in 1934-36, dropped out, then in which would be taught and and holler for help from the Red FBI.

Thomas A. Younglove, a St. tor of the Lucas county CP, a rejoined in 1944. A short time advocated the duty and necessity Army. Cummings outdid all the Louis cement contractor, joined member of the Ohio state comlater the FBI called on him and of overthrowing the government the CP in 1945 as a police stool- mittee and was sent to a regional he too became an informer. He of the United States by force and story of plans to make the streets pigeon. Younglove seemed the school in Chicago, which the attended the 1946 UAW conven- violence."

most dull-witted of all the gov- prosecutor had him tell the jury tion in the dual capacity of a ernment witnesses, fumbling for was "held above a Russian codelegate from his local union and prosecutor falsely described the answer to simple questions operative restaurant." a police spy.

Cummings recruited several Blanc passed himself off as a with the awkwardness of an oxcart lumbering over rough relatives and acquaintances into hot-shot party recruiter, often violence that called for the ground. But he was good at the CP and reported them to the

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recuperating in the Beth Israel Hospital from the latest operathe Stalinists with conspiracy to As they tell it, the Stalinists tion on his stumps. "I had heard were to concentrate in the war about the Kutcher case, but like the average American had not gotten aroused over it. And all of a sudden I was shocked out of UAW. He first belonged to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, the imperialist war into civil war my complacency." He had mistaken Kutcher's artificial legs and canes for golf bags and clubs! other stoolpigeons with his wild "Then is when I really felt for the first time this man had been

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"has aroused nation-wide interthe membership for their laxity have betrayed everything Marx and prejudice, the magnificent est. . . Kutcher is challenging the right of the Administration concepts of scientific socialism in Washington to deprive him of are under police attack, with Stalhis job, and he has asked for a inist betrayers of Marxism in the Charles W. Nicodemus works at Budenz on the witness stand, the prisoners dock, and freedom of public hearing, both for himself the Celanese Corporation plant judge qualified Budenz as an thought at stake in the verdict. and his party." The Workers Defense League The capitalist rulers of America supports this demand and sugdon't really consider the Stalingests that its members write letists a threat. They know the ters to Attorney General Tom Communist Party is weak and

Clark, asking that Kutcher be widely discredited; they also know in a Pittsburgh court to a charge Marx and Engels, and from that the Stalinists are not guilty of the charges in the indictment: and they know full well they can buy the lickspittle services of the CP leaders anytime they want to, simply by making a deal with Stalin.

Yet the capitalist government is using every known police trick CP organizer that 500,000 Red violence by the minority ruling in an effort to get a conviction, blacklist. because they want to use the dis-

credited Stalinists as whipping boys to achieve their real aim, Marxism-Leninism as "the theory which is to outlaw the movement for socialism and strangle all opposition to the atomic war for York, joined the CP in 1946 talist state and setting up a dic- world conquest now being preafter talking to the FBI. He tatorship of the proletariat by pared by American monopoly

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N. and Helen W. covered a meet- of the features we were forced to ing where Johannes Steele spoke. sacrifice when mounting printing They sold ten Militants, two costs compelled us to reduce The copies of the Fourth International Militant from six pages to four. and a copy of the pamphlet, So- Comrade Smolen also thinks that cialism on Trial." Results at the a pamphlet on unemployment would meet with a favorable Teamsters Building have been encouraging. On her first try response.

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A few weeks ago, writes cannon" as bad as the people of Literature Agent Rena Breshi, Baal who "put their children on the Boston comrades covered a fire and then danced around the Wallace meeting. "We sold seven metal god to drown their copies of Socialism on Trial and screams."

N. M. of South Gate, Calif., several copies of The Militant. sending in a change of address, Considering the opposition of the Stalinists, we thought this tells us that he has been "enquite good." Boston has also been joying reading the paper for some working house to house for time now" and that he hopes to renewals on expired subscriptions | continue receiving it without but has found it slower going missing any issues. Which rethan a few years ago. Other minds us that many of our subbranches report a similar ex- scribers forget to notify us in perience. It requires more time time when they move. To make and perseverance to get subscrip- | sure you get The Militant regularly, let us know what your tions than in the flush days imnew address will be several weeks

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warns. The Socialist Call for May 13 devotes its editorial section to an attack upon Attorney General Clark's undemocratic political

granted a hearing and restored to his job. "Government action such as that taken on the Kutcher case constitutes a serious danger to civil liberties," the article

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"The bourgeoisie of a number of civilized countries has already shown and is continuing to show how, in case of internal danger, it changes without much ado the parliamentary form of its rule for an authoritarian, dictatorial, Bonapartist or a fascist form. It will make the change that much faster and more decisively in time of war when both internal and external dangers will threaten its basic class interests with ten-fold force. Under these conditions the support by a workers' party of 'its' national imperialism for the sake of a fragile democratic shell means the renunciation of an independent policy and the chauvinistic demoralization of the workers, that is, the destruction of the only factor which can save humanity from disaster."

TROTSKY

-Leon Trotsky, War and the Fourth International, 1934.



What Shall Labor Do Now?

The current United Mine Workers Journal correctly denounces the top AFL and CIO leaders for their "sell-out of labor's fight" against the Taft-Hartley Act. Their role during the recent House debate and action on labor legislation was one of the most shameful in American labor history.

More details have come to light of how these self-styled "labor statesmen" secretly lobbied for the Sims Bill, including its injunction section, while they publicly claimed to oppose this Taft-Harteyized substitute for the Taft-Hartley Act.

Thus, the CIO and AFL officials have not dared to deny the report in the May 16 New Republic magazine that "lobbyists for the majority of CIO unions, including the United Steelworkers, the Textile Workers' Union; the United Auto Workers and the national CIO organization urged every Representative they could reach to vote FOR Sims' substitute measure as the least of the evils. The AFL's chief legislative representative, Lewis Hines, stayed away from the (House) cloakrooms during the fight over the Sims bill" — a case of silence bidding consent.

The net result of this snivelling policy of "compromise" and retreat was not a victory for the "lesser evil" but the retention of the Taft-Hartley Act, the emboldening of the avowed labor-haters in Congress and the preparation of the Truman Democrats to make still further concessions 'to the Taft-Hartlevites.

Now AFL President William Green publicly admits his readiness to accept a "compromise" along the lines of the Sims Bill, with the sole condition that it be altered to authorize government strikebreaking by plant seizure instead of by injunctions.

How far and fast the Trumanite union leaders have retreated is indicated by Louis Stark's story in the May 13 N. Y. Times observing that Truman, at least in his public utterances, has "placed himself to the left of President William Green of the AFL" on the question of labor legislation. Truman declared himself "100 per cent" against "compromise" - a cheap gesture in view of the fact that his colleagues in Congress are taking the responsibility for pushing the measures like the Sims Bill.

The question before organized labor is what to do now, Here, for all its denunciation of the Trumanite union leaders, the United Mine Workers Journal is woefully silent. John L. Lewis has no more answer than those he denounces. He offers no program of united labor action.

For the answer to what to do next, the American workers must turn to the program proposed by the Detroit CIO, as reported on Page One. The heart of this program is the proposal for a 24-hour national work stoppage.

Here is a call to militant mass labor action that holds the key to a successful fight for labor's legislative program, particularly repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. If every union local and local labor body answers this call, passes resolutions demanding this program and puts the heat on the top union leaders to put this program speedily into action, the picture will change over-night.

Stalinist Policy on Deportations

Gerhart Eisler's flight from the United States and his seizure by the British authorities on the demand of the U.S. government have attracted the most publicity in the press. But even more significant is the fact that three other well-known Stalinists facing deportation - John Santo, Ferdinand Smith and J. V. Peters — all suddenly announced

abandonment of any serious CP opposition to the victimization of hundreds of other foreign-born workers, many of whom have lived most of their adult lives here and raised families, who have been torn from their homes and face the threat of expulsion from the country. The agreement of Santo, Smith

Negro Life in the South--An Honest Report

IN THE LAND OF JIM CROW by Ray Sprigle, Simon and Schuster, 1949, 215 pp., \$2.50.

and travelled as one in the South and violent death.

in order to experience for himself That is the primary reality. what it feels like to be a Negro To try to quote, to give examin that section of our American ples, would do precisely what democracy. It was not difficult other books have done, and thus because many whites are darker give the impression that such and than many thousands of lightsuch an act of violence is something that happens "very often" With a Negro to help him

skinned Negroes.

in the South, "more often," and to introduce him to other "much more often" than in the Negroes, he claims that only North. This illusion is what once was his racial identity Sprigle's book destroys. I give challenged. The present reviewer only one quotation, not of any must take leave to doubt that he incident, but of his conclusions. got away with it among the ". . . Every Negro in the South, Negroes as completely as he no matter what his station in life, thinks he did. Negroes are very his accomplishments, his possesalert on such questions - they sions, his college degrees or his have to be. But they also have services to humanity, lives learned to observe and say dangerously every moment of his nothing on a number of queslife. Particularly is that true tions. Yet there is no need to when he ventures outside his own doubt that in general he spoke, community. 'If he is black, then and more important, was spoken he is fair game for any white to as a Negro, by other Negroes. man - especially if that white n regard to the whites, that he man wears a badge and carries kept company with Negroes was a club and gun!" (P. 104.)

nough. Fvery Negro in the South Secondly, he could not possibly knows this. This is where his experience the feelings of a life BEGINS. Therefore to relate Negro. He did not have the past, incidents gives a totally false the years of conditioning. And, impression. Negroes are shot more important, he did not have, down and quietly lynched in the the future of a Negro in the South in numbers that no stati- What Brass Hats South. He was there only for a stician reckons. But lynchings or month. He was going to get out. murders in the South are not 20 Plan for U.S. Labor In one sense it made him more times one murder in the North. Editor: acute, more sensitive, but on the

In the North, murder even for surface only. The deep, pera Negro is, on the whole, an ex- ranking military officers have in manent, fundamental disruption ception to the underlying pattern mind for the workers of this of the Negro's personality, such of existence. In the South it is country in the next war was given as for instance is insisted upon not. You can turn a corner, and this week when Col. George A. by a writer like Richard Wright, meet it by bouncing into a white Harvey of the Army in a lecture THAT he could not experience. man or his wife.

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The book should be read and oaper business. I have thought it necessary to pondered over. It places the say all this, so that what I am struggle for FEPC, abolition of going to say now will not be poll-tax, anti-lynching bill, etc., misunderstood. I do not believe necessary as these are, in their that I have read anywhere a book proper perspective. It helps us there a suggestion that capital which, in short compass and to remember what the heat of should also be drafted or that simply written, brings home so the daily struggle should never profits as well as wages should cago is paying the highest rent glacklisting British ships under

1949, 215 pp., \$2.50. By J. Meyer The author of this book is a successful journalist, a Pulitzer prize-winner, a trained, honest and acute observer, and a white man. He pretended to be a Negro and travelled as one in the South Meyer Meyer Set out to do, that he cannot do. What he does convey is the ex-ternal circumstances, what every Negro meets every day, and has and violent with, or come to sudden and violent death. The author of this book is a Strikers Strikers

TORONTO, Canada, May 2 --- Captain Bligh - inspired Canada | escorted major ports in the world, is meet- is only the latest in a whole ing with an unprecedented police, series of moves by the governterror. But despite injunctions, for all time the myth of governcourt sentences, police-scab hooli- ment impartiality and which gauism and government incite- clearly reveal the class nature ments, the seamen are holding of the capitalist state. fast and winning increasing supbort in inspiring demonstrations striking seamen have been served ing class.

Latest move in Ottawa's at- John, New Brunswick, the police empt to crush the militant seamens Union (Trade and Labor swept down on a small and peaceful picket line to smash the way Congress, AFL) from the scene was a joint statement from clear for scabs to get through and Transport Minister Chevrier and man two struck ships.

On April 8 the Minister of Labor Minister Mitchell threatening the seamen, who are answer-Transport stated in the House ing the strike call in the world's that "no one was dangerously ports, with persecution under the hurt" at Halifax when police



a plan that would make the Taft-

like a friendly gesture to labor.

P. C.,

An indication of what high-**Rent Hearings Set** For Chicago June 1

Editor: to business executives and reserve Hearings to prove that rent officers in New York urged a increases should take place in vicious three-point program for Chicago will begin June 1. The regimenting labor. His recomhearings were initiated by the landlord representatives on the mendations were:

1. Freeze individuals in their Cook County Rent Advisory jobs. 2. "Prevent the use of Board, which consists of reprewages for recruiting of labor." sentatives of tenants, landlords, Dixon line, he calls it the Smith 3. Make every employer, includand the public. Its purpose is to advise Tighe Woods as to the the employment agencies.

state of the rental situation in On the same day in Washing-Cook County, and it has the powton, Dr. John R. Steelman of the er to raise or lower rents, and to recommend decontrol of rents. For a year the tenants representatives on the Rent Advisory Board have been able to prevent observer who is sympathetic to ations for the mining industry a general increase in rents. The

been demanding hearings for vice should be imposed in the some months, and have been event of a war to control manhelped by new directives which power, since the Selective Service would not be adequate." In other an interested group demands one. The representatives of the

words - draft labor. Nowhere in the programs of tenants are prepared to contest either of these two officials is any increases on the specific grounds that:

1. The average family in Chi-

The Canadian East Coast sea- Shipping Act upon their return Canadian National Steamship men's strike, moving into its fifth to Canada. This shameless act in vessels that had been struck. week and spreading into all the support of the shipping moguls Once on board, the scabs, armed to the teeth, fired upon CSU pickets, blasting out the right police court and government ment agencies which should end eve of one seaman, sending another to the hospital in serious condition and injuring another The strike broke out following

Page Three

In both Quebec and Montreal, a government conciliation board's recommendation that would mean of solidarity from the world work- with court injunctions forcing a \$20 a month pay cut and the them to guit their ships. At St. elimination of the union hiring hall. Leading the shipping ownin a carefully timed and planned ers, at the head of the pack, is men and sweep the Canadian Sea- sally and brandishing axe handles the government-owned Canadian National Steamship Line. Ottawa is solidly behind the strikebreaking CNS.

Working hand in glove with the shipping magnates and the capitalist government, the AFL bureaucracy is hiring the scabs and gracing them with membership cards of the Seafarers' International Union. Joseph Ryan. boss of the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL), has warned longshoremen at St. John that unless aid to the CSU strikers is stopped the local will ose its charter. Hartley Act seem, in comparison,

'Trades and Labor Congress officials, who are facing continued New York City attempts on the part of the William Green hierarchy to destroy Canadian trade union autonomy, nave been strangely silent about this assault on one of their af-

filiates. They thereby aid the boss attempt to mask the strike as a jurisdictional struggle between two unions. The Canadian Congress of Labor (CIO) bureaucracy has made no protests, no doubt traitorously justifying its silence with the observation that the CSU is Stalinist-dominated.

But despite the treachery of the leaderships, news continues to flow in of increasing support to the heroic seamen. Shipping bosses have issued instructions to their captains not to tie up in ports where their crews may come under the influence of seamen and longshoremen who suplandlord representatives have port the strike.

Longshoremen at St. John have reaffirmed their refusal to cross CSU picket lines. More than 1.make hearings mandatory when 300 dockers at Bristol who refused to work struck ships returned to work only on the promise of their leaders that scab crews would be removed. London dockers are refusing to man black-

their willingness to leave the country voluntarily instead of fighting their ouster through the federal courts.

These three, unlike Eisler, had been trying to remain in this country and had promised to lead the fight against deportation of foreign-born workers. There is no doubt that their decision to give up the fight was made in accordance with official Stalinist policy at the highest level — that is, Moscow. The coincidence of this policy with the current developments in Washington-Kremlin relations and with the frantic attempts of the Stalin regime to make some sort of deal with American imperialism, would indicate that the way is being paved for a shift away from the fake-"militant" line the CP has espoused in the recent period and back to closer collaboration with the capitalist government. In this sense, the Stalinist policy in the deportation cases is a token of the CP's readiness to make even more far-reaching concessions.

What is most important, however, is that the Stalinist policy in these cases means the

"Minor Incident"

Last April 20 a gang of goons led by one of Philip Murray's lieutenants, Nick Zonarich, a CIO Steelworkers representative, assaulted and severely injured Maurice Travis, Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, in the studio of radio station WJLD, Bessemer, Alabama. Travis was participating in his union's radio program bidding for support of red ore miners of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. in a bargaining election that Travis' union was contesting with Murray's Steelworkers.

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Travis was assaulted and sent to the hospital as a result of what had all the earmarks of an organized and planned physical attack. The only dispute is over the extent of Travis' injuries. The Mine, Mill leaders say Travis' eye was so badly injured he is likely to lose its sight. Spokesmen of the Murray machine claim the extent of Travis' injuries was exaggerated.

Whether Travis was hurt more or less, however, is beside the point. The fact remains that hooligan methods of physical intimidation and violence were used by Murray's and Peters to leave the country voluntarily greatly strengthens the hand of the reactionary government against all others facing deportation.

The action of Santo and Smith strikes a blow most directly at the labor movement as such. Both were prominent former union leaders. In attacking them, the government was attempting to establish a precedent for similar attacks on other foreign-born union leaders and members who, whether Stalinist or not, might oppose the government's foreign policy or engage in militant union activity.

No class-conscious worker will bewail the personal fate of these Stalinists who had many times sacrificed the interests of American workers to the twists and turns of the Kremlin's diplomacy. Now they themselve have become the latest sacrifices to the newest turn. in that diplomacy. But what is of real concern is the fate of hundreds of others who will be made the victims of the Stalinist capitulation on the deportation issue. It, is these innocent persons, and the labor movement as a whole, who will suffer from the latest Stalinist treachery.

of Hooliganism

representatives against an opponent in the union movement.

At the CIO executive board meeting last week in Washington the Murray-machine majority adopted a resolution which tries to pass off the Travis beating as a "minor incident." But hooliganism and gangsterism can never be condoned as "minor incidents" inside the labor movement.

Such "minor incidents," moreover, have taken on the character of standard practice on the part of Murray's machine. At the last steel union convention, a delegate who opposed Murray's wage policy, Nick Migas, was followed from the convention hall and beaten up after Murray had violently incited the convention against him. Recently three former officers of New Kensington, Pa., Local 302 of the steel union were imprisoned for "assault" after they were waylaid and beaten by a squad of Murray's goons.

Murray, at the recent CIO board meeting, claimed that the Stalinists have committed similar acts against their union opponents. That's quite true. Does Murray now propose to take Stalinist gangster methods for his model? · Je

sharply the general, daily, minute let us forget, that only a new be frozen. It shows that the ul- of any city in the United States to minute life of a Negro in the society, a completed proletarian tra-reactionary military officer South. Not the Negro's intimate reconstruction, carried through to caste and the Truman administrafeelings, his deepest responses. It the end, can make the Southern tion, which pretends to be a friend is precisely this, which Sprigle Negro "free and equal." of labor, are in full agreement on

Socialist Call Condemns Firing of Jim Kutcher

An editorial in the May 13 Socialist Call attacks Attorney General Clark's political blacklist system, singling out for special attention the listing of the IWW as subversive and the purge of James Kutcher, legless SWP veteran. Kutcher's discharge 'is a violation of his political rights and of the American constitution," says the editorial. "We are glad the Kutcher case is to be brought into the federal courts, but we are distressed that such action should be necessary."

Kutcher Defense Wins Support in Washington

Following similar action by the California CIO-PAC, the recent executive session of the Washington State PAC for National CIO Policy voted to endorse James Kutcher's fight for his government job and to send communications to all affiliated organizations informing them of its stand on this important civil liberties case.

The Seattle Kutcher Civil Rights Committee has also received endorsements of its work from Dr. Max Savelle, professor of history at the University of Washington, author of "Seeds of Liberty" and an outstanding authority on American history; Dr. Ivan C. Rutledge, president of the Seattle chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and assistant professor of law at the University of Washington; and Reverend Fred W. Shorter, pastor of the Church of the People.

New trade union contributors to the defense fund to carry Kutcher's appeal through the federal courts are headed by the New York City Joint Board of the Dress & Waistmakers Union, ILGWU-AFL, representing tens of thousands of garment workers in the metropolitan area; the Greater Detroit & Wayne County CIO Industrial Union Council, representing hundreds of thousands of auto workers; and UE-CIO District Council 6 of Pittsburgh.

Local union bodies aiding Kutcher include UAW-CIO Local 365 of Long Island City; HLGWU Local 291, Malden, Mass.; AFL Bakery & Confectionery Workers Local 39, Cleveland; CIO United Steel Workers Local 3120, Cleveland, and Steel Workers Local 2651, Bridgeport, Conn.

NORMAN THOMAS GIVES HIS BLESSING TO PACT

(Continued from page 1)

ships like Portugal, Greece and Spain and all imperialist powers waging "wretched colonial wars" like the Netherlands, France and Great Britain, just whom would Washington be able to make a pact with? Or what would be the point of cementing the greatest military alliance in history if the aim was to appeal for disarmament?

But nobody, least of all the capitalist politicians, takes the "critical" part of Thomas' "critical support" seriously. What they are interested in is his "socialist" endorsement, signed in his own hand-writing, on the blank check of the imperialist war alliance. Whatever Thomas' windy sighs and misgivings as he affixes his signature, the capitalist politicians will fill in the amount of the check as they see fit.

The Big Business press played up Thomas' endorsement of the pact as though it were some unexpected and startling event. Look, see, Norman Thomas, the "SO-CIALIST" leader has come out publicly for the pact! As though that were a surprising event.

Dobbs' Prediction Last Year

That Thomas would endorse the pact, that he will goose-step in line with every further stride of the American imperialist war preparations, was a foregone conclusion. For Thomas' whole record before and during the Second World War revealed him as a perfect sample of those "socialists of the word" who mouth all the phrases about "peace," "democracy" and "socialism" while they uphold each move of the worst imperialist enemies of peace, democracy and socialism.

Farrell Dobbs, who represents the socialists of the deed and who denounced the Atlantic Pact at the Senate hearings, in a public debate with Norman Thomas last October subjected the latter to a complete scientific analysis. Dobbs said then: "It is not necessary for me to ask Norman Thomas what position he is going to take in the impending war. You and I already know. His whole course shows that he is going to support the same American imperialist gang that he supported in the last war."

An essential part of the war program, said Dobbs, will be "the cementing of alliances with the most reactionary elements in all countries." And Norman Thomas and the other "socialist" apologists for American imperialism, "gagging and protesting, but going along just the same," said Dobbs, will accept the partnership of Franco, the Dutch butchers of the Indonesian people and all the other rotten regimes, just as they accept American imperialism and its war for "democracy.

Before the last war, Dobbs pointed out, Thomas promised that he would oppose it, but when war came, he gave it "critical support." Now he is giving his "critical support" in advance of the war. If and when war comes, Thomas will be so busy aiding U.S. imperialism's "war effort" that he won't even have time to be "critical."

the Canadian flag and paying except Washington, D. C. 2. On less than the Canadian basic pay. the basis of the 1935-39 index London tug boat operators have figures, Chicago bears the highrefused to move out an SIUest percentage of rent increases nanned boat. in the country. 3. An overwhelm-

ing majority of landlords have already received increases of 15% since 1947, either through leases or "hardship" increases. The Tighe Woods formula will add another increase to the already overburdened tenants. The Chicago Tenants Federation is rallying all civic, labor, and fraternal organizations to

fight against the general rent increase asked by the landlords. The CIO, which is represented on the Cook County Rent Advisory Board by Michael Mann, secretary of the Chicago CIO Council, has officially stated its position against a general rent increase. Within the ranks of the AFL however, there is some difference of opinion on this question. Some of the locals, especially in the Building Trades, have refused to put up any sort of a fight against the proposed increases.

of international solidarity, despite the scabby role of the International Federation of Transport Workers, to which both the striking CSU and the strikebreaking Seafarers International Union belong. Harry Davis, CSU president vho flew to England last week to address striking Canadian seamen, was assured by the Avonmouth dock-workers of their con-

MAY 17-Latest developments

in the Canadian seamen's strike

are marked by the continuation

inued support. The Canadian ship Gulfside has been held up in Bristol since April 1. Previously the Liverpool Trades Council voted to back the strike. In Melbourne, Australia, the Canadian freighter, Halingonian Duke. manned by a scab crew, is tied

up because the Waterside Work-Chicago, Ill. ers Federation refuses to work it.



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Socialized Medicine--II

By Grace Carlson -

There is no doubt in my mind but that the supporters of private medicine pay lip service to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence. They always profess to believe that "all men are" created equal" and that, therefore, they have an equal right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." But when the proposal is made to put these equalitarian ideas into action, what then?

The answer to this question comes very clearly in the wild attacks that the supporters of private medicine made upon the National Health Insurance Program, which proposes a relatively mild correction of the glaring inequalities in American medical care today. Pushed to the wall in their attempts to prove that American private medicine represents the best of all systems of medical care in this best of all countries, they water down their equalitarian ideas.

A recent report of the Brookings Institute, a staunch supporter of the "free enterprise" system of medical care, has this to say:

"Probably no other great nation in the world has among its white [emphasis mine] population better health than prevails in the United States. A few small homogeneous countries such as New Zealand with respect to white population are slightly ahead of the United States as a whole, but certain states of the United States with larger populations equal them.

In a country supposedly based upon the idea that "all men are created equal," what must one think of a medical survey that considers only the health of the "white population"? One must conclude, of course, that in their eagerness to defend private medicine, its supporters manipulate their statistics in order to leave out the most shamefully exploited section of the American population - the Negro people. And these American citizens represent one-tenth of the population!

The sad state of Negro health - the fact that poverty and neglect drive the life expectancy of the average Negro down to ten years below that of the average white - should deserve more consideration than is ever given by the American

Most of the report is a result of a national health assembly held in Washington, D. C., in May 1948. More than 800 leaders from such organizations as the Farmers Union, CIO, AFL, American Medical Association, American Dental Association, and the National Association of Manufacturers joined to talk about public health problems. It must be clear to every one that this was not a socialist gathering. And it must be equally as clear that Truman's aide, Oscar Ewing, is not

a socialist. But even Oscar Ewing is forced to make these devastating charges against the system of private medicine in the richest country in the world: Every year, 325,000 people die whom we have

the knowledge and the skills to save. Each year, workers lose 4,300,000 man years

because of bad health. Only 20% of the people in the country can af-

ford the medical care that they need. Premature deaths cost the people of the United States 27,000,000 years of life in 1947.

Of the 17 million draftees - young men in the prime of life - 30% were found unfit. Forty million American citizens live in com-

munities which lack a full-time public health service.

Where are the rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"? They cannot be found in the United States of America. Not yet!

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Medical Association and all of the other self-styled "guardians of the public health." But if one represents the statistics of the health of all of the people, the picture is not as bright as private medicine paints it. A much darker picture is outlined by Oscar Ewing, Fed-eral Security Administrator, in the Nation's Health – a Report to the President, which was issued a few months ago and forms the basis for the National Health Insurance Program. Most of the report is a result of a national health

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Four Men Die in Mine



Fellow miners are shown waiting 'tensely at the entrance to the No. 5 colliery of the Gilberton Coal Company, Gilberton, Pa. for news of four men trapped 1,000 feet underground. Rescue crews found all four dead. For an account of a near-tragedy in another mine, see the article, "Incident in a Mine," elsewhere on this page.

One Man's Whim

By Joseph Keller

Incident in a Mine

How completely the welfare, the very lives, of the American people are at the mercy of a handful of incredibly wealthy private owners of industry is shown, in part, by the effect of billionaire Henry Ford II's willful provocation of the Ford strike.

When Ford's speed-up tactics drove the workers at River Rouge to go on strike, it cut off about 20% of all truck and auto production in the country. In addition to the Ford, Mercury and Lincoln employes affected by the strike, some 100,-000 employes of 7,200 dealers all over the country began to be hit, because dealers could not get cars. Thousands of concerns manufacturing parts and accessories for Ford were also affected, as well as materials suppliers in steel, lumber, electrical equipment, rubber and textiles.

In all, more than 300,000 workers and their families are directly affected by the strike ---a strike, we repeat, provoked by the arbitrary act of one man.

But the effect spreads indirectly far wider to the groceries, the butcher shops, the clothing stores that sell to the workers, to the companies that supply the suppliers. In the end, the whole economy and the 147,000,000 people dependent upon it, suffer as the result of the whim of one man who has the control, by inheritance

of a fifth of the auto industry. The Ford family is but one of about 60 families in this country who between them control most of industry, transportation, communications, banks, mines, raw materials - in short, the whole country. Their only interest is their own profits. Any one of them, at their own whim, can bring blight and suffering to hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people.

Would any truly democratic country tolerate a condition where five dozen families, who got their wealth by inheritance, hold such power over the welfare and lives of a great people and, in fact, because of America's position in world economy, over the destiny of the entire planet?

The people of America and the world will never be truly free and enjoy real security until the power of the plutocrats like Henry Ford II is broken. That means, first of all, that all the industries, all the basic means of production and distribution must be nationalized and operated under the control of the producers, the workers. Then, and only then, will the needs of the people, Then, and only then, will the needs of the people, AFL Proposes monopolists, determine how our economy shall be run.

Ford's Maneuvers Fail o Shake Strike Ranks

(Continued from page 1) Moreover, the Hudson managesection of its contract dealing

Labor "Unity" --

ers.

with speed of production gave the union any voice in determining the number of cars to be produced. The Hudson workers have been forced to protect their standards, not by contractual procedure but by direct action on a number of occasions, against the will of the international leadership. Reuther's pretense that speedup is an issue limited to the Rouge "B" building does nothing

leaders of Local 203, it has reachinternational sent a time-study man into the plant, that "the un-

The "spring upturn" so confidently predicted by capitalist economists has failed to materialize. Unemployment continues to grow. Production, including output in the key steel and auto ndustries, is on the downgrade.

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nstance, "has the longest list of

every section of the state's

economy seems to be declining or

New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio

and Michigan — the country's key

The N. Y. Times survey states

that not only has the decline hit

all light-goods industries, but

was now pronounced in the

heavier industries, including auto-

mobiles and steel." Most signi-

ficantly, "in almost all areas

there was skepticism about the

extent to which Government

spending under the European

Recovery Program or the rearma-

ment effort would bring about a

spurt in production in the next

Underlining the N. Y. Times

few months.'

just holding its own."

It is difficult, if not impossible, | not been sufficient to create any o get reliable figures from gov- substantial optimism" and "most rnment agencies. But the trend observers feel some further s admittedly in the direction of 'receding' in employment levels is likely." ncreased unemployment. The New England section, with

According to the May 20 U.S. News, unemployment is double output, has been hardest hit so hat of six months ago, and far. Industrial Connecticut, for layoffs by industry are increasing again." By next spring, says unemployed in ten years and U. S. News, "as many as 6,000,-000 may be unemployed." It adds: "Some estimates of Government appraisers are higher than that."

The U.S. Census Bureau report for April estimated 3,100,000 out of work. However this report, on analysis, revealed at least 5,000,-000 jobless last month, with another 12.000,000 reduced to parttime employment of from one to four days per week.

employment estimates was indicated in a May 6 report of Edward Corsi, New York State Industrial Commissioner, who revealed that 110,000 workers in the state have exhausted their unemployment compensation benefits. How many of these are still without jobs, Corsi said, is unknown. Only those still getting benefits or applying for them are officially listed as jobless. He added that when the new benefit year opens on June 6, repeat aplications will send the insurance

An extensive coast - to - coast survey in 20 major cities by the findings, the Department of Commerce on May 16 estimated the N. Y. Times, reported in its May country's 1949 first-quarter out-16 issue, reveals that unemployput declined from the previous ment is "still going up" everyquarter by 9 billion dollars. The where except in southern California and a few areas of the previous highest quarterly post-South, where, however, "layoffs war decline was only 1.3 billions in the first quarter of 1946. are continuing; in most parts of

The second Ford document, an This trend toward economic the section, but at a declining executive communication to all decline, indicated by all indexes. rate.' manufacturing supervisors and On the West Coast too, all is underscores the program for the

far from rosy, since San Franreduced work week at the same cisco reports a continuing in- take-home pay which the CIO crease in unemployment and the Oil and Shipyard unions are 'slight abatement" of the March demanding, as reported on Page ecord high in Los Angeles "has One.

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ment vigorously denied that the the rest of the UAW and the labor movement as a whole. and charges of a speedup. What The week-long strike of UAW we need, and what Work Analysis Local 203 against the speedup at will do, with your help, is set an Motor Products Corporation is accurate standard for each operanow apparently over. A number tion in your department which of workers were fired when those will be changed only when a new in the final assembly department method is applied to the job, and not for any other reason."

resisted speedup; and then the international intervened. While the company has been unable to reach any agreement with the ed the understanding, after the

ion will not interfere with the rates of production established by the company." The probationary employees

and those discharged on May 6 are not being called back to work State Dept. Style under the terms of this rotten agreement. Ford workers must be

labor relations staffs, dated Mar. 5, 1948, had the following to say on "Work Standards Policies": "It will help in reaching full efficiency on the new models as quickly as possible and with a

minimum of disputes to have a uniform understanding on the following points. . .

than the 'Standard' Speed. The Company has the right to set any For many years the two largest on guard to prevent attempts to

but harm to the campaign to win | main unchanged. Constantly resupport for the Ford strike from vising the Time Study standard without a change in method is lists to record highs. bound to result in labor trouble,



By Walter Prince We heard a loud bang just as the motorman went through the first trap door on our section with a train of "empties." I started away from the face with a hollow throbbing of fear and saw the section boss running to the haulage way of our section. The men congregated in the dinner hole, which was off the haulage way a few hundred feet from the trap doors. The scene of the explosion was between us and the entry of the mine.

We stood and sat waiting to see what was going to happen. I looked around at the other guys. Most of them weren't scared at all, but'I was new in the mine and not yet accustomed to being miles back under the ground. Pretty soon the section boss came up.

"Okay, get back to your place," he said, "everything is fixed up now." As we started back we heard another bang. This time the motorman's face was burned badly. We didn't know it at the time, but our section had been closed before because of gas. The boss knew it though. Between the two trap doors on our haulage way a "bleeder" had developed, and, as the air was not directed through it but sent to the face beyond, gas had accumulated. Sparks from the motor had set it off.

In the dinner hole we stood for a while. Then a husky Italian boy picked up his bucket and coat. "Well, if there isn't going to be any work, let's go home." He started off and two colored men and I picked up our buckets and followed him. On our way to the main haulage way we met the boss. He told us to go back. The pit boss (in charge of the whole shift) was going to fix things up. The Italian boy kept right on going, and we sidestepped the boss and followed him.

The pit boss came and monkeyed around with the brattice and sent air into the haulage way. We knew that he was only "robbing Peter to pay Paul." If he ventilated the haulage way, he would weaken the flow of air to the face. I wasn't feeling too happy about mining, especially when one guy said matter-of-factly, "It's a damned good thing this is a wet section. If that explosion had kicked up any dust, it would have been curtains for all of us." Then they told stories about other things that had almost hap-

pened. I remembered my buddy who was in the hospital now, recuperating from another accident which might have been a front-page disaster.

Then the pit boss came puffing up to us in the against any form of united ac- rank and file, which was sucmain haulage way where we were waiting for a tion in defense of the common ride out of the mine. The whole section was there interests of all organized worknow, except for two guys at the face.

"Okay, men," he said with authority, "there won't be any more trouble. Get back to work."

"Yeah, how do we know?" the Italian boy said. "Y'uns said that once before tonight. We aren't trustin' management no more. We'll let and strikebreaking between and our Safety Committee decide."

"You'll get fired for refusing to work - all of you!"

The pit boss had a glint in his eye. When he saw he couldn't impress the four of us who had left first, he turned to the others, especially to a couple of "company men" - people who are afraid for their job and will let the boss bulldoze them all over the place. Such people don't even realize that a union man can't be fired for refusing to work in an unsafe place.

These two decided to go with the boss and "look the situation over." The rest of the section stayed. One Negro miner, young, but old at mining, said, "Hell, I don't have to look. I know it's no damn good."

Our shotfireman is another company man. He had been working at the face and getting ready to shoot number two place. While the others were "looking the place over," he came running down and reported that he couldn't fire. There was too much gas on the face, just as the Italian boy had said there would be.

Pretty soon everybody, including the bosses. came out, and we were told that we could go frankly to fight "communism" home. We weren't fired. The Italian looked at us, the ones who had stuck, and smiled.

The upshot of it was that our whole section was at the union meeting today. I used to wonder why the meetings weren't better attended. Now I know there's no need to worry. When something gram cooked up many months appear that the workers are decomes up, the union belongs to the men. It's their organization. Our Safety Committee is going to inspect the section with us tomorrow.

abor bodies in the United States, make any such "settlement" in the AFL and CIO, have been at their fight. war with each other. The old-line

WHAT MUST BE WON AFL craft leaders have fought

It thus becomes clear and imnot only against organic unificaperative that the voice of the tion on a sound basis, but cessful in raising the question of the speedup as the primary issue, be heard on the terms for settling the strike, if it is to be

The AFL moguls several times settled satisfactorily. rejected CIO proposals for joint This means that the issue must action to fight anti-labor legislahe broadened to take in grievtion. The raiding, scab-herding ances which exist all over the Rouge plant. It means that the within the AFL and CIO, while question of contract changes both organizations have been must be taken up in direct relaunder the heavy fire of the Tafttion with the speedup question. Hartleyites, have been a crying The company security clause scandal of the labor movement. which strangles and discourages But the AFL chiefs, who could on-the-job action by the rank and find no basis in the need to file must be eliminated. The slodefend the interests of American gan of "a steward for every forelabor for any form of united man" must become an actual conaction with the CIO, now have tractual fact.

These are the very minimum found a proposition on which gains which must be won before they are not only willing but there can be any talk of a setdownright anxious to join with tlement of the speedup problem. the CIO. The AFL Executive Yet it was these simple necessi-Council on May 16 unanimously ties which Reuther rejected point approved participation of the blank when he said that speedup AFL jointly with the CIO in will not be an issue in the comsetting up a new international ing contract negotiations and the Stalinist - dominated World issue. Federation of Trade Unions, from

which the CIO is withdrawing. FORD'S OWN DOCUMENTS The aim of this "unity" is CLARIFY SPEEDUP ISSUE DETROIT - The Ford Motor

throughout the world. It has Company in a statement issued nothing to do with strengthening on May 14 tried to cover up the organized labor everywhere for real issue in the current strike defense against the attacks of by using the phrase "featherbedthe capitalist enemy. It is a pro- ding" and by trying to make it ago, with the advice and apmanding the right to work less proval of the U.S. State Dethan 100% of standard when what union movements abroad and the right not to work at more than 100% of standard. swinging them into political line

What is 100% of standard? An with Washington and its reacindication of how Ford is trying tionary allies. Symbolically, the same AFL council meeting that to change the interpretation can be found in two of the company's endorsed the new basis for documents on policy. The first "unity" with the CIO, likewise was outlined to a Supervisory Conference on Oct. 26, 1945 in the

following terms: "You expect your men to do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. But, what is a fair day's achieve labor unity to defend the work that an operator should do

living standards and democratic in one hour on any particular rights of the workers, but that job, should not vary from month perialism's cold war.

require more than 100% of anyone, and (b) when a faster speed is necessary at times, no one is required to work too far above

LOS ANGELES - A series of bills introduced recently into 100% nor for too long at a stretch. the California State Legislature We want to make sure no superby Senator Jack Tenney and visor is hesitant to enforce our others, will, if passed, constitute rights in this respect." an attack against civil rights unequalled in the legislative his-

AFFILIATIONS

Members of the independent Communications Workers of age pensions (Assembly Bill America voted two-to-one to af-2267) and of Social Security filiate with the CIO, and have benefits (Senate Bill 1127) to already received a charter. Later present and past believers in the CWA will merge with the Marxism. Leninism, Stalinism, CIO Telephone Workers Organ- communism, advocates of governmental title to production and izing Committee, bringing together an estimated 300,000 tele- distribution, etc.

These bills would deny the phone workers. Meanwhile the conveniton of the American Fed- right to appear on the ballot and unionists, as well as Stalineration of Hosiery Workers, to individuals who did not file a which recently left the CIO be- loyalty oath (SB 132). Loyalty cause of a dispute with the CIO oaths would be required of Textile Workers with which it teachers (SB 130), government had been affiliated- voted to join employes (SB 280 and AB 255), lawyers (SB 298 would disbar all the AFL.

NAACP IS OPPOSED TO AID BY labor body in competition with that it is not a national Ford U.S. TO JIM CROW EDUCATION

NEW YORK, May 12 - Active and resolute opposition to any bill for federal aid to education which does not specifically prohibit segregation was urged this week by the National Association for the Advancement 9-

has already been cracked in of Colored People. A resolution calling for such Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, action was adopted at the regular | Maryland, Delaware, West Virmonthly meeting of the NAACP | ginia and Oklahoma. "Only last week a federal judge

Board of Directors on May 9, following defeat of an anti- fined the members of a Virginia segregation amendment to the county school board for failure Democratic Assemblyman Edward partment, as a means of splitting they actually are fighting for is bill in the Senate the following to provide equal educational E. Elliot, whom Tenney suspects week.

ing for help by the federal gov- are confident that Jim Crow that funds shall be administered ultimate destruction if it is not

which do not segregate or dis-Association," the board resolution declared.

set to begin with, it should re- Segregation in higher education against the bill."

Company has the right to set any line speed it desires as long as (a) the all-day output does not Aimed at Almost Everyone

By Al Lynn

tory of the country.

time in the past, and set up a committee to investigate all current lawyers), private employees of firms holding government contracts (SB 515), union members (SB 516).

those who were radicals at any

Owners of buildings in which subversives meet would be sub-They provide for denial of old ject to \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. The Tenney Committee Investigating Un-American Activities would be granted \$150,-000 for use by the committee or its members.

> In these bills definitions of communist and subversive are very broad. Broad enough to include liberals, Social Democrats ists and revolutionists. Tenney, for example, would undoubtedly consider acceptance of the labor theory of value as "Marxist," although there are non-Marxists who agree with it.

As is to be expected the Tenney Committee would be one of the chief judges of who and what are subversive. The implications of this are described by liberal columnist Leslie Claypool of the Los Angeles Daily News who relates how Tenney had the Senate Rules Committee defer action which would place W. J. Bassett, secretary - treasurer of the AFL Los Angeles Central Labor Council, on the Advisory Committee of the Social Welfare Department.

Tenney gave as his reason the endorsement by the Council of facilities for Negroes in elemen- of supporting "communist ob-"Any educational bill provid- tary and secondary schools. We jectives." The Council had supported him because he had a good ernment which does not assure education is already headed for record on their legislative check list.

only to states, schools or counties rescued by federal funds." Even before these bills have Although the anti-segregation gone through the legislature, the criminate against Negro students amendment was defeated in the capitalist state is attempting to shall be actively opposed by the Senate, "we are working to have put them into effect. Irma Sait introduced in the House bill," piro, a social worker member of the Wilkins letter said. "All CIO Social Service Employees

Support of this policy was branches should urge their re- Union Local 95, was refused unurged by Roy Wilkins, assistant presentatives in the House to employment compensation for secretary, in a letter to all support this amendment. Write refusing to sign a loyalty afbranches. "Federal aid to exist- today," the letter concluded, "urg- fidavit with the County, which ing segregated systems," he point ing your representative to vote had demanded such an oath be-The Governor of Texas on May 12 signed a bill they can quickly unite at the nod to month or year to year if the ed out, "would strengthen them for the anti-segregation amend- fore placing her on a job. The prohibiting any Communist Party member from of the State Department and in methods of operation remain the in their resistance to the frontal ment. If the amendment is California State Employment having his name on the official ballot of any the interests of American im- same. If the standard is properly attack upon Jim Crow education. defeated, then urge him to vote Service ruled that she rejected a job by not signing the affidavit.

Notes from the News MORE CONFIDENT THAN CAPITALISTS -

"I think it unlikely there will again be a really severe economic crisis in this country; capitalism - rather, State capitalism - in America has learned how to use the State power to avoid such recessions in my opinion," says Dwight Macdonald, editor of Politics, in a letter to the British Socialist Leader.

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THEY CALL THEMSELVES SOCIALISTS -The headline on the May 14 New Leader reads as follows: "Only Union-Industry Confab Can Bring Fair Labor Law."

OUTSIDE THE LAW-Irving Feiner, Syracuse University student sentenced to 30 days in the called on the Senate to ratify penitentiary because he made a street speech the North Atlantic military pact protesting the denial of a school building for a "with all possible speed." Wallaceite meeting in Syracuse, was "outside the law in setting race against race and class on the top labor bureaucrats in against class," said Judge William H. Bamerick, this country that they cannot work? The standard amount of whose sentence is being appealed.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF REACTION general election in that state.

It is a devastating commentary