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Workers of the World, Unite !

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The Bill of Rights is under concerted assault by inquisitors, witch-hunters, book-burners, thought-controllers, brass hat bureau-crats, police spies and informers. Democratic rights, acquired by House Body Plans our people painfully through militant struggle and at great sacri fice, are being gagged, smothered and lynched.

The main enemy to these hard-won rights is right here at home - the capitalist class and its governmental agents who are work--- the capitalist class and its governmental agents who are work-ing overtime to install the police state in this country while distracting popular attention by clamors for a crusade against police states abroad.

Why? There are two main reasons.

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First, American capitalism is out to rule and exploit the entire world; it is ready to plunge every nation into the horror of atomic war if necessary to achieve that end. While preparing for this war, of conquest by establishing military and political bases abroad, it feels constrained to silence and crush all opposition at home to its imperialist ventures.

What the Capitalist Rulers Fear

And second, American capitalism got the scare of its life when the labor movement gave a display of its potentially overwhelming power in the wave of strikes in 1945-46. The ruling class is afraid of this power, more afraid of it than anything Stalin can threaten them with. Because this power alone can put an end to all exploitation, oppression, misery, want and degradation - inevitable byproducts of the system of production for private profit.

Today this system is heading for another economic collapse, with the capitalists themselves admitting that production trends will remain downward for at least another year. What will the mighty American working class do in this new depression? There is no telling where the workers will stop once they begin to move to a fundamental solution of their problems. The capitalists hope by restricting political liberties now to head off such movements of rebellion against their misrule.

In a conflict where the stakes are so vast, resolute mass resistance to the witch-hunt is needed without delay. But such resistance is conspicuous today by its absence. The people have the right to look for forthright leadership and bold action from those who are at the head of the labor unions, the liberal and civil liberties movements, the Negro organizations, the professions and the other groups most clearly endangered by the present war against civil rights. But the people are not getting it.

The leaders of these organizations are, for the most part, not happy about what is going on. Some of them understand that they themselves may be under the fire of reaction tomorrow. But this attacking communism, attack understanding does not lead to action because they are afraid of the consequences of taking an unambiguous stand against all police state measures and because most of them are drugged into passivity by a naive faith in the "permanence" of capitalist democracy and "good will" of capitalist politicians.

Some among them, it is true, have summoned up enough courage to speak out against the worst outrages and to pass resolutions deploring the trend and asking Truman to do something about it. But such protests, unsupported by mass action, have no more effect iece of paper flung at an advancing tank

Uncovered at Coplon Trial **'Book Burning' in**

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A "book-burning" drive in the nation's schools and colleges is being prepared by the notorious House Un - American Activities Committee. Congress' leading witch-hunt body has begun a "spot check" of "red propaganda" in text and reference books used both in public and private educational institutions throughout the country.

The House committee has demanded that public school authorities in a number of large, ities, various institutions of higher learning like Yale, Cornell, Michigan and numerous eachers colleges furnish the committee with lists of titles of all books they use as either texts or reference.

Denouncing this action President Edmund Ezra Day of mounting to "a witch hunt," Cornell University put a spotlight on the House committee's thought - control moves latest when he asked the American Council on Education to find out what the House committee "was up to" when it requested a list of Cornell's books. Dr. Day said he feared the universities were in danger of "infiltration" by

those who, "under the guise of something quite different," namely, "academic freedom." He added that text books at Cornell "naturally included" such ocialist classics as Karl Marx's Capital and Communist Manifesto.

The threatened text-book purge being initiated by this Congressional committee is a warn ing of the scope and intensity of the thought-control drive, which NEW YORK, June 15 - Comnaturally seeks to stifle free munist Party policy on the war silent. They look the other way and hope that the hysteria will thought and independent inquiry issue has twisted and turned so spend itself before long. In this way they give the impression that at a major source, the schools, much through the years that even there is still not too much to worry about, an impression that con- colleges and universities. It aims, a police-minded prosecutor can The United States must also give fuses and lulls the masses and works only to the benefit of the above all, to put an "iron curtain" snare the Stalinists in the coils around the minds of the young. of their own devious line. Adding strong impetus to the Witness for example, the testidrive to victimize and silence mony of the defendant John educators who dare to teach any-Gates here at the thought-control tion into what he cynically called pounced on this section of Gates thing but the ideas of the capitaltrial of the 11 Stalinists.

FBI at Work



CP Defendant Boasts War Aid to Imperialism

By Farrell Dobbs perialists into a just and pro- As Gates gressive war," and that "alters unwittingly demonstrated that FEDERAL COURTROOM, the relationship between the peoliars can't cheat history. For the ple and the government" here in same John Gates, who is today America. on trial under the thought-control

Unions, Industries, Schools **Infested by Paid Informers**

By George Breitman

The curtain was lifted on a small corner of the FBI's secret political activities when a judge permitted the introduction of several FBI reports as evi-

dence at the Coplon spy trial in Washington on June 8. It showed that America is rapidly becoming the land of the police spy and the home of the stoolpigeon.

For several days the government fought heatedly to prevent the reading of these documents. To do so, claimed the prosecutor, would "endanger the national security" and confront the government with the "sad choice of exposing vital secrets" or dropping its case against Judith Corlon, former Department of Justice employee being tried for alleged theft of these and other government secrets in order to aid the Soviet Union.

When the judge ruled the FBI eports could be read at the trial, it quickly became clear that what the FBI was really trying to protect in this matter was the shroud of secrecy behind which it has set up a wide-spread network of espionage against the American people.

How many thousands of in ormers are employed and paid

of thousands.

ing on their fellow-citizens is they are now. still a "vital secret." But judging from the revelations at the Coplon | least a dozen agents on his trail, rial about the FBI's surveillance tracking down and reporting, of a single individual, Fredric everything they could find about March, it seems safe to say the his political affiliations, interests ist must easily run into the tens and activities.

Six of these - Confidential Inormants ND 402, ND 305, T-3,

Condemning the "general procedures of the FBI," Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the U.S. Bureau of Standards, declared: "Thousands of Americans have been caused great personal distress, fear and loss of livelihood by incorrect or in-

'Any American Can

Be Ruined'--Condon

correctly interpreted data spread in the government files by the procedures of the FBI, whereby gossip, rumor, and hearsay are gathered from witnesses of unknown integrity or veracity - witnesses who moreover, are never asked to face those whom they slander and whose very identities are

kept secret. "What this means is simply this: that any American can be slandered, his name ruined, his career blasted by any other person who chooses to relay malicious gossip to the FBI."

by the FBI to sneak around spy- them couldn't be any worse than

Nevertheless, the FBI had at

the two million federal employees.

Their most private lives and

thoughts are under FBI scrutiny

and they are all subject to dis-

dence." The most famous victim

of this government purge is

James Kutcher, the legless vet-

to state and local governments,

eran.

Criminal Policy of the Leadership

On the whole, however, the leaders of mass organizations are enemy. Moreover, many of them have not balked at using the heresy hunt for their own selfish bureaucratic interests - as in the case of the union leaders who accepted the Taft-Hartley anti-communist affidavit and employed it to push through purges of their own against militant unionists. This policy not only undermined the fight against the Taft-Hartley Act but gave aid and comfort to the thought-control drive in general.

If the unions and other mass organizations are permitted to travel further down the road of non-resistance or even collaboration in the witch-hunt, then democratic rights in this country are doomed. This dictates a radical shift in policy, and it is up to the workers to see that their leaders fulfill their obligations in this respect or give way to others who will. The Bill of Rights must be preserved. It can be preserved only by welding together the mass organizations in united action against the advance of the iron heel. The time to defend democracy is now. The place to defend it is here. The way to defend it is by mass action, demonstrations and struggles so the National Education Associabroad, so militant and so determined that the enemy can see we tion which prepared and last Union." Gates read, "has trans- and "create an all-inclusive naintend to fight to the death rather than submit.

deportation.

The "loyalty" purge has spread railroaded to the electric chair,

case of the "Trenton Six," being titious."

ist ruling class and its political Gates read from the witness army. stand his article, "The Army and agents, Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-

hower, Dr. James B. Conant, the People," published in the Nov. 1941 Communist before this military training as an effort to president of Harvard, and Truman last week made public encountry formally entered the recent war. This obscene per- the nation." He slandered the fore the war?" dcrsements of the policy of barring "Communists" from the formance was clearly intended to

teaching profession. show how loyally the Stalinists Eisenhower and Conant are members of the commission of during the war.

"The invasion of the Soviet struggle to the national interest" (Continued on page 2) formed the war of rival im-itional front against Hitler."

To be an "arsenal of demo-Smith Act, had deceitfully procracy" is not enough, he went on. mised the workers in 1941 that "Democracy will take a giant leap manpower by declaring war and forward after victory over Hitopening a second front in Europe. ler."

He denounced the workers for During his cross - examination the prosecutor, John McGohey, seeking deferment from conscrip-

"democratically selected"

Gates attacked the Trotskyist McGohey asked in his best slogan of workers' control of prosecutor's tone: "set the working class against signed a pact with Hitler just be-

Trotskyists as "agents of Hitler." Gates said the Soviet Unior "This is not a class war," his did. Then he defended that act supported American imperialism double-talk ran. The workers of treason against the world working class by repeating the "must subordinate the class

usual Stalinist drivel that the Kremlin signed a pact with Germany "because the other nations

Committee. failed to unite with it against Hitler."

"From September 1939 to June 22, 1941 [when Hitler invaded the Soviet Union] you said the war was an imperialist war?" Mc-Gohev inquired.

"Yes," Gates replied. The prosecutor dragged out an article by William Z. Foster on "The War Aims of American Imperialism," published in the April

'Was this written before the nvasion of Russia?" he asked.

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Last year Truman promised that if he was elected, the House Un-American Activities Committee was a "dead duck." Like most of Truman's promises, this one, too, has gone unfulfilled.

This notorious inquisition group not only was 'perpefuated by the Democratic 81st Congress, but it got a bigger appropriation than ever before.

Right now it is working on a scheme to nullify the Fifth Amendment to the Constitudom is gone." tion, which is designed to protect the people against the medieval procedure of being defended Kutcher as a man who. compelled to testify against themselves. greater extent than those who

citizen in no way connected with ED 324, ND 336 and T-6 - supthe government, and hardly in a plied a variety of alleged details position (even if he wanted to) about March's private and public o get his hands on information life. He was accused of belonging about the atomic bomb and other to the Communist Party and of military or diplomatic secrets having "pro-Russian contacts"; which the FBI is supposed to be of having "tears in his eyes" be ruarding. The only thing he cause of a criticism of his acting rould "sabotage" would be a printed in the Daily Worker; of Hollywood movie, and most of (Continued on page 3)



By Winifred Nelson

MINNEAPOLIS, June 12 - About 150 persons gathered in the CIO Hall here Friday night to hear James Kutcher, legless veteran of World War II, tell his story. The meeting was sponsored by the Minnesota sec-

Chairman of the meeting was tion of the Kutcher Civil Rights Milton Siegel, field representa-

Simply and dramatically, Kuttive of the United Packinghouse Workers and president of the cher explained to an attentive audience that the government had Minnesota Kutcher Committee. not questioned his politics when Arthur Sternberg of the Fellowhe entered the Army nor when ship of Reconciliation made an his legs were shot off in Italy, appeal for funds to carry on but only after he obtained a job Kutcher's court fight, and the auwith the Veterans Administration. dience contributed over \$150. Then he was fired from his job UPWA Local 4's endorsement of the Kutcher case was announced. because he belonged to the Socialist Workers Party. This disand a check for \$25 from that unmissal Kutcher termed "the most ion presented. The Hennepin rigid application to date of guilt | County CIO Council also announcy association." ed a contribution of \$10 would be

the House Committee on Un-

subversives in the United States,"

emeritus of the Methodist Church.

included Albert Allen, Jr., presi-

dent of the Minneapolis branch of

the National Association for the

for his entire CIO body when he

"has proved his loyalty to a far

have taken his job from him."

Other speakers of the evening

Dr. Irving E. Putnam, another sent the Committee. speaker at the meeting, called Yesterday, Kutcher appeared Attorney General Tom Clark and

before a session of the Minnesota CIO state executive board, with committees from both Ramsev County and Hennepin County CIO Councils specially delegated to urge endorsement of the Kutcher case. Earlier in the week, the Purple Heart veteran had appeared before both county bodies. The State CIO went on record Saturday for a fair hearing for Kutcher on his right to hold a VA job.

Tonight, an Open House was Advancement of Colored People, Robert Wishart, president of the held in St. Paul at Siegel's home. Hennepin County CIO Council, in order that committee members and Douglas Hall, local attorney. and friends could meet the legless Allen warned: "When the time veteran personally. At this afcomes that thought and associafair, Kutcher was presented with tion are controlled, then all freea leather billfold and a card inscribed: Wishart declared that he spoke

"To James Kutcher — a brave fighter in the vanguard of the struggle for civil liberties - we offer this token of appreciation. **Minnesota** Friends June, 1949." -

You Too Are a Target of the Witch-Hunt cularly unionists in disfavor with come commonplace. Publicity has service, because he refused to have been designating "sensitive **By Art Preis** the employers or ruling poli- been given the victimization of dismiss his assistant, his son, areas" in plants working on gov-The witch-hunters lie when they ticians, have been singled out six University of Washington who was under fire for associa- ernment orders from which say they are after only "a hand- for reprisals. Two outstanding professors. But the Association tion with the National Council alleged "poor security risks" are

ful of disloyal elements." They targets of the drive against for- of University Professors an- of Soviet - American Friendsh'p. being barred. Numerous union are hacking away at the rights eign-born unionists are Carl nounces it is "swamped" with The persecution of scientists militants have already been fired 1940 Communist. of everyone who works for a Skoglund, former president of cases of dismissals or denial of has become so fierce that David or otherwise victimized.

living - industrial workers, fed- famous Minneapolis Truckdrivers promotions on the grounds of Lilienthal, head of the Atomic eral employees, veterans, unem- Local 544, and Harry Bridges, "subversive" views. Energy Commission, complains required to sign "loyalty" oaths ployed, Negro people, foreign- head of the CIO longshoremen, The atmosphere of Nazi book- that scientists are being driven to get unemployment insurance born, ministers, journalists, edu- now facing the third attempt to burnings and the Vatican's Index wholesale out of government proin Ohio. In order not to starve, deport him. Hundreds of obscure Expurgatorius is beginning to jects. Eminent scientists, includcators, students, scientists -Ohio unemployed are forced to non-citizens, who have worked poison the air of free speech and ing Albert Einstein and Harold that is, the great majority of swear, in effect, that they do not here for decades and raised press. This is emphasized by the Urey, have publicly protested our people. seek to change the capitalist families, have been seized for ban on the liberal Nation against the fettering of scient-Among the first to suffer were system that breeds unemploy-

magazine in the New York City ists. ment.

Down in Georgia, the recent and Newark public schools. The Several individuals have been Tens of millions' of voters are sadistic lynching of Caleb Hill is Board of Regents of the Univerhounded to their deaths. The being denied a free choice of a reminder that the bullet, the sity of Nebraska has issued a latest is Morton E. Kent, former parties and candidates because of charge on unrevealed FBI "evi- rope and the torch are the blanket ban on the use in class employee of the Department of laws in nearly a score of states supreme tribunal so far as the rooms of any book or publication Labor, State Department and "subversive" political barring civil liberties of the Negro people found to contain "subversive" Board of Economic Warfare. parties -- as determined by reacare concerned. Up North, the views, whether "open or surrep-Kent slashed his throat and tionary state officials - from the

jumped into the Potomac River ballot. Several states, I'ke New Not even ministers of the after losing his job in private Jersey, require "loyalty", oaths of all candidates for public of-

brings home to every Negro that Gospel are immune from the industry because of repeated FBI bringing new millions under "legal lynching" is on the in- witch-hunters, as the tragic case inquiries about an unproved fice.

crease and that the Negro people of the Rev. John Howard Melish "suspicion," based on the state-About the only section of the attack. Many states have also passed "loyalty" oath and "sub- have no rights that the police shows. The 74-year-old Rev. ment of a paid FBI informer, population whose rights are not version" laws aimed at school and courts are bound to respect. Melish is now lying critically ill that Kent had conversed with a threatened by the witch-hunt is teachers, lawyers, workers in Students and teachers, in both in a New York hospital, broken man "suspected" of being a So- the tiny minority of capitalists private firms engaged on "gov- public and private institutions, by persecution. He was ousted viet agent. and their high-ranking political ernment work," unemployment are facing a reign of terror. from his pastorate at the Holy Millions of workers in private and military agents. They are insurance applicants and others, "Probes," "loyalty" oaths, dis-Trinity Protestant Episcopal industry are caught in the witch-Foreign - born workers, parti- missals and expulsions are be- Church after more than 40 years' hunt web. Military authorities against democratic rights.

Even the unemployed are now

the



American Activities the "greatest **Fifth Amendment** Is Under Attack and suggested that Clark be "deported back to Texas." A member of the Minnesota Kutcher Committee. Dr. Putnam is pastor

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CP Defendant **Boasts of Aid to Imperialist War**

"peoples' peace government,

"For the first time in history,"

possible [for such a coalition] to

prevent the outbreak of another

What a dirty piece of business

for a scoundrel like that to

ist! Small wonder Gates rose

Stalin's GPU in the Spanish Civil

War, attaining a rank "equal to

tried and convicted under the

same thought-control Smith Act

that is now being used against

Cannon denounced the imperial-

ist war aims of the ruling group

of American capitalists as a

scheme to dominate and enslave

the world. The Sixty Families

who cwn America, he predicted,

will use the opportunity of a war

The government will try to

Demands will grow in this

country, among people who want

ome way out of this madhouse

To fulfill these aspirations,

Cannon told the workers from

it is necessary to break com-

pletely and forever with the

mighty independent working class

could get votes.

and background.

growing fascism.

the Stalinists.

at home

imperialist war."

(Continued from page 1) McGohey read to the jury an government which will have as excerpt from Foster's article its aim the establishment of stating that American capitalism peace and not the establishment sought to plunge this country of socialism." into the war "to further its own imperialist interests." he concluded, "it has become

FOSTER IN 1940

Apparently satisfied that he had shown it was not American imperialism that changed when Hitler invaded the Soviet Union masquerade as a Marxist-Leninbut Foster, Gates and Co. who changed on orders from Stalin, high as a political commissar for the prosecutor dropped the subject. But let us examine the question a bit further.

that of a lieutenant-colonel." Foster also attacked in 1940 ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT the "technique for involving this country in the war." He denounced Compare the testimony of as a "gross lie" the sowing of James P. Cannon, a genuine exdemocratic illusions about the ponent of Marxism-Lemnism, in war. He branded the slogan of a federal court at Minneapolis "national unity" a "very danger- At the very time when Gates' ous trap for the workers." Foster scandalous article was published vilified the Trotskyists as "agents in November 1941, Cannon and of American imperialism." 17 other leading Trotskyists were

After June 22, 1941, Moscow ordered the American Stalinists to master the technique for involving this country in the war. Gates' Nov. 1941 article obediently sought to sow the democratic illusion that the imperialist war had suddenly become a "progressive" war. He told the gross lie that the imperialist government of the United States had miraculously become a "peo-ples" government when Hitler's first tank rolled across the Soviet

frontier. Gates set a very dangerous trap for the workers by demanding that they subordinate the class struggle to the "national interest." And to all this treacherworkers and poor farmers pay the our preaching, Foster and the staggering costs of the war. rest of his scurvy breed shouted, "Amen!"

McGohey, of course, did not probe into these aspects of Stalinist duplicity because he is red hot for the "peoples" government at Washington that treats him handsomely as a thoughtcontrol prosecutor. His quarrel the witness stand in Minneapolis, with the Communist Party covers only those periods when Washington and Moscow disagree.

"POSSIBLE TO PREVENT"

political party; establish a Work-Nevertheless, McGohey maners and Farmers Government: aged to sting the Stalinists during and replace the brutal capitalist his cross-examination of Gates; system with an enlightened soso Gates' lawyer, Harry Sacher, cialist society. set out to "rehabilitate" him. WHO WAS RIGHT? "Why did you say in your Nov. 1941 article that America should become more than an arsenal of democracy and that it should be- giant leap forward after victory come a fighter for democracy?" over Hitler," or did the ruling

Sacher asked.

Demand Jobs, Get Clubs



New York police go to work with their clubs on pickets outside the offices of President Joseph P. Ryan of the International Longshoremen's As sociation, AFL. The round-the-clock mass picketline was called as part of a campaign to win jobs for Negro longshoremen. Ryan supporters led the attack on the pickets, who accused the ILA lead er of squeezing ILA Local 968 Negro members off the Brooklyn waterfront.

The Man They Wanted To Draft for President

The "friends of labor" theory had been seeking. So they launch- more reason why these union hold a teaching job in New Jersey, to eliminate all civil liberties here of politics is always creating new ed a frantic "Draft Eisenhower" leaders might look on him with for example, who does not swear embarrassments for those who campaign. awe.

suppress ideas inimical to the follow it. They are forever But Eisenhower refused to be capitalists, he added, and it will apologizing today for some drafted. The labor leaders and seek to check by legislation the capitalist political faker they liberals suffered a big disaporganization of the workers. The supported yesterday as a "liberal" pointment and finally ended up capitalists will try to make the and "friend of labor." Gen. by backing Truman, the little Dwight D. Eisenhower is the man they said wasn't there. Eisenhower didn't have the latest such embarrassment.

chance to demonstrate his Last June, you will recall, the "liberal" views as a president of pro-Democratic labor leaders were the United States. But he did freedom and a right to live, for in a panic to dump Truman and become president of the country's find a new "friend of labor" for largest educational institution, of war and unemployment and the Democratic Party to foist on Columbia University. In this the American working people. capacity he has been giving con-For weeks before the Demosiderable evidence that the kind

eratic National Convention, the of politics he would have prac-CIO-PAC leaders and their liberal ticed as U. S. President would bed-fellows searched for a presihave brought no end of apologies dential candidate to supplant from his labor supporters. capitalist politicians; build a Truman. He had to be someone We don't refer to the fact that they could represent as a "true Eisenhower, as an "educator," has liberal" and "friend of labor." been pounding the drums for

He also had to be someone who militarism and the cold war. That is a virtue in the eyes of the After an exhaustive search, pro-capitalist union leaders. We

their choice finally fell on Gen. don't refer to the fact that Eisen-Eisenhower. Here was the "true hower continues as a leading Who was right, Gates or Can- liberal," "friend of labor" - and representative of the ultra- and militarist "friends of labor" thinks differently than the reacnon? Did democracy "take a potential vote-catcher - they reactionary Big Brass. All the always turn out sour.



House Party Plans 'Book Burning' in World Events Schools, Colleges **By Paul G. Stevens Protest Against** (Continued from page 1)

Ruhr Dismantling veek issued a handbook, Amercan Education and International Agitation against the dismant-Censions, which calls for the exling of eleven Ruhr synthetic oil lusion of "Communists" from plants is at fever pitch. On June chools and colleges. Giving this 8 workers at the Dortmund pareachers purge program the affin works and the Essen coal veight of government sanction, company's chemical works pre-Truman commended the Eisenvented the entry of dismantling squads accompanied by British ower-Conant report the day after officials. "Demonstrations," says ts release.

a Times dispatch, "are being held Censorship and expurgation of in almost all Ruhr towns, with ext books, as projected by the the support of town councils, House Un-American witch-hunt trade unions and Protestant and committee, is already being put Catholic clergy." into practice. The Board of The British claim the factories Regents of the University of are on the Allied list of "prohibit-Nebraska this month adopted a ed industries." The Germans policy of banning from class charge that the action is caused rooms any book deemed to conby British capitalists' fear of tain "subversive" ideas, either competition in their "export 'openly or surreptitiously" exdrive." The workers are concern ressed. What is most significant ed, above all, with the loss of jobs. s that this university's new That accounts for the universa policy incorporates the program response to the mass actions, and adopted by the last session of for their daring. Maj. Gen. W.H. the Association of Governing A. Bishop, British regional com-Boards of State Universities and missioner. "threatened the use Allied Institutions. of force" to put through the dis-While the groundwork is being mantling program, and Belgian laid for federal attacks on troops were brought in to help academic freedom and free suppress the protests.

thought in education, state and local governments and reac-**Partial Victory** tionary boards of trustees of colleges and universities have al- In Bolivian Strike

ready gone a long way to put a A partial victory has been clamp on teachers and steel wrung from the government by students. the embattled working class of

Compulsory "loyalty" oaths for Bolivia, ending a national strike teachers are becoming almost movement on June 8 that was started by the tin miners in the standard practice. No one can Potosi region on May 28. According to a UP report, "the government agreed to limit military in effect, that he does not hold control of the mines, and to reviews unfavorable to the capitalpatriate exiled labor leaders for is profit system.

But last week Eisenhower The Board of Regents of the spoke out on one vital issue in a University of California, anfashion to completely explode the ticipating a teachers "loyalty" fiction of his liberalism. He oath law being debated in the ent trade union officials to Chile. bitterly assailed the proposals for state legislature, on June 12 an-

that "the labor crisis had threatnounced its own compulsory ened last week to plunge the "loyalty" oath for all its 4,000 country into civil war.' grant by the Federal government full-time faculty members and

to all states in the Union for administrative officials. Resent-**Greek Civil War** educational purposes," he said. ment against this action has He linked such a federal aid pro- mounted so high that on June 14 Part of a Deal? gram, endorsed by all liberals and a meeting of 500 of the 700

It has been repeatedly rumored labor leaders, as part of a trend faculty members at the Berkeley about the secret sessions of the. toward "paternalism, if not out- division of the university un Paris Conference that the Rusright socialism." In the same animously adopted a resolution sian delegation has offered the week, Eisenhower's reactionary demanding the rescinding of the Western powers a deal to end One of the most dangerous this week, nobody seemed to know

aspects of the witch-hunt in iust why. Now, many of the labor leaders education is the support being An AP dispatch from London and liberals who a year ago were given to it by professed liberals proposing to put Eisenhower in who claim it is "only" against the White House are bemoaning the Stalinists. But, as numerous seizure of the entire Grammos mits.

the blow he has delivered to cases already show, the gag is public education. These capitalist being readied for everyone who tionary authorities.

reports concentrated attention to Greece in the controlled press, with emphasis on "Russia's plan to end the. . . civil war" and on news from Athens of a favorable reaction to it in Makhi, the organ of the "Socialist Party," whose editor is in Paris covering the Foreign Ministers' meeting. The Times correspondent says all this has' been "read with special interest" by the diplomats there. among whom "it was doubted that the [Paris] meeting would

the Greek situation.' Another sell-out of the heroic Greek guerrilla fighters is being cynically contemplated by the Kremlin to add to its long list of betrayals in Greece and all over the world.

conclude without some effort by

the interested parties to examine

New Crisis in The French CP

In an article entitled "Ill at Ease," Pierre Frank analyzes the crisis of the French Stalinist party in the latest issue of the Trotskyist La Verite. Like the Italian CP, the French Stalinists have lost heavily both in numbers and in working class influence during the past year. There have been wholesale purges, most notably in the Aube and Vaucluse districts, in the leaderships of the trade unions of the Nord and Pasde-Calais departments, as well as in the Seine (Paris) and Seineet-Oise (workers' suburbs) party

organizations. Stalinist leaders in France have undertaken, as usual, a campaign of "self-criticism." One of them, in the weekly France Nouvelle, obviously reveals more than he intended: A. Souquiere, Stalinist formal trial." The strike, political Senator and head of the Parisian in character, had as its immediate organization admits "stagnation" cause, the deportation of prominand even "losses" and finds among the reasons that the com-The UP correspondent remarks position of the Sectional Committees, one after another, shows that there are hardly any workers among them. The entire hierarchy feels it has lost most of its "links to the factories." These have been replaced by party, trade union and municipal government func-

tionaries. Frank points out that the Stalnist hack naturally confines himself in his "self-criticism" to the lower ranks of the bureaucracy. the civil war in Greece. But up to The Central Committee is not mentioned — but there is not a single factory worker on it. In such a party, it is no accident

on June 9 states that the Stalin- that a worker should feel "ill at ist-led Greek guerrillas claimed ease," as the Stalinist hack ad-"The CPF," Frank concludes,

nountain area in northwestern "is a working class party, but it Greece near the Albanian border. t quotes confirmation by the does not belong to the working Yugoslav news agency, which class; it belongs to the bureaucsays that a "major disaster" had racy serving the Kremlin. The been inflicted on the Greek Army only revolutionary party of the in that region, as well as details workers in France is the PCI from an Athens communique (French Section of the Fourth Inalong the same lines. ternational) which, thanks to its It appears, consequently, that revolutionary program, has been the guerrillas had made such able to overcome enormous difgains of late that the cynical ficulties due to the conditions in Kremlin gang considered using which it has arisen, and has been them as a strong bargaining building a party where workers point in exchange for concessions are not 'ill at ease' and whose from the Western powers on leadership has in its ranks a conother matters. A dispatch from stantly increasing number of Moscow to the Times. June 10. workers."

Monday, June 20, 1949

I believed it would be only a vicious witch-hunt right here in matter of time before the fascists | America?

Whom should the workers beattacked the United States," Gates purred, beaming in selflieve now? The Stalinists who admiration over his cleverness. want to take the workers back into the same old trap of class-"because the involvement of the Soviet Union against Germany collaboration with the capitalists destruction of World War II? the United States."

Under Sacher's questioning, Or the Trotskyists who tell the established that the murderer Gates then outlined the Stalinist workers to break completely with program for a political coalition the capitalists and fight to create agents and had killed Trotsky of workers and capitalists to form a socialist society?

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The authors, moreover, do not also why Trotsky's murderer, the the wound in the forearm that I **EDITORIAL NOTE** offer any proof or documentation third of these children, was able mentioned above. He had no trade The trial in Mexico City of of their assertions and hence to pass himself off as a Belgian. nor calling. He had become ac-"Jacques Mornard" or "Frank make it impossible to verify either It was thought at first, that customed to living without workleft Japan's hands free to attack that led to the slaughter and Jacson," self-confessed assassin the correctness or incorrectness Caridad Mercader had entered ing, frequenting houses of prostithe service of the GPU in Spain tution, satisfying all his vices. of Leon Trotsky, irrefutably of their allegations. We are publishing excerpts when the civil war had already He was an adventurer without

was one of Stalin's hired GPU from the section dealing with the begun. This is not so. Her con- a future. Following his mother's identity of the assassin for their nections with this sinister police example, he became one of the on the orders of his master. The intrinsic interest and as informa- and spy organization date back docile agents of the GPU. Once precise identity of the assassin tion for our readers. much earlier. In 1928 she was in their hands, they assigned him

Gorkin writes that "if it is already serving the GPU in Paris. to the murder of Trotsky, just has up to now never been anthoritatively fixed as the killer and necessary, I can cite my proofs She was a member of a "special in case Alfaro Siqueiros' attack his employers in the Kremlin in support of what I say." We cell" controlled by the secret [in May, 1940] failed. . .

have taken the greatest precau- hope that Gorkin will now pro- service that functioned - as it tions in concealing his origins duce the documentation upon still does — under the cover of MOSCOW, MEXICO, FRANCE Caridad Mercader lived in Moswhich the authors based their diplomatic immunity.

EXPLODES FICTION

federal aid to education.

"I would flatly oppose any

cluded the proposal to bar "com-

munists" from teaching jobs.

strictures on education also in- oath requirement.

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But she along with other GPU cow from 1940 to August 1944. agents took cover in political There she was treated like an im-

As was noted in another part organizations independent of the portant personage. She had direct Mornard" or "Frank Jacson" is. The June issue of Readers Digest of the book, several Catalonian Communists. It is an old tactic relations with Beria, all-powerful reprints an article from Plain refugees who held responsible of the GPU, which was used and chief of the NKVD [the secret Talk which recounts the main positions in the Communist or- abused in my poor Spain before police]. She was strictly forbidden facts about the pickax assassina- ganization during the Spanish being employed in the countries to talk with anyone about her tion and quotes the restrained Civil War but have since taken subjugated today under the Stal- third child. Nevertheless, she verdict of the Mexican judges in a position outside of - and even inist yoke. With her daughter talked more than she was supthe case: "The court must declare against it - these refugees Montserrat, Caridad Mercader posed to, above all with some of that the trip of Frank Jacson or recognized the assassin [of Leon belonged to Section 15 of the the closest Communist militants

Jacques Mornard to Mexico was Trotsky] beyond a doubt. As Socialist Party (SFIO) in Paris, - refugees in Moscow. undertaken with the sole object proof of their statements they for several years. Old-timers Caridad Mercader remained in even assured me that he had a among the militants of this sec- Mexico under a false identity of killing Trotsky." In the summer of 1948 a book scar on his right forearm, caused tion know them and remember from October 1944 to November was run in serial form in the by a wound he received at the them very well. 1945. She was in constant touch

Mexican periodical Revista de front - something which I had During the Spanish Civil War, with her son. She saw to it that Caridad Mercader worked ac- he lacked nothing and pulled America entitled "How They verified without the murderer pays off in subscriptions. Murdered Trotsky" under the An increased number of subhimself being aware of it. Scrutively in the Unified Socialist strings through a clever lawyer scriptions, with its assured cir-Party of Catalonia (PSUC), af- and a judge in order to gain joint authorship of Julian Gorkin, pulous to the extreme, I waited, filiated to the Communist In- credence for the theory of "selfcle of readers, means improved member of the Spanish POUM, nevertheless, for other comternational. . . In Catalonia, Mer- defense" and thereby to obtain a possibilities of winning new adand General Leandro A. Sanchez plementary proofs. nerents to the cause of socialism. At last I have them. Some of cader became one of the reliable reduction of the sentence of 20 Salazar, head of the Secret

Service of the Mexican police at them, the principal ones, from GPU agents and drew her own years and a day. Moscow itself. The iron curtain children into that terrible organ-For nearly three years now, the time of the assassination.

The book has been sharply created by Stalinist totalitarian- ization. she has been in Paris with her criticized by Alfred Rosmer in ism in order to isolate the Their surname is del Rio Mer- daughter Montserrat. But in the French Trotskyist periodical, martyrized Russian people from cader. One of them died in Spain. constant contact with her, Quatrieme Internationale, and by the rest of the world, has its The oldest lives in Paris. Next is group of NKVD agents operates the widow of Trotsky, Natalia flaws and its leaks. At any rate, a daughter, who is inseparable in the Mexican capital. These Trotsky, in an article sent to the I am now in a position to make from Caridad. The third is the agents collect a high salary and French Trotskyist newspaper, Le a series of statements and to notorious Jacson - Mornard, the travel in an automobile. Their Verite, for its gross inaccuracies answer fully for them. I shall assassin of Leon Trotsky. only task is to serve - and The full name of Leon Trotsky's watch - Trotsky's murderer. and lightminded treatment of the even say that if it is necessary,

murderer is Ramon del Rio Mersubject matter. I can cite my proofs in support In a special appendix to the of what I say below. cader. Actually he has never tion of the murder of the former book, the authors purport to The assassin's mother is ac- used his father's name but his Red Army chief, the aid to his establish the true identity of tually alive and her name is mother's: Mercader. His older murderer and maintenance of the Caridad Mercader. She is a brother, who lives in Paris with NKVD apparatus in Mexico have but their own. Cleveland ordered Trotsky's assassin. General Salazar played a very Catalonian, firm, energetic, fan- his mother and his sister, Mont- already cost Moscow up to the 60 extra copies of this issue,

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"Socialism would have no value if it should not bring with it, not only the juridical inviolability but also the full safeguarding of all the interests of the human personality. Mankind would not tolerate a totalitarian abomination of the Kremlin pattern. The political regime of the USSR is not a new society, but the worst caricature of the old. With the might of the techniques and organizational methods of the United States; with the high well-being which planned economy could assure there to all citizens, the Socialist regime in your country would signify from the beginning the rise of independence, initiative and creative power of the human personality." -Leon Trotsky, 1940. LENIN

Three Strikebreaking Governments

One thing the American, British and Russian governments have in common they are all strikebreakers. This was demonstrated last week by an unusual coincidence. The Washington, London and Moscow authorities were simultaneously engaged in attempts to break railroad strikes.

When the Kremlin tried to crush the strike of Western Berlin railroad workers with violence, American military officials in Western Germany and the capitalist press in this country seized on the Stalinist acts to make hypocritical propaganda contrasting the "democratic" methods of American and British imperialism with Stalinist strikebreaking.

While the Berlin, strike was still in progress last week, the Japanese railroad workers went on strike in protest against the mass firing of 109,000 rail employees and British railroad workers continued their Sunday strikes to press their claims for higher wages. General Douglas MacArthur, U. S. military dictator in Japan, dealt with the Japanese strikers in the same spirit as the Stalinists acted toward the Berlin strikers. According to the June 12 N. Y. Times. MacArthur issued a "peremptory order" that "Japan's striking railmen must resume their jobs." Japanese government and union officials were summoned to MacArthur's Supreme Headquarters, which "ordered the union heads to end the strike immediately" and "the Government to suspend collective bargaining until the strike was ended." This ultimatum - bearing with it the implied threat of American military force - broke the strike. Moscow promptly denounced this "club law." The British Labor government directed its

strikebreaking against British labor. Through George Isaacs, Minister of Labor, it broadcast radio demands that both the railroad and dock strikers, who refuse to unload scab ships from Canada, return to work at once. In the case of the dock strikes, reports the June 13 N. Y. Times, the use of troops to unload ships "has become almost routine." Meanwhile, in Germany on June 13, British military authorities, aided by Belgian occupation troops with Bren gun carriers and armored cars, dispersed 800 men, women and children seeking to save the workers' jobs by trying to halt British dismantling of a chemical plant.

The Kremlin smeared the Berlin railroad strikers as "pogromists" who had "received the open blessing of American authorities." MacArthur slandered the Japanese strikers as agents of the Soviet Union, "an inciter of disorder and violence in an otherwise orderly Japanese society." And in England, Mr. Isaacs libeled the British strikers as tools of the "Communists" who are trying "to dislocate 'our trade and thus retard our recovery." Thus, all three governments, according to the circumstances, alternately cry "strikebreaker" and "strike inciter" at each other.

The Kremlin commits its crimes against labor in the name of "communism." The British Labor government carries out its strikebreaking in the name of "socialism." American imperialism smears strikes in the name of capitalist "democracy." What they really prove is that all three are brutal despoilers of the working people - enemies alike of socialism and communism and democratic rights.

Who Are the Betrayers?

The one-week coal stoppage called by the United Mine Workers has furnished the Truman Democrats and the Taft-Hartlevites with a common theme song. Blame John L. Lewis and the coal miners, they chorused last week to the accompaniment of the Big Busi- . ness press, if Congress now refuses to repeal or to greatly modify the Taft-Hartley Act.

Hartley repeal their major pledge to labor before elections, to carry it out. If they failed miserably for six months, what basis is there for expecting success in the next six months?

The opponents of Taft-Hartley repeal are not at all "softening up." On the contrary, they are tougher than ever as a result of their repeated victories over the flabby Truman Democrats. It wasn't last week's mine strike that "stiffened" them. They were emboldened and hardened by the six months of miserable retreats and "compromises" of the Truman Democrats. The Truman Democrats showed their colors weeks ago when they put forward the Sims bill in the House. This bill came as close to the Taft-Hartley Act as it is possible to get without using its actual wording and name. Even before the Senate debate began, the leading Truman Democrats, including Senator Paul Douglas, cooked up and publicly sponsored five "compromise" amendments that differed from the Sims bill only in advocating government strikebreaking by plant 'seizures" instead of injunctions. The Truman Democrats and the Trumanite labor leaders like Murray and Green - as Lewis correctly charged - had made their preparations for the betrayal of their promises on labor legislature weeks ago. It is to conceal their own treacherous retreats, "compromises" and long-prepared betrayal that the Truman Democrats and their labor henchmen are trying to foist the blame for continuation of the Taft-Hartley Act on the very union, the UMW, which has refused to bow to the Taft-Hartley Act.

How the Witch-Hunt Works BUREAUCRATIC INFRINGEMENTS **FAND NOW THEY WANT TO MAKE VOTERS SIGN 'LOYALTY OATHS'** ARE NOT SANCTIONED BY LAW

By Albert Parker

Scores of witch-hunt bills have been introduced in Congress and the state legislatures during the past two years. But the worst inroads on American democratic rights so far have been made not by the enactment of legisla-3

tion but by executive decree and list is to make a worker think twice, three and even ten times oureaucratic assumptions of power not authorized by law. before joining an organization Instead of protesting against

thus placed in jeopardy. The hese invasions of legislative details may be different, but prerogative, as they usually do we defy anyone to show any real difference in principle between especialy in cases where patronage is involved, Congress and the this method of political terror and state legislatures are quite conthe methods the Nazis used to outlaw opponent political organtent to sit back and let the executive arm of the government izations. Formally, the blacklist is supand its bureaucratic minions

plaze the witch-hunt trails. posed to apply only to the two More than that, the legislators million - odd federal employees are actively collaborating in the and already has been used to drive thousands of them out of federal subversion of constitutional guarantees through their own employment and to make it clear investigating" committees. These to the others that their livelibodies arrogate to themselves hood depends on abject obedience to the powers-that-be. But its police powers they were never granted, exert tremendous reacapplication goes far beyond this Basing themselves on this list tionary pressure on private in-

just as though it had the sanction stitutions and individuals to conform to prevailing thought-conof federal law, several state legislatures have adopted legislatrol patterns and create the atmosphere for further assaults tion embodying the same apby the executive and eventual preach. Thus the New York Feinberg Act permits the disadoption of repressive legislacharge of teachers belonging to

EVEN MORE INSIDIOUS

tion.

The FBI's police-spy system and the new Central Intelligence Agency, dual networks of espionage against the American people, are examples of non-legislative attacks on civil rights dis- hats. Drunk with their growing cussed elsewhere in this issue, power and inherently hostile to Even more insidious is the administration's "subversive" blacklist, the keystone of the whole witch-hunt which has the support of both capitalist parties in Washington. Acting on the authority of an dustry.

executive order by Truman, the Attorney General compiled and constantly adds to a list of organizations which he has designated as "subversive." The organizations have been denied the opportunity to even see or hear the specific charges and 'evidence" on which this designation was allegedly based; they have been denied the right to defend themselves against these charges at an open hearing. The whele thing rests on the say-so of a single poll-tax politician, the same man who is boss of the tracts, this "right," unless chal- to now is no reason for believing FBI's spy system. Without the slightest recourse to legislation, the administration in this way has fashioned itself

a potent weapon for intimidating dictatorial ambitions of generals growth of the police state can the population against particiand admirals. pation in anti-capitalist political

TOM CLARK

ment. fecting private institutions and organizations already intimidated by the clamor of the witch-hunt and all too ready to submit to the way is clearly open for the its demands. It becomes harder designation of any organization

for known members of black- which would advocate the overlisted organizations to get even throw of Jim Crow, for example, private jobs, and in at least one which is considered a viciously instance a private employer in subversive move by Southern California has openly fired a politicians. worker because of his political Equally revealing is the phrase, affiliations.

well.

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Workers of the World, whose

It is necessary to understand evidently extracts a promise from organizations on Clark's list, hat this is only the beginning. would be voters for the future as and in some state colleges ever students may be barred. The "subversive" list can be ex-Also basing themselves on this tended indefinitely, again withlist and shielding themselves as out legislative permission. Only a few weeks ago Clark added the sentatives, where it is said to be the FBI does behind the pretext name of a bona-fide trade union sure of passage. It has been subof "vital secrets." are the brass organization, the Industrial mitted for an advisory opinion

democracy, this section of the contractual relations with employers are recognized by the tutional. government bureaucracy is preparing for the day when it can NLRB. rule the whole land by extending And this far-sweeping transright now its dictation over emformation of American life takes

ployment policies in private inplace purely on the basis of a Using their control over military contracts, the brass hats have ordered the dismissal of representatives. What exists toworkers belonging to the allegedly day is still called "democracy," "subversive" organizations. And because the laws remain substan-

even where the unions involved tially as before. But how much organizations and impose 20protested militantly, as Westingpolitical freedom is there in house UE Local 107 did last reality if a man must risk his summer in a strike that won job whenever he expresses his reinstatement of the fired workers, the brass hats still claim the them by joining the party that being watched with great care they are only a part. right to bar such workers from shares them? Moreover, the fact that the so-called restricted areas and de-

wedge for complete subordination is ripe. To delay further in orof the labor movement to the ganizing mass resistance to the prove suicidal, because every

In the absence of serious, passing day is being used by the action. For although the groups large-scale opposition to the ex- government to make it more and blacklisted remain formally legal, tension of this deadly conspiracy, more difficult to organize just

By John F. Petrone

Just when it seemed that they had about exhausted every possible variant with the "loyalty oath," Alabama comes up with a new wrinkle — a bill for a constitutional amendment to require prospective voters to ?

swear that they "disavow belief not only by the other state n or affiliation, at any time, with legislatures but also by the FBI any group or party which ad- and the Congressional witchvocated the overthrow of the hunters, who are said to have Government of the United collaborated in its preparation." States. Without waiting for a decision

It should be noted, to begin in the courts, however, the with. that the clause about "over-|Senate Judiciary Committee, throw" of the government is not which is trying to steal some of even qualified by the usual the thunder of the notorious phrase "by force or violence." House Un - American Activities"" In Alabama they don't care how Committee, is working away at it happens, they just don't want its own police state bills - the to see any change in the govern- Mundt-Nixon and the Ferguson bills, which would require "com-

munist" organizations to register The bill doesn't say who is to with the government and supply interpret which groups or parties it with their membership lists. would come under the ban, but

CONTRIBUTING" ACTS

Both these bills would also make it a felony to "knowingly" commit, in concert with others. "an act which would substantially contribute" to the establishment of a "totalitarian dictatorship"

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in this country. The punishment "at any time," which not only could be ten years imprisonment. refers to any time in the past but and \$10,000 in fines.

What kind of acts would "contribute" to a "totalitarian dictaorship?" In the view of the The bill is on the calendar of witch-hunters a Workers and the Alabama House of Repre-Farmers Government is a "totalitarian dictatorship" because it would abolish capitalism. Well, anything that would substantially to the State Supreme Court, contribute to the establishment which has ruled that it is constiof a Workers and Farmers Government — perhaps even an act

to help form an independent If this bill seems "extreme and Labor Party - might conceivably sweeping" (to use the legal ex- fall within the jurisdiction of

"Throughout history creative

artists in every field have been,

by the nature of their activity,

protagonists in the fight for,

freedom of thought and ex-

pression. Many have known - as

they still do - what it is to have

their works reviled, persecuted

and even officially suppressed by

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artists, or among those closely

associated with them, we there-

"We believe," the statement

single executive decree, never submitted to the decision of of the lot. The dishonor of having That is week the submitted that the decision of the lot. That is why Zechariah Chafee either the voters or their elected produced that belongs to the Jr., Harvard Law School professor Maryland Legislature and Gov- and constitutional expert, was ernor, whose Ober Act makes is 100% correct last week when he possible to outlaw "subversive" attacked these bills as a means of "suppressing" the American year sentences and \$20,000 fines people. And they will do it too, unless the people act first and for membership in such groups. The Ober Act is being tested suppress these bills together with political views or tries to work for in the courts, and the fight is the reactionary drive of which



NEW YORK, June 11 - An | arts were urged to support the appreciative audience of over 400 Committee's work by signing a people heard five authorities ex- statement of protest initiated by press their views in a lively round the five speakers of the evening. table discussion on "The State of Their statement declares:

Senator Robert A. Tatt, naturally, pointed to the mine walkout as justification for continuation of his Act. But harshest in denouncing Lewis and the miners were Democrats like Senators Elbert D. Thomas and Hubert Humphrey, the highly-touted darlings of the Trumanite liberals and union leaders.

Summing up their argument, the June 10 N. Y. Times in a lead editorial shook its head disprovingly at "Mr. Lewis' timing," which it called "highly unfortunate." It "comes at the very moment when organized labor is launching its fight in the Senate for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. Messrs. William Green and Philip Murray may well ask, in the words recently addressed to them by the mine chieftain, who is really 'betraying American labor'?"

Of course, neither the Times nor the Truman Democrats ever approved the "timing" of any mine strike or any other strike. But aside from the transparent hypocrisy of their argument, it falls apart at the mere posing of this question: "Would Congress be any readier to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act if the miners had not struck at this time?"

Congress had been in session almost six months before there was any hint of the latest mine strike. That was certainly ample time for the Democrats, who made Taft-

Murderous Attacks on Labor Leaders

There are specialized killers abroad today. Their specialty is killing, or trying to kill, labor leaders.

Since May 9 there have been three murderous assaults in widely separated areas --- New York State, Michigan and Ohio.

In New York a gang of hired killers stabbed* to death William Lurye, special organizer of International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL. Fifteen days later in Detroit another gunman shot and seriously wounded Victor Reuther, CIO United Auto Workers Educational Director.

A few days ago, on June 12, in Marion. Ohio a shotgun was discharged at Thomas S. Mitchell, organizing director for the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, who was recuperating from an appendix operation in the Marion City Hospital. The killer came at night and fired through an open window, three feet away from the bed. Some slugs lodged in the pillow of the ailing strike leader. Last year, Walter Reuther, president of United Auto Workers suffered serious injury

from still another assault. This makes four such attacks in the space of twelve months. Naturally, this sequence of events is too widely separated in time and place and in targets chosen to have any direct connection. But they do have one quite significant feature in common, namely, each individual subjected to attack is, as we said, a labor figure of varying degree of prominence.

In this sense, each attack was at the same time, each in its own way, truly a blow struck at labor itself.

Most alarming feature of all is the increasing frequency of this naked terror. In plain language, an atmosphere has already been created in our country propitious for the most brutal physical assaults upon the labor movement. Today it is vented upon individuals. On the morrow it may well be upon whole groups, especially unions.

Who has created such an atmosphere if not the red-baiters and the witch-hunters? Who is most gravely endangered by this if not the whole of organized labor?

the effect of the "subversive" it mushrooms ever further, af- such resistance.

FBI Police Spy System Uncovered at **Trial**

(Continued from Page 1) program sponsored by the American Society for Russian Relief in 1945 and of reading a poem on the atom bomb by Norman Corwin at another meeting the same year; of contributing money for a documentary film production; of sponsoring a book against anti-Semitism. The FBI report containing all this stuff listed it

as a "security matter." Six other informers - ND 342. ND 359, ND 384, ND 388, ND 400 and ND 403 — were in on the hunt but apparently could not find out anything about March's "current Communist activities in the New York area." In addition, the FBI had at least two other

agents — T-7 and T-8 — snooping around for whatever they could learn about March's wife.

These stoolpigeons are paid for their services—with money taken from the American taxpayer. This was admitted under crossexamination in the current trial public but to the members of of the 11 Stalinist leaders in New Congress who voted for it. No York, a which most of the government witnesses testified they were FBI plants sent into the Communist Party.

PRETTY GOOD FEES"

How much they are paid individually or what the total annual cost is - these are additional secrets that the FBI considers "vital" and for which the taxpayer never receives an itemized accounting. Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards, whose wife was named in one of the reports at the Coplon trial, says the informers get "pretty good fecs."

The public forced to pay these 'fees" likewise knows little about the number and kind of organizations in which FBI agents are operating. But the little that has already been revealed is sinister

enough. As the Stalinist trial has knowledge of its activities of appearing on an entertainment proved, they are planted not only any authority over them. in the Communist Party and its Again, of course, the pretext is front organizations but also in the protection of "vital secrets."

the trade unions. But again the curtain has slipped There appears to be no limit know that the Intelligence Agency

to the resources at the command of the FBI. Therefore, it would has the power "to assign its agents to schools, industrial orhardly be an exaggeration to ganizations, labor unions and conclude that the FBI' aims at having (if it does not already have) at least one stoolpigeon in every union local in the country, assigned to act as a finger man against the militants and to make reports on the internal affairs of the unions. If it is not checked, the extension of this police spy

system could prove fatal to the very existence of independent unionism

NEW SPY NETWORK

To make matters still worse, Congress has just passed a bill its tentacles into every nook and establishing a Central Intelligence Agency, most of whose provisions are a secret not only to the American people will have to choose between their cherished democratic institutions and a police state, whose most notorione outside this new agency's ous features are already accepted administrators will have any as normal in Washington.



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Art Today and Its Future arranged by the New York Kutcher Civil Rights Committee at Hotel Diplomat last night.

WORST OF THEM ALL

Meyer Schapiro, Professor of Fine Arts at Columbia University, acted as moderator of the symposium. The panel of experts was composed of Clement Greenberg, art critic of The Nation; James J. Sweeney, author and lecturer; George Morris, well-known abstract painter; and Adolph Gott-

fore have a vital concern in the state of civil liberties today." lieb. artist. Following presentations by these artists and critics, members concludes, "that Kutcher has a a little and we are permitted to from the audience participated by right to his ideas and his form. bringing forward their own of expressing them - the right

opinions on the topics under which we demand for ourselves."... discussion. A number of prominent artists" In response to an appeal by George Novack, national secreand musicians present added their tary of the KCRC, \$145 was con-

names to this protest which will.... become the basis for a nation-... wide campaign to enlist support

Painters, musicians, writers and | for the legless veteran in the field other workers in the creative of the creative arts.



other groups in this country." Where will this police - spy network stop? FBI stoolpigeons tributed to aid the legless vetadmit they recruited members of eran in his fight for reinstatetheir own family into the Comment. munist Party and then reported them to the FBI. How far removed is that from the Nazi

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practice of training children to spy against their parents? Democratic rights cannot long survive when a police espionage system against the people is permitted to flourish and extend cranny. The two are incompatible. The day is not far off when the

The Ban on "The Nation"

By Joseph Keller -

When the New York City Board of Superintendents banned the Nation magazine from the city's public schools last year, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Jansen indignantly denied that the school authorities acted under pressure of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The recent hearing by the Board of Education on the Board of Superintendents' renewal of the ban left little room for doubt as to the outside forces responsible for this gross act of censorship against the country's oldest and most respected liberal journal.

Those at the hearing who spoke for continua-tion of the ban were, with the exception of three individuals, spokesmen for Catholic organizations or Americanism Committees of the American Legion.

Among the Catholic organizations represented were the Coordinating Committee of the Catholic Lay Committees of the Archdiocese of New York, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Inter-Racial Council, the Catholic Teachers Alliance and the Catholic Lawyers Guild. They and the American Legion spokesmen put on an exhibition of foul-mouthed invective and slander that sounded like the fascist Coughlinites and Christian Fronters in their hey-day.

The original ban had been imposed because of the series of articles by Paul Blanshard on the economic, social and political role of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That was in April 1948. There was a considerable liberal outcry against this attempt to censor discussion and criticism of the Catholic hierarchy's activities in the sphere of general public life.

It was claimed by Dr. Jansen at the latest hearing, however, that the renewal of the ban this month was for material that had appeared in The Nation this year. He did not state what that material was. He told reporters after the meeting - which took no action to rescind the ban that The Nation "had an ad in there, for a book, about Christ was a myth or something." On that basis, almost any secular newspaper or magazine that carries book ads could be banned.

But the comments of those who spoke for the ban made it clear that an alleged "attack on religion" was the least they had in mind. One American Legion speaker claimed that the mildlyliberal Freda Kirchwey, editor of The Nation, had "an outstanding record as a member of pro-Communist groups." Another roared indignantly, "Next thing we know, The Nation will be defending Lilienthal." Others assailed reviews of the Kinsey report or articles on the Mindszenty case that had appeared at one time or another in The Nation.

Speaking against the ban were such widely varied, and even politically opposed bodies, as the Liberal Party and the American Labor Party, the American Civil Liberties Union, Americans for Democratic Action, the Ad Hoc Committee to Lift the Ban on The Nation, the Teachers Guild and the CIO Teachers Union, the Committee on Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association, the Public Education Association, the United Parents' Association, the American Jewish Congress and the National Lawyers Guild.

The hearing on the Nation ban brought out into the open the tremendous menace of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to free thought and democratic public education. The imposition of public censorship through the action of a private religious body, which is able to manipulate public agencies like the New York Board of Education, is a challenge to every democratic tradition in this country.

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Hear of Mine Stoppage

Larry Gragg and Andy Gerdich read in Pittsburgh that work

will halt for one week starting June 13 for what President John L. Lewis of United Mine Workers called "a brief stabilizing period in inaction." 450,000 soft and hard coal miners are affected by this move which is tied in with UMW negotiations for a new contract. | Gray was quoted in the Courier



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3,000 workers of the Bell Air- setting aside the question of representatives - to the whole craft Corporation went out on wages and pensions for a three problem of collective bargainstrike today following collapse of to four month period during ing." This was supposed to be in negotiations between the com- which the employees would con- contrast to the conduct of the pany and union officials represent. tinue to work. We proposed militants which they described ing Local 501, UAW-CIO. Picket settling all other contract issues as "irsulting, arrogant, abusive, lines were set up early this now but indicated we were willing vulgar behavior" toward the commorning around the huge Niagara to give proper consideration in pany. Falls plant amidst a spirit of future negotiations to any monerising militancy enhanced by the tary concessions made by the unprecedented arrogance of the company at this time. Our offer 2 went so far as to state that company, which according to was refused by the company and Regional Director Martin Gerber we were informed by their re- burt us in our negotiations with wanted the contract renewed presentatives there would be no management and may hurt us in for one year without any wage further extension of contract or the future. Management won't increases or other economic benefits included." our wage demands and accepted

contract on April 30.

for a strike.

Just before negotiations broke the company's offer on all other off. Sub-regional Director E. F. contract matters." COMPANY GAINED TIME

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An unidentified Reuther spokesman quoted in the News of March the policy of the militants "has negotiations unless we withdrew give in an inch to them." Now the new Reutherite administration is forced to admit that their "constructive" and "intelligent"

belly-crawling, appeasement tactics couldn't even wrest from the The present union officials of company a simple extension of Local 501 had previously granted the contract - after they had the company two successive congratuitously granted two of tract extensions, one on April 30 them to the company at a time and another on May 15 without when the latter needed them prior authorization by the membadly. The Reutherite protestabership. These extensions are tions - that "we are reasonable said to have given the company people," "we are willing to comprecious good time which enabled promise," and so forth - were it to get out pressing orders and not able to elicit anything from placed the company in a more the company except greater favorable position than it would arrogance and contempt. have been at the expiration of the

The fiasco of the negotiations conducted by the Reutherites has The company's sudden introengendered the deepest resentduction of overtime and work on ment and bitterest criticism on Saturday and Sundays in certain departments had previously the part of the rank and file. The aroused the suspicions of the admissions made by Sub-regional workers as company preparations Director Gray as well as those made by Regional Director

The newly elected local officials Gerber - who was called in by took over the administration two the local Reuther machine to save months ago from the militant the situation for them - that Rank and File group, following a they could not get anything at violent Trotsky - baiting attack all from the company is regarded against the union administration as a striking confirmation of the bankruptcy of their company apby the anti-labor Buffalo Evening News, the company and the local peasement policies.

mass action to repulse Beck and

They resorted, instead, to ex-

pensive and time-consuming legal

proceedings and succeeded in

forcing a disgusted rank and file

to give up the strike and return

to work - to an open shop, minus

a contract, with no demand gain-

ed. Hundreds of ex-strikers were

his strikebreakers.

At last night's strike prepara-Reutherite bureaucracy. The Reuther group had staked their tion meeting, the workers gave all on obtaining a new union more than a broad hint that they contract by what they termed in are looking towards the militheir campaign propaganda, "ra- tants to lead them to a victorious tional, constructive, intelligent conclusion of the strike.

Boeing Company Wins Court Decision; for years, failing to break with Union Will Seek NLRB Election

By C. Kaye

SEATTLE, June 6 — After long months of silence, the follows: "No police brutality. Urban Redevelopment Commis- U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has finally announced its deci-Adequate pensions for aged, sion. Moreover, the Stalinists sion in the case of the Boeing Airplane Co. versus the Aero

Are You A Stockholder?

– By Jeanne Morgan –

They forgot to invite you and me to the Waldorf-Astoria in New York last month when the American Iron and Steel Institute held its annual shindig. But it was just an oversight. They wanted us there. Really needed us. What makes me so positive is a copy of a speech made at this gathering by Clarence B. Randall, Inland Steel's president, which has belatedly come to my no-

tice It's really quite simple. What the steel billionaires need are "new sources of private risk capital," but, as Randall points out, there are nowadays "so few remaining rich" (hardly enough to fill Waldorf-Astoria) that there is "no choice but to turn boldly toward the mass savings of the two most powerful political groups in America, the workers and the farmers" (of whom, as everyone knows, there are plenty).

To be sure, Randall does not want too many of us. He just wants enough of us poor to make the "few remaining rich" feel a little happier. Randall estimates that "We of Steel" require about "500,000 men who believe passionately that their own self-interest is at stake, and who are determined that steel production shall remain free.'

This is not going to be too easy, Randall warns. It appears that he and his lonely fellow plutocrats have "somehow" committed a slight oversight all these years. "We have taught men to be production minded, but have somehow not always sensed that it was our job to make them freedom minded."

And you and I are sorely in need of such an education, assures Randall. Why, we are all so

mis-educated that, as he insists, "less than 2% of the men and women employed in steel own

stock in their respective companies." You and I are so darned miseducated that instead of buying common stock we squander it on silly things, especially the steelworkers. But let Randall himself give you the score. He says that uneducated steel workers "buy new automobiles and television sets, but not common stocks. As their future has become secure through the operation of pension plans, they have tended to live more and more right up to the limit of their incomes." Not only dumb, but shiftless, that's us, including the steelworkers.

You and I just don't know how to live the lives of really free men and women. And Ran- political action against discrimidall is just the fellow to remedy this state of nation, police brutality and second affairs. What is needed is for us to start pouring | class citizenship in every aspect all our loose cash into, at least, common stock of political, economic and social in steel. Now, Randall knows this isn't going to life in the Los Angeles area. In be easy, either. This "again must be done the this was the strength of the camhard way. We must be really more interested in the new partners than we are in their money.' It's tough but it's worth it.

Get the point, partner? If you don't today, you will tomorrow when Randall and all these other new "partners" of yours and mine will let loose their barrage of "educational" ads in the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers and other philanthropic periodicals calling on all workers to "use part of every pay-check to buy steel stock." Whether we'll all get "freedom-minded" that way still remains to be seen. But one thing is sure, Randall and his friends are determined to get us "free" - but quick! - of all our "mass savings," if any.

By J. Blake

LOS ANGELES - Edward R. Roybal won last month's race in the Ninth District by 20,472 votes is reportedly the first successful fight for representation for minorities on the Los Angeles City Council.

The Roybal campaign was in the main initiated and conducted by the vanguard of the Mexican

community. It was an independent aign.

In the councilmanic election, wo years ago, Roybal was defeated in his race against the same opponent, incumbent Councilman Parley Parker Christensen, for many years the darling of the liberals and the Stalinists. At that time the needs of the minority Roybal represents were

as great, but the mass base in the Mexican community had not been organized; many Mexican-Americans, ignored and excluded from participation in government, did not even bother to

register to vote.

program.

hunt.

soon became a vital political body in the Mexican community. Be-

5. 1949.

young Mexican - American veterans, college students, and labor organizers and union officers. From the beginning, conscious efforts were made to forge an alliance between the CSO and sections of the CIO and AFL. Roybal pledged a representative

labor committee to advise him on legislation of special concern to hem.

ROYBAL'S PROGRAM

At the same time, the signiicance of Roybal's candidacy to all the minority and low income groups in the District was emphasized in approaching Negro, Jewish, Nisei, Italian and other minority groups.

Roybal's program in the cam-

Roybal Victory Shows L. A. Minorities' Power bal's supporters organized the and from the Mexican com-Community Service Organization Lounity. which, with Roybal as president,

AFTER THE PRIMARY

Chief activists in the CSO were

in the primary campaign, but only after considerable hesitation and delay occasioned by the fact that they had backed Christensen him even after he voted to ap-

prove Mayor Bowron's appointment of a leading advocate of paign summed up the issues as race restrictive covenants to the

After Roybal received a higher to 11,956 for his opponent. This fore the election of November vote than Christensen in the Apr. 1948 the CSO had registered 5 primary election, eliminating more than 14,000 voters, and several other contenders, the camregistration was continued after paign gathered momentum. Roythe presidential election, looking bal's election appeared more and toward the city election of April more assured and everyone start-

ed to jump on the band-wagon. Various official Democratic and Republican endorsements came through. Candidates eliminated in the primaries offered their endorsements - for a slight remuneration. The Bowron and Aldrich forces, contenders in the run-off race for the mayoralty, made overtures to the Roybal committee. But despite pressures from all sides, the Roybal campaign maintained its independent

character. The Stalinists endorsed Royba

By C. Grant

Notes from the News

"The Red Menace"

The first war propaganda film purporting to - expose the activities of American Stalinists is now on the screens throughout the country. It is - a typical, viciously red-baiting, dishonest Hollywood product entitled: "The Red Menace."

Produced by Republic Studios in collaboration with California's Un-American Activities Committee and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, "The Red Menace" opens in the L. A. Federal Housing Office. Here, Bill Jones, a young veteran, is politely informed by an official that he has been fleeced out of his home loan by a real estate shark and there is nothing the government can do about it.

Behind Bill, taking it all in with greedy ears, stands Tyler, the "Communist" villain (drooping cigarette, hat pulled over eyes). Bill, naturally, blows his top and leaves the joint, tailed by Tyler, who makes his pitch and manages to guide poor Bill to a quiet bar (run by "The Party") where they meet Mollie ("the seductive Party Girl").

There is Yvonne, a psychopathic Stalinist hack who goes mad when she learns she is to be deported. There is the seductive Mollie who is guided back to the Church by that kindly old blackrobed saint of reaction, Father Leary. And Mollie's lover who commits suicide in despair over his expulsion from The Party. And Nina, a Stalinist from childhood who falls in love with Bill in order, one fine day, to get up and leave The Party with him, for no particularly good reason. All this and more goes on for the customary hourand-a-half.

PROTEST IN THE SP — The Socialist Party's

National Executive Committee resolution on the

Atlantic Pact (discussed in last week's Militant)

has aroused a storm of protest among the SP

members. The New York Local has called for a

national referendum to put the organization

clearly on record either for or against the pact.

EXPRESSING A DEBT - Secretary of Com-

merce Sawyer, in a speech to the American Iron

and Steel Institute, urges businessmen to give due

credit to "leaders of unions. . . who have risked

their positions, their incomes, and in some cases

their bodily safety. . . in the vanguard of our

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STALINIST YOUTH LEAGUE - The Stalin-

ists are building a new national youth organiza-"

tion. An organizing conference held in Chicago

last month set itself the goal of holding 100

meetings throughout the country to form the

first charter clubs during the week beginning

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"MOST GEORGIA SHERIFFS" - An all-

white grand jury has freed two white men held

for participation in last month's lynching of Caleb

Hill, Georgia Negro. Solicitor C. S. Baldwin said

battle with communism."

July 4.

The whole business would be just so much good clean corn if not for the overtones of race hatred, jingoism and red-baiting. Marxism is, of course, depicted as "a science of hate," as "atheism coated over with modern phraseology" and the like.

A crude attempt to exploit the crimes of Stalinism is made when an Italian worker who speaks up against the Stalin dictatorship is shown beaten up by a pair of goons. This "expose" deliberately confusing the totalitarian Stalin regime with Lenin and Trotsky's "dictatorship of the proletariat," ends up with a few hurrahs for the good old American democracy "of all classes."

This maiden effort of the State Department's movie thugs is infantile and amateurish. Except perhaps among the fascist lunatic fringe, it will war against Marxism, which apparently will be conducted with the main emphasis on religious lines.

The makers of these red-baiting, war-mongering movies confront a problem which never came up in the Nazi thrillers of yesteryear. Marxism and the class struggle are delicate subjects and the capitalists well know it.

They have hitherto been so leery of anything dealing with labor that someone from Mars getting a view of life on earth from Hollywood would wonder how we ever got along without workers. Now they face the dilemma of attacking and vilifying Marxism without arousing any curiosity about it - not an easy or enviable job.

the investigation also cleared Sheriff George

Hatcher, who had arrested Hill and left the keys

to Hill's cell on his table, where they were taken

have shot the Negro instead of taking him to

jail," Baldwin added.

LEARNED LESSONS

The Stalinists, who then conrolled the CIO here, opposed the nove to run an independent labor missioners from the Ninth Dis- compelled to give support despite

trict, populated largely by work- low cost housing, Improve trans- of the Mexican leadership of the ers and minority groups. This, portation. No restrictive coupled with the backing of CIO covenants. Better educational

ight-wingers, threw the labor facilities. Tolerance of political views, religious faiths, racial endorsement to Christensen, helpbackgrounds of all Americans. ng defeat Roybal two years ago. The vanguard of the Mexican Protect rights of labor."

Financial support for the camcommunity learned the lessons of this defeat. A group of Roy- paign came primarily from unions



SAN FRANCISCO - James Kutcher will speak at a public meeting on Tuesday, June 28 in Berkeley under the joint port to Roybal's candidacy. Active

sponsorship of the Americans for Democratic Action and the Rutcher Civil Rights Committee.

Kutcher's appearance in Ber-Professor Lawrence Sears, Professor of Philosophy at Mills keley is one of many meetings already scheduled for him in the College, will appear on the same Bay area. The legless veteran

will also address the Alameda The Kutcher meeting in Berkeley will be held two days be-County AFL Central Labor Union on Monday, June 27 and the fore all professors and instruc-Santa Cruz County AFL Central tors at the University of Cali-Labor Council on Friday, July 1.

fornia located in that city will Wednesday, June 29 he is slated be forced to comply with the to speak at the monthly meeting ruling by the Board of Regents of Local 1-10 of the CIO Internato take "loyalty oaths." Accordtional Longshoremen and Wareing to press reports, a meeting house Workers Union and on of 500 of the 700 faculty mem-Tuesday, July 5, at the meeting bers on the Berkely campus of the AFL Retails Clerks Union.

adopted a resolution June 4 urg-Wednesday, July 6 the Kutcher ing the university administration Civil Rights Committee will hold class loyalty and perspective, to "eliminate or change" the by the lynchers. "Most Georgia sheriffs would loyalty oath requirement on the ground of academic freedom.

PROFS ASSAIL PURGE

A number of professors who ANOTHER PLOT - TVA chairman Gordon R. Clapp was not the only one smeared as "unemnave raised their voices in protest ployable" by the Army. Another was Dr. George against the loyalty oaths are S. Counts, Columbia educator and Social Demoplanning to attend Kutcher's crat. Counts hinted grimly the Army's designameeting in Berkelev which will tion might be part of a "communist plot." offer a major medium of ex-

CAUTIOUS PREDICTION - Leon Henderson, New Dealer and former OPA Administrator, predicts that the current "economic readjustment" will continue from nine to twelve months and "could add to the possibility of financial panic in this country."

NEW POST FOR WILKINS - Roy Wilkins, assistant NAACP secretary, was named acting secretary by the NAACP Board of Directors. He will be executive head of the organization during the absence of Walter White, secretary, who was Board's refusal to accept his resignation.

a public meeting in San Francisco and a scientific socialist prounder the chairmanship of Warren gram. The road for Roybal, if he is K. Billings, famous class - war prisoner in the Mooney-Billings to keep faith with the movement frameup. All local unions which which is bigger than he and which have endorsed Kutcher's case are placed him in office, is to conduct being invited to send a speaker an aggressive, militant struggle

to this San Francisco meeting. against discrimination and Radio stations are also being re- poverty, and at the same time quested to give the legless veteran to give leadership in the strugtime either in an interview or gle for independent political action of labor and minority

against the intensified witch

ELEVENTH CIO COUNCIL

nationally will the movement The Trumbull County CIO cisco State College released a against discrimination and poverty joint statement to the press on Council with headquarters in be able to tackle those problems June 14 denouncing Kutcher's Warren, Ohio, last week endorsed dismissal and assailing the un- the work of the Kutcher Civil

democratic procedures of the Rights Committee and contributed government's loyalty purge. A \$25 to its defense fund for the similar statement is being cir- legless veteran. This is the granted a year's leave of absence following the culated among faculty members eleventh CIO City Council to at the University of California. support Kutcher.

blind, and disabled. Better health, bickered with the Roybal forces facilities. More play centers. Fair for some policy control of the Mechanics Union, Lodge 751, In ternational Association of Maemployment procedures. City com campaign, but eventually were chinists. Under provisions of the

In the primary election cam-

character, or they will succumb

to the opportunist pressures

which overwhelmed the former

liberal Councilman Christensen

(nominee of the Farmer - Labor

Party for President of the United

States in 1920) and all other

liberals and reformers who fail

to maintain a clear-cut working-

groups toward the building of a

labor party. Only with a work-

ers' administration locally and

in the run-off election.

vicious Taft-Hartley Act, the candidate from the Ninth Dis- trict. Support slum clearance and the uncompromising independence three-man court ruled that last year's five-month strike by 15,000 inovement. workers was illegal, thereby causing the union to lose its SWP ATTITUDE

status as the official bargaining The Los Angeles Local of the agency for workers at Boeing's Socialist Workers Party early giant Seattle plant. recognized the significance of

victimized by this move when the On three previous occasions the Roybal campaign as an excompany refused to rehire them, pression of the independent poli- the NLRB ruled that the strike on the basis of its own "subtical awakening of the Mexican was legal, that a 60-day preversive" and "undesirable" listcommunity, and supported the strike notice was not required ings, while inside the shops IAM progressive tendencies in it to inasmuch as notice had been organizers vied with Teamster strengthen its mass character, filed almost a year before, and organizers in signing up the its independence of capitalist that the Aero Mechanics were thousands of newly hired, unpolitical parties, and its labor the legal bargaining agent. On affiliated workers. behalf of the union, the NLRB alliances.

The company has followed a sued the company on an unfair persistent policy of discriminapa'gn the SWP gave critical suplabor practice charge. tion against Aero Mechanic The Circuit Court decision remembers and indulgence towards versed the NLRB, but did not, support by the party continuedthe Teamster-union cardholders.

however, grant jurisdiction to the Thousands of ex-strikers have As Roybal correctly stated at local Teamster Union affiliate since been fired, laid off or the victory party the night of which is also claiming jurisdic- demoted; most new-hires are election, the fight has just begun. tion over Boeing workers. This forced to join the Teamsters be-Now that he has been elected, issue will be decided at a reprefore they can pick up a tool; and both the man and the movement sentation election, and the Aero Beck operates a flourishing hiring must strengthen and extend their | Mechanics have already petitioned | hall for the company right in his independence from capitalist polithe NLRB to set the voting ma-Teamsters' Headquarters. tics, and their working class

chinery in motion. The present relationship of The long 1948 strike at Boeing forces inside the plant is apattracted national attention when proximately three to one in favor Dave Beck, West Coast Teamster of the Aero Mechanics Union. No czar, joined forces with the comofficial figures are available. The pany to recruit scabs and ormorale of the striking union ganized them behind the picket membership is good, boss-court lines into a newly chartered rival decisions and company pressure union. Despite innumerable ofnotwithstanding. Their hatred fers of aid from the aroused and and contempt for Beck and his outraged Northwest trade union brand of "unionism" is still novement, the leadership of the strong. At this juncture they striking union refused to call for should win an elecion although



there is the danger that the company might discharge a crucial section of the membership and hire thousands of raw workers before election day. Only when the exclusive bar-

"We urge our union to set as its goal wage rates which will give 40 hours of pay for a 30-hour week," states the first point of the program adopted by the recent national convention of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America. The program, drafted by the union's Wage and Contract Committee, says that the shorter work week for the same take-home pay is needed "to avoid widespread unemployment and preserve our members from starvation." books.

gaining agent is finally determined will contract negotiations with

Boeing management commence. The story of the Boeing strike and its aftermath is an object lesson in Taft-Hartleyism. In trying to live up to this law, the unions are drowning themselves in a deep, endless mire of legalistic mumbo-jumbo, red tape and humiliating defeats. Only militant solidarity in action, on the picket lines and through a united Conference of Labor, can force this type of legislation off the

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pression for the seething resentment in academic circles here forum to present his case.