Vincent Dunne--Life of a True **Revolutionist**

"More responsible than any other single individual for making Minneapolis a union town." This is the considered judgment of Vincent R. Dunne made by John Wick-

"Vince. . . . believes that the workers and farmers should run government and industry," continues Wickland, "that there should be no private ownership of resources or of the tools of production and that there should be no capitalism. He is a disciple of Marx, Lenin — and Leon Trotsky.

"He is not a member of the Communist Party as developed by Stalin after Trotsky was expelled from Russia. He belongs to the Socialist Workers Party. That is the dissident group which split from the Communist Party and follow-

ed Trotsky's doctrine that the socialist revolution cannot be confined to one country, Russia, but must spread throughout the world.'

Wickland describes Dunne as a' "coldly logical speaker who can light the fire of rebellion within his comrades." In Wickland's opinion "most radicals" don't have a sense of humor but he admits that it is not lacking in Dunne and that he "can converse withbut orating."

The absorbing story of Dunne's life is told by Wickland. "Vince Dunne - he was christened Vincent Raymond and is either Vince or Ray to his comrades - was

born April 17, 1889, in Kansas City, Kan. His father was an Irish immigrant, a common laborer. His mother was French Canadian. "Soon after his birth, his father was injured and the family Manuilsky for the Russian party) moved to Little Falls, Minn., to live with grandparents.

"As the eight Dunne children were old enough, they went to work. Vince started when he was 11, first on the farm, then on posed for adoption by the full threshing crews, then into the woods as 'cookee' - cook's helper in a lumber camp.

The Basis of His Philosophy

"School had ended for him after six short winter terms. Before he started classes he had learned to read from the newspapers with said that it was not strong which his grandparents' cabin was papered.

"When he was 15, Vince went west to the Montana lumber camps. There he first met the trade union movement, the Western Federation of Miners which had just merged with the IWW. Impressed with the better working conditions which existed because of the union, he immediately joined and was immediately exposed to the revolutionary-minded people who led the union. He began to read mon with the working class." the revolutionary literature of the Wobblies and the federation.

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VINCENT R. DUNNE

the November issue of Harper's Magazine. Silone, the famous novelist, is a reformist Social Democrat today, but in the Twenties he was a revolutionist and one of the leaders of the underground Communist Party in Italy. The Harper's article explains the circumstances which

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led to his break with the Communist International after it came under the complete control of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

The main incident in the article deals with a session of the enlarged Executive of the Cominern held in Moscow in May, 1927. Ostensibly called to discuss the struggle against war, it "was actually designed to begin the 'liquidation' of Trotsky and Zinoviev, who were still members of the International Executive," says Silone. Palmiro Togliatti took Silone to a meeting of the heads of the most important delegations which preceded the formal session of the Executive and was in effect a Stalinist

caucus meeting. When the two Italians arrived at the meeting (which was attended by Stalin, Rykov, Bukharin and

the German Ernst Thaelmann began to read a resolution, prosession, violently condemning a document Trotsky had written to the Russian CP leadersh'p. After reading the resolution, Thaelmann asked if there was agreement.

The Finn Ottomar Kuusinen enough, that it should add that Trotsky's document was "of an entirely counter - revolutionary character and constitutes clear proof that the man who wrote it no longer has anything in com-

TROTSKY'S DOCUMENT Silone, after consulting with

Togliatti, apologized for having arrived late and so not having

217 NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1949 **PRICE: FIVE CENTS** sidered judgment of Vincent R. Dunne made by John Wick and, staff writer of the Minneapolis Tribune, in an objective account of the life of the National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers party featured in the Sunday, Dec. 4, edition of the Minneapolis paper as Dunne departed on a coast-to-coast speaking tour in defense of civil rights. It was Vincent R. Dunne and his brothers, Grant and Miles, who "brought mass organization of workers to this city," Wickland he open shop tradition." He Believes Workers Should Rule **Episode Exposing**

BUT I'M A LOYAL AMERICAN!

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Last Refuge of a Scoundrel

ACLU Says Cops Aided Mob Attack Westchester County police "permitted the assault" of the fascist-like hoodlum mob that injured more than 200 persons leaving the Paul Robeson concert near Peekskill, N. Y., on Sept. 4. states an independent

survey released by the Amer-

ican Civil Liberties Union on

Dec. 7. The survey, based on

a five-week on-the-spot inves-

tigation, charges that police

knew in advance about the

preparations for violence but

did nothing to prevent it.

Mass Action by the People **Needed to Preserve Rights**

The U.S. Supreme Court last week ducked the issue of the constitutionality of "loyalty" oaths - the most widespread form of civil rights violations in the witch-hunt now sweeping the country. On D-

Significantly, the Supreme Dec. 5 in Washington, the august high tribunal refused to rule Court, on the very day it failed whether the Los Angeles County to act on the Los Angeles case, "employee-loyalty" test is a vio- also postponed a ruling on two appeals against the constitutionlation of the Bill of Rights. ality of the "non-Communist" oath of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Through a statement by Justice Felix Frankfurter, the court claimed that the constitutional United Steel Workers and Amerbrought by 26 Los Angeles County employes are "not ripe for decision.

These appeals by CIO unions, the questions involved in the appeal ican Communications Association, have been pending many months. THE MINNEAPOLIS CASE This is by no means the first

The "Nine Old Men" seized on a technicality in order to evade time the Supreme Court has rea decision on a case which has sorted to technical evasion on isdirect bearing on "loyalty" pro- sues of civil rights. On three difcedures in scores of state and lo- ferent occasions in 1943 the court cal governments, on the "non- refused, without comment, even Communist" union affidavit im- to review the convictions under posed by the Taft-Hartley Act the Smith Act of 1940 of 18 memand on the "loyalty" purge of bers of the Socialist Workers Parfederal employes by the Truman ty and Minneapolis Drivers Local administration. 544. At that time, many liberals ex-

FLIMSY EVASION

pressed the naive opinion that the Frankfurter, expressing the unanimous opinion of the court, said that appeals of 16 appellants unconstitutional law in violation Supreme Court would never let were still pending before Califor-nia courts on a Los Angeles Board of Supervisors order that "ex- bly. But the Supreme Court let pressly threatens sanctions" or the 18 serve their full terms in discharge" for refusal to sign federal prison and never acted on county "loyalty" oaths. Therefore, their appeals. This year 11 Stalinsaid Frankfurter, it would be ist leaders of the Communist U. S. court to act if the state Party have been convicted under courts eventually rule against the the same Smith Act. . appellants on "penalties."

The Supreme Court's action in Of course, these appeals could the Los Angeles case again dem-

be held up for years in the state onstrates that this highest capitalcourts and workers would be in-timidated and fired all the while.

Truman's Hoax n Housing Bias

By Albert Parker A lot of smoke and no fire — that is the way to sum



AID TO KUTCHER PLEDGED BY N. J. CIO CONVENTION

Dec. 5 — The New Jersey CIO Convention gave a rousing welcome home to James Kutcher when he addressed the first afternoon session of its three-day gathering at Convention Hall in Asbury Park

the status of his fight. he will appear at the Queens

"If it had not been for the County AVC and the next night be expedient to translate and man added, "President Truman withholding of federal aid to initiative of your organization at the Manhattan County AVC distribute Trotsky's document to has been working on this matter housing projects that practice meetings. the delegates of the International for some time, and is most happy discrimination in occupancy. . .' and officers who helped me from His schedule will be climaxed Executive, because there are over the result of his efforts." the start," Kutcher said, "my case But that was just what it did by the big mass meeting Thursallusions in it to the policy of The real meaning of the new might now be forgotten. Without not mean, as Franklin D. Richards, their help, I might not have day evening, Dec. 15, 8 P.M. at policy was not understood at commissioner of the Federal Housthe Soviet state." obtained the kind of backing the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and (But, as Silone notes, Trotsky first by the press and a large ing Administration, hastened to from the labor movement all 8th Ave., New York City. Other himself later published this part of the public. The next day's explain the next day. All that is speakers include I. F. Stone, document abroad in his book, N. Y. Times ran a misleading involved, he said, is bringing to jam through a picked trial were dispersed throughout the over the country that proved so Roger Baldwin, Norman Thomas, Problems of the Chinese Revolu- front page headline: "Truman government policies in housing gratifying throughout my tour." Carl Holderman, Benjamin F. tion, "and as anyone can still see Puts Ban On All Housing Aid in line with last year's Supreme The convention unanimously ap-McLaurin, and Prof. Thomas I. for himself today, it contains no Where Bias Exists." Private Court decision that while restricproved a vigorous resolution building association officials, who Emerson. (Continued on page 3) (Continued on page 4)

calling upon all its affiliates to see the veteran's fight through to a successful conclusion. Many delegates afterwards came to the back of the hall to discuss the case personally with Kutcher and arrange to have him appear be-

fore their locals throughout the Committee is already busy selling | in the inner-union struggle during | on the subject of the elections.

tickets and program ads for its banquet honoring the legless United Electrical Workers Local Newark Evening News, Msgr. went to the incumbent president, veteran to be held Sunday evening, Jan. 29, at the Cadillac Restaurant in Newark.

EDUCATORS ENDORSE

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A group of well-known educainternational Union of Electrical, left-wing ticket" as "weak-kneed tors of varying political views Radio and Machine Workers or Catholics" who by backing the at New York University have protested the denial of freedom of thought and association in Kutpelled from the CIO. cher's case. Among the faculty Instead of offering the work- vote for the pro-CIO candidates members endorsing the Kutcher ers a better program of action Civil Rights Committee are to improve their conditions, the as a moral obligation." Sidney Hook, chairman of the self-styled "right wing," which Philosophy Department; Henry opposed the incumbent pro-UE Pratt Fairchild, Professor Emeriofficers, welcomed the , aid of tus of Sociology; George E. Ax- Roman Catholic priests to put ment of History of Education; local.

and Edwin B. Burgum, Associate Professor of English at Washington Square College.

431, at the Monroe Calculating Mechler told parishioners to vote Raymond Shattuck, the only non-Machine Co., Orange, N. J. contest was whether the local sin." The priest assailed "two should join the newly-formed CIO | members of this parish on the

against the "Communist" union Catholic of the seven top officers The underlying issue in the officers "under pain of mortal elected.

> "not as a matter of politics, but Stalinist influence or control, but democratic processes inside Local "GRIEVOUS SIN"

The same kind of religious coercion was used by the Very

Msgr. Michael A. Mechler, pastor pain of grievous sin."

Kutcher is scheduled to speak at a number of places in New York City during the next week. Petralia, pastor at Our Lady of the valley of the outside, alien and reactionary ligious division in their ranks. They mail, such as the Cito leaders and will not submit to religious the incumbents' slate, opposed by the outside, alien and reactionary ligious division in their ranks.

up the overnight sensation about the Truman administrabeen able to see the document which was to be condemned. tion's announcement that the government will refuse to Thaelmann's answer was: "To give financial aid for the con-O

tell the truth, we haven't seen struction of private housing rely heavily on government loans the document either." Preferring where occupancy or use is and insurance, deplored or denot to believe his ears, Silone restricted on the basis of race, nounced the new policy in both said: "It may very well be true creed or color. When the smoke the North and South, wailing that Trotsky's document should had cleared away a few hours that it would mean drastic be condemned, but obviously I after the announcement, it was curtailment in home construccannot condemn it before I've plain that race discrimination in tion.

read it." It then came out that government-financed housing will Rep. Rankin of / Mississippi Friday, Dec. 2. Introduced by On Dec. 8 he will tell his story to the night and day shifts of CIO Civil Rights Committee, CIO Civil Rights Committee, CIO Shipbuilders C Stalin, the only one who was on behalf of the administration known." The Social Democratic Kutcher gave the delegates a Union in Brooklyn. On Dec. 12 undisturbed by this development, by U. S. Solicitor General Philip Liberal Party rushed in to hail it brief report of his national tour he will talk to the students at then took the floor and said: B. Perlman on Dec. 2 at a meet- as "a historic gain in the strugand brought them up-to-date on Brooklyn College. That' evening "The political office of the party ing of the New York State Com- gle for full civic rights to all our has considered that it would not mittee on Discrimination. Perle people" because it meant "the

cluding the Port Agent and 14 natrelmen.

> For the second successive meetng, the Curran machine brought bus loads of men from Atlantic and Gulf coast ports ranging from Maine to Texas, to overwhelm the New York membership who

committee decision to remove from office on trumped up charges 15 opposition port officials in-

How not to win workers for | Mount Carmel Church, both in | Catholic hierarchy, swept 15 of | And, they will regard as sheer state. The New Jersey Kutcher the CIO has been demonstrated Orange, delivered public sermons the 18 contested posts, including hypotrisy the claim of any "antiall top offices, by a vote of nearly communist" faction that it is A WEEK OF TERROR the recent election of officers of According to the Nov. 28 two to one. The highest vote fighting "outside interference," The membership meeting last when at the same time it tries to night was preceded by a week of bring into the union the inter-police and goon terror against

ference of the authoritarian oppositionists after the Curran Roman Catholic hierarchy. faction had taken over the port The events in Orange provide by physical force. Members were The chief target of the Catholic further proof of the reactionary, beaten up, many had their union attack, Shattuck, is not a Stalant labor role of the Catholic books taken away by imported inist and his opponents did not even accuse him of being one. In hierarchy in its campaign to bore strong-arm men, others were inremain in the old Stalinist- old UE were supporting an fact, it is well known that the from within the American labor timidated into signing loyalty dominated UE, which was ex- "atheistic doctrine." He ordered Communist Party as such wields movement. Its attempt to advance "pledge" cards. Hundreds stayed his par shioners in the plant to little influence in this local, as in its political aims by using religi- away from the meeting in fear most others. Thus it was not ovs authority to impede the of reprisals.

Although the meeting was the methods of the opposition 431 mirrors its methods generally. scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M. The workers in the electrical the men from the outports were which were decisive in the election results. The workers just equipment industry should remain instructed to be in the hall no in the CIO so as to be with the later than 6:00 and occupy all couldn't stomach such methods. The moral of this incident is mainstream of industrial work- the front seats. A number of bustelle, chairman of the Depart- pressure on the workers in the Rev. Petralia, who flatly told his plain. Honest and intelligent ers and to fight there for a pro- loads disembarked as early as par shioners that they were workers, Catholic and Protestant gram of militant and democratic 5:00 and by the time the New

On Sunday, Nov. 27, the day obliged to vote against the in- alike, will only resent and reject unionism. But methods of sheer York membership began to arrive before the Local 431 elections, cumbent Local 431 officers "under the interference by any religious red-baiting and religious black- the entire front of the hall was group into union affairs. They mail, such as the CIO leaders and occupied by Curran supporters

Moreover, the issue is not merely on to enforce constitutional libersome particular penalty applied ties. Not the courts of the Amerunder a "loyalty" oath procedure; ican Big Business ruling class it is the principle of such oaths which fosters the witch-hunt, but themselves. It is this national is-sue which the Supreme Court obviously seeks to evade responsibi- of the people can effectively defend democratic rights. lity for.

To Oust Port Officials

By R. Bell swarmed all over the auditorium, hall so that every member there NEW YORK, Dec. 2 - A New The cops stood shoulder to felt himself under close scrutiny. York membership meeting packed shoulder in a cordon that stretched With the stage thus set for a with over 1,000 supporters across the front of the hall and lynching bee, Curran had himself brought in from other ports, up and down every aisle. In addi- elected chairman and the charges enabled CIO National Maritime tion, several hundred Curran men, against the opposition officials Union President Joseph Curran deputized as "master - at - arms," were read. It was obvious that (Continued on page 4)

"EDUCATING" MONOPOLISTS

Mad King Canute who tried to roll back the ocean with a wave of his hand had nothing on the Truman administration which now proposes to curb the capitalist monopolies by mere appeal to their good will. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer announced on Dec. 4 that at Truman's request, plans have been made to establish an interagency committee to prepare a program of "education" for the monopolists.

U. S. Steel, Aluminum Corporation of America, General Motors and the other of the 250 largest corporations that control two-thirds of the country's manufacturing assets will be persuaded to "voluntarily" cease and desist from their superprofitable monopoly practices. "Educating" these wolves to grind down their own fangs is put forth by Sawyer as a "positive approach" to the question of monopoly, the all-dominating factor in American economic, social and political life.

This "positive approach" is offered in contrast to that being stressed by Representative Emanuel Celler of New York as chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee which is making another study of monopoly power. Mr. Celler appears to be taking his task more seriously than the Truman administration intended and has actually been talking about more effective laws and enforcement. Evidently, Truman and his advisers feel that you can carry this "trust-busting" business too far. So they've come through with this counter-idea for spreading sweetness and light in the dark jungle of monopoly.

For 60 years anti-trust laws have been on the statute books. Federal agencies have been set up to investigate violations and empowered to get court orders to halt them. Every president since Grover Cleveland has inveighed against the monopolies.

But they have upheld the system of capitalism in which private monopoly thrives. They have not dared or wanted to take measures that could really end monopoly power. For that means taking the ownership away from private capitalists, nationalizing monopoly industries and operating them under the cooperative, democratic control of the workers.

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tionary movement in which the Tour on Civil Rights workers would take charge of the country.

"When the panic of 1907-1908 hit the Montana camps, Dunne and thousands of others wandered west to Seattle, Wash., capital of radicalism. There, while still a boy with no clear idea of the doctrines he had embraced, he made his first radical speech.

EARLY EXPERIENCES

"In Los Angeles, Calif., he was arrested and put to work build. ing streets. He wore a ball and chain on his leg until he became a trusty. One of his duties was to keep the water bucket full. One day when he went for water he just kept on going - east toward home.

"Dunne came to Minneapolis about 1910 — his parents had moved here while he was gone and has lived here ever since." Wickland tells how Vince Dunne

worked in the years that followed as a teamster, truckdriver, ice Minneapolis workers and memcompany clerk, and weighmaster bers "flooded into 574." in a coal yard where he was employed for 14 years.

"Through all those years Dunne was an active radical. He joined bor and the old power of organthe Communist Party in 1920 and ized employers, the Citizens Alabout the same time organized his liance, were heading for the infirst union, a local of the AFL evitable conflict that was to Office Workers. In 1924 he was change worker-employer relations one of some 20 delegates expelled in this city.

from the Central Labor union as Communists. Four years later he strikes, master-minded by the THE 1941 TRIAL was expelled from the Farmer-Labor Party after the Communist | been told often. There were pitchfaction picked him to oppose Hen- ed battles in the streets in May the Office Workers union expelled clashed with the 'citizen's army' cy to overthrow the United States ton has written a series of artiof special deputies." him.

EXPELLED FROM CP

"And in 1928, he was expelled martial law proclaimed by Gov. the conviction of 11 Communist der" (states). The process of re- cialism - only the transfer of from the Communist Party be- Floyd B. Olson, the strikers won. leaders in New York." cause he followed Trotsky in the "To more conservative citizens, the four brothers, all prominent radicals. Among the Dunnes' aids liam refused to break with Stalin-Skoglund, now facing deporta-ism. He was finally expelled from tion: Farrell Dobbs, a northside ism. He was finally expelled from tion; Farrell Dobbs, a northside the Communist Party about three boy who was the Socialist Workyears ago, but remains an adher- ers' candidate for president last year, and Bill Brown, long-time suffering from his experiences in ent of the Stalinist program. Wickland tells how in 1934, the president of 574." The success of these strikes Before it began, he shot himself.

Dunnes called a strike of coal workers. "They won a quick and was followed by the swift union, complete victory." Teamsters Lo- ization of Minneapolis. Now a new were convicted, including Dunne. cal 574 accepted them into mem- sinister figure moved into the "The day after the Japanese bership. The successful strike led scene, Daniel Tobin, international bombed Pearl Harbor they were by the Dunne brothers inspired president of the Teamsters. sentenced. Appeals took three

St. Louis — Dec. 17. Chicago — Dec. 18-25 Toledo - Dec. 27. Detroit - Dec. 28-31. Flint - Dec. 29-30. Detroit - Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Cleveland - Jan. 3-4. Akron - Jan. 5. Youngstown - Jan. 6-7. Pittsburgh - Jan. 8. Morgantown - Jan. 9. Buffalo - Jan. 12. Rochester - Jan. 13. Buffalo — Jan. 14. Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn - Jan. 17. Worcester - Jan. 18. New Britain - Jan. 19.

New Haven — Jan. 20. New York - Jan. 21. Philadelphia - Jan. 22-23. Allentown - Jan. 24. Reading --- Jan. 25. New York - Jan. 26. Newark - Jan. 27.

The union began to demand contracts but got only refusals. "The new power of organized lathe Dunnes' request for an election among union members." The reason was clear. The membership Minneapolis a union town. "The story of the 1934 truck

Dunnes and their lieutenants, has

first move to fight the Dunnes review the case and on New was to send in his organizers and Year's day, 1944, Vince Dunne try to raid 574. He set up a new went to Sandstone prison for 16

rival union, local 500, led by Pat- months. rick Corcoran. Local 574 fought REVOLUTIONARY OPTIMIST

"The state conciliator refused

keep out of the slaughter.

Grant Dunne, a veteran still

World War I, never came to trial.

Eighteen of the Trotskyists

back successfully." "Since his release he has de-Finally a compromise was reached, "Tobin agreed to take voted his life to the party. He the Dunnes and their union back has been its candidate for senainto the Teamsters. . . . The two tor and for mayor of Minneapolis factions agreed that the new lo- on several occasions. Through a party member here and there he cal would be number 544." keeps in contact with most unions

CONFLICT WITH TOBIN in the city. Now and then he takes The compromise lasted until off on a speaking trip in behalf 'war loomed in Europe." Roose- of the party.

"Dunne is a realist. He knows velt was already preparing to take America into the bloody con- that at present the party has litflict. The Socialist Workers Par- tle influence.

"But to the true, revolutionist. ty opposed the war. Tobin ordered the Dunne leadership to surthe present is important only in relation to the future. He builds render the union to a receiver. "They refused and Tobin said patiently today for what may he would enforce his order in spite come tomorrow. He is convinced that the world cannot just stand of their refusal. The Dunnes knew still, that it either must go backthat would be the end. They askward to totalitarianism or fored for and got a charter from ward to what he believes is somethe CIO." The struggle was on. thing better - socialism.

Left only to his own resources, "And Vince Dunne, old revolu Tobin might have lost. But he tionist that he is, is certain that was backed by both the state and sooner or later it will be the latfederal government. He filled the ter." city with imported goons.

Renazification of Germany were solid behind the leaders who had showed them how to make Proceeds at a Rapid Pace

By Charles Hanley

The renazification of Germany has progressed so "Then the federal government moved in. It charged Vince, Miles swiftly that some of the American officials in Germany and Grant Dunne and 26 other and some of the foreign correspondents are becoming rik Shipstead for senator. Then and again in July as the strikers Trotskyist leaders with conspira- seriously worried. Drew Middle-D

From the very beginning, the Allied occupation was aimed at government. The case was the cles in the N. Y. Times on the Despite bloodshed resulting first ever brought under the Smith situation in Bavaria, one of the preventing the socialist transforfrom police violence and despite act, which was used recently in most reactionary German "Laen- mation of Germany". But only so-

nazification is by no means lim- power to the German working class, the complete destruction of This action was calculated to ited to Bavaria, as Middleton also split the Dunne family. Of revolution, led by self-proclaimed and Tobin, "a close friend of Presi- carefully points out. What he the capitalist state and its enticism of Roosevelt's preparations as the logical consequence of sup- of the system of administration

ming Western Germany into an of renazification will go on unless all the occupation troops are anti-Soviet stronghold. Middleton cites figures comwithdrawn and the German workpiled by U. S. military govern- ers, with the support of the interment officials and advisers. These national working class, are given show that Bavarian ministries are a serious chance to move against riddled with Nazis. They comprise their native oppressors.

60% of the personnel in the Min-Middleton and other correspond istry of Finance; 77% in Food, ents along with U.S. officials and Agriculture and Forestry; and politicians are now painfully sur-81% in the Ministry of Justice. prised that the German capital-For all Bavarian departments. ists are growing more arrogant

by the day and are trying to

blackmail the American occupa-

more than two-fifths of all officials are "former" Nazis. In schools where a new genera-

tion authorities to whom they owe tion is being indoctrinated, the so much. This is hardly astonishsituation is even worse. Of the ing. 12.000 teachers dismissed in 1945 The German bourgeoisie has for their affiliation with the Na-

been fed by Wall Street; their zis, 11,000 are back in their posts. appetite has quite naturally in-Former prominent Nazi jourhe eating and they reased with



The campaign for a \$12,000 Socialist Workers Party Building Fund reached \$7,457 - 62% of the national quota - this week. With only three weeks left to go, we'll really have to plug to get. in the balance IN FULL AND ON TIME.

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St. Paul-Minneapolis

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Flint still holds first place with 102%

St. Paul - Minneapolis moved nto second place with a payment of \$198.50. "While it hasn't been child's play to collect this money,' reports Grace Carlson "we have net with real sympathy. Some of he money collected meant genuine financial sacrifices." A jump from 57% to 87% placed Toledo third. Comrade Dalton says, "We hope to reach 00% next week." A payment of \$186 boosted New York Local to 69%. Chicago is moving right along. Last week, Comrade Marvel forvarded \$26.50.

D. V. sent in \$2 for E. B. to be credited to Chicago. He adds: "I ope to send my own donation at later, time." A \$24 payment from Buffalo

nakes 63% for these comrades. other \$100. We are still behind. | can do for me. Can you send me Cleveland gained 11%. "We're We shall sound the alarm and try a copy of the Communist Manigoing to have a tight squeak in to overcome this situation in festo?" We are very pleased to fulfilling our quota," reports Comrade Maggie. "However, we December."

"We find it very difficult to requests. are planning a money - raising spcial. IN FULL AND ON TIME keep up the pace set by the is our aim in Cleveland." party," says Comrade Franklin, \$1 to help in the campaign; D. J. A 40% jump was made by enclosing Lynn's payment, "but of Chicago sent \$5; W. R., Minwe still hope to finish in the Akron. 100% column by Dec. 31."

Philadelphia's payment of \$153 Now that the steel strike is sent them zooming up. settled, Youngstown is moving C., New York, \$2.

Comrade Baker wired that Deahead. Comrade O'Brien sent in troit is sending "\$93 airmail on \$20. National Fund." This gives Detroit a total of \$606. Milwaukee doubled its percentage to 48%.

to '73% Myra Tanner Weiss reports for Los Angeles: "Enclosed is an- He asks: "There is a favor you accomplished."

THE MILITANT ARMY

Sub Campaign Goes 194 points combined with Min-Over the Top; Final two branches 264, the highest Score Is 123%

of these two branches did much The national campaign . conto make up for the few ducted by the branches of the found the going exceptionally Socialist Workers Party for sub- rough or lagged behind for other

scriptions to The reasons. Militant during High scorer for the Twin Cities November went over the top, hitting points. Harry D. of Minneapolis 123%. The goal was with 20 points was not far be-1,070 points. For hind. Helen S. of Minneapolis each three-months accounted for 18 points. Paul C. sub a branch 're- of St. Paul and Prentice C. of

in from friends of the party, work you are doing by a donation bringing the "General" quota up to your campaign for building and maintaining the party, for R. F., Michigan, mailed in \$1. without a party not much can be they to as well in a subscription campaign? The question mark is now changed to an exclamation

point! Take a look at that score of 260 points, most of them obtained in the final stretch. That's 4% better than in time and in full.

for the country. The fine work The hard-hitting Flint comrades organized their campaign in model style. They called their shot and sank it in the corner pocket, turning in the necessary number of subs each week to was Bill B. who knocked off 29 keep right on schedule. Well done,

Philadelphia found sub-getting quite difficult but nevertheless managed to put the arrow square in the bull's eye with the point sticking through for an extra ceived one point; for Minneapolis tied for fourth place 1%.

burning and destruction of whole | class. Although the Conservatives villages and small communities have beaten them in the election,





ed "new" government policy on housing which will have no effect at all in eliminating Jim Crow. (See story Page 1.)



In Colombia

The "Election"

For once the Associated Press hit the nail on the head when its "Conservatives named Laureano **Gomez** President."

The "election" of Gomez was truly a one-party affair, run from beginning to end by the ruling Conservative Party. After the Liberal Party once again got a majority in both Congress and Senate in last June's congressional election, the Conservatives realized they had no chance to win the presidency in a free election. They therefore prepared for last month's election by launching a campaign of terror, murder,

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sickness." It is not easy' at present to and labor elements in its ranks, it is a strictly capitalist force, standing figures in the ruling



where the Liberals had a strong they have not taken away their following. Then, without consult- following.

ing Congress, the Conservatives, But one thing is sure: Gomez through the President, declared will not be able to "cure Colombia tions in Colombia said that the martial law a few weeks before of its political sickness" because election day under the pretext his election does not eliminate that there was a state of "un- any of the political problems and declared civil war." This move sharp class antagonisms which abolished all constitutional produced the explosive sparks in guarantees, imposed a drastic the bloody pre-election period this censorship on the opposition press year and the insurrectionary and prohibited political gather- Bogota riots of 1948. In fact,

Gomez' "election" and the methods Under such conditions the he used to get it will only add Liberal Party had no alternative fuel to the fire of mass discontent, but withdraw its candidate, Daric which will eventually find ex-Echandia. This insured the "elec- pression outside of the Liberal tion" of Gomez, who belongs to Party and in the labor movethe most reactionary wing of the ment.

semi-feudal, clerical Conservative Party and who ran on a promise | Toledano-Rivera to "cure Colombia of its political Rift in Mexico

The Mexican counterpart of foresee the precise form of the Henry Wallace's Progressive next developments in Colombia. Party - the Partido Popular Although the Liberal Party con- (Popular Party) of Lombardo tains petty-bourgeois nationalistic Toledano, which was formed with the help and blessing of Stalinism - is having its share of led by some of the most out- troubles. It seems that serious friction has developed between Toledano and such Stalinist

stooges as Diego Rivera, Bassols, Manuel Villasenor, etc., culminatng in their resignation from the

Latin-American Labor Confedera-

tion depends on the Stalinists,

who control it.



nalists, propagandists and officials are as busy as ever, especially in Bavaria. Middleton mentions such notables as Dr. Kurtz. erstwhile staff member of Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda; Felix Rufenbach, who served on Goebbels' propaganda machine in

Poland during the German occupation, editing two Nazi newspapers in Cracow and Warsaw; Rudolph Richter, Nazi press chief for Gau Mainfranken under Hitler. And there are plenty of others. Nazi politicians are coming

cials and henchmen are back in Adenauer has always been a Cath-

prisoned many Socialists (who ful banker Pferdmenges, of Cowere political prisoners in the logne (a Nazi sympathizer from surprised as any one. But they same concentration camps in Hit- 1933 to 1944). And "liberal" ler's days) while "repentant" Na- President Heuss is a strange lib- out and plugged throughout the zis are looked upon with favor and eral indeed. In 1933 he voted in campaign. In their final spurt rest. 'denazification" has been com- the Reichstag for the "Ermachtipletely suspended. Both rival gungs-gesetz," the law which be- diligence by discovering "a secplocs - the imperialists and the stowed dictatorial powers on Chan Stalinists - are opposed to the cellor Hitler. The State Depart- conscious of what is going on socialist revolution and each seeks ment is worthy of its German and want to know more about to play off "their own" Nazis friends, and they are worthy of it," Literature Agent Natalie against the other. Both fear the their American masters, notwith. Smolen writes us. "One lady after German workers; both mobilize standing the amazement of Mid. buying a sub gave me a pat on the deadly enemies of labor. dleton and others like him.



now want a larger share of profits and power. First they were given the little finger and they wanted the hand. Now that they have got the glad hand, they are

reaching for the arm. In other up 1,319 points. words, the German bourgeoisie defend their own class interests which is a modest but encouragwith the same vigor, greed and lack of moral scruples as does campaign. In addition to this,

bourgeoisie. The good friends of the U.S. State Department, the leaders of New York felt forced to drop out back just as strong, with many the Western German Republic, neo-fascist parties sprouting are not to be expected to stem throughout Western Germany. the tide of resurgent reaction.

Former Nazi dignitaries, offi- Why should they? Chancellor circulation in Western Germany olic right-wing politician, a faith- Bostom and New Haven the cup ing colors. and also in the Eastern Zone ful servant of German capitalism finally went to New Haven. A where the Stalinists have im-| closely connected with the power-

six - months, two with 16 points each. They were points; and for oneyear, four points.

of the two branches. The branches rolled Our hats are off, too, to the energetic Seattle comrades. After This amounted to 676 subs, completing a successful local subscription campaign, they rolling achievement in a one-month ed up their sleeves, joined in the

national campaign and scored their great ally, the American New York Local secured 54 subs, 253%. The reliable Milwaukee com worth 103 points. These are not rades also have a record of conincluded in the scoreboard, as sistent work in circulation. They expected to get 25 points, but of the campaign because of other nushed it up to 49 and achieved pressing activities. They plan a 96% of their goal. local campaign a little later. New Britain got off to a late In the neck-and-neck race for

first place among Cleveland, start but came through with fly-Pittsburgh, having scored a score of 320% did it. The New shining 152%, plans to "continue

Haven comrades are no doubt as visiting our old subscribers and where possible get a new sub" deserved to win. They really got during December, according to Literature Agent Freddie For-

Chicago was stuck at the post they were rewarded for their for the first two weeks of the tion of the city that is becoming campaign, but when they started moving they sure moved fast. A score of 147% put them right up among the pace-setters.

Lynn took the wreath for the dark horse contenders. Up until the back and told me 'to go out the deadline we had not even and see that more people hear heard what quota they had of The Militant.' She made me decided on. Then came the followfeel so good I put in an extra ing letter: "Enclosed you will find \$14 for Militant subs. The

cards are enclosed. Our aim was "The Cleveland comrades are quite happy with our results in for 20 points in the campaign." Like Seattle, Detroit had just the drive this month," writes Literature Agent Bob Kingsley, finished a successful local campaign when the November drive "especially in view of the handiopened. They decided to parcaps — Kutcher's two-week visit ticipate, however, and rolled up and the November weather. We a most respectable score of 65 were rained out of three of our points and 130%. five Sunday mobilizations." The

Toledo found "widespread un-Cleveland comrades are looking forward to another campaign in employment to be our greatest handicap" but got good results the spring. "Now that we have once again built up our file, the among union members "who find comrades want to maintain it and themselves in a blind alley be- | cause they do not agree with the continue to build it."

Reporting for Boston, Literature labor leadership.' Agent Rena Breshi says that The Allentown comrades did "Sid Crabbe is the leader with 9 all right as can be seen from points to his credit. Manny Lon- their score of 120%, but have not don is close second with 8 points. yet written us about their ex-This is a fine showing I think." periences. Los Angeles was long in the We think so, too. The Boston dark-horse category. The com-

comrades did well. The Twin Cities branches, St. rades there have been leading Paul and Minneapolis did a re- the country in sales of single markable job. St. Paul's score of copies of The Militant. Could

Like Flint, the Worcester branch realistically sized up the possibilities and their capacities and came through in time and in full.

Finally San Francisco flashed under the wire for a score of 103% and word from Literature Agent Dixon Woods that they're well pleased to have made the quota."

Branch	Goal	Points	%
New Haven	15	48	320
Cleveland	15	46	307
Boston	15	45	300
St. Paul	35	94.	269
Seattle	15	38	253
Minneapolis	75	170	227
Milwaukee	25	49	196
New Britain	n 10	16,	160
Pittsburgh	25	38	152
Chicago	60	88	147
Lynn	20	28	140
Detroit	50	65	130
Toledo	25	31	124
Allentown	10	12	120
Los Angeles	250	260	104.
San Franciso	co 35	36	103
Flint	50	51	102
Philadelphia	75	76	101
Worcester	20	20	100
St. Louis	10	8	80
Youngstown	20	14	70
Akron	25	12	48
Newark	50	18	36
Buffalo.	100	20	20
Morgantown	10	1 T	10
Oakland	30	12	40
General		23	
Total	1,070	1319	123

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TROTSKY

"Marx taught that no social system departs from the arena of history before exhausting its creative potentialities. The Communist Manifesto excoriates capitalism for retarding the development of the productive forces. During that period, however, as well as in the following decades, this retardation was only relative in nature. . . Only in the last twenty years, despite the most modern conquests of science and technology, has the epoch begun of out-and-out stagnation and even decline of world economy. Mankind is beginning to expend its accumulated capital, while the next war threatens to destroy the very foundations of civilization for many years to come.' -L. Trotsky, Ninety Years of the Communist Manifesto, 1938

LENIN

What James Kutcher Has Achieved

When the Truman administration fired James Kutcher from his clerk's job in the Newark VA over a year ago, he volunteered for a different job. He shouldered the tough task of challenging the persecution of government workers for their political beliefs and leading the fight against the entire system of thought-control.

Since then the case of the legless veteran has become nationally known as the most flagrant example of the injustice inflicted by the "loyalty" purge. It has provided a rallying center for one of the broadest united front defense movements in recent years.

This is due in great measure to Kutcher's energetic activity as well as to his honest, bold and principled stand against all forms of thought-control and in defense of all its victims. For the past six months he has been traveling from coast to coast, speaking to hundreds of labor, liberal, civic, religious and minority groups and enlightening them on the vital issues involved in the "loyalty" purge. It is estimated that he has enrolled the support of almost a thousand different organizations, representing well over five million members. His tour will reach a fitting climax on Thursday, Dec. 15, the 158th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, when his supporters in New York City headed by a distinguished list of civil liberties leaders will meet to pay him tribute.

Kutcher has not yet been restored to his former job. However, the protest movement built around his discharge has left a powerful mark on public opinion which in turn has influenced recent judicial decisions upsetting thought-control laws in several states. The issues in the Feinberg Law, now declared unconstitutional, are substantially the same as those in Kutcher's case; the opinions expressed by New York Supreme Court Justice Schirick repeat and confirm many contentions of the opponents of the witchhunters.

The federal judges who will hear Kutcher's appeal in Washington are not elected but appointed by the President. We cannot say whether they will follow Schirick's precedent. But at least one thing is sure. The greater the forces mobilized behind the veteran's case, the more likely are the courts to heed the mass sentiment against the "loyalty" purge.

Eisenhower on Social Security

General Dwight D. Eisenhower's speech on Nov. 30 was widely quoted, as he intended it to be. For it was a calculated speech, an obvious trial balloon for his bid for the presidency in 1952. In a "statement of principles" that will warm the cockles of the National Association of Manufacturers, Eisenhower centered his attack on "an illusory thing called security" now being sought by "too many."

His keynote was a clarion call for "personal independence" and a return to "simple principles" of the past when men had not yet lost their "respect for mere thrift and independence." In an obvious reference to current struggles for pensions and other welfare benefits, he warned against the idea that "security, in the sense that we may live in slothful indolence and ease, can ever be achieved." In a word, the program of "rugged individualism" all over again. The student paper of the university over which the General now presides, the Columbia Daily Spectator, made the following apt comment: "The American people want continued security against the type of economic liberty which frustrated so long minimum wage and hour legislation, the formation of labor unions, collective bargaining and which still denies the Federal Government the means for regulating child labor."

and outspoken champions that the utterly anti-social nature of the outlived capitalist system becomes most strikingly revealed.' Eisenhower sees a dire threat to "individual liberty" in such pitifully meager concessions as old age pensions for those who have toiled their lives away -pensions which will at best enable, them to eke out their remaining years at below subsistence levels. The General, himself entitled to a whopping pension on retirement, labels old-age pensions as insane luxuries, as "champagne and ca-

viar."

There is indeed a threat abroad today not alone to the individual but also the collective liberties of the American people. It lies in the growth of militarism, in the rising power and influence of military-minded martinets like Eisenhower, in the stranglehold of billionaire supermonopolists over the country's economy and government. It lies in the terrible reality that the need and search for security is in the last analysis hopeless within the framework of capitalist relations. Perpetual insecurity'- unemployment and dictatorial rule, crises and wars — that is the sum and substance of what decaying capitalism has to offer to all peoples, including the United States. That is why bannerbearers of reaction such as Eisenhower must begin by denying the most modest aspirations for any security whatever.

The New SP Proposal--End of a Sham

conquest and war in return for

a few trifling concessions. Like

their predecessors in the pre-

demoralizing the workers, break-

ing their fighting spirit - they

are preparing the road for an

American fascism, not a welfare

The rigors of the struggle are

too hard for the "sunshine

patriots" and the "summer sol-

diers" of the Thomas leadership

next one, they have long aban-

doned and betrayed these prin-

Why maintain an organization

to fight for a program they have

deserted? They have chosen the

Reuthers and Dubinskys in

preference to the underprivileged

and exploited — the mass pro-

duction workers, the Negroes and

the union bureaucrats there are

no political problems that cannot

be settled in Wall Street's Demo-

candidates. For his part, Norman

Thomas is only too willing to

The perspective for revolu-

tionary socialism is brighter, not

state

ciples.

serve.

By George Clarke

Superficially there appear to be | and-death matter. Civilization The leaders of the Socialist some facts to substantiate this cannot survive without it.

Party are tired. Tired of playing argument. The SP vote dropped There is no substitute for the he socialist. Tired of maintain- from almost 900,000 in 1932 to independent and revolutionary less than 150,000 in 1948 - and socialist organization of the ing the pretence of independence. Their proposal to quit running last year's vote was received in American workers. The trade independent candidates and to opposition to Harry Truman and union bureaucrats, despite their back "progressives" supported by not the popular Roosevelt. This huge treasuries and great organyear, without Thomas as the PAC and ADA was long overdue. izations, canot wage an effective candidate, the SP vote in the For at least a dozen years struggle against America's ruling electoral activity was the only New York City mayoralty elecoligarchy. They can only emulate tions declined almost sevenfold. shred of its own identity that its methods, introducing the same made the SP recognizable. The Meanwhile the party has been police-type regime in the unions dwindling to the size of a small Norman Thomas leadership made that the government is foisting its peace with capitalist-minded sect, with fewer members today on the population as a whole leaders of the unions like Reuther, than at the time of its founda-They can only compromise with Dubinsky and Co. It ditched the tion almost fifty years ago. the reigning oligarchy, trading The drift has been in one support for the program of world

iberating ideas of socialism for the role of "socialist" advisers of direction - out of the party. The more prominent members, who American imperialism.

remained behind after the right There were signs from time to ime - even as there is today in wing Social Democrats split away 'Hitler German unions, they are the resolution of the minority of in 1936, have moved in a steady he National Executive Committee procession towards more lucrative and promising positions in the - that some of the members were uneasy about the steady trade unions, the Democratic drift away from socialist ideas Party, the Liberal Party, the Truand socialist polities. But the man administration and Marshall expulsion of the Trotskyists and Plan offices all over the world. the revolutionary youth had The Call, the SP's paper, a sterile drained the opposition of all and politically formless sheet, revolutionary juice. It didn't have appears only twice a month with a small and declining circulation. the stuff to stand up to Norman Thomas who had become the "in-

STRUGGLE STILL NEEDED dispensable man" and was winning The facts are undeniable. They applause and approval from the prove that the SP had reason capitalist press for his "conaplenty to give up a costly and structive" version of socialism. tiring sham. But they do not NOTHING REMAINED prove that the struggle for social-

ism is no longer necessary. They Many years ago it had become. an anomaly for the SP to run do not invalidate the need for an candidates against the "New independent and revolutionary socialist party. Nor do they Deal" party when the only difprove that the struggle for socialferences in their programs were some vague allusions to "plan-ning" and "public ownership of ism ceases or ought to cease in "unfavorable" times any more

the commanding heights of the than it ceases in time of war or under fascism. economy." Thomas himself boasted The need for a socialist reorin the midst of the 1948 presiganization of the United States dential campaign that the Demis greater, not less, than it was ocrats and Republicans had "borrowed" or "stolen" most of when the SP came into being at the agricultural laborers. For his socialist program and that the turn of the century. Despite America was "progressing" all the New - Deal - Fair - Deal steadily forward and upward. Welfare-State "reforming," con-With the acceptance of the catch- trol of the nation's wealth and cratic Party. They can use words "Welfare State" by the resources has narrowed down to Norman Thomas - but without Democratic Party, Thomas' a tiny oligarchy of giant his "independent" party and triumph was complete, Nothing monopolies. Despite certain imremained to be done but to liqui- provements gained by the struggles of the unions, the share of date the victorious but disintegrating SP into the mainstream the workers in the national in-

for the forward-looking procome has become smaller, not larger. One-third of the nation dimmer, with the latest decision We know that among those who still lives in the shadow of the of Norman Thomas and Co. The agree that the SP abandoned the poorhouse. content of independence long, be-These conditions are the storm activity by the SP as an inde-

fore the proposal to give up the warnings of a gathering social pendent organization will spell form - that they had abandoned and economic crisis. The steady the end of a fraud, but not of the ideas of socialism even when moves toward a police state socialism. The great traditions, regime and World War III on the the unbending determination and they were campaigning independently in elections - there part of the very administration the irreconcilable hostility of will be some who will argue that which boasts of its "liberalism" American socialism to capitalism the times are unfavorable for an and "friendship to labor" demon- and its wars, to its liberal independent socialist movement. strates that the inherent trend apologists and labor lieutenants Thomas' wisdom that he decided "general welfare." The program ization of genuine revolutionary

to close up shop and give up a of revolutionary socialism has be- socialism in the United States, come a burning necessity, a life- the Socialist Workers Party

THE 26-MONTH RECORD OF THE COMINFORM

Page Three

By John G. Wright

The Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) has been in xistence now for some 26 months. What has it done in all this time? What has been the central object of its activity?

The Cominform came into being in September 1947 when 18 delegates from nine countries - the USSR, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary met secretly "somewhere in Poland" and issued a manifesto. The formal explanation for the setting up of this "international" body as was that it would organize "an exchange of experience between parties and. . . coordination of their activity."

The political platform was summed up in the name chosen for its official organ: For A Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy. To all outward appearances the Cominform came on the scene as Moscow's countermove in the "cold war" against Washington and ts Marshall Plan, its projected organization of the Western bloc, which was later to take shape under the Atlantic Pact, and so on.

The 1947 manifesto of the Cominform bristled with calls for a 'struggle" for peace, with denunciations of Anglo-American imperialism and attacks on "right-wing Socialists" as "faithful toadies of the imperialists." To the imperialist war drive, the Cominform counterposed a nebulous program of "national independence and sovereignty, independence and self-determination.'

in the Socialist Party. It is true At the beginning the American bourgeoisie pretended to take all this seriously. Prominent dailies saw in the Cominform the that the "unfavorable" times have put an edge on their 'reestablishment of the Communist International" and labeled its disillusionment. But their disilmanifesto as a "declaration of political war." But the Cominform lusionment in reality is much quickly showed that world capitalism, in the first instance the Amerdeeper: it is with the principles ican monopolists, had little to fear from its activities. Apart from of socialism and its perspective. issuing calls for "peace congresses" to be organized in various coun-Supporters of American imperialtries and on a "world scale," and regularly publishing its central ism in the Second World War organ, the Cominform did nothing else of any consequence for the and promised supporters in the next nine months.

Its Major Public Action

Then in July 1948 the Cominform took its first major public action. Meeting secretly "somewhere in Rumania," 16 delegates from eight countries announced the formal expulsion of the Political Bureau and the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Party from "the family of brotherly Communist parties." The avowed aim of the Cominform was to "peacefully" purge the Yugoslav CP of the Tito leadership.

As it turned out, they had been forestalled. A month before this cond Cominform meeting and decision the Titoists had completed their own "preventive purge" with the dismissal, demotion and jailing of 15 prominent government and army officials, among them Finance Minister Zujovich and Hebrang, Chairman of the Yugoslav State Planning Commission.

The Cominform campaign against the Yugoslav CP proved a complete dud. The regime remained more strongly intrenched in the country than was the case before the attack, and gained sympathies in other Stalinist parties.

For the next 17 months the Cominform paper continued to print summons for "intensifying" the struggle for peace plus denunciations of Anglo-American imperialism and the "right wing Socialists." But the main attack all the while remained centered on Yugoslavia.

The Kremlin clamped an economic blockade on Yugoslavia. Early end of independent electoral this year came the liquidation of Gen. Markos, leader of the Greek guerrillas, and then of the guerrilla movement itself. The Cominform organ covered all this up, not forgetting to accuse the Yugoslavs of having "betrayed the Greek struggle," and having become "hirelings of imperialism."

In August of this year Moscow denounced its treaty of friendship and mutual aid with Yugoslavia, and identical actions followed Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

In September, the first of the "treason trials" - in which the Yugoslav leaders figured as the main, though absent, defendants -Some will probably go further of capitalism is towards reaction go forward in the program of was staged in Budapest. It was the Cominform organ that provided and say that it is a measure of and fascism and not towards the Trotskyism, in the only organ- the main, and most vicious, coverage of this trial for the Stalinist press throughout the world.

Finally, toward the end of November, the Cominform met for the third time somewhere in Rumania. It met solely in order to issue a formal declaration of war against the Yugoslav dissidents. And again we find the original "anti-imperialist," "peace" program of the Cominform, this time appended to the call for the overthrow of the Tito regime.

It is on the lips of its most "rugged"

Bolstering the "Loyalty" Purge

Prodded by mounting criticism, the Department of Defense has taken a step to quiet the increasing protests against the procedure of firing workers in industry, without charges, a fair hearing or appeal, as "poor security risks."

An Industrial Employment Review Board of four members has been created to act as a "court of appeals" for persons arbitrarily victimized under present procedures of the Joint Personnel Security Board, which is in charge of ferreting out "disloyal" and "unreliable" workers engaged in private industry on government contracts.

Just what kind of "justice" a fired worker will be able to get from this new "court of appeals" is indicated by the very composition of the Review Board. Its chairman will be an industrial consultant, John T. Mason, appointed by the Munitions Board of the Defense Department. Its other three members are to be hand-picked by the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The department which lays down and enforces the "loyalty" procedure also designates the appeals body and determines the powers it will have to hear complaints against this same procedure. The Defense Department will continue to be prosecutor, judge and jury.

At the same time as this phony "appeals" board was set up, the Defense Department announced the grounds on which it would act to remove workers from plants as "poor security risks." These include not only giving military information to foreign governments that's only an incidental phase of the order — but primarily political views. Especially "membership in or sympathetic association with" any organization on the Attorney General's arbitrary list of "subversive" groups. The organizations on this list, of course, have never had the opportunity of a fair hearing or even a specification of the charges against them. The Review Board will have no power to review the "subversive" listings themselves.

Besides this, the Board will have power to deny employment to any person who is "mentally or emotionally unstable" or who, in its opinion, "does not possess the integrity, discretion and responsibility essential to the security of classified military information." That's broad enough to include strikers, militant union leaders or anybody else a corporation, in cahoots with military officials, wants to fire.

Thus, this new "appeals board" will merely give a "legal" cover to the "loyalty" procedure which has already claimed a number of active and militant unionists as victims.

Silone Relates Incident of Comintern Corruption

(Continued from Page 1) ed attack on the policy practiced ful Chinese revolution. It's a sung the praises of Chiang Kaishek, and confirmed his personal confidence in the Kuomintang." This was about a week before Chiang turned on his CP allies, expelling them from the Kuomintang and massacring tens of thousands of revolutionary workers. "It was natural therefore. that Stalin should have been anxious to avoid a debate, seeking to protect himself behind a

gressives.

futile struggle.

screen of raison d'etat.") been satisfied by Stalin's explanation. Silone replied that he did not contest the right of the Russian leaders to keep any document secret, but he did not understand how others could be asked to condemn an unknown document. At this there was great indignation among other delegates against Silone and Togliatti, who appeared to agree with what Silone had said.

THE "INTERNAL SITUATION" and Jules Humbert - Droz of Stalin intervened again, saying the resolution should not be presented if a single delegate was against it. At his suggestion the meeting was suspended until of explaining the "internal situation" to the Italians.

Afterwards, in a private talk, ment" followed for Silone. After Colarov told he hadn't read the he left Russia, he read in Berlin offer today but "socialist values" ocument either, wasn't in- that the Executive of the Comin- as opposed to scientific socialist erested in it and wouldn't read tern had severely rebuked Trotsky theory, the story he tells is it even if Trotsky would send for a document he had prepared valuable as an example of the im a copy. "Here we are in the about recent events in China. reactionary methods of Stalinthick of a struggle for power be- Silone went to Thaelmann's office, ism, which did so much to corrupt ween two rival groups of the saying the report was untrue and (Togliatti) and demoralize Russian central directorate. Which demanding an explanation. Thael- (Silone) virtually an entire genof the two groups do we want to mann replied that the statutes of eration of revolutionists throughline up with? That's the point. the International authorized the out the world.

| Documents don't come into it. | Presidency, in case of urgency, to mention of the policy of the It's not a question of finding the adopt resolutions in the name of Soviet state, but a closely reason- historic truth about an unsuccess- the Executive.

During the next few days in in China by Stalin and the Com- question of a struggle for power Berlin Silone also read in the nunist International. In a speech between two hostile, irreconcilable papers that the American, Hunof April 5, 1927, in the presence groups. I, for my part, have garian and Czechoslovakian CP's of the Moscow Soviets, Stalin had already chosen. I'm for the had denounced Trotsky's letter. minority says or does, whatever ment had finally been produced. document it draws up against Thaelmann answered, "No. But I I'm for the majority. . . Have I American, Hungarian and Czechopersuaded you?' They answered that he had not. you what Communist discipline

Togliatti said, "One can't just means."

declare oneself for the majority For reasons of health Silone or the minority in advance. One had to go straight to a Swiss can't ignore the political basis sanatorium. Near there he later of the question." Kolarov answer- had a meeting with Togliatti, who ed, "You're still too young. You told him why he had decided to Thaelmann asked if Silone had haven't yet understood what poli- capitulate to the Stalinist policy. tics are all about." ("And besides, what alternative

remained? Other Communists

THE NEXT DAY

who had broken with the Party, At the next day's meeting, how had they ended up?" etc.) Stalin repeated that the resolu-Instead of answering these artion against Trotsky would have guments politically, instead of to be unanimous or would not be reminding Togliatti what he himpresented. He asked if the Italians self had said previously about were favorable. Silone consulted the need to examine "the political Togliatti and said: "Before taking basis of the question," instead of the resolution into consideration, undertaking to study the fundawe must see the document conmental questions at issue in the cerned." Albert Treint of France struggle between the Stalinists who were revising Marxism and

Switzerland made similar state- the Trotskyists who were defending it, Silone, sick and disillusionments. "The proposed resolution is ed, could find only "moral" ob-

withdrawn," said Stalin. This was jections to Togliatti's line of reasoning. He left the CP in followed by more indignant the next day and the Bulgarian attacks on the Italians, including 1930, and even now writes he is Vasil Kolarov was given the task condemnation of the policies they glad he did not join any of the communist opposition groups to were following in Italy.

"Days, of somber discourage- Stalinism. While Silone has nothing to

Why Was It Organized?

The entire history of the Cominform naturally poses the question: Was it organized in the first place in order to serve as a weapon in Stalin's struggle against the Yugoslavs? Prominent Yugoslav leaders have hinted publicly that this was precisely the case. But none of them has criticized in public the gist of the original program which is now serving as a cover for the attacks against them.

To all intents and purposes Tito and his colleagues remain committed to the "principles" enunciated in the original Cominform manifesto. Almost simultaneously with its issuance, Tito, in September 1947, called for the establishment of "People's Fronts on majority group. Whatever the He asked Thaelmann if the docu- a world scale to struggle for peace," and publicly attacked those who thought that People's Fronts had become "outdated."

Like their self-proclaimed mortal enemies in the Cominform, the majority, I repeat to you that hope the example set by the the Yugoslav leaders also continue to paint up the United Nations as one of the instruments for assuring peace. Neither peace nor slovakian Communists has shown the integrity and independence of Yugoslavia and other small nations can be safeguarded in this way.

The "peace" program of the Cominform was a fraud and a de ception to begin with. By not exposing it for what it really is, Tito and his colleagues are playing into the hands of the Cominform. It is poles apart from a genuine struggle against the imperialist warmongers which is inseparable from the struggle against capitalism.

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Red-Baiter and Thief

By Ruth Johnson

J. Parnell Thomas, Republican representative from New Jersey who stole several thousand dollars from the public treasury, has thrown himself on the mercy of the court in Washington. D. C. The mercy will probably be forthcoming; we can be sure the congressional crook will not get the statutory limit of 32 years in prison for pilfering our tax money.

His fellow-politicians of Big Business in the House of Representatives will no doubt be equally charitable. As one reporter pointed out last week, "If the House follows recent precedents," Thomas "is likely to continue as a Congressman until his term runs out, Jan. 3, 1951, and to receive his pay checks even if in jail, unless he voluntarily resigns." Whether he resigns or not, whether he goes to jail or not, he will be eligible to receive a \$290 a month government pension when he reaches the age of 62.

There's a double lesson in Americanism, Congressional style, in the case of the taking Thomas. He is the man who headed the House Committee on Un-American Affairs, hounding and persecuting every radical and liberal he could smear in a drive to keep the country safe for plutocracy. "I am very proud of the Committee and the job we are doing to educate the American people on the nature of communism," he boasted.

In a typical free-enterprise, grab-all-you-can manner, he padded the Committee payroll with names of people whose only job was to hand over their salaries to Thomas. When he was caught, he pierced the heavens with his cries about "Communist plots to discredit his work," and shrieked that it was "Un-American" to pry into his graft. Publicly or privately, most of his fellow Congressmen agreed.

The government waited over a year for the stench to waft away, before it opened the trial. The prosecutor treated him gently, and of course never mentioned his far greater crime — the one shared by all of them in Washington - from

Truman down. That is his theft of the civil liberties of hundreds of men and women "investigated" by the Thomas Committee, and robbed of their reputations and livelihoods in flagrant disregard of their elementary civil liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The latter crime is the purest "Americanism" of Democrats and Re-publicans alike, endorsed by every "subversive Meeting Ousts list" and witch-hunting law.

Congress may hope wistfully for a resignation by Thomas, but only to save itself from embarrassment. If he doesn't quit, he will be treated like-the other privileged crooks who preceded the so-called charges had little him. There was Democratic Representative James M. Curley of Massachusetts, who was convicted on a mail fraud charge. He finished his term

without a murmur of dissent. Before that, there was John M. Hoeppel of California, another Democrat, convicted of taking a bribe for a West been violated. Point appointment. He went to jail and served there as an Honorable Member of the House. In THE CHARGES

1931, a Republican, Harry E. Rowbottom of Indiana, had the misfortune to be caught in a post-

doors in the face of an office-holder. They leaped list. to their feet the moment the indictment was read, and found him guilty before he was tried.

The "outlaw" was Victor Berger, Socialist Representative from Wisconsin, barred in 1919 on the ground that he had refused to support the First World War. Charged with the crime of crimes against capitalism, he could expect no mercy. He was labeled "disloyal" and deemed unfit to sit beside thieves, grafters and dictatorial enemies of the masses

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to do with the proceedings. They were drawn up by a lawyer who merely cited those provisions of the constitution relating to "duties of officials" which had allegedly

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Several officials, for example, were charged with violating office graft deal; he too, kept his seat and his "duties" which were outside their government salary. The House had the power to province and which they had no expel them all, but it recognized in each and every duty to perform. One, in fact, one, a fellow-fighter for capitalist "American- had been on a leave of absence ism," dedicated to the high principle of private for several months and had been excused from all official duty, Once, however, they rose to a man to shut the yet he also was included in the

> Only four of the fifteen officials on charges were permitted to speak and they were constantly heckled by the chairman. Vice-President Warner, appointed administrator of the port, was chosen by Curran as the wind-up speaker to do a hatchet job on the accused before the vote was taken. His tirade had little to

cow-inspired revolution to capture oming war with Russia, etc., etc. the Police Department!" And

well he might call down the O'Dwyer's cops who played a decisive role in beating back the rank and file movement in the

Discussion was closed and the vote taken in the atmosphere of a witch-hunt created by Warnbers present at the meeting, 1,-Thus the new apostle of conservatism is rebuked 714 voted to uphold the trial committee's decision, 566 voted voting. The bus-loads from the owners, the terror, had done the

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Thomas Admits Guilt



Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R, N. J.) and his wife don't look very happy outside of courtroom where the professional witch-hunter changed his plea from one of not guilty to no contest and put himself at the mercy of the judge. The no contest plea means Thomas is guilty of payroll padding as charged. He faces as high as 32 years in jail.



blessing of the Almighty on slav court in Sarejevo. They are charged with having were skipped as a result. worked with the Nazis and the Gestapo during the German

occupation of Yugoslavia and with Port of New York which having carried on espionage ac- have openly called for an insurand thereby aided in Stalin's armies have been mobilized on attempt to overthrow the Tito Yugoslavia's border and have regime. The second is the more deliberately provoked innumerable important of the charges and is

border incidents. the reason for the trial. Like the Rajk trial in Hungary All that the trial can possibly and the other Stalinist court acprove is that Stalin does not tions in Eastern Europe, the govhesitate to use any reactionary ernment's case rests entirely on elements - even those who fought confessions extracted from the the Russian Revolution and colprisoners by police interrogators laborated with the Nazis - to prior to the opening of the trial. destroy his opponents. But this At the insistence of the delegates The prosecution aims merely at too was already clear when Stalin from Local 645 the Lewis case refused to repatriate the White was placed on the agenda. By substantiating the confessions. Guard Russians, a demand made an overwhelming vote the dele-On this basis too the court by the Yugoslav government in gates instructed the Internarenders its verdict. In another respect as well, the answer to a Soviet note complaining that their "nationals"

Sarajevo trial follows the familiar that Stalin was using White

Parley Protests Victimization of **UAW** Members

By Al Miller

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 - A conference of UAW locals in the Los Angeles area last Monday night sharply condemned the failure of the UAW International Office to support members who have?

been victimized for union activity. UAW in Region 6 and in all the Called by General Motors Local locals of the GM system. The meeting then heard a 216, the conference was attended by approximately 70 officers and report from Clarence Johnson, executive board members of president of the National Automotive Fibres unit of Local 509. neighboring auto locals.

Johnson and George Herbert, In the last few months a number of union officers have chief steward, together with six other stewards, were fired for been fired or disciplined for distributing picket cards on commilitant action taken in the performance of their union duties, pany property in preparation for and the Reuther administration a strike voted by the members. has made no attempt to protect In protest against this action the men walked out of the plant. The or defend them. men were induced to return to The most shameful case is the

one involving Bill Lewis, presi- work on the promise that the dent of Chevrolet Local 645. As company would rescind the firing related to the conference by Sid of the union's officers. Subseohen. chairman of that local's quently, Johnson and Herbert shop committee, the facts are that were given 75-day disciplinary lay-offs. Lewis was fired allegedly for

Previously they had been assurthreatening a foreman in the ed by International Vice-Presicourse of an argument over a grievance and for promoting a dent Richard Gosser, who was work stoppage. According to the in the city at the time, that the International would not permit evidence submitted by the comanything more than a token pany, the "work stoppage" consisted of workers leaving the penalty of a two-day lay-off.

Both of the officers were exline to witness the heated argument. However, it was admitted cluded from the negotiations which arrived at this disposition by the company that no jobs of their case. Further, they were advised that they had been rein-In spite of these facts, the stated only as a favor to C. V. Review Board, an agency of the O'Halloran, Regional Director, International office of the UAW, and Norman Matthews, Director declared that Lewis had no case of the Chrysler Department of and refused to permit his the UAW, and were warned to grievance to be appealed to the

behave themselves. GM Umpire. In effect, Lewis At Lincoln-Mercury Local 923 stands fired with the agreement a similar situation was reported of the International leaders. to the conference. A "wildcat" Subsequently the Lewis case was presented to the GM economic strike had taken place as a result conference held in Detroit on of intolerable speed-up conditions Nov. 17-18. This was a meeting in the body shop. Upon the advice of the Regional Office and of all GM locals for the purpose assurances that there would be of formulating contract demands. no penalties, the men went back to work.

> Several days later, two rank and filers, "Red" Johnson and Gene Farrell, were fired upon the charge that they had instigated

with a view to securing his rein- the walkout. Although this case has been were being mistreated. (Even be- statement. appealed to the Ford Umpire, the Despite this mandate from a conference representing nearly a complaint of the members of quarter-million auto workers, the Local 923 is that top officers of of eighteenth-century aristocratic literature in Curran, on the Rank & File from one of the defendants to the ment of agents for the GPU, Reuther administration has adthe writings of either of these two twentieth-century petty bourgeois intellectuals anxiously inists in the last election. The seeking for something there are build under the two twentieth and the men back to seeking for something the some tions and without guarantees Regional Office, E. S. Patterson, The L.A. conference voted to assistant director of the GM Decondemn the International for partment of the UAW, states failing to support and protect union officers and members who are being fired or disciplined for Detroit conference. He adds that union activity. It was also voted if all the locals were permitted to convene similar meetings at any time in the future that' such victimization is threatened. a flood that the conference At the beginning of the meetwould never accomplish its busiing several delegates declared that they did not view it as an It will be quite a shock for anti-Reuther or anti-O'Halloran many UAW members to learn meeting. However, as the disthat the firing of a union presi- cussion progressed the mood of herently a frame-up method dent for arguing a grievance the delegates changed. They were whether it is used against work- aggressively is now classified as forced to draw the only logical a "pet case." It will be equally conclusion: that as a result of the disturbing for the members to flagrant disregard of elementary whether it is used against coun- hear a confession from the In- union principles by the Reuther ter-revolutionary elements as in ternational officers that there is administration and the outrageous actions that had taken place, Full support of the Lewis case they had been precipitated into a common with proletarian juris- was voted unanimously by the battle. When union officers can prudence. The Tito regime has L.A. meeting and a continuations be fired for union activity with not enhanced its prestige as an committee of local union presi- the acquiescence of the Internaopponent of Stalinism by the use dents was set up to publicize the tional and Regional offices, then facts of the case throughout the the UAW is truly in bad shape.

Macdonald in Toryland By Paul Shapiro

profit.

Dwight Macdonald, the would-be revolutionist who used to conduct his soul-searching in public, presenting a new political philosophy with each issue of his magazine Politics, recently informed his subscribers that he was ceasing its publication. One reason, he explained, was that his "values and interests are changing even more rapidly than usual." He did not bother to say what was the nature of this change which was proceeding at a velocity hitherto unknown even to him. However, Macdonald is not one to keep a secret long.

In the course of a book review in the Nov. 14 New Republic he disemburdens himself, announcing his newly found admiration for Hoover and Taft, whom he acclaims as "cautious, moderate, realistic," the stabilizing forces in a society moving toward destruction. Those who have not read the review may suspect at this point that I have misread it and that Macdonald is being ironical. Macdonald is, however, often most funny when he means to be most serious, and this review is one such occasion.

The book reviewed by Macdonald is Conservatism Revisited by Peter Viereck, a professor of history and a poet, who finds a hero in Prince Metternich, the founder of the Holy Alliance, which sought to repress revolution everywhere in Europe after the fall of Napoleon. Viereck extols Metternich as a guardian of order in the unstable world of his time who may well serve as a model for statesmen today. Macdonald joins in Viereck's praises of Metternich, finding in him "a principled believer in Law and Order, who for his coat of arms the motto: 'Kraft im Recht' ('Strength through Law') and whose instrument of policy was diplomacy rather than force." Macdonald does not bother asking such elementary questions as who formulated the law. who imposed the order and who benefited from this law and order that Metternich was such a principled believer in. He does not stop to consider whether Metternich's liking for the conference-table was not related to Austria's position as a second-rate power in Central Europe which had to maneuver first between France and Russia and then between Prussia and Russia, and it does not seem at all incongruous to him that Metternich, that lover of peace and moderation, instigated the most savagely repressive measures against revolutionary movements.

Macdonald does have an adverse criticism to make of the book. It is that Viereck has not carried his ideas out to their logical conclusion - unlike Macdonald, whom, once he gets going, there's no stopping - and that Viereck is not sufficiently conservative! "In his main contention - his preference for Metternichian conservatism to the revolutionary messianism of our age fect of Viereck's book, curiously enough, is that threatened to engulf the Curran tivities for Soviet secret police rection in Yugoslavia. Detachit is not deeply conservative enough. Its author machine. is so angry at the Nazis and the Communists that his anger is justified is another point that he forgets his general conservative principles and tries to conciliate, as allies, the liberals. er's hysterical red-baiting speech. Yet clearly modern liberalism has something in With approximately 4,000 memcommon with messianic totalitarianism. . .

for temporizing by the zealous convert. The cream of the jest, however, is Macdonald's against and 1,700 abstained from analysis of Viereck's prose style, which he finds, in its lack of self-restraint and classical balance, outports, the police, the shipto be indicative of the fact that Viereck's conservatism does not go sufficiently deep. "Often job. Curran had "taken over" inspired in witticism and brief insight," Macdon- the Port of New York! ald adds, "he seems incapable of any sustained development of his ideas. As for the book's gen- GRIEVANCES REMAIN eral structure, let us say that it resembles less | But the grievances which gave the Parthenon than a handful of marbles." To rise to the opposition still exist Stalinist pattern. No witnesses this Viereck might well retort that self-restraint and will become more acute. All are produced by the prosecution fore the war, it was revealed is not Macdonald's own long suit (one would, in- of the 15 officials removed from to substantiate its charges and deed, hardly expect to find the classical virtues office were elected, along with except for letters intercepted Guard emigre circles for recruit-



seeking for something they can hold on to for entire slate was pledged to evidence. more than a week) and that it is ill-becoming one preserve and extend the demowho casually undecks a brand-new philosophy cratic rights of the membership while reviewing a book to refer to some one else and convert the NMJ into a milias "incapable of any sustained development of tant, fighting organization. his ideas.'

Macdonald's comment, though he is serenely Curran faction when he violated unaware of it, is, in fact, applicable to himself. the pledges and cynically dis-"Often inspired in witticism and brief insight" - | regarded the promises made to yes, this is Macdonald, who has always played the membership. Instead of exwith ideas as a child plays with marbles. When tending the democratic rights of he used the ideas of the great revolutionary the membership he proposed to Yugoslavia after the October thinkers, he could, at his best, do a good job of stifle the voice of every critic and knocking other marbles out of the ring, but since gag every dissenter. Instead of They were granted — or rather he-has given them up, he can't get himself unscrambled.

Notes from the News

WESTBROOK PEGLER is dubious about the effects of asking the people to conserve water in the areas where it is running short because "for every pint saved by a good citizen, a Communist will waste a dozen bathtubfuls and there are hordes of Communists." * * *

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, Essex County (N. J.) Chapter, held a convention last week and adopted a resolution "against the United States offering any further aid to Yugoslavia until it is established that it has severed all connections with Russia."

ANOTHER UNION LEADER said goodbye to the Stalinists as Morris Pizer, president of the CIO United Furniture Workers, expressed support of CIO policies and called on the members to remain in the CIO. The Stalinists put Pizer in the office of president a few years ago to replace Morris Muster, who quit after charging the executive board was Stalinist-dominated.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, denying charges that the U.S. Minister to Bulgaria plotted with Kostov to overthrow the government in that country, denounces "the now familiar tune of 'confession' which appears to have been made by Kostov" and "the pattern of the Rajk trial in Hungary and similar travesties of the judicial process held elsewhere in Communist countries." It neglects to mention that during the war the State Department helped to glorify the Stalinist "travesties of the judicial process" by promoting the film, Mission to Moscow.

TOTAL CONSUMER INCOME is 3% lower today than a year ago, when it was at an all-time high, according to the Federal Reserve Board.

THE SOCIALIST CALL'S name has been changed to The Call and is no longer the official paper of the Socialist Party. The Dec. 2 issue reprints, without comment, an article from a

Social Democratic publication advocating unity of the SP and the SDF because, among other reasons, it is wrong to think that the SP "is the same as it was at the time of the split" between the two groups in 1936.

JIM CROW IN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES was struck a blow when the National Interfraternity Conference voted 36 to 3, with 19 abstaining, to recommend that affiliated groups eliminate restrictive membership provisions. However a motion to make such action mandatory was defeated by the conference, representing 58 organizations with about 2,700 chapters.

THE NEW YORK POLITICAL SCENE: Newly re-elected Mayor O'Dwyer is pushing through a 60% wage increase for himself (from \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year) and a 50% increase for City Councilmen. Stalinist Councilman Ben Davis was demonstratively expelled from the Council with only one more month of his term to serve, while the Liberal Party is calling on Tammany and the GOP to pick a tri-partisan candidate to defeat Marcantonio in the 1950 congressional race. And police officials complain they don't have enough patrolmen pounding a beat in residential and park areas because so many (up to 700 daily) are diverted to "preserve order in labor disputes," meaning such things as the National Maritime Union struggle where cops were used on a mass scale to help Curran take the union away from its members.

DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, atomic authority and president of Carnegie Institution, has joined Gen. Eisenhower's attack on pensions and other social security demands. Bush is worried about a trend to federally-supported "soft security" in which "every man's hand is out for pabulum" and the Workers Party Building Fund, do people are bent on "voting themselves into Eden from a supposedly inexhaustible public purse, it now! supporting everyone by soaking a fast disappearing rich, scrambling for subsidy," etc., etc.

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DIFFERENCES TOO

But there are dissimilarities as well. The Yugoslav trial, like the Mindszenty trial and unlike the

The opposition broke with the Rajk trial, contains the germ of truth. The defendants were part of the Russian emigre colony in Yugoslavia, most of them former White Guard opponents of Bola militant policy, conditions on forced to take — Soviet citizen-

the ships are worsening, the ship after World War II. shipowners grow more arrogant, This "citizenship" did not entitle the blacklist against union milithem to return to the Soviet tants flourishes, with little or no Union. It merely placed them comresistance from the leadership. pletely at the mercy of the

CURRAN'S METHODS

over the Port.

reckoning.

HAVE YOU?

If you have not yet sent your

Soviet embassy and the Russian GPU in Yugoslavia. Under such The opposition was formed under the pressure of accumulated circumstances, there is no doubt grievances. The membership in some of them were pressed into the GPU espionage service. the Port of New York were in Others perhaps entered more the vanguard of the struggle. voluntarily not because of sym-The Curran faction realized that

reactionary hostility to the Yugoprevailed the members in the slav regime. outports and on the ships would Another difference is the abbegin to rally behind the rank sence of abject, breast-beating and file movement. The opposiconfessions which are the general tion was cut off from access to practice at Kremlin-directed the union paper and Curran trials. Some of the defendants launched his blitzkrieg to take

The campaign against the Port circumstances as the reason for of New York was conducted under their actions. None of them has an unbridled red-baiting barrage. been converted to Titoism or to In this, Curran was aided and abetted by the boss press, radio, Tammany politicians, shipowners and police. Many, many members such elements would not parbrought in from the outports ticularly redound to the ad- covenants are filed. really believed they were here to vantage of the Yugoslav govsave the union from a "comernment. munist putsch." But the truth

must and will prevail. The course that the Curran faction has taken can only lead a greater awareness of the real issues in dispute. With the to demonstrate that if those trials, N. Y. Times: awakening will come the day of

contribution to the Socialist regime.

purpose on Stalin's part. The to control any owner in determin- refuses to use this power and against the Dixiecrats and Repu-Cominform and the Russian press ing what tenants he shall have tries instead to entice Negro and blicans.

White Guards were only too anxious to join hands with Stalin.)

tional to re-open the Lewis case

On, the other hand, the monstrous "confession" method used that it was a mistake to raise in the trial outweighs by far any- the issue of the Lewis case at the thing that the trial itself may prove. When Belgrade offers the "revelations" at Sarajevo, based to raise their "pet cases" at these on confessions, as conforming to conferences there would be such the truth, it considerably weakens its own efforts to expose the ness. "revelations" in the Rajk and Kostov trials, likewise based on

confessions. The confession method is ining class opponents and Bolsheviks as in the Moscow trial or Sarajevo. They are police state a "flood" of such cases. methods and have nothing in so long as internal democracy pathy with Stalin but out of of such Stalinist methods.

Truman Perpetrates Hoax on Housing Bias

housing on which restrictive to cease discrimination. love for its regime. This perhaps covenants are filed. Not "where

be interpreted as Tito's reply to ceptional case where a property to a piling up of grievances and Bulgaria, Poland and other East- estate interests. Furthermore, he Humphrey and Douglas. ern European countries. It aims said, as summarized by the

> purporting to show an attempt by The changes "at no time . . the Yugoslavs in cooperation will apply except to covenants is similar to the one he has Negro people and other minorities with American imperialism to which are filed of record. Since practiced for so long with regard have nothing to be happy about.

> federal courts, but keep them authorization from Congress, to way to really change conditions Of course there is little need alive as 'gentlemen's agree-of a trial to demonstrate this ments.'... They will not attempt tion. In both cases, however, he much against the Trumanites as

(Continued from Page 1) or to whom he shall bell his labor support by making gestures whose over-all effect is mean-

> It is well known that he intends other sham battle in Congress next month over his civil rights The new policy will cover only promises, just as they did earlier will come out of Congress in 1950. however, if it is left up to him. Defeat of his civil rights pro-Congress earlier this year by a terest in this program arises of Negroes and other minorities in the 1950 and 1952 elections. Truman is "most happy over Truman's housing reform hoax the result of his efforts." But the

tive racial covenants are per- property."

have denied parts of the charges. missible, the courts may not be To qualify for federal aid, ingless. Others have given extenuating used to enforce them. therefore, builders will have to Government agencies from now refrain from filing restrictive to have his followers stage anon, therefore, will deny loans for covenants; but they won't have

is to be explained in part by the bias exists" and not where the private housing. It will not in this year. His latest piece of fact that the "conversion" of owners "practice discrimination" any way affect public housing trickery indicates that nothing - but only where restrictive policy, which permits local authorities to segregate Negroes. This will have a "minimum An amendment to eliminate effect" on FHA activities, said segregation in government hous- gram next year won't make Tru-

The trial at Sarejevo can only Richards. "It will be an ex- ing projects was defeated in man shed any tears. His only inthe trial in Hungary and to the cannot receive federal mortgage united front of the Dixiecrats from the fact that he can use it others now being prepared in help," he assured the big real and the liberal Democrats like demagogically to seek the votes

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overthrow the "peoples' demo- recent Supreme Court decisions, to the armed forces. In both cases, For them, so far as civil rights cracies," were frameups, Stalin it was pointed out, most land- since federal employees and fed- under Truman are concerned, was and is actually engaging in an attempt to destroy the Tito since they are unenforceable in has the power, without further more they are the same." The