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## **RESISTANCE TO WITCH-HUNT IS GROWING** 8 Million Either Jobless or on Less Than <sup>Survey Indicates</sup> Wide Opposition Half-Time -- But President Sees "No Crisis"

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#### **By Art Preis**

In the face of the government's own conservative figures showing eight million now jobless or working less than half-time, Truman blithely told a press conference on June 16 that he does not think there is a "crisis."

His claim was made the day | The Census Bureau of the Deafter UAW President Walter partment of Commerce admitted Reuther, following a White House 3,289,000 person out of work in conference, assured American mid-May. More significant was labor that the administration is its report that unemployment planning "realistic and effec- rose 273,000 in one month. tive" action to "vigorously" meet Analysis of the Bureau's comthe "economic crisis" that Tru- plete figures by the June 24 U.S. man says does not even exist.

employment situation is a warn- more than half time, are 8,000,ing to the workers on how light, 000 workers." More than 4 milmindedly he treats the gravest lion, U.S. News points out, are threat to labor's living standards working part-time of 22 hours a today. It likewise exposes the week or less. Those working as irresponsibility and deception of little as one hour a week are union leaders of Reuther's stripe classified by the Census Bureau who tell the workers to depend as "employed." on Traman to deal seriously with An idea of the real extent of unemployment.

#### "HOW DEEP IS DEEP?"

How many unemployed does partment, for instance, announced Truman think it takes and how that for the week ending June 10 far down must the economy slide there were 535,575 unemployment to make a crisis? As the Journal insurance and veterans allowance of Commerce wrote in a recent claims in the state. In addition, editorial, the business men them- New York City alone reported selves "are getting impatient 153,120 cases on relief. The unwith official assurances that the employed in this one state now economy is only passing through number at least three-quarters of a period of 'healthy readjust- a million - and there are a halfment' and that no 'deep and dozen industrial states even

may argue that a 20% drop in And the unemployment trend industrial production from its is up, with no end in sight. The 1918 peak still would not consti- American Federation of Labor, tute a 'deep' recession. In our on June 19, said that the unembook, this would be a severe set- ployed might number five million back." No matter how much the by next month. U.S. News reports employers may kid the workers, "the total is expected to approach they don't like to fool them- 6,000,000 late this year or early

News and World Report reveals Truman's dismissal of the un- that "Jobless, or working not

unemployment can be gleaned from figures of state agencies. The New York State Labor De-

protracted' recession is in sight... harder hit in proportion to their How deep is deep? One economist populations. selves. next year." The Public Affairs The workers have been aware Institute in Washington last week for the past six months, at least, predicted that the total may that the economy is headed downreach eight to ten million by ward. They have seen or exmid 1950. legislation. They are trying to perienced lay-offs or big reducconvince supporters of "stiff" THE CRISIS IS HERE tions In the work week with All other indexes, without excorresponding loss of income. ception, bear out what the fast-And the most recent government swelling figures on unemployment figures, doctored as they are, have been first to show-that the confirm the workers in their growing fears of insecurity and economic crisis is already here the dread feeling that a depression and well advanced, Truman's (Continued on page 2) is under way.



### **Green and Murray Play** wo=Faced

# **To Spy Scare**

the witch-hunt and spy scare, alorganized manner, is widespread 30 day referendum ballot initia-Dand growing, according to a survey in the "Report from the Nation" feature of the June 19 N. Y. Times.

This hostility to the attacks on civil liberties has been especially marked since the revelations in the Coplon trial about the FBI police spy system and the attempt of the House Un-American Activities Committee to obtain lists of school and college text-books to see whether they contain "red propaganda."

The report from New England for instance, states that the action of the House committee "resulted in widespread acclaim of the farewell commencement speech of Dr. Mildred McAfee Horton, retiring president of Wellesley College," who denounced the book-censorship move.

#### 'IN MINORITY NOW"

From Chattanooga, Tennessee, he Times reports "growing restlessness with the whole business of spy-hunting, Communist investigations and similar activities." While these are supported in some parts of the Deep South, "these supporters, however, seem

to be in a minority just now." Dispatches from Ohio, says the Times, report that a "surprising number of Clevelanders are criticizing that city's newspapers for printing too much about communism.' They contend that politicians are talking too much about it' and that 'communism seems to have become a national obsession." Many in Milwaukee are reported "concerned" about "some Americans being 'smeared' by unsubstantiated data from

BI records.

### **Maritime Union Membership** Blocks 'Loyalty' Purge Move

The witch-hunters suffered a major defeat in the Resentment and opposition to labor movement last week, when the Judges of Electhough not yet expressed in an tion and the Honest Ballot Association threw out the

> ted by the National Council of the | over to the union's national con-CIO National Maritime Union to | vention on Sept. 12. amend the constitution so that The witch-hunting amendments so-called "subversives" would be called for all members of the barred from union membership. The count of the 27,000 ballots ing they were not "members of cast had almost been completed the Communist Party or any when the referendum was in- other subversive totalitarian validated for violations of voting group." In addition, they provided procedure and glaring irregulari-

stopped, the vote against the yellow-dog amendment was ahead by over 400, with only one port to be counted. This was one of the "Dixiecrat" ports in the Gulf, which boasted in advance of an almost unanimous "Yes" vote. The evidence of tampering was so flagrant the Judges of Election insisted that the vote of the entire port be declared invalid. With charges and counter-

charges flying back and forth it was finally decided to throw out the entire election. The ballots were impounded and placed in a bank safety vault with the entire question of voting procedure laid

Warns Fellow-Educators



NMU to sign an affidavit affirmfor the expulsion of "any perties. At the time the count was sons who subscribe to, support, sponsor or otherwise follow a course of action consistent with and demonstrating membership in or adherence to the policy and program of the Communist Party or any other subversive or totalitarian doctrine." The amendments sponsored by NMU President Joseph Curran were so sweeping in their provisions that a large group of of-

ficials came out openly in opposition and called for a "No" vote in the referendum. The greatest support for the amendments came from the southern ports which are led by the most reactionary elements in the union: The opposition was centered in the large northern ports.

Despite the fact that the referendum was launched during a period of unbridled red-baiting hysteria, sufficient opposition was aroused in the NMU ranks to give the union witch-hunters their first real setback. However, it is necessary to warn that the device of throwing out the entire referendum ballot provides the Curran group with a pretext for making another attempt, The coming convention of the NMU will undoubtedly see a resumption of the drive against union democracy in another form. the splendid resistance show by the NMU membership is a bad omen for the witch-hunters and a cause for rejoicing in the whole labor movement.

### **N.Y. Brewery Union Wins** Strike for Shorter Week

NEW YORK, June 22 - After an inspiring 82-day battle, the CIO brewery workers here won their strike yesterday when tion. the employers agreed to virtually all demands.

on a truck.

The 7,000 strikers won a yearround 371/2-hour week with 40 longest, was the provision for hours .pay, after rejecting a two men on the trucks, instead of proposal for a 371/2-hour week one, except in a very few specified during only the six slack months cases. The winning of this demand

is especially significant in these of the year. They also won a welfare fund days of rising unemployment. to be financed by the companies Another important gain, also through contributions of \$3 per bitterly opposed by the employweek per worker, an additional ers, was the elimination of the week's vacation and more holispeed-up "time formula" under days, improved seniority system which the drivers had to make and preferential hiring, a 21/2hauls and deliveries at a killing cent night differential. Weekly rate set by "time survey" men. wages will now range from \$72 This was the main issue in the to \$77.50, an across-the-board strike of last September, when raise of \$2. the rank and file revolted against

One of the big gains, against their, international union leaders which the employers held out

#### Next Week:

A special analysis by Bert Cochran of the problems facing the United Auto Workers, whose convention opens in Milwaukee next month.

\* \* \* A full page of articles on the coming NAACP convention in Los Angeles and its relation to the struggle for Negro equality.

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extra copies. Only 3c each in bundles of five or more.

The Truman Democrats are strikes and compelling "cooling timidate workers; continue the playing a two-faced role on labor off" periods,

Even before the Senate debate began, leading Truman Demoanti-labor laws that the proposed crats, including Senators Paul H. Trumanite substitute bill and Douglas, and Lister Hill, put foramendments will carry out the ward five further "compromise" aims of the Taft-Hartley Act. amendments containing, in es-At the same time, they are try- sence, major features of the Taftin to fool the workers into believ- Hartley Act itself. Senate maing that these measures are "in | jority leader Lucas indicated that the spirit of the Wagner Act." these amendments had the support of Truman himself. This deception is being assisted

by the top AFL and CIO leaders. Four of these amendments were The AFL chiefs declare them- promptly accepted by Senator selves openly in favor of the Robert Taft, who said they con-'compromise" amendments push- | tained essentially the same provied by the "liberal" Democrats in sions as similar sections of hi the Senate. The CIO heads act Slave Labor Law. With little more deviously. They just attack opposition, these amendments the opponents of the amendments, were approved in the Senate by but keep silent on their own posivoice vote.

These would continue the "nor The administration's original Communist" oath for union lead-Thomas - Lesinski bill would ers, with "non-Fascist" added, seriously weaken the Wagner Act but would require a similar oath by permitting government in- from employers; give "free tervention in union affairs, speech" to employers to proparestricting certain types of gandize against unions and in-

requirement of financial state-

government, with a similar reand make it an "unfair labor ing to place "equal" obligations gency" strikes. The amendment hunting'." to empower the president to break

strikes by "seizure" was put forthe injunction provision of the **Faft-Hartley** Act. Of course, the U.S. Supreme

volving property under govern-(Continued on page 2)

From Salt Lake City, Utah, "a random sampling of Western views" indicates "grave public ments from the unions to the misgivings concerning both the need for such investigations and quirement for employers added; the manner in which they were being conducted." And in San practice" for employees, as well Francisco, "people seemed skepas employers, "to refuse to tical about the importance of any bargain collectively." While seem- of the proceedings in the East.' Several leading newspapers in on unions and employers, these the western region, says one amendments would work primarily | report, after first supporting the o the disadvantage of the unions. spy trials and other anti-"com-But the most revealing amend- munist" proceedings, "have quietly ment and debate was on plant about-faced and are now warning 'seizures" in "national emer- of dangers inherent in 'witch-

The N. Y. Times itself, sensing the developing trend of public ward supposedly in opposition to sentiment, now editorially seeks to disassociate itself from the witch-hunt by deploring "hysteria" and warning that "we in Court, in the mine injunction this country seem to be in danger case two years ago, had already of losing our sense of proporruled that the government has tion." The Times, like all the the power to enjoin strikes in- capitalist newspapers, has helped to whoop up the spy scare and the "red menace."

JOHN DEWEY (See P. 4 for his arguments against a teacher purge.)

#### **COMMITTEE ASKS SUPPORT TO** STOP SKOGLUND DEPORTATION

The Civil Rights Defense Committee is undertaking a nation-wide campaign to raise funds needed to fight the deportation proceedings against the 65-year-old union leader, Carl Skoglund, national secretary George

the Socialist Workers Party rail-Novack announced this week. The Committee has retained roaded to prison during World Stanley H. Lowell, former As- War II as the first victims of the thought-control Smith Gag Law: sistant U.S. District Attorney in He was president of Local 544 in New York City and member of 1941 when the conflict over union the Alien Civil Rights Committee democracy that led to his arrest of the American Civil Liberties broke out between the Min-Union, to represent Skoglund in the administrative and judicial neapolis teamsters and Daniel Tobin, head of the AFL Teamactions to stop his expulsion from sters International. this country where he has lived for the past 38 years. SPURNED FBI OFFER

Carl Skoglund was one of the 18 officers of Minneapol's Truckdrivers Local 544 and leaders of over Local 544, the FBI, through



#### **By George Breitman**

President Truman is trying to

RANK AND FILE CONTROL attacks on civil rights. The outstanding event in the latest strike was the strong assertion of rank and file control when the strikers, a week before the final settlement, rejected the proposal of their leaders to accept the offer of a 371/,-hour week for only half the year. By holding out firmly another week, hell" at all.

the strikers won the year-round shorter work week and a strengthened clause for two men

Many unions are on record for a shorter work week to protect their members against unemployment. But this demand remains on paper. The New York Brewery American police state. That is capitalist parties, and launched Workers have demonstrated how why Truman's phony "liberalism" the thought-control persecution of statements at the press con- caution - "We've got to be more this demand for a shorter week on the civil rights issue must be the Communist Party leaders ference was the time when they careful; maybe we're going too with no loss of take-home pay can combatted just as hard as the under the Smith Gag Act. The were made. Anti-red hysteria has fast" - is being sounded in the be won by a militant struggle. | more openly reactionary position FBI, it was disclosed in both the been at fever pitch since the cam- editorials.

American Committee.

check the tide of rising resent- the hypocrisy with which Trument against the witch-hunt and man tried to buttress his assurthus prevent action by the people ances. No part of the executive to put an end to the government's department of the government

That was the main aim of his declared, and if this ever hap-June 16 press conference, at which pened he would root it out, he he assured the people that the "spy" and "disloyalty" hysteria which has gripped the country would die out by itself as it always has in the past and that includes the President, the Dethe country was not "going to partment of Justice and the FBI

People who accept such as-

easier it will be for the witch- Department of Justice issued the tion of the foundations of an seeks to outlaw opponents of the

of such bodies as the House Un-|Coplon and Stalinist trials, has | paign over the Mindszenty in-

public life. has succumbed to the hysteria, he promised.

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

But the executive department It was the President himself who ordered the purge of federal emsurances will tend to feel that ployees, which has set the there is nothing serious to worry pattern for purges on a national

tude can't be worth very much. Equally misleading are Trunan's references to American history, as Ruth Johnson shows in an article on Page 3. The fact that previous attempts to smash

democratic rights were not successful is no proof that they about or fight against. The longer scale in all other fields for more can't be successful this time, such misconceptions prevail, the than two years. The head of the especially if the people are fooled into believing Truman's "it can't hunters to proceed with construc- notorious "subversive" list which happen here" arguments.

eriment funds to spy on their In short, it was the executive bears the responsibility for fan-

ning the present hysteria. "Assurances" that have to be surrounded with lies of such magni-**Bill of Rights.** 

set up a huge network of in- cident last winter. Why then did vated by this same fear — that The first thing to be stressed is formers who are paid out of gov- Truman keep quiet until now? the witch-hunt may over-reach Because now, especially since itself and bungle the job by fellow Americans' private and the Coplon trial disclosures about provoking mass resistance. The the FBI and the House Un- fact that he feels it is necessary American Committee's demand department above all others which for lists of college textbooks, witting testimony to the mighty millions of people have been iolted into doubt and concern about what is happening to the to their rights is and set out to lo something about it.

#### WHAT WORRIES THEM

Recognition of this fact will be up. ound in the editorials and columns of conservative and even reactionary capitalist papers which support the objectives of the witch-hunt 100%. Several columnists have complained that it would have been better to let Coplon go free than permit the FBI's prestige to be undermined Another revealing thing about in the public eye by the exposure Truman's carefully prepared of its "vital secrets." A note of

Truman's statements are motito make such statements is unpower the people can wield once they realize how great the danger

> Truman wants to put the people to sleep. We've got to wake them

Truman wants the people to think they can depend on his administration to control or end the anti-democratic hysteria. We've got to show them that the administration is the real leader of | in the labor movement.

the witch-hunt. Truman wants the people to by the passage of time. We've will do that except united militant action by the labor, liberal without presentation of evidence, and Negro movements.

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1949 when the Federal Department of Immigration reopened deportation proceedings by denying the application of Skoglund's attorney to set aside the deportation order pending since 1941. This sudden action is being taken as part of the widespread witchhunt against foreign-born leaders The charge against Skoglund

Shortly before Tobin attempted

to impose a dictator-receiver

an intermediary, offered Skog-

lund American citizenship and

immunity from deportation if he

would align himself with Tobin's

forces and testify against his

union and political associates.

Skoglund rejected this proposed

deal and had to suffer the conse-

quences. After his conviction, he

served a 16-month sentence in

1944-45 at the federal prison in

The deportation move against

Skoglund was suspended during

his imprisonment, although he

remained under bond. His case

remained in abeyance until April

Sandstone, Minnesota.

is that he had been a member accept the stupid idea that their of the Socialist Workers Party, democratic rights will be saved which has been arbitrarily designated as "subversive" and poligot to show them that nothing tically blacklisted by Attorney General Clark without a hearing,

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Free Ride from TWU

### **8** Million Either Jobless **Or Less than Half-Time**

(Continued from Page 1) from a year ago, with further fits over the first quarter of cut-backs announced just in the 1948. In April, according to a past two weeks. Steel, the key Department of Commerce report, basic industry, falling for the total corporate dividends were ninth' consecutive week, has 3% higher than for the same declined to 86.7% of ingot capa- month last year. city and leading steel manufacpredict it will fall further, In been piling up, the stock market, another key sector of the eco- a chief barometer of capitalist nomy, construction, the U.S. expectations, dropped to a five-Savings and Loan League in its | year low on June 13. The Journal latest Quarterly Letter predicts of Commerce, a leading financial

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a 15 to 20% decline in home publication, said this meant Wall Street "was in the process of building this year. The slump in production has discounting a business decline of followed a tremendous drop in greater proportions than the mass purchasing power, as re- little recession' so confidently

flected since the first of the year predicted by some economists and in declining retail sales. In the business leaders." week ending June 18, despite big | If all these factors have not Father's Day promotions, New convinced Truman that an eco-

tax boosts.

dollar volume fell 11% below a the government's budgetary dea similar drop. Sales of durable the true situation. consumers' items like electrical refrigerators and television sets estimated a budget deficit for the have fallen off as much as 15% Due to the lag in tax collections, in a year.

Mass purchasing power, slashed by unemployment and part-time schedules, is further cut by continuing high prices. Since February, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics index shows, the cost of living, instead of declining, has been slowly but steadily rising. Meat, for instance, has gone up an average of 10 cents a pound in the last four months. The National-American Wholesale Grocers' Association on June 14 announced that prices of canned goods will rise this summer and fall. Average rents, of course, are shooting up at an alarming rate, with the big boosts still to come.

PROFITS GO HIGHER

| prices and profits high. The 1949 | wide scope, as the reactions of rosy-tinted lies notwithstanding. first quarter reports of the 300 the London and Paris stock ex-Over-all production figures, at leading corporations show an changes last week partially rethe end of May, were down 9% average 9% increase in net pro- vealed.

THEIR "SOLUTIONS"

At best, capitalist business analysts see the economic decline continuing for another year or 18 months. Almost all agree un-

employment will pass six million Despite the staggering profits turers, including Ernest T. Weir, and reserves the capitalists have by winter. They give, however, no valid reasons to expect the depression to halt at these levels. Their solution, moreover, is the same as in 1929. Cut taxes, cut wages, reduce labor costs, bolster profits and leave everything to the "free play" of "natural economic laws" — that is, to the

planless anarchy of capitalist "free enterprise." The attitude of the top labor

leaders to the looming depression is nothing short of criminal. For their parts the AFL leaders, York City's department store nomic crisis is at hand, certainly while admitting the prospects of 5 million jobless by next month, year ago. Other key cities showed ficit should have awakened him to echo the Pollyanna talk of Truman, They have such faith in Back in January Truman had

"free enterprise" that they announced last week that a serious fiscal year of some \$800 million. depression is "almost impossible." The CIO leaders, like Reuther, the estimated deficit, is now ex-1 who express somewhat more con-

pected to reach \$6 billion. This cern about the situation than the deficit can be wiped out only by AFL moguls, nevertheless are drastic reductions in government doing nothing to prepare the expenditures - unlikely in view workers for an effective struggle of the enormous arms and for- to protect themselves against the eign loan program - or by big ravages of the economic break-

down. Murray, Reuther & Co. are A cut in government war spend- telling labor to bank on the Tru- tion equal to full weekly union ing, now a major prop of the man administration, which refuses capitalist economy, would aceven to acknowledge the gravity celerate the depression. Likewise, of the situation, let alone do anyan increase in taxes, which would thing about it.

come from the masses, would still PROGRAM THAT'S NEEDED further reduce mass purchasing It would be folly for the Amerpower and thus undermine the economy. The budgetary crisis, ican workers to base themselves far more serious than the administration dares to admit, is a depression will be minor or shortchief indicator of the seriousness | lived. On the contrary, labor

monopolies have been keeping This decline, moreover, has world- now for a program to defend its low-rent homes, schools and free movement.

operated 700 private cars to furnish free rides to 80,000 passengers daily during its strike against the Louisville Railway Co. Settlement was reached later, with workers gaining 6c an hour. iving standards, whatever the | colleges, hospitals and clinics cost to the billionaire monopolists | public recreation centers and

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and their profit interests. The first point on this program is the demand for the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay to provide more jobs with no reduction in present weekly earnings. Present unemployment insur-

ance is a hunger dole. Labor must demand unemployment compensawages for all unemployed for the duration of their joblessness. Why should the workers suffer for the chaos and anarchy of capitalst "free enterprise"?

The monstrous waste of war spending must be halted and the tens of billions being spent anshould be entirely diverted into

parks, etc. Useful jobs at union wages must be provided all ablebodied unemployed at government 'expense.

monopolies must be broken and the control of the whole economy placed in the hands of the people As a first step, all basic industries should be nationalized by the government and operated under the control of the workers, who alone are capable of organizing and running the factories, mines, railroads, etc., in the interests of the working population.

Such a program, directly opposed to capitalist interests, can be achieved only by the completely independent economic and

The stranglehold of the private

T.W.U

men.

I have already dealt with number of other accusations and pieces of malicious gossip in my April 11 column nailing the Socialist Call's slander attack. It those circumstances." Mr. Domon- the juicy prizes offered for the Some who have read the Labor or against the News." Assuming is unnecessary to go over the whole litany again except to take on anti-Semitism dished out by the Shachmanites. I stated in my April 11 column that the poisonous atmosphere generated in the unions by the Reuther crowd in-

evitably breeds all sorts of reaction, be it Negro-baiting or Jewbaiting, and that in this sense, the Reutherites bear the responsibility for these reactionary outcroppings. Labor Action, with print three Homeric pieces full

Green, Murray in Two-Faced Role World Events By Paul G. Stevens "seizure." It was precisely by this method - condemned at Labor Resistance

- that Truman halted the In Buffer Countries November 1946 coal strike. Indications of labor resistance to the Stalinist governments in

On the floor of the Senate, Senator Douglas, chief sponsor of the "seizure" amendment, admitted that it did imply injunctive nowers where the government seized a plant and the men refused to go back to work. But the mere act of seizing a Minister Matyas Rakosi complant, said Douglas, would be sufficient to break a strike be- plained in a Budapest speech: cause the workers would be reluctant "to strike against the government."

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ment

But here the Trumanite policy When profit shares were distriof "compromise" proved its bankruptcy. The Douglas amendment buted in the factories, the workers demanded time and again that on plant "seizures," the key they be distributed per capita. Trumanite concession to the avowed labor-haters, was voted The falling of cost prices is very down 55 to 27. And the Taft- slow. However, the supremacy of tion of genuine planning - on Hartleyites are riding higher Socialist production over capital- an all-regional scale, as the ism must manifest itself by the than ever.

taken, AFL President William Green declared his support for the "seizure" amendment. CIO Rakosi enlightens them, is a President Philip Murray kept silent while the CIO News wrote that it was backed by "liberal senators who feel that the Thomas Bill could not pass in its present form and who want to eli-

trying to cover up for the Tru-Democrats at all costs. They are prepared to go along with almost any deception and treachery by Truman and his party hench-

to say so openly, these union "misunderstanding." bureaucrats actually want the government to have strikebreak-

the Soviet "buffer" countries continue. Recently we noted the case of Poland. Last week, there were reports from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Rumania. In Hungary, Deputy Prime

industrial workers still believe some sort of primitive equality.

Just before this vote was catting of cost price."

"Primitive" equality indeed What the workers should demand cost price" by speedup. Apdon't take too readily to Stalinist education in "socialist" economics. minate the core of T-H."

The AFL and CIO leaders are their alliance with the Truman plants management, trade unions

In fact, while they.do not dare

ing powers. They want the Truman administration to be able to intervene and stop strikes. For there is nothing these union leaders fear more than an aroused and militant union membership.

up a particularly vicious tidbit clear that the assurance of sole



With this kind of line, it is not surprising to hear that the Rumanian General Federation of Labor finds very little interest in "socialist competitions," only 30% of railroad workers. 25% of the miners and 23% of the steel workers participating in them. Stalinist "education" among the industrial workers in the "buffer" zone must be brewing a revolt of immense proportions. It is doubtful if police measures "It must be pointed out that the alone can keep it down. That is why the Kremlin bureaucracy is erroneously that socialism means driven frantically to try to make a deal with the West that will increase trade and bring both more consumer goods and lower prices. The only other alternative, the abolition of boundaries in Eastern Europe and the organiza-

> planned economy - is unthinkable for Stalinism. That requires

a proletarian revolution.

#### more "advanced" equality of the Renault Workers Stalinist type — "the cutting of Reject CP Move to parently the Hungarian workers Expel Trotskyist

beginning of an all-European

In the great Renault automobile works in Paris, the Stalinist officialdom of the CGT (General In Czechoslovakia, according to the same report, the CP paper Federation of Labor) has been campaigning for months to expel Rude Pravo warned that "in many the Trotskyist militant Baratier and even the shock workers from the union on the usual trumped-up charges of dual themselves misunderstood the unionism, etc. The Trotskyist aim of the shock brigades to be group at Renault undertook a to earn more wages whereas it was supposed to be to increase vigorous defense campaign, exproductivity and reduce producposing every one of the Stalinist lies and calling upon the workers ion costs." An embarrassing to attend the General Assembly

In Rumania too, the Stalinist of the union at the plant to stop organ Scanteia has had to devote this attempt at victimization. a great deal of space to explain An extraordinarily heavy turnout resulted at this Assembly. that "production relations in Socialist enterprises are entirely Oldtime workers, with militant different" from those in capital- records, took the floor to defend ist enterprises. Since these en- Baratier and to identify, themterprises belong to the "popular selves with his revolutionary prodemocratic" state, they belong to gram. The Stalinists were so the working people. Therefore non plussed by this offensive that unions "have entirely different they not only withdrew their tasks." They "must organize in- attempt at expulsion, but even crease of output," and no longer had to tolerate the Trotskyist's recognize antagonism between election to the Executive Commanagement and employees. On mittee of the union at this same

the contrary, "it should be made meeting. Unlike here in the U.S., the leadership, as represented by the Stalinists in France are not on the director of an enterprise, is a run in the trade unions, but refundamental Bolshevik principle." | tain a good deal of their grip on Union committees are duty-bound it. That's what makes the Trotto uphold this "principle," etc., skyist achievement at Renault all the more impressive.



**Buffalo Militants and Their Slanderers** 

#### By Bert Cochran

No sooner had the hostile press barrage of the kept Buffalo Evening News subsided than a new press campaign was launched against our Buffalo organization by the Shachtmanite Labor Action. Not that there is any cooperation or understanding be- mises to play ball with the com-

it is a fact that both see the and radicals.



fusion and havoc wrought in the ters in the opposition groups. policies of the administration? labor ranks by Stalinism, it is There is no truth at all in this. But such a position might have tween the two newspapers. But pany and to red-bait the militants not too surprising that faction The anti-Reuther groups at the gotten him into hot water with fights in the unions take place on Bell and Chevrolet locals are on his red-baiting associates, so he

So, there is no question of a crude level; that opposition a par with the opposition group- didn't do it. He just abstained. Buffalo labor unions and direct where the companies and their movements are limited to modest ings in Michigan and elsewhere, And Labor Action proceeded to their most savage thrusts against newspapers stand in this fight and proportions and aims; and that no better and no worse. it. If the Shachtmanites have which union groups they consider some opportunists infiltrate, at To Labor Action nowadays it of sound and fury, against the times, into the groups. Such follows as clear as night follows cnly people who are standing up any sense left at all, this one as the radical and the conservative. Are the Shachtmanites so things are true of all broad move- day that the opposition is wrong for class conscious principles in far gone in opportunism that the ments. If one were to foreswear and bad because it lost a number the union movement today. fact that the slate they support building an opposition unless he of local union elections. How likewise enjoys the whole-hearted was guaranteed that every mem- little they know of the hazards backing of the Buffalo Evening ber or even leader of it would be and odds in building a left wing. News and the companies - are a 14-karat class conscious mili- They have so lost their bearings, they so far gone, that that gives tant, he would doom himself and they even talk of red-baiting in them no pause, no doubt, no his supporters to never-ending quotation marks. In other words, ineffectiveness, and absention they imply there is no such thing. twinge of conscience? Let us go a little further into from the real struggle to in- In other words, the witch-hunt, fluence the mass movement in which is sweeping like a cyclone this question of the two tenthroughout the labor movement dencies in the labor unions. The a leftward direction. 1 These considerations have al- and the length and breadth of auto union is run today by the ways obtained in every big ven- the whole country is, according Reuther bureaucracy. This machine is part and parcel of the ture in the mass movement. For to the Shachtmanites, a figment broad CIO bureaucracy which is example, a few of the leaders of of our own imagination, somelined up with Truman and the Debs' American Railway Union thing we dreamt up as an "alibi." Democratic Party, which is out were later found to be crooks. All we can answer is this: Anyselling the Marshall Plan both The first convention of this one in the Buffalo labor moveat home and abroad, which has pioneer industrial union wouldn't' ment who doesn't know that redadmit Negroes on an equal basis. baiting was THE issue responjust underwritten the Atlantic Should militants, therefore, have sible for the defeats of the Pact, which has flung open the washed their hands of this fight- radicals and oppositionists - is doors of the unions to the witchtendencies. That you would never hunt hysteria. There exists a ing crusade and lined up with just plain stupid. sizable opposition to this Reuther the reactionary chiefs of the With the Shachtmanites, it's Railroad Brotherhoods? That not so much stupidity as bad escapes the notice of our "In- position. It has a good trade would be like throwing out the faith. Their own henchmen parunion program. It is not led or baby with the dirty water. What ticipated in the red-baiting and influenced by the Stalinists. Its is decisive in determining a cor- fingered some of our militants. opposition to Reuther is from rect course of action is the over- Moreover, they must know about all character of a union organ- the effectiveness of this weapon, the left. It is fighting the trend of bureaucratization and a soft ization, group or tendency, in because their own supporters in policy toward the corporations. other words, who sets the tone the Chicago International Har-Where does any militant work- of the group, the militants or the vester local, even though they were running on the Reuther er, not to mention a self-pro- opportunists. From an overall point of view, slate, were red-baited out of ofthe Buffalo Evening News cam- kind of a line-up? Obviously with the Reuther machine is a part of fice by another even more reacpaign was headed, "Westinghouse the opposition. This is as plain as the reactionary combination which tionary group of Reutherites that Labor Relations Imperiled by the nose on a man's face. This is is presently working to totali- organized themselves in the Trotskyists." The companies have the indicated course, despite the tarianize the union movement and local. the same appreciation of the fact that the opposition has many place it at the services of Amer- The Shachtmanite friends in weaknesses, shortcomings and ican imperialism. The anti- Buffalo have gotten along with defects, that some of the people Reuther forces, despite their the Reutherite red-baiters beassociated with it are of a dubious wobbliness, represent the ten- cause they have kow-towed and dency of thwarting this reac- bent the knee to them. Their Labor Action tries to make a tionary trend and getting the conduct at Bell is typical. Just big point of the fact that a union back on the tracks of mili- before the Bell elections, the number of the candidates on the tant action and democratic con- militants introduced a resoluopposition slate in the Buffalo trol. This is the basic division tion at a meeting to condemn the Chevrolet local did not attend and the basic issue. The Shacht- Buffalo Evening News for its on the picket lines to every "Rank and File" group's defeat their union meetings regularly manites have seen fit to line up vicious attempt to influence the as signifying an end to the and that one candidate par- in this fight with the Reuther local union elections. One of the "bitter anti-company ticipated in GM'S contest, "My bureaucracy against the pro-leading Reutherites announced in grad one of the years wage increases totalling Job and Why I Like It." Well, gressive opposition. This is no the discussion that "A vote mere error of judgement. It is a against the News is a vote for severance pay, two weeks vacaposition that members should crime against the progressive Trotskyism." How did Labor tion pay, paid holidays, hospi-Tabor relations with the past ad- attend their union meetings and cause. It is the same kind of a Action's supporter vote? He talization, etc., so that the Bell ministration: "It was impossible should not take part in company- crime as was committed by Hill- heroically abstained. Labor Ac- contract was held up as a model going committee ... almost every fact, an unfortunate fact, that lined up in the period before the planation for this, as it has a of the UAW. This attack on the nie cards and careerists They disporteement was followed attendance at union meetings is fact and disport and the second strength of the disagreement . . . was followed attendance at union meetings is first world war with Gompers ready explanation for any kind Bell militants is truly beneath by threats of reprisal in the form of floods of grievances, slow GM workers participated in the left wing. Neither three issues cipled practice or despicable of spineless behavior, unprin-and-coming opportunists in Buf-fale associated with I cher Action down, or actual strike. Obviously above-mentioned contest, not be-of Labor Action, nor three times careerism. We read: "The dis-falo associated with Labor Action final period before their dissoluit is impossible to have equitable cause they like their jobs, but three, can erase the record of cussion became for or against deserve recognition on the tion -- period like two peas in the administration instead of for Reuther payroll.

on an expectation that this nually for war preparations socially-beneficial public works, By curtailing production, the of the current economic decline. must launch an all-sided battle including millions of modern political struggle of the labor

A passenger gets out of Car No. 1 in the CIO Transport

Workers Union Emergency Fleet in Louisville, Ky. The union

fact should make them stop, look and listen.

Now what is all the noise about? Labor Action carries long hysterical diatribes against us in its May 2, May 9 and May '23 issues, not to mention the incidental snipings. Yet a person unacquainted with the situation is unable to make head or tail of what the controversy is about from these articles, except that possibly SWP members are lined up in the Buffalo unions with some allegedly unsavory characters. We will presently take up a few of the more serious accusations. But beyond all the chit-chat and traditional campaign gossip is the underlying proposition that involved in the election contest in the Buffalo unions was a struggle between two distinct guess from the Shachtmanite effusions. That little detail machine. It is a progressive opdependent Socialists." Yet, what else excited the animosity of the Buffalo Evening News? This Big Business organ had no difficulty cutting through the non-essentials and seeing what the basic issue was and whose victory served the interests of its masters. Why, the very kick-off of fessed Socialist, belong in this

situation. After the miliant forces were defeated at UAW Bell Aircraft local 501, Mr. Domonkos, the character and so on. company vice-president in charge of labor relations made no bones of where he stood in this controversy. In a letter mailed to all union's attitude." At long 'last, Mr.

Domonkos declares, he "feels at we stand four square for the pro-

give and take bargaining under because they were after some of this infamy.

smear the opposition slate in the opposition at the Buffalo Chevro-Chevrolet local because the atcandidates was not so good. This is not due to "purism" on their Action: part, as some may imagine. It's simply a case of shysterism and factional duplicity. As we had brought out in our previous discussion on the Buffalo situation, the Reutherite administration at this same Chevrolet local is in the hands of "bookies," and now we will describe the leading lights of the Reuther group, with which Labor Action's friends are associated, in the Bell local: 1. John Mikolaczak, newly elected Reutherite top bargaining committeeman, formerly a company

supervisor, star witness for the company in an arbitration case which resulted in the discharge of workers for an alleged work stoppage in 1945. 2. Nels Engen, Reutherite second vice-president, formerly a company supervisor, demonstratively placed himself in front of SWP headquarters on in Labor Action is a crude distor-February 12. Subsequently the tion. In a personal conversation Buffalo Evening News carried with an officer of the local, I names of Bell workers who allegedly attended this meeting. 3. Dick Curran, Reutherite trustee, resigned as recording

secretary of the local in 1943 to of the Reutherite executive board is formerly from supervision. Yet, the Shachtmanites have the gall to try to tear down the

previous militant administration at Bell, a leadership that practiced militancy as no other in the Buifalo area, that gave assistance

fabrication. It specifically accuses Friends for 'Militant' The Shachtmanites want to the leader of the anti-Reuther Four weeks ago, the New

let local of making anti-Semitic Britain, Conn., branch of the Sotendance' record of some of the remarks. Here is the relevant cialist Workers Party, decided to quotation from the May 9 Labor put circulation of The Militant high up on their regular weekly

"This individual has fathered a agenda. They increased their line of justification along the bundle order from 10 to 25 copies following lines: What's wrong a week, 11 of which they placed with telling the truth about the on newsstands. Then they set out Reuther candidate - namely, the face that he is Jewish and originally from New York City. Don't the Reutherites insist that it is legitimate for them to tell the members that the Thomas-Addes caucus was . . . under the influence of the Stalinists?" The presidential candidate of the opposition group at Chevrolet is George Scheitinger, whom I have personally known for years

in the UAW as a unionist of militancy and integrity. I wrote scheitinger asking him to comment on this accusation and have received the following reply: "The statement attributed to me Aid for Skoglund received the following reply: (Continued from page 1) and without specification of

said, I hear that somebody baited charges. Manny Tabachnik by calling him a New York Jew. This is Jew-

baiting and anti-Semitism though Tabachnik comes from New York go into supervision. 4. A majority and is Jewish. This should be a lesson to Tabachnik who red-baits former Thomas - Addes - Leonard caucus people as Communists. The fact that there were Communists in the Thomas - Addes - Leonard caucus does not give Tabachnik the right to red-bait former members of the caucus any more

than the fact that. Manny Talund be permitted to remain free bachnik is Jewish gives anyone and unmolested in this country." the right to bait him because of his national origin'." FUNDS NEEDED

So much for the canard about anti-Semitic remarks. This one incident illustrates to what lengths the shysters associated with Labor Action are ready to go. They slander true militants unlamented Lovestoneites in the

"We employ various techniques including selling an introductory back copy as such for three cents if we run out of current issues. leaving a paper for a regular customer who is not home and collecting successfully the following trip for two weeks. We change 'selling partners' to get

a variety of selling pointers. "Since many of our readers are unemployed, we don't forget to remind them that 'You can't go to sell their current bundle plus wrong for a nickel,' if they any copies of the previous week hesitate over the cost.

left over on the newsstands. Here "We cover our old list each are the first month's results as week, asking the regulars their reported by Hannah Shane: opinions, talking with them and "Four of us are going door-toovering new territory from which door in a housing project here to get a fresh supply of customselling copies on a weekly basis,

keeping in contact with the "The housing project we chose regular buyers while each week is made up of people with a adding some new readers. The variety of . jobs, interests and first week we sold 16, the next backgrounds. Therefore we find

that an issue such as the June 13 with varied headlines about the Kutcher case, unemployment, unions, the NAACP and articles such as the one on socialized medicine by Grace Carlson is much easier to sell than an issue like the June 6 in which union headlines predominated. To help out sales, we would appreciate more variety and special, easy-

"The administration's attempt to-point-out articles of general to expel Carl Skoglund from this current interest.

country where he has lived and "We four have found our work worked for so many years is, a in the past month encouraging clear case of political persecution and not difficult, taking an hour and reprisal for his loyalty to one evening a week, and showunionism," Novack said. "Our ing, we believe, modest success. Committee believes he has been considering that our returns from unjustly penalized in the past the newsstands have not yet eight years for his political bebegun to pay off and we try to liefs and union activities. cover our weekly bill by in-"Justice demands that his per-

dividual sales alone." secution should stop and Skog-Comrade Shane enclosed a payment on New Britain's account and added: "We hope in the near future to show both a profit and a growing list of regular custom-

Funds to cover the costs of ers for The Militant." This report speaks for itself. Skoglund's anti-deportation fight will total several thousand dol- The New Britain comrades are lars. The Civil Rights Defense breaking ground from which they Committee is appealing to all should later be able to reap a substantial number of subscripfriends of civil liberties and to the many thousands of supporttions. At the same time they are ers of the Minneapolis Labor widening their political influence. Case to aid Skoglund's defense. On top of this they know that Contributions should be sent to their work helps speed the victory the Civil Rights Defense Com- of socialism in America; and mittee, 19 West 10 Street, New there's nothing more satisfying than that. York City 11, N. Y.

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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 -Leon Trotsky, 1940. personality.'

"Socialism would have no value if it should not bring with

#### The Purge in the Plants

The Militant is one of the few papers in the country that has called attention to the brass hats' "disloyalty" purge of the industrial plants having military contracts. Now comes evidence that this purge is spreading so rapidly that the independence of the whole labor movement is threatened by it.

In a report which must have emanated from the brass hats themselves, the June 19 N. Y. Times says: "Officials estimate that as many as 20,000 to 50,000 technicians. engineers, scientists and other key industrial employees either are not working or have only interim clearance on their jobs pending their specific approval for handling classified processes or materials.'

The situation has become so bad, the report continues, that it threatens "to be a drag on important defense contracts that should be completed promptly." For this reason, it says, the Industrial Security Committee of the Military Establishment's Munition Board is considering a number of "remedies for the welter of investigations clogging the government's security offices."

Among these remedies are "declassification" of some processes and products; dividing other processes into "classified" and "nonclassified" areas; setting up regional purge boards to relieve the work of the Washington headquarters; and adding a civilian member

to the Industrial Employment Review Board, the appeal agency which is now made up only of brass hats and "has been criticized as arbitrary and unjust by both management and labor."

Such "remedies" may speed the process of the purge, which is what the brass hats want, but it won't remedy a thing for the labor movement, whose rights are brutally violated by the entire purge process.

Under this purge system, any worker in a plant with a military contract can be found a bad security risk" on grounds "of either questionable loyalty or personal conduct and records suggesting irresponsibility or criminality," or of membership within the past ten years in any of the 159 organizations designated "subversive" by Attorney General Clark.

With this weapon in their hands the brass hats could blacklist any militant unionist. That they are using the weapon more and more frequently is shown by the Times' statistics - appeals going to the Industrial Employment Review Board last year increased 600% over 1947. If the labor movement doesn't move into action to put an end to this threat without further delay, it may soon find itself bound hand and foot and utterly at the mercy of the traditionally anti-labor military bureaucracy.

#### **Misrepresentation on Housing**

Truman last week issued a violent blast against the "real estate lobby" for its misrepresentations of his housing bill. His statement was studded with harsh terms like "false" and "shocking." He was especially indignant at the charge that his program would cost \$20 billion over a 40-year period.

His bill, Truman heatedly replied, would cost only "nine to ten billion dollars, plus administrative expense, over a period of 29 to 33 years."

Truman's bill allows just \$500 million for · slum clearance, a billion dollar revolving fund for loans to local authorities for housing, \$5 million for housing research, \$250 million for farm housing and, finally, \$1.5. billion for 1,050,000 low-rent public housing units. The other \$61/2 billion will go for "costs of operating and maintaining the projects and retiring their bonded indebtedness.'

The public housing item — the only actual housing specified in the bill — will take seven years to complete. It is so meager that it will not make up for the present rate of housing deterioration. More slums will exist at the completion of the program than at its start.

### **CP** Trial and the Fight for Socialism

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#### **By Farrell Dobbs**

FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, June 22 - "We departed from the policy of class against class around 1935,' sniveled Gilbert Green, the second defendant to take the witness

stand here at the thought-control • trial of the Communist Party curity" with Hitler, World War II began, and the Stalinist line National Board. That repudiation of Marxism- changed.

"American neutrality is hypo-Leninism, that admission of critical," Dimitrov announced. reachery against the working "No united front with the wan class is plain enough as it stands. supporters." Dimitrov then de-But to examine the rest of scribed how the old third-period Green's testimony in the proper policy of the "united front from setting, it is necessary to recall below" should be applied to the the adoption of the People's People's Front line. Front line at the Seventh Con-Foster, who had been telling

gress of the Comintern in 1935 and how that line has since been applied.

anti-fascist, anti-war ends of the At the 1935 Congress, Georgi peoples of the Americas," ex-Dimitrov, then secretary of the Comintern, proclaimed: "The pounded the new line at a Jan. 1940 mass meeting in Madison choice today is between bourgeois Square Garden here in New York. democracy and fascism. We must Roosevelt "never gave two exterminate self-satisfied sectarcents worth of real support to anism" (by which he meant genthe ... peace front," Foster told uine revolutionists advocating unthe meeting, blandly ignoring the compromising struggle for world fact he had been saying just the ocialism). opposite a short time before. "Let

Dimitrov called for a "wide, us not forget the ultimate objecopular anti-fascist front" that tive we have in mind, the estabwould admit capitalist political ishment of socialism," he sudparties on the single condition that they were "against fascism." denly remembered. In the name of "collective secur-OVERNIGHT SWITCH ity" he promised that the Stalin-"The assertion that the United ists would cuddle up to the capi-States, with its present governtalists in every country where ment, can play a progressive role

the government was friendly to the Kremlin. Dimitrov's promise to the capi-

> talists has been kept, at a terrible cost to the world working class, right down to the present day.

PEOPLE'S FRONT POLICY Shortly after the Seventh Con-

P ranks. Eighteen months later Hitler gress, William Z. Foster wrote n the Oct. 1935 Communist that nvaded the Soviet Union. Overthe People's Front "applies with ight the Stalinists converted the decisive force in the United States." Foster called for a "new mperialist government of the United States into a "péople's" anti-fascist party" of workers, government. "The great might of farmers and liberal capitalists to America must be thrown against Hitler," Foster brayed. establish a "united front governnent.'

The Stalinists clamored for a In the 1936 presidential elecsecond front in Europe and suptions the Stalinists sneaked ported every move of Roosevelt's Roosevelt into their People's drag the country into war. fter the United States formally Front through the back door. For the record they nominated Earl declared war, the Stalinists be-Browder as the CP presidential came the best recruiting sercandidate, but their actual camgeants for the imperialists and paign consisted of finding "prothe worst finks against the workgressive notes" in the Democratic ing people. platform and denouncing the Re-Throughout this entire period oublicans as the "chief enemy of ince 1935 — and before that too

the American people." The Stalinists continued to nes-

in the same vein as Foster. But tle up cozily to the "anti-fascist" we are concerned here only with Roosevelt Democrats. Green told the jury how he wrote in 1938 ing Browder's revisionism" acthat "socialism is inevitable, but it makes a big difference whethist fable. er it comes after the horrors of fascism, or whether it comes with

fascism blocked." Then Chamberlain and Daladier made a deal with Hitler at Munich. Stalin and his gang in the der was a little crude in offer- got that American Big Business Kremlin squealed like stuck pigs. ing to shake hands with J. P. did not come into the war to de-The bourgeois governments don't Morgan. But the doughty Foster stroy fascism but only to smash absolutely right.

Ku Klux Klan Activities



A burning cross lights up white-gowned and hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan (left) during a mass initiation ceremony at Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga. Grand Dragon Samuel Green had predicted 1,000 initiates but only 125 attended, including the woman at right and her young child. But all over the South new reports were made of terror by hooded hoodlums.

in the war is a gross lie," Foster "Socialism is not the issue in | arrival in April 1945 of the article | maverick Progressive Party of wrote in the same period. He the war, nor will it be the issue by the French Stalinist leader, the capitalist Henry Wallace, called for a "third, progressive Jacques Duclos. In his article who wants American imperialism in the immediate post-war perparty" to establish an "anti-imiod," Foster wrote. He called for Duclos denounced the "notorious | to make a deal with Stalin. perialist People's Front." Press unity "with all the capitalist ele- revision of Marxism on the part the economic and political dements who will loyally support" of Browder," expressed general mands of the masses, he told the the Roosevelt-Stalin deal at Teagreement with Foster's line and fore 1935 had departed from the heran. "We must go all-out for suggested that Henry Wallace policy of class against class. Yet would probably remain friendly a continuation of the Roosevelt

policies," he concluded. Neither to the Kremlin. "We had to warn against the Leninists. Morgan, nor socialism - but Roosevelt! Green, who has been a full-

time CP hack for 19 years, told feeling in the ranks that our erthe jury he supported Browder against Foster in 1944 because he thought Browder was "expanding Marxism-Leninism to fit

the new world situation." By Jan. 1945, Green went on, and a new war.' there was mounting uneasiness

in the CP National Board over Browder's proposal to go the whole hog in collaborating with American monopoly capitalism. Big Business was regrouping, 'swerving in a reactionary direcabstract.

tion against the Soviet Union.' The mounting wave of mass actions was creating "difficulties not foreseen when the Communist Foster's telltale footprints, since Political Association was first Foster is supposed to be "correct- formed. revent fascism."

"WE DIDN'T FORESEE" cording to the latter-day Stalin-"We didn't foresee that the

Foster's so-called revolt against capitalists would put the burden Browder began with a letter to of the war on the working class,' the CP National Committee on Green pleaded, proving himself Jan. 20, 1944. He thought Brow-either a liar or a fool. "We for-

danger of over-correction," Green TEACHINGS OF MARXISM testified, "because there was a True communists, wrote Marx and Engels in the Communist ror lay in failing to make social-Manifesto, "never cease, for a ism the central issue. We agreed single instant, to instill into the with Foster that socialism is not working class the clearest possian immediate political issue. The

ble recognition of the hostile anissue is how to prevent fascism tagonism between bourgeoisie "Do you say socialism cannot and proletariat." The very capitalist government be realized in the foreseeable futhat has framed up the Stalinists ture?" the judge asked Green. in the present thought-control Green's lawyer, A. J. Isserman, trial — as defined by Lenin in interposed to ask if the issue of socialism wasn't "'remote and State and Revolution - is "the product and the manifestation of

the irreconcilability of class an-"Socialism is not an immediate tagonisms.' issue for the next period," Green We defend the Stalinists repied to the judge. "The issues against this frameup on the prinare to extend democracy, preserve ciple of defending democratic peace, curb the monopolies and ights from assault by the capi-

alist government. At the same A few minutes later Isserman time it is necessary to expose the read to the jury a declaration that the Stalinists are "always a step or two ahead of the working

Stalinist vulgarizations of Marxism-Leninism and explain the lass." If he meant the Stalinist true facts of the class struggle to the workers. traitors are always two jumps Capitalism breeds war because head of the workers in cooking the greedy monopoly capitalists up new ways to betray them in are always scheming and connivthe service of the Kremlin, he is

ing to hog the world markets and sources of raw materials - by intrigue where they can, by war

from the fight against the capi-

talist system. That means the

workers must break with all capi-

talist politicians, organize their

own independent political party

and take the road of struggle for

Then, and only then, can the

workers abolish wars for all

world socialism.

Such is the sordid record of the

Stalinist tricksters who long be-

these political leeches have the

gall to call themselves Marxist-

In short, Truman is outraged that the rent sharks, who are opposed to all public housing measures, dare to accuse him of wanting to spend as little as 500 millions a year to meet one of the most acute needs of the American people. It's a lie, rages Truman. He wants to spend much less — from 300 to 320 millions a year. The atom-bomb projects alone is getting more than twice that sum.

If anything is shocking, it's the piddling sum Truman proposes to spend when housing. experts agree the need is for not less than 10 million new low-cost and low-rent housing units today: In reality, Truman's program would provide only one-tenth the number of housing units required.

The Cold War Will Continue

The Prime Ministers' Council ended its month-long sessions in Paris with a communique announcing agreement on a few minor matters. But an AP dispatch summed up the conference better than anything in the communique when it said that the "unspoken theme" of the conference had been: "Let's keep the cold war cold - at least."

It was primarily an exploratory conference. The Western diplomats were interested in finding out if the cold war has had enough of an effect to wring serious concessions from the Stalinist bureaucracy. Vishinsky was sent to discover what response might have developed since the last "Big Four" conference to Stalin's often-repeated appeals for a deal.

From all indications, not much happened beyond these efforts at probing. There was no progress on a settlement of the German problem as a whole and nothing concrete on Austria except the selection of a date on which it is hoped a treaty will be worked out. However, the conference closed on a note of "limited accord," indicating that both sides remain open to further offers and that the discussions will probably be continued at a later date.

Some commentators have laid great stress on the conference's decision to permit resumption of trade between the eastern and western zones of Germany, seeing in this movepreparations for lifting of the virtual blockade

The projects are going to be built by private contractors through federal loans to local and state governments to be financed by sale of interest-bearing bonds. Thus, the program is one huge pork-barrel for local political grafters, contractors and bond-holders - including among them many of the "real estate lobby" that Truman has denounced.

No doubt the real estate interests have misrepresented Truman's bill. But when he claims his bill will substantially meet the people's housing needs, Truman is guilty of even grosser misrepresentation.

on trade between the East and West as a whole. It is true that Eastern Europe is badly in need of the West's industrial products, and that the West, which is beginning to feel the effects of a new depression, is more than ever interested in securing new markets.

But as in all the other disputed questions, the problem of trade expansion depends on the overall political dispute, and the very limited agreement on trade within Germany will continue to represent a tantalizing hibble offered by each side to the other unless a political deal is worked out.

Meanwhile, even while both sides are feeling the other out, the cold war will continue, with the U.S. government determined to maintain its present advantageous positions. Efforts in Washington to sharply reduce the annual Marshall Plan appropriations seem headed for defeat, the Atlantic Pact is set for ratification in the U.S. Senate, and the Truman administration is preparing its strategy for congressional adoption of the \$1,130,000,000 arms program for Western Europe.

Genuine peace will never be restored to the world so long as it depends on the Big Four powers, collectively or individually. The peoples of the world will have to step into the picture themselves and take things into their own hands if the permanent threat of war is to be lifted.

want "collective security," they warned the CP not to go over-screamed. A few months later board in the other direction Green said he "bec Green said he "became convinc-Stalin negotiated "collective se- either. ed" Foster was right after the

- Browder had been popping off

TRUMAN SHOULD KEEP QUIET ABOUT THE ALIEN AND SEDITION LAWS

ONE EXAMPLE

tion he wrote:

a court of justice."

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By Ruth Johnson .

Trying to convince the American people that the current witch-hunt would subside by itself, President Truman last week compared the present hysteria with the furor that raged in the United States at the time of the Alien and Sedition Laws, in the 1790's. "Read the history" of those laws, Truman urged, "and you will find out that the hysteria subsided and hell at all, and it isn't going to the hilt. Its opponents were the under the sedition laws. The laws that the counry did not go to now.'

Advice to read the history of that earlier witch-hunt and the struggle against it is good advice, because from it valuable lessons can be learned for the problems of today. But the real story of the Alien and Sedition Laws, instead of supporting the implications drawn by Truman,

discredits them completely. The laws were pushed through Congress by the Federalists, in clear violation of the Bill, of Rights. They were enacted under a barrage of propaganda that sounds familiar today. The Federalists were demanding war against France and hailed the repressive laws as protection against the "foreign enemy" and its "agents in America."

WHAT THE LAWS DID

The laws gave the President John Adams, a Federalist) broad powers to deport any noncitizen whom he considered a sympathizer of revolutionary France. Although no one was

deported under its provisions, it French citizens to leave "volunof the story.

ion sweeping powers for per- accord. secution of its political opponents were led by Thomas Jefferson, then vice - president. It became others. Recognizing that the peo-" in any respect.

illegal to publish "false, scan- ple were strongly aroused by this dalous or malicious writings threat to their political liberties, against the government, or the Jeffersonians made the repeal either House of Congress, or the of these laws the central theme President," or to "defame" them, of their propaganda and agitation or to "stir up hatred or resistance from the time they were enacted against them." In effect, it made right through the election camany criticism of the ruling party paign of 1800. In great measure an "act of sedition" nunishable this issue was responsible for the crushing defeat of the Fedby imprisonment and fines. The Adams government, re- eralists in that election. presenting especially the north-Jefferson defeated Adams for ern capitalists and financiers, the presidency in 1800. He reused its unconstitutional laws to leased the prisoners convicted

cities. the broad masses who year time limit, were permitted feared the growth of a centralized to lapse. The hysteria introduced and autocratic government.

One example is enough to show up too). how mere criticism was con-

demned as sedition. Dr. Thomas Truman wants us to compare Cooper, a Jeffersonian who had asked for a government position im with Jefferson. But any such in 1797, later publicly refused to comparison would be false (as serve under Adams. In explanawell as insulting to Jefferson) If any comparison of Truman is "In 1797 Adams was hardly in to be made regarding witchthe infancy of political mistake; hunts, it can only be with Adams. even those who doubted his As in Adams' administration, the capacity thought well of his in- witch-hunt today is LED by the tentions, nor had he yet inter, President, who is responsible for fered, as President of the United the government purge, the "sub-States, to impose the decision of versive" blacklists, the FBI's undercover espionage against the For this scathing but scarcely American people, the purge of 'subversive" opinion, Dr. Cooper workers in plants with military

was sentenced to six months imcontracts, etc. As in Adams' adprisonment. For similar "crimes" ministration, political opponents of political criticism, ten news- of the party in power are being hounded, persecuted and jailed. paper editors were jailed before Adams lost the presidency in. The witch-hunt of the 1790's was ended, not by people sitting

Now, it is true that these sediback and waiting for it to "subwas used to "persuade" many tion laws did not last for more side." but by the people springing than a couple of years. But not into action in defense of their tarily." But that was only part for the reasons Truman wants us rights, organizing politically and to believe. The hysteria did not They also gave the administra- simply "subside" of its own ministration which had initiated

the repressive acts. That is the On the contrary, these laws real lesson of the Alien and at home, the Republicans who were defeated because of militant Sedition Laws - but it's not one opposition led by Jefferson and that fits in with Truman's line

VEVER AN "ISSUE" The Stalinists pretend to advo- where they must. Yet the capi-

cate socialism, but for them it is | talists will "collaborate" with never an "immediate political is- the workers only on the basis of sue." When the capitalist govern- preserving the capitalist system. They offer the workers at most ment is collaborating with Stalin, his flunkies either throw cold wa- a few piddling reforms that solve ter on the workers' struggles to nothing.

When mass resistance to war, defend their interests or become unemployment, and other causes outright scabs and strikebreakers as they did during the war. of human misery spawned by "After the USSR got into the capitalism, reaches serious prowar in June 1941," Foster wrote portions, the monopoly capitalists only a month ago, "the new Com- | resort to brutal fascism in an efmunist anti-fascist tactics, ini, fort to preserve their rule over tiated by the Seventh World Conthe workers. The fight against war and fasgress of the Comintern. . . accism is therefore inseparable

tually got into effective, successful operation." When the capitalist govern-

nent is not cooperating with Stalin, his stooges in this country nake a big racket about the grievances of the workers and the Negro people, only to lead them

into the trap of political collaboration with whatever capitalist small farmers, the artisans of the themselves, which had a two politicians are friendly to the time and obliterate fascism from Kremlin. In the 1948 presidential the face of the earth. There is no campaign, they supported the other road.

by the Federalists died with their defeat in the elections (and soon after the Federalists party folded

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### Who Is ND 401?

#### **By** Albert Parker

I am not sure that it would be legal for me to reveal who ND 401 is, even if I knew. The FBI, for whom he works, considers his identity a "vital secret," publication of which would "endanger the national security." According to some reports, J. Edgar Hoover would rather resign than have us know who ND 401 is, or what he does, or how much he is paid. Whatever you or I may think of him, he is considered a pretty important person in the nation's capital.

However, we have a few clues, no thanks to Hoover, Clark or Truman. For example, we know a little about ND 400 (he's apparently a New Yorker, who tried without success to dig up some damaging rumors about Fredric March, the movie actor) and about ND 402 (apparently a resident of Los Angeles, who was more enterprising and managed to fill a whole dossier with stories he had picked up here and there about March's activities and affiliations and private conversations).

From this it seems logical to conclude that there must be somebody numbered ND 401. And that he must be in the espionage business too, even if he's not one of the twelve assigned to shadow Fredric March.

But what is his specific assignment? Although we can only speculate about the answer, enough is already known to guide our inquiry.

Is he a member of the Communist Party, planted by the FBI to steal documents, collect information and act as a government witness at some future trial? Does he go around recruiting his friends, relatives and fellow workers into the party so that he can have more to include in his reports to the FBI?

Or does he work in a factory, assigned the job of belonging to a union where he can find out about its internal affairs and track down the names of militant workers, which he turns over to the FBI and which soon thereafter find their way onto the blacklists of the employers and the brass hats in charge of industrial contracts for the armed forces?

Or maybe he's a free-lancer, instructed to worm

or "patriotism" alone. He gets paid for everything he does, generally on a piece-rate basis. The more he produces, the more he gets paid and from his viewpoint the lovely thing about this incentive system is that he is not compelled to prove anything that he puts down in his reports.

has certain advantages. The pay is "pretty good," according to Dr. Condon, which is something you decent human being, but ND 401 knows that it can't say of the wage standards of hundreds of thousands of other government employees engaged in socially more useful tasks. Moreover, to ND 401 it must look like a job with a future both the Democrats and Republicans would have to be kicked out of office before the police spy system is discontinued, and there are probably tens of millions of American citizens whose 'lovalty" hasn't been thoroughly investigated yet.

We may not be able for as long time to learn any more about ND 401's day-to-day routine, working conditions and psychology than the general picture given above. But even this general picture can have some value if you remember it on the day when you pay taxes (from which ND 401's wages are drawn) and on election day (when the men who hired ND 401 will be asking for your support in the name of democracy and the struggle against the police state in Eastern Europe).

### **Trial of Simpson** The job may not seem inviting to the average Set for June 27 ecent human being, but ND 401 hours average

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PHILADELPHIA - Trial for Fred Simpson has been set for June 27. Simpson is a Negro worker indicted on a trumped-up charge of "operating a disorderly house" after police raided an inter-racial party held at his home on March 6 to raise funds for another victim of Jim Crow justice, Bayard Jenkins.

The case has aroused considerable concern in labor and Negro circles because it dramatizes the long standing police practice of harassing gatherings in Negro communities. Thirtynine men and women, members of the Socialist Workers Party, CIO, NAACP and Jenkins Defense Committee, were arrested without warrant at Simpson's home,

and kept overnight in jail. All were released the next

morning except Simpson. To make his mind up on the merits of the trumped-up police charges against Simpson, it was enough for Magistrate Daly to know that white and Negro workers had gathered together to defend a victim of racial discrimination. "We intend to break this up," he said, and held Simpson in \$500 bail for court.

Fred Simpson will be defended by the Citizens Committee for Democratic Rights, a group recently organized to defend victims of the current witchhunting hysteria. They have assigned the well-known Negro Attorney, Raymond Pace Alexander, to handle the case. Mr. Alexander is confident of victory.

Charles Blumenthal, member of UE Local 401, displays a

special reason why he's on strike against the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Elizabeth, N. J. In the second month of the strike the company still refuses to negotiate demands for wage increases, 35-hour week and an end to the speedup "standards system."



The strong strike vote was ob-SAN FRANCISCO - Bay Area | extending until June 1950, is open | tained after a build-up by Local CIO Warehousemen hit the bricks yearly on wages.) June 16 after a refusal by the "Arbitration is a fighting 6 officials who used the slogan

Distributors' Association to ar- weapon!" This was the keynote "they've got it; it's up to us to bitrate wage demands and ex- set by Harry Bridges, interna- get it," to show that the em-

nological rationalization the cor-

the workers now demand.

Wage negotiations covering some three million workers in major industries, including steel, auto, electrical equipment and coal, are now under way. Following the precedent set by past victories of the militant coal

wage increases.

Workers, the key to this year's wage pattern, as in previous workers are currently negotiating with major corporations in their industries - United States Steel, Electric.

Last week, in almost simultaneously released statements. all three of these monopoly corporations flatly and contemptuously rejected the unions' demands, both on wages and security funds. They said they history. During the past three post-war

wage fights, the corporations used the threat of inflation to try to beat down wage demands. This year, however, they are using an opposite and even weightier club - the threat of depression. They are trying to intimidate the unions with the idea that now is a "poor time" to press wage demands, both because of "inability to pay" due to slackening production and demand and the more unfavorable position of the workers in strikng while unemployment is on the increase.

WHAT UNIONS CAN SHOW

The unions can show, and have Thirties when the CIO was being shown, that the corporations can formed, we see that the CIO well afford to pay higher wages with a real fighting policy won, despite far more unfavorable and provide old-age pensions and welfare funds from their recordconditions than exist for it topreaking profits and their all- day. Then the CIO was new and ime high reserves. Moreover, inexperienced, lacking in numthey can demonstrate that by bers and in the midst of a virtue of speed-up and tech- | depression with more than 10 million workers out of jobs. Yet it porations have already squeezed trough a militant enough increased production from policy.

each worken to compensate the Today, solidly organized, with employers in advance for the a tested and experienced memwage boosts and other benefits bership, with general economic conditions still far better than The unions can show, and have in the Thirties, the CIO could

### A New Kind of "Bigot"

We have been offered a new definition of "bigot." It is allegedly anyone who wants to keep the free public system in America free and public. It is especially anyone who opposes the diversion of public funds for educational purposes into the private coffers of religious organizations.

The author of this new definition of "bigot" is that Prince of the Church and authoritarian head of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, Cardinal Spellman, Addressing a big Catholic gathering at Fordham University on June 19, the Cardinal assailed Representative Graham A. Barden, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Education, as a "new apostle of bigotry" because Barden's proposed bill for federal aid to education would limit use of tax monies to public schools.

Those Congressmen who support Barden's bill, said the Cardinal, are "disciples of discrimination" who are conducting a "craven crusade of religious prejudice against Catholic children" and "violating and inciting others to violate the very rights and freedom upon which our democratic government was founded."

What rights of Catholic children are being violated? Are Catholic children denied equal opportunity with all other children to attend public schools? As a matter of fact, more Catholic children attend public than parochial schools. Are they denied the right to attend Catholic schools? On the contrary, they have the right in

- By Joseph Keller this country to attend parochial schools instead of public schools.

In the Southern states, Negro children are segregated into separate schools, with inferior buildings and equipment. That is discrimination. If that were practiced against Catholic children it would have to be condemned and fought as the worst kind of bigotry. Nobody but Spellman and the Catholic hierarchy itself are trying to force Catholic children into segregated Catholic schools.

The first sentence of the first Amendment of the Bill of Rights establishes the separation of State and Church. That is a bed-rock of democracy. The U. S. Supreme Court - including the present body - has repeatedly upheld this policy, and particularly with respect to public education. The expenditure of public funds implies public

control of the use of those funds. Does the Cardinal agree that there should be public regulation of the uses of any public funds that he wants contributed to Catholic schools? He would recoil in horror at any such suggestion. Not even Catholic parents have any say-so about the parochial schools for which they pay.

The Rev. Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop in the New York area, was eminently correct when he answered Spellman's attack by saying that to prevent use of public funds for parochial schools "is the preservation of American public education and its protection from a prelate with a prehensile (grasping) hand."

# Or maybe he's a free-lancer, instructed to worm himself into the confidence of some prominent scientist or educator and to dig up "links" prov-ing that at one time in 1945 the scientist or edu-cator (or his wife) shared a table at a cocktail party with the fourth attache of the Bulgarian Embassy? We may never know which of these "services" ND 401 is performing at the present time. But it's a sure thing that he's not doing it for love or "patriotism" alone. He gets paid for every-

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miners, most of the unions are | ributing to depression and only now demanding pensions and by greatly increasing the share welfare funds as well as hourly of the workers in the national income can the pace of the economic decline be even partly As de from the United Mine slowed or checked.

The top CIO leaders, for all years, is the "Big Three" of the their gestures of demands, nego-CIO. The steel, auto and electrical tiations and even vague threats of possible strike action, do not intend any serious struggle and are not preparing for it. They Ford Motor Co. and General are going through the motions of negotiations with the hope that they can get a few scraps of

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concessions that can be palmed off on the workers as a "victory."

There is not a semblance of unified strategy among the CIO internationals. Some, like the would not give the workers an- Textile Workers, have completely other red cent, although the abandoned even the pretense that corporations today are sitting on they are seeking higher wages. top of the biggest pile of profits Other major unions, like steel, and capital reserves in their auto and electrical, are acting completely independently from each other, so far as the wage question is concerned. Each is out

to get what it can, however it can, without a battle.

GAINS CAN BE WON

The wage struggle was already seriously weakened by the criminal conduct of W a l t e r Reuther in the Ford speed-up strike, when he forced through a settlement without any gains whatsoever. This was a tip-off not only to Ford but the other corporations that the top CIO leaders don't mean business and are thoroughly scared of a real

If we look back to the middle

### John Dewey Speaks Out

– By John F. Petrone –

After long consideration of the matter. John Dewey, America's most outstanding educator and a noted defender of civil rights and academic freedom, has come out against the firing of teachers because they belong to the Communist Party. This decision, expressed in a letter printed in the June 21 N. Y. Times, testifies to the growing public alarm over the witch-hunt and serves as a rebuke to many of Dewey's followers who have joined or led the demand for a purge of Stalinist teachers in the name of true "academic freedom."

Dewey's letter says that up to the present time he had hesitated to express "the serious doubts" he felt about the proposal to oust Stalinist teachers because of his respect for the university men who advocated the contrary view, with whom he agreed that "in the abstract" Communist Party membership "unfits one for the office of teaching impressionable students." However, he adds, he has an aversion to "deciding important matters on abstract grounds, without reference to concrete conditions and probable consequences."

The fact is, Dewey feels, that "action of the kind proposed is bound to have indirect consequences which will be much more harmful in the end than are the evils directly guarded against. Such a movement gets taken up into a larger movement where it goes far beyond the point that was intended by the scholarly leaders who proposed something which in abstract logic was justified. . .

"This consideration was the original ground of my doubts and dissent. I could not be sure, however, that in fact the proposed measure would add fuel to the flame of blind and emotional ac-

tion. Recent events have now proved that the fear is warranted." As evidence he says it is enough to cite only the action of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in demanding lists of textbooks, thus "publicly putting the heads of colleges and universities in a position in which they are inevitably exposed to suspicion and to public resentment which has been needlessly and harmfully inflamed.

"It is to be hoped," Dewey concludes, "that the public response to the very great error of the committee will check the hysterical wave. I do not to put it as mildly as possible, to discourage the desire to protect institutions of learning from unjust and wholly needless suspicion and attack. The outcome, however, seems to teach quite a different lesson."

that endorsement of reactionary attacks on Stalinist teachers encourages reactionary attacks on academic freedom in general - parallels the position taken by The Militant more than five months ago, at the beginning of the hue and cry against employment of Stalinist teachers. It should also be recalled that among the most rabid supporters of the purge were the "scholarly leaders," Professors Sidney Hook and John Childs, Dewey's most prominent disciples; the Social Democratic New Leader, of which Dewey is a contributing editor; and Norman Thomas, whose presidential candidacy last year was supported by Dewey. 

tend the contract until 1952. tional president of the ILWU, With the offer to arbitrate not when the turn - about line was yet withdrawn by the Strike presented to an overflow special men would have to fight to get Strategy Committee, Local 6 of strike meeting on June 4. the International Longshoremen Crowding into the huge Civic and Warehousemen's Union is Auditorium, the warehouse workput in the position of "striking ers were asking "When do we for arbitration." strike?" Two months of negotia-

Wage demands remain at 15 tions with the employers had got cents for men and 221/, cents for them nowhere and strike action women. Wage rates now are on or after June 1 had been called \$1.371/2, for men and \$1.20 for for by an 82% vote in secret women. (The three year contract, balloting.

see, however, how the original proposal, coming as it did from the university leaders, did anything, SWP Will Participate in some of these teachers were moved by a proper desire to protect institutions of learning from un-

NEW YORK, June 21 - The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party announced today that it plans to parti-Dewey's warning - the essence of which is | cipate actively in the "Conference for Civil and Human Rights"

> the auspices of the Civil Rights | Party offering support against Congress and a number of in- the prosecution, and cooperation in organizing a broad united

Civil Rights Congress, Michael "Closely allied to the Smith Act in its repressive effects is Bartell stated that the SWP had accepted its public invitation to Trumar's Executive Order all New York organizations and No. 9835 upon which the Departothers "interested in the fight to ment of Justice's 'subversive' blacklist and 'loyalty' purges are guarantee civil and human rights" and would send a delegation to being carried out. Here too, our the conference. organization has been among

those victimized. You are un-"We are entirely in accord with your stated purpose of rallying doubtedly acquainted with the case of James Kutcher, the public support for the-12 leaders of the Communist Party now on legless veteran who was fired trial for allegedly violating the from his job with the Veterans notorious Smith law," Bartell's Administration because of mem-

avoid a strike." Party. We are convinced that we in such a struggle is of long standing. The first trial and conhave much to contribute to the work of your conference, as the viction under this law occurred, result of our experience in the as you know, in the Minneapolis trial of 1941 where 18 leaders struggle against the Smith Act not struck.

and Teamsters Local 544 were against the firing of Kutcher. "Let us say in conclusion that organization of a broad united and women are still deprived of

civil rights and against the steady standing, our national organiza- and police-state measures. We Baltimore adopted a resolution tion publicly stated its unreserved trust you will agree that such a calling on the AFL, CIO and movement can be effectively and successfully instituted on the was reported in the newspapers. groups, individuals and organiza-On July 28, 1948, the Political tions devoted to the cause of Committee of the SWP addressed civil liberties , and democratic an open letter to the Central rights regardless of political map out a program to defeat all

ployers have doubled and trebled their profits but the warehousetheir share in increased wages. Further indication that only strike action would win demands was given when J. Hart Clinton. quoted as saying, "We think we

than by peaceful means." Weakening of the strike was

effected by exempting nearly a dozen of the 182 Distributors Association houses from the strike. This was "to assure the Bay Area a supply of basic comnodities," according to a union spokesman.

This was presented as a means of putting the union in a favorable position in public opinion. However, this allows commodities to move, thus diminishing its economic effectiveness and prolonging the strike.

Ringold, president of the Seattle The employer - instigated per-Chapter of Americans For Demosecution of Harry Bridges, who cratic Action; Bob Hillis, secreis now accused of lying about tary of the local American Civil Communist Party membership

when he got his citizenship papers, was closely tied in with versity chapter; Jay Sykes, vicethe warehouse union offer to arbitrate. Discussion of the Guild, student chapter; and Frank Bridges case, not the negotia-Krasnowsky, secretary of the tions, opened the meeting where Seattle Kutcher · Committee. arbitration was offered.

On June 16 Kutcher talked to a "I'm known all over the coungroup of about 70 members of the try," Bridges said at this June ,4 meeting, "as the man who would rather strike than eat breakfast." The arbitration proposal he said. "will make it clear to the employers and the public that we want to stand on our rights but | Lumber and Sawmill Workers union.

Six thousand of the 9,000 Bay Area warehousemen in the CIO are directly affected by the strike. Independent houses are

to cancel its debate.

#### **Baltimore NMU** the time is long overdue for the For Work Stoppage front movement in defense of To Repeal T-H

Members of the CIO National encroachment of thought-control Maritime Union in the port of independent unions for a 24-hour work stoppage to demand repeal condition that it includes all of the Taft-Hartley Act. The resolution also asked the NMU to appeal to the rest of the labor movement for a congress to anti-labor legislation.

shown, that the continuous decline | win its demands through a miliin mass purchasing power in tant policy. What was decisive relation to production, prices and in the Thirties is decisive now: profits is the basic factor con- Will the CIO fight?

fight.

#### spokesman for the employers, was Loyalty Board, FBI Decline to Debate can gain more by economic action than by peaceful means." With James Kutcher in Seattle

SEATTLE - On June 13, the day James Kutcher arrived by plane in Seattle on his Western tour, he addressed a meeting of IAM Machinists Lodge 79, which gave a warm reception to the legless veteran. The follow-

The Seattle ACLU is therefore ing noon Kutcher spoke at a urging its members to attend the. luncheon of the American Vetpublic protest meeting sponsored erans Committee Planning Board. by the Kutcher Committee to be That afternoon he was interviewed by the press at the ofheld June 22 at Swedish Hall. Its letter declared that "the Kutcher fices of Roy Atkinson, CIO Recase is clearly one of the most gional Director. Other supporters important and distressing from of Kutcher's campaign attending the civil liberties standpoint to the press conference were Sollie have occurred in the conduct of the Loyalty Program."

Liberties Union; Sanford Peter-sky, president of the AVC Unipresident of the National Lawyers Guild, student chapter; and Frank **Help Legless Vet** 

The Michigan State CIO Ex-Street Railway employees, mainly ecutive Board passed a resolution young veterans like himself. He at its recent meeting at Port travelled to Everett June 18 to Huron calling for the extension address meetings of AFL Boiler- of all possible aid to James Kutmakers Local 104 and the AFL cher and the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

"The labeling of individuals, WITCH HUNTERS DECLINE groups or organizations as subversive without affording those The Seattle American Civil accused the right to be heard, Liberties Union had planned a tried or even face their accusers public debate on the Federal is a violation of the safeguards Loyalty Review Program between guaranteed in the Bill of Rights," representatives of government orthe resolution declared. ganizations responsible for ad-

"The Michigan CIO, while in ministrating the purge and ACLU disagreement with the political members opposed to its methods. Kutcher was to participate in views held by James Kutcher, reaffirms its belief in his right the proposed discussion.

to his own opinions without fear All three members of the of discriminatory reprisals," the Regional Loyalty Review Board resolution concluded.

who live in the area, the Civil Michigan is the tenth CIO state Service Commission and the FBI body efficially backing Kutcher's campaign. The addition of the were contacted and asked to parendorsement from this key inticipate. Since none of these perdustrial state puts the majority sons were willing to defend the of the CIO membership on record program, the ACLU was forced in support of the veteran's fight for reinstatement.

THE LOGICAL RESULT - Condemning the as counsel for a landlord notorious for cheating New York City public school ban on The Nation his Puerto Rican tenants, and that she directed because of Catholic criticism, the American Civil chauvinist slanders against the Puerto Rican

"act impartially and recognize complaints of all races, religions and groups offended, there soon will be little worthwhile material left in the school libraries."

SDF-SP RELATIONS - The recent national convention of the Social Democratic Federation defeated a motion for merger with the Socialist Party by a close vote. For this reason, the SDF National Executive Committee declares, it has decided to hold a referendum of the SDF membership on the question of merger during the month of December. Meanwhile, committees of the two organizations will meet to set up a Socialist Bureau to spread Social Democratic propaganda.

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BELLA DODD EXPELLED - Bella Dodd, who has held many high posts in the New York

Liberties Union points out that if the authorities people. In addition, she was accused of a long list of general "anti-Party, anti-leadership and factional activities."

\* \* \* ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES - Americans have been eating less meat this year than in 1948, according to a Department of Agriculture report, because consumer demand has fallen "below pre-war levels." \* \* \*

COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTIONS - Twice within one week, the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals has upheld "contempt" convictions arising from the House Un-American Committee inquisitions. Approved by the court were the conviction of two Hollywood writers for refusing to tell if they were members of the Communist Party, and of George Marshall for refusing to turn over the records of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, one of the groups Communist Party, has been expelled. The specific on Clark's "subversive" list. Both cases will probcharge, says the Daily Worker, was that she acted ably be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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In a letter to the New York front defense committee.

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of the Socialist Workers Party and in the protest movement

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Committee of the Communist opinions or differences."

