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# New Congress Eisenhower Arouses World's Swiftly Blocks Civil Rights Bills Fear of Expanded Korea War

The very first legislative action of the new Republican-controlled 83rd Congress, which opened last week, was to kill the possibility for passage of civil rights laws. A coalition of Republicans and

Democrats in the Senate adopted, veteran Senator of both parties, 70 to 21, Senate Majority leader observed the N. Y. Times. Taft's motion to table Senator The opening of Congress has Anderson's measure to revise the also signalled a speeding up of Senate rules which allow Souththe witch-hunt. Representative ern Democrats to block action Velde, new chairman of the on civil rights by limitless House Un-American Activities Committee, and Sen. McCarthy, filibuster.

who heads the Senate investigat-The Democratic Senators themselves voted 29 to 15 in favor of ing body, have both threatened to Taft's motion. He had "the sup- extend the government's purge of "reds" into the nation's schools port of the Democratic hierarchy and of almost every powerful and and colleges.

## **Bolivian Gov't Averts Attempted Reactionary Coup**

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McCarthy has stated that he intends to gun not only for "Communists" but for "Communist thinkers" - a clear indication of the Nazi-like thought-control the reactionaries intend to impose on the American people.

An attempted rightist coup greeted the new Congress with d'etat in Bolivia Jan. 6 was the "hope that its Republican averted by loyal troops, according leaders, in power for the first to an Associated Press dispatch. time since 1946, will forego The plot, headed by military temptations to take partisan adleaders of the Paz Estenssoro vantage and place the welfare of government and members of his the country first."

party, the MNR (National Revo-This hope appears especially lutionary Movement), was aimed naive, if not thick-headed, in the at the president and labor memlight of the very first moves of bers of his cabinet. The plotters, Congress. Both Republicans and striking before dawn, took the Democrats place their own wel-Chief of Army General Staff and fare, and that of the capitalist Nuflo Chavez, Minister of Rural class they serve, first, last and Affairs, prisoner. They also all the time. Asking them to sought Juan Lechin, Minister of forego the temptation of serving forego the temptation of serving Mines, and German Butron, Mintheir own class interests is like ister of Labor. When one of the plotters apasking a tiger to change its stripes.

pealed to troops at the Army Regimental Barracks to revolt, he was placed under arrest. Troops also came to the rescue of the Presidential Guard which had

attempt to "reactionaries who in-filtrated the MNR and betrayed Republicans know they have

The AFL News-Reporter, of-

ficial weekly of the American Federation of Labor, on Jan. 2

Temporary officers of Citizens Committee against the Trucks Law shown at press conference in Detroit where they announced aims of committee of 200 prominent citizens to defend civil liberties against infamous Trucks Act passed last year by the Michigan legislature. Above left to right are Charles C. Lockwood, attorney for the Greater Detroit Consumers Council Kenneth C. Boulding, Prof. of Economics, University of Michigan, Committee Chairman the Rev. I. Paul Taylor, Pastor, St. Matthews Methodist Church, Ernie Mazey, Executive Board Member, Local 212, UAW-CIO, and the Rev. Robert Bradby of the Greater King Solomon Baptist Church



been disarmed. President Paz ascribed the effectively by launching a Labor NEW YORK, Jan. 8 – "I con- political beliefs of those attacked Two court challenges of the attempt to "reactionaries who in- nower in labor's own name The sider the formation of the Citi- by the disease before giving Trucks Law are in progress. One terests of the workers most zens Committee Against the assistance. If one fails to defend was instituted by the Socialist zens Committee Against the Trucks Law one of the most pro-cause of disagreement with the ization against which action under portedly meted out to them was movement tied to the capitalist mising signs for civil liberties in victim's beliefs, he is violating the Trucks Law was taken by the Buffalo Police Department. political machines and servilely the United States for the coming the fundamental concept of Michigan authorities. This case is The article referred to Police begging not to be kicked. But the year," Farrell Dobbs, National democracy and in fact indirectly in the state courts. The SWP suit, reactionaries would not talk and Chairman of the Socialist Work helping to spread the anti-demo- which is supported by the Citi-Lieutenant Schultz "as one of Juan Lechin said the incidents act so tough if labor moved with ers Party, declared in a statement cratic disease that can be fatal zens Committee Against the those listed on the payoff rolls of the pinball racketeers, at to all thought. The Citizens Com- Trucks Law, attacks the whole the rate of \$50 per week." The "Though witch-hunting has hit mittee Against the Trucks Law law as unconstitutional, includthem all out of Washington. new high and though unscru- has recognized this fact and it is ing the provisions for the ar-Militant has learned that Police Lieutenant Schultz who heads pulous politicians are crowding greatly to their credit in these bitrary labelling of any organthe anti-subversive squad is onto the bandwagon of 'loyalty' days that they defend minority ization as a "Communist front' not the Lieut. Schultz so listed. purges and MacCarthyism, far political groups, such as the So- without evidence or allowing the more significant is the fact that cialist Workers Party, with whose victimized organization the op-The Militant regrets the pubin Michigan several hundred out-standing people from the labor Interviewed by th portunity to defend itself. At lication of the statements Interviewed by the Detroit cor- present this suit is on the calendar referred to above, and has movement, from the prpofessions respondent of The Militant, of Judge Lila Neuenfelt of the caused this article to be printand from the academic world have /Ernest Mazey, Secretary of the Wayne County circuit court. ed so that our readers may know that the said statements banded together to fight this Citizen's Committee Against the The other case was instituted were inaccurate. vicious example of thought-con- Trucks Law, said that formation by the Communist Party in the trol legislation - the Trucks of the committee had received federal courts. It concerns only (See editorial on page 3.) wide publicity in the press and those provisions of the law which

.ead Fight Against Police-State Law Churchill's Visit Here **Shows British Concern Over General's Course** 

#### By Joseph Keller

Fear that Eisenhower will extend the Korean War appears to be a major factor in 78-year-old British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's unscheduled mid-winter trip to the United States for con-

terences with the President-elect us Americans, we can imagine even before he takes office. At how much more hateful it is to the moment of his arrival, Chur- the people abroad.

chill stated in a press interview Moreover, Churchill that "we think it would be a cerned with maintaining what he great pity for the United States called the "real center of gravity" and the United Nations army to in Western Europe, which the wander all about this vast China. imperialist powers up to now have We think it would be a great agreed is their key strategic base pity to make an indefinite ex- for war against the Soviet Union. A war "all about this vast China' tension of the war."

These remarks on Korea by at present does not accord with this old British imperialist war Churchill's views as to the best dog and his relatively soft and strategy.

Nowhere is the desire for a restrained tone, in contrast with cessation of fighting and withhis customary warlike bombast, indicate the grave concern of the drawal of the foreign troops from Korea more burning and desper-British ruling class, as well as the British masses, over the ate than among the Korean people. Their homes have been desrecent statements and actions of Eisenhower after his trip to troyed, millions of them have been killed and maimed, and other mil-Korea.

The General, far from making any peace moves in line with his election promises, has aroused fears all over the world that he intends to seek a military solution for the Korean war and might thus precipitate an all-out Asian war or even an atomic World War.

NO PEACE-LOVER

here.

there were contained some statements concerning a police lieutenant Schultz, head of the anti-subversive squad of

lions wander freezing and starving as a result of the "strategic" bombings and "scorched earth" tactics of their U.S. "liberators." "Koreans were told of the goodness of American principles, but they were not shown applied democracy.. The Koreans and all Asians believe they would have a better chance of achieving freedom and national unity if they

Churchill, of course, has not were severely left alone. . . Warnturned peace-lover. But he knows ings against communist terrorism how costly the Korean war has do not scare them; they feel that already been and how greatly the it cannot be worse than what

its ideals." The punishment recashiered and the civilians expelled from the MNR.

stitution of the regular army which was shattered last April by the popular revolution. Since then the masses have retained arms.

Under pressure from capitalist and landlord elements, agents of the tin-mine monopolists whose holdings have been nationalized, and the American State Department, Paz has been inclining toward the right.

The attempted coup d'etat underlines the warnings of the Bolivian POR (Revolutionary Workers Party) about the danger to the revolution from concessions to the tin interests, their native supporters and imperialist backers.

U.S. casualties in the Korean "police action" now total 128,530 a rise of 292 above the previous week's total. Included are 22,627 killed, 93,129 wounded, 9,292 missing and 2,091 captured.

Plans Announced

For Memorial

To Carlo Tresca

its own mighty party to boot today.

Instead of issuing these futile,

whining appeals to the reac-

union leaders would serve the in-



SENATOR TAFT

Law. "The Citizens Committee that already a number of people apply directly to the Communist Against the Trucks Law may well had written in asking to join. Party. Last July a three-man serve as a model in other states Also contributions have begun to federal court in Michigan ruled for those who want to preserve come in to help defray the legal two to one against this suit. The traditional American liberties and other expenses the commit- decision has been appealed to the under severe attack," Dobbs con- tee will incur. Mr. Mazey ex- U.S. Supreme Court, which has tinued. "Witch-hunt laws like the pressed his gratitude for this aid agreed to hear an appeal. Trucks Law can be compared to which is so urgently needed by The address of the Citizens and Indian organizations andisease epidemics. They must be the committee and asked that all Committee Against the Trucks nounced that the campaign of fought and stamped out. One friends of the committee give Law is 1709 Ford Bldg., Detroit defiance would be intensified in 26. cannot stop and inquire into the maximum support.

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Since June 26, 1952 when the campaign of "defiance of unjust race laws" started in South Africa 8,065 demonstrators have been imprisoned. Officials of African

British people would resent being 'they have." That is the considered dragged deeper into the Far conclusion of the pro-U.S. Korean Eastern military adventure of Affairs Institute, Washington, U.S. imperialism. If this war is D. C., in its Dec. 31, 1952, Voice the most unpopular in history for of Korea.



NEWARK, Jan. 6 - Frank Edwards, radio commentator sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, gave nationwide publicity last Tuesday to the second case of the legless veteran, James Kutcher,

one of the first victims of the his confidence that "the Supreme government "loyalty" purge, who Court, which has already termed s now threatened with eviction the Attorney General's list 'pafrom a federal housing project tently arbitrary,' will rule that the housing oath is unconsti-

Edwards, whose program is tutional." carried by the Mutual Broad-The ACLU's suit was originally casting system, reported that scheduled to be filed last Friday, Kutcher had decided to challenge but filing has not taken place up in court the new law designed to to the present time. The Newark evict from low-rent housing all Housing Authority has likewise members of any organization on not acted yet to formally inthe Attorney General's arbitrary stitute eviction proceedings "subversive" list.

against any tenant who did not The new law requires the heads comply with the law in the threeof all families in the federal pro- day period set for this purpose. jects to sign an oath certifying

that no member of the family CITED BY ACHESON Kutcher's first case also receivbelongs to any of the listed organed wide attention this week when izations. Kutcher, not being the head of his household, does not it was cited by Secretary of State have to sign. His sick, 73-year-old Acheson in a memorandum to father, who is required to sign President Truman. Acheson reand is willing to comply with the ferred to the recent Circuit Court law, cannot do so because his son of Appeals decision on Kutcher is well known as a member of the to confirm his contention that he, Acheson, rather than the Loyalty Socialist Workers Party. Thus the whole family is Review Board, had to make the "failures" of the recent campaign the role which liberal bourgeois threatenend with discriminatory final decision on the "loyalty"

punishment because of the views status of the diplomat John of one of its members. Kutcher's Carter Vincent. father, who would find it a great That actually was one of the hardship to move, will be able to least important aspects of the remain living where he is only by Circuit Court decision. The Court driving his disabled son out of upheld Kutcher's claim that his

their home - unless the law is discharge from a Veterans Addeclared unconstitutional or re- ministration job in 1948 was improper, and reversed the dispealed.

charge, but left Kutcher in the status of a suspended employee To protect his father and to pending further action by the

HELPED BY ACLU defend his own right to belong VA.

to any legal organization that he chooses, Kutcher decided to take directly on the housing oath. The the oath to court. He is being court ruled that membership in represented by the American the Socialist Workers Party or Civil Liberties Union, through any other group listed by the its New Jersey counsel, Emil Attorney General is not sufficient cause to justify discharge In a letter printed in last Satur- of a government employee. Yet

out of the basic mass trade union day's Newark News, Kutcher ex- the same thing is now being ofplained his decision, thanked the fered as sufficient cause to justify (Continued on Page 4) ACLU for its help and expressed eviction of housing tenants.

**Progressive Party Faces "Modification"** 

By Art Preis

NEW YORK - The tenth anniversary of the death of Carlo Tresca, editor of Il Martello (The Hammer), will be commemorated Saturday, Jan. 10. Flowers will be laid at 1 P.M. at the northwest corner of Fifth Ave. and 15th Street where the well-known labor leader and anti-fascist fighter was shot down in 1943.

Despite promising leads, police have not yet apprehended the unknown murderer.

Norman Thomas, chairman of the Tresca Memorial Committee, on announcing the anniversary plans, scored Ed Reid, Brooklyn Eagle reporter and author, for his failure to back up a charge by him that Italian fascists paid \$500,000 for the political assassination. Reid charged that the money was paid to a crime syndicate but he did not substantiate the allegation when questioned by the District Attorney's office.

have finally offered an explana- tant said about the nature of the ported" the PP program of "pro- of its role." Progressive Party adventure. This its founding five years ago. explanation is contained in a

future electoral activity.

in the emergence of a mass people's party led by labor."

out of the horse's mouth," as the cipled sense, but solely from a the future of the PP, the resolu- Wallace actually "unfolded the The Communist Party leaders confirmation on what The Mili- insist that the CP "correctly sup- quires a substantial modification descrition to the open imperialist war camp at the first pretext, the

tion to their members and fol- Progressive Party and its prob- gressive capitalism" and the PP lowers for the debacle of their able course from the moment of national ticket in 1952, while in-

dicating that it might have been What the CP leaders now better if the PP had never been "Draft Resolution on the Situ- admit about the PP's lack of a set up in the first place. Aside to "the mistakes made in the forces (around Wallace) could ation Growing Out of the Presi- admit about the President of a from its incidental self-revela- 1948 election campaign" and "the dential Elections" issued by the tation of the PP as a "new mass tions, their resolution is loaded failure of the national leadership political realignment in the ranks National Committee of the Amer-ican Stalinist party. Published in party of the people" is, however, with half-truths, omissions; eva-ican stalinist party. Published in party is the only incidental to the main line sions and contradictions.

ican Stalinist party. Published in The Worker of Dec. 28, 1952, the and aims of the resolution. It is not clear from their resoleaders call the "main weakness" affirms and deepens the false lution whether the Stalinists "objective and fearless" action is leaders call the "main weakness" political principles and program intend to inter the Progressive undertaken only after the 1952 from which the ill-starred Pro-tions and their proposals for meaning Derty itself at any or to keep the unburied to any the original program. from which the ill-starred Pro-gressive Party itself stemmed, body, or portions of it like the to some 140,000 — about, 12% of People's Party. This estimate The objective of the resolution is American Labor Party in New the admittedly low Wallace vote

An unusual feature of the not to demonstrate the immediate York, still lying about in an ad- of 1948.

resolution is a virtual admission need for a Labor Party, but to vanced state of putrefaction. The "conclusions that should a great new mass party as against that it might have been better if subdue "third party" talk, to pro- While they put major stress on have been drawn" after the 1948 the two parties of Wall Street the Progressive Party had never ject new "coalitions" with "pro- "coalition" politics and support election, they now say, is that "it until the labor movement ... had been set up; that no "great new gressive" capitalist party candi- of efforts to "extend labor's in- was incorrect to have favored the been broken from the two-party mass party" opposed to the two dates and organizations and to fluence" inside the Democratic departure of the Wallace forces system, particularly the Demo-Wall Street parties can be built insist on participation in the machine, it is quite possible that without masses from the Demo- cratic Party ... the formation of without the trade unions as its Democratic Party along with the Stalinists may seek to main- cratic Party" and that the Wal- a BROAD and MASS peoples chief base; and that the PP "is "progressive" elements within tain a skeleton PP which can laceites should have been en- party in the U.S. .. must arise Oxfeld. not and cannot be a major vehicle that corrupt capitalist machine. serve them as an occasional couraged "to fully unfold the The CP leaders do not examine electoral front and can be con- struggle for peace within the their policy with respect to the veniently manipulated to put for- Democratic Party." The CP lead- and people's organizations." These belated admissions "right PP in any fundamental or prin- ward Stalinist propositions. On ers make no mention of how

They do admit, however, to "a The CP leaders now trace their right opportunist exaggeration of play in bringing about a basic

come of the 1948 elections." This

Even worse, they made "the wrong estimate that the formation of the PP represented . . .

erroneously ignored the fact that . . . there could not emerge

oubreak of the Korean war.

The reason it gave bears

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World Prospects of Capitalism and Socialism

By James P. Cannon

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Night Forum, Dec. 12, 1952. It is reason to change my mind. the second of a series on "America's Road to Socialism.")

I have always been willing to workers were not yet ready with listen to anybody who would a party that could lead it and undertake to explain or make an carry it through. They paid dearly argument against socialism from for that unpreparedness. The a realistic, practical point of result was a series of defeats for

Almost as soon as I was old enough to look around and see and think for myself, I rebelled tinued to hear those arguments, these defeats, with the help of against the poverty, injustice and and still hear them if I cock my American loans, capitalist econall-around crookedness of capital- ear in the direction of the most omy in Europe slowly recovered ism. I became a socialist and noise. joined the movement when I was

a boy, and have been working at mitted to the test of events. That new Golden Age of prosperity and applies to the theory of Marxism, expansion. it ever since.

in my welfare and tions as the years passed by, it terested popping off on the street corners and predictions of Marx. about socialism.

"It's a fine idea, son, but it'll that no social system can be never work," I was told. "It's superseded until it has exhausted against human nature." "There its progressive capacities. If hardest of all. Production was always have been rich and poor capitalism is capable of further cut in half, and the living and there always will be. Be a progressive development on a standards of the workers were realist. Don't waste your life on a world scale, and is therefore in-Utopian dream that can never be vulnerable against any attempts realized. If you want to get ahead to change it in a radical manner, in this world, you've got to be then there is not much point in practical and look out for arguing that socialism would be a better system. Number One." But on the other hand, if

I mention this to show you that I know all the arguments against capitalism has lost its progressive ample of poverty-stricken Italy. socialism. I heard them more than character and become reaction 40 years ago. And I won't say ary, has ceased to grow and

that I didn't pay attention to them. I did. Especially the argument that socialism is a Utopian dream that can never be realized. I was then, as I am now, inclined to realism, and I never saw any point in expending energy on impossible and unrealizable projects. The argument that socialism is not practical and not realizable worried me.

It was this troubled frame of mind that brought me, more than 40 years ago, to an open forum such as this, conducted by the Socialist Educational Society in Kansas City.

I went there in search of more detailed information about this thing called socialism, which charmed me and inspired me with its grand promise of the future society of secure peace and abundance for all; a society based on equality, solidarity and comradeship.

It was there at that forum that I got my first introduction to the ideas of Marx, the ideas of scientific socialism. From the discusfurther study inspired by them,

"The Marshall Plan was contrived to let America's stricken allies in Europe live, or rather breathe, while strengthening

omy.' sions of that forum and the expand and develop the productive forces of the people, upon I became acquainted with Marx's which all human welfare is based; duction. analysis of capitalism, and his if it has entered into its period sweeping assertion that socialism of decline and decay - then the is not only a good idea, but is the optimistic defenders of capitalism next inevitable stage of social are in the wrong. They are the world, and its ability to increase the same time their greatest opevolution; that the further devel- real Utopians of the present day. and even multiply its productive portunity. opment of capitalism cannot lead The issue, then, goes to the capacity, while the economy of to anything else but its downfall evidence, to the facts. Let us rest the capitalist countries was overriding need to crush the dominant power of the entire

intervening years. That was not the whole of Europe was con-(The following lecture was because of dogmatic obstinacy, cerned. Europe, after the war, given at the Los Angeles Friday but simply because I saw no good especially in Germany and Italy, was ripe for revolution. But the

view. As I went along I con- the workers. And on the basis of and attained a new stabilization

Every theory must be sub- which brought new illusions of a

And if I made a mistake, I can't just as Marx ruthlessly applied But no sooner was the new stabilization of capitalist economy practical people who were in- stronger in my socialist convic- proclaimed and celebrated than the whole world was again shaken thought I was marked for success was because it appeared to me to its foundations by the worldin life, began to shake their that the development of events wide economic crisis touched off heads sadly when they heard me was confirming in life the analysis by the New York stock market crash of 1929. This time rich and It was Marx himself who said

powerful America, which had grown fat at the expense of other countries in the war, was hit reduced in about the same measure. This crisis put an end to all prospect of capitalist expansion on the basis of stable, democratic regimes and brought fascism to power in poverty-stricken Ger-

many following the earlier ex-Just as the world war had put an end to capitalist prosperity

based on peace, the 1929 crisis and its aftermath put an end to capitalist prosperity in Europe based on democracy.

The economic crisis of 1929, and the prospects of capitalism, for and all the King's horses and all and Germany to the monstrous be weakened, shaken and declin- the jolly old empire together crisis-rule of fascism, can be put ing.

## The Superiority of Planned Economy

Meanwhile, earlier attempts of the prolonged crisis. The Soviet the great powers to overthrow Union confronted the capitalist talist Britain and France are formulated in a third way and come, it has turned out to be. tems, also, for a period of years the workers government of the nations as a rival whose further Soviety Union were defeated, the existence and possible expansion lites. victory of the revolution was could spell only death in the long

consolidated on the basis of run for the rival system of Soviet Union came out of the war nationalized and planned econ- capitalism.

Moreover, the territory oc- important qualification: the coomy, with a monopoly of foreign trade. This closed off the Russian cupied by the Soviet Union had lonial world rose to its feet durmarket to capitalist exploitation been withdrawn from the capital- ing the war and entered the from abroad. During the crisis, ist market since the revolution of arena of world history as an inwhich dragged on in the capitalist 1917. And this fact in itself had dependent force. The course of world for a number of years and contributed enormously to the history in the post-war period has economic difficulties of the capi- been primarily determined by the was never really overcome, talist nations, in Europe par- relations between these three Russian industry under the fiveyear plans progressed by leaps ticularly.

It was the most imperative and bounds, multiplied its output necessity of the capitalist national world. All the other tions in the fateful year of 1939, countries play merely supporting many times and eventually brought the Soviet Union to to take counsel together, and to roles. second place in industrial prounite in their own enlighten-

ed self-interest, to face their The survival of the Soviet

and the socialist reorganization the case on this solid foundation declining and stagnating, raises Soviet Union and thereby to capitalist world, economically and remove, for the time being at n the most striking and irrefu-

menaced the Soviet Union from the West and from the East, were crushed. The colonial and nationalist revolutions, taking advantage of the difficulties of the imperialist masters during the war, were able to strengthen their forces and undermine the whole colonial system, without which world capitalism cannot operate.

And on top of everything, the most important thing of all, the Soviet Union emerged victorious from the war and rose to the position of the first economic and military power in Europe. Let us put all this down in our

list of exhibits as FACT NUM. BER FOUR, as a brightly lighted sign-post pointing out the direction of future developments which were not long unfolding in the post-war period.

Formally speaking, the Axis writes it. The essential content powers - Germany, Italy and within that outward form looks Japan — lost the war, and the different. In reality, as measured Allied powers, the United States, by their actual position when the Britain, the Soviet Union and smoke cleared away, the Soviet Union and the United States France, won it.

That's the way formal history emerged as the only victors, and records the outcome, and that's all the others were losers; Engthe way Churchill, the world's land and France no less than Gerarticulate wish - thinker, many, Italy and Japan. most

# Who Is Winning the Cold War?

After two victories in two world our eye - that section of the wars, Britain, once proud queen world which is no longer capiof the seas and banker of the talist, or is trying to break away from capitalism, doesn't want to world, ends up as a beggar, dance to America's tune. A conliving on America's dole. Its days flict over this matter has been down as important FACT NUM- of glory have departed; its empire in progress ever since the end BER TWO. This was also bad for is shattered and falling apart, of the war.

An examination of the course the resort of capitalism in Italy it showed its economic system to the King's men can never put this conflict is taking is now pertinent to the question posed in the subject of our discussion:

again. France emerged from her vic-The International Prospects of Capitalism and Socialism." The tories in the two wars in the same question might be put in another position, only worse. The French empire is dying in agony on the way: "Who is winning the cold battlefields of Indo - China. Capi- war?" The question could be just a couple of American satelbe even more precise: "Is revolution and the nationalization of

industry, the economic foundation The United States and the for socialism and the transition

as the only winners - with one powers, the United States, the Soviet Union and the insurgent countries play merely supporting

America's position in the new world set-up is a truly great one. Union in a hostile capitalist greatest danger, which was at Let no patriotic vigilante accuse even if I'm not proud of it. The They were confronted with an United States is the first and WINSTON CHURCHILL

"The world's most articulate wish-thinker."

These are tremendous developments of world-historical import. The extension of the system of nationalized and planned economy, not socialism, but the economic foundation for it, to the

whole of Eastern Europe means and can mean nothing else than the exclusion of this whole territory from the world capitalist market and a consequent shrink- istence, free from all foreign ng of the capitalist sector of domination and exploitation. world economy, which is already too small.

The ouster of the Stalinists from the governments of Italy tions.

Let us put down these colossal happenings, loaded with revolu-tionary dynamite, as FACT NUMBER FIVE, and ascribe the main responsibility to the revolu-tionary incendiaries of New York and Washington. "Father, forgive do." That's the way it reads in the Bible, but history will not he the Bible, but history will not be

so magnanimous.

The camera eve now shifts to even modestly, in the exploitation China and the colonial world. And of this almost limitless market, what a world of unexpected they also might have overcome wonders and calamities, with their internal crises and attained signs and portents of more to a new stabilization of their sys-American capitalism went fishing to come.

in the Orient and caught a whale big enough to sink the boat. The point, one must admit that such war in the Orient was fought a prospect was well worth a war, over China. It was fought by even without any moralistic pre-America in the name of the tensions. And if the enterprise noblest ideals enunciated by could be dressed up with ideal-Roosevelt, the greatest enunciator istic bunkum at no extra cost, all of them all. the better. Anyway, we fought

The declared aim of the war the war with Japan over China. And the first half of the war was to drive the Japanese imperialists out of China and aims were realized completely. liberate this great country of half Japan was driven out of China a billion people; to secure for by military force, and even driven China, by the armed might of out of its other possessions, and magnanimous America, an inde- condemned to stifle and stagnate pendent, prosperous national ex- in its own little chain of islands.

# "We Lost China"

But again something happened for Christmas and then fail to Again something went wrong, deliver? Did somebody shoot San-America had staked all its cards ta Claus? That's what they seem on Chiang Kai-shek, the political to think. Anyway that's the way and military leader of capitalist they carry on in their mad search China. It allied itself with him for spies and other culprits in the



## GEN. MARSHALL

America's grip on their econ-





Surger 1 dustries. This was nothing less than an

economic revolution, instigated by America and carried out by bureaucratic means. In France and Italy the Communist Party representatives were kicked out of the cabinets at the behest of the American paymaster. The Stalinists responded — again they had no alternative - by switching to a policy of opposition and radical agitation.



HITLER "What kind of a social system is it when madmen can make its most important decisions?

That's one way of explaining

our war aims, anyway. Another way would be to say that America waged the war in the Orient to and France means and can mean drive the Japanese out of China, nothing else than a stimulus to and get this tremendous market, the radicalization of the working the richest prize in all the world, class in these two decisive na- for itself, for its own unhampered exploitation. That would be a

Let us put down these colossal more accurate way of putting it. The development of China on a

And if the other capitalist powers were allowed to participate,

From a strictly capitalist stand-

## Monday, January 12, 1953



of reality, and go to the facts as of society That did it. That settled all my they have been unfolded in the table fashion a hitherto unproved least, a rival social system from the bombs and the moral selfyouthful doubts about the prac great events of the past half assertion of Marxism: That is the ticality and realizability of the century. If we look with clear superiority, as a productive force, idea. It convinced me theoreti- eyes at what has already hap- of nationalized and planned econcally, and that is the firmest con- pened, we may get a good hint of omy — which is immune from viction there is, that all the forces what is going to happen. of history were working on my If we can see enough in these planned economy of capitalism side, on the side of socialism, and events to indicate a historical which cannot escape periodic that all I had to do was lend a trend, then we can be fairly sure crises. Here, in my opinion, is little help, along with others, to of what the ultimate outcome will the key to the future 'develophelp the historic process along. Compared to the privilege of this point of view that I propose This can be out

participating in this magnificent to discuss the international proshistorical mission, all the so-called pects of capitalism and socialism THREE. the fact which shows the practical concerns of life and the tonight. Naturally, in a single possible material rewards of con- lecture, it will be possible to hit formity seemed trivial to me more only the high spots. and I will than 40 years ago, and they still confine my presentation to what I do. I have never changed my mind consider the six main facts of about this question in all the modern history.

## "The Goose Hangs High"

It must be admitted that 40 suddenly exploded, in 1914, in the years ago there was some ground First World War. This war, which for the popular opinion that lasted more than four years. cost capitalism was a securely based, 12 million dead and 20 million going concern, with a long life wounded, wrecked the economy of and few troubles ahead. Over a Europe, expanded the economy of span of many decades, since 1871, America at the expense of Europe, the great powers had been at raised America to first place peace. Industry and trade had among the imperialist powers, been expanding, the enslaved and, as a sort of by-product, races in the colonies of Africa and resulted in the Russian Revolu Asia were being freely plundered tion, which tore one-sixth of the without fear of revolts, and the earth's surface out of the capitalworkers in the advanced counist market.

This colossal shake-up, brought tries, partly sharing in the super about by the First World War, profits of the colonial plunder, enjoyed a small, but real, imcan be put down under the head provement in their standard of of FACT NUMBER ONE. Quite living. Democracy flourished.

Under such conditions there looked bad for capitalism at the could be no prospect of a work- time, and has been getting worse ers' revolution. Socialism was re- ever since.

The war was a devastating blow legated to an ultimate goal whose realization was pushed far into to capitalism, at least as far as the future. Marx's predictions Europe was concerned. If it's about the increasing misery of goose wasn't cooked, at least it the workers forcing them to didn't hang high any more. revolution, seemed to be refuted. America, remote from the scene The capitalists for their part, in of actual conflict, enriched itself

those far-gone halcyon days, grew on the spoils, but the world rich and complacent, fat and system had been irremediably Here was the situation in 1939: sassy and self-confident. With dislocated. Its days of expansion The rival big powers of capitalism their trained economists at their were obruptly ended. In the post- confronted each other as rivals of elbows, they periodically raised war period the sleeping colonies the same kind, of the same their voices in a hearty and began to stir. In the metropolitan system, in the fight for a dimhappy chorus of a song that might centers of Europe economy stag- inishing world market for trade have been called, "Everything is nated, and the living standards of and investment.

Lovely and the Goose Hangs the workers drastically declined. The Soviet Union, embracing The war, and the terrible poverty one-sixth of the earth's surface. High.'

Then something hannened. resulting from it, radicalized the confronted all of them as a rival Something went wrong. The world working masses of Europe, of a different kind, a rival had suddenly grown too small for brought a revolution in Hungary, representing a new and different the rival capitalist powers in their produced revolutionary situations social system, whose superiority mad scramble and competition for in Italy and Germany, and put a over the social system of capitalmarkets, colonial territories and question mark over the future ism as a productive force had spheres of influence. The conflict prospects of capitalism as far as been demonstrated to the hilt in

the world arena; and at the same satisfaction too. What could be time, to open up the Russian market for capitalist exploitation Wall Street are doing all right by and get a new lease on life themselves. They don't even have for the system as a whole. crisis - over the anarchic, un-

1939, to save or at least to prolong This can be put down among our exhibits as FACT NUMBER

ed by their inability even to think rise and development of a new for themselves any longer. social and economic system simul-

taneously with capitalist decline.

big powers, stifling in the still circumstance: the law that social radically. No fighter is so sure to at all costs, and if possible to find powerful allies, America and the world. new ones. German capitalism, on Great Britain. The results of the the other hand, defeated in the war are well known. Germany and

in its restricted barriers, had to expand or perish. The same was true of Italy and Japan.

I think history will record the a fact, you must admit, which year 1939 as the fateful year of decision, which finally sealed the

fate of capitalism as a world system; the year in which terrible economic difficulties brought about by the operation of the laws of capitalism, were supplemented and enormously aggravated by the bankruptcy of political and military decision. Capitalism lost the nower to think for itself.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

American statesmen and leaders "continued to bet their money on Chiang Kai-shek, the horse that had already lost the race.'

. . . offered to maintain and militarily. It has the money and guarantee the capitalist system of production and the capitalist form of governments in the countries of Eastern Europe.'

STALIN

to play a fiddle. All they have to to it, gaining ground, or being The inability of the capitalist do is whistle, and the others pushed back?

nations, because of conflict among dance. But --- and here we come The answer to the riddle of the themselves, to unite for this to the fly in our ointment, or future is wrapped up in this crucial and indispensable task in maybe it is somebody's thumb in formulation of the question.

# their own life, was, in my opinion, the surest sign of their hopeless

Obviously, America has been system of production and the It doesn't help matters any to enough; the odds at the ringside the countries of Eastern Europe. formed in its development by col- most important ones: First, Ame-And that is precisely what he say that it was all Hitler's fault always turn against a fighter who By 1939, the basic conflicts and that Hitler was a madman. has to come from behind. But if did in the first three years of the nowers. had become senile before bathies of hundreds of millions of which had caused the World War That is true enough. But what our examination shows that post-war period. He went further it reached maturity. senile, weak, people throughout the Orient and to break out in 1914 had not been kind of social system is it when America has not only been losing and offered to guarantee the corrupt and parasitical. eliminated. On the contrary they madmen can make its most im- ground, but is the chief author capitalist system of production reasserted themselves in a more portant decisions? An historical of its own set-backs, the odds on and capitalist political regimes aggravated form. Each one of the law reasserted itself in this the final outcome must be changed in Italy and France, where they were badly shaken.

unresolved crisis which struck the systems which have outlived their lose as the one who knocks And that is precisely what he capitalist world in 1929, saw its time can't do anything right any himself out. And that, my friends did there too, by sending Comexistence conditioned upon the longer. Instead of uniting to - candor obliges me to report munist Party representatives into acquisition and retention of for- attack the Soviet Union, the rival is precisely what our great and the bourgeois cabinets as supeign markets and territories and capitalist imperialist powers em- glorious country, or more cor- porting forces. Their special fields of influence for the export barked upon a war among them- rectly the Wall Street people assignment was to curb the work- off the mainland of China. of its surplus goods and capital. selves. The Soviet Union was at who own this country lock, stock ers and suppress strikes, and they The richer nations felt obliged to first on the sidelines, and later and barrel - are doing in the carried it out. In return for these hang on to what outlets they had engaged in the war with the battle for the championship of truly great concessions to prop up the tottering system of I charge them with throwing capitalism in both Western and the fight. I accuse them before Eastern Europe, Stalin asked First World War, and suffocating Japan, which previously had the Un-American Activities Com- only a small concession in return,

mittee, on my oath and without — a deal. "Let us alone in our part of the claiming any rights against selfworld," he said in effect, "and we incrimination — I accuse the Wall Street money sharks as the will let you alone in your part.

world's greatest and most dan- Let's co-exist and be happy." But the rulers of America said, gerous revolutionists, as the chief "No.", Drunk with power and instigators of social revolution. ignorance, combined perhaps with colonial revolt and nationalization of industry in the entire that senile dementia which invariably strikes the ruling circles world.

of outlived social systems, they Look what they have done in Eastern Europe. This territory decided to "get tough with They responded Russia." wasn't "given away to the Rus-Stalin's conciliatory policy in and leaders wouldn't have it that sians at Yalta," as the irresponfringe of the Republican Party armaments program and the it happened. They feel that some- Chinese Stalinists at the head of sible radicals on the lunatic Eastern Europe with a stepped-up say. It was simply a power Marshall Plan. vacuum filled by the Red Army as a result of its victory and the Allies in Europe live, or rather carnival shell game. China, accollapse of the Nazi war machine. breathe, while strengthening cording to their thinking, "be-Predominant Soviet influence in this territory was an ineluctable America's grip on their economy. At the same time it was design- other, by some trick or other, they the country's economy. circumstance resulting from the ed to break the economies of the war.

That was a literal statement, The question was how to ac- Eastern European countries out commodate this circumstance to of the orbit of Soviet trade and repeated a thousand times in the mendous influx of foreign capital recent election campaign: "We the interests of American and harness them to the West. The world capitalism. Stalin, for his Stalinists replied (they had no lost China." But did this great part, was willing to make such alternative) by breaking-up the nation, with its half billion people an accommodation. He offered, bourgeois governments in Eastern and its unmeasured natural rich- oped and shaken Chinese capitaland in good faith too, to maintain Europe — they were so weak, es, really "belong" to them? Did ism — whatever may be left of and guarantee the capitalist lacking all popular support, that Santa Claus promise them China (Continued on page 3)

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"lost" it.

and the narrow stratum of capi- State Department.

talists, landlords and usurers As for China itself, they arrowhom he represented, and over- gantly ordered the revolutionary looked the Chinese people, who seas to subside; continued to bet number a half a billion, most of their money on Chiang Kai-shek, them hungry for land and bread. the horse that had already lost the These hungry people, just when race; refused recognition to the hes first half of the American new revolutionary Chinese govplans were executed, with the de- ernment: refused them the loans feat of Japan, most inconsider- and credits they were eager to get ately decided to get Chiang Kai- and to make concessions for; and shek and his parasitic gang off established a virtual blockade their necks along with the Janan- against any foreign trading with ese. They started a ruckus. other- China.

wise known as a revolutionary What are the results of all this iosing the first rounds. That's bad capitalist form of governments in civil war. Chinese capitalism, de- wisdom? We can list the three onial exploitation of the great rican policy alienated the sympthe whole colonial world, who had The Chinese capitalist govern- previously taken our idealistic ment of Chiang Kai-shek, prop- pretensions in good faith. Revolts ned up by American money and and revolutions throughout the military support, and without entire colonial world, starting in much else to lean on. was not Asia. then spreading to the Midstrong enough to contend with the dle East. then to Africa, and now popular revolt. By 1948 the pop- already leaping across the South ular revolution had driven Chiang Pacific, are being fed today by Kai-shek and his gang completely hatred of American imperialism

> as gasoline feeds a fire. And one bright day the world The Korean war is a part of was suddenly confronted with a the colonial revolution. That's new China, which was really in- why it has presented so many dependent, but backward in its surprises to the arrogant Amerindustrial development and eager ican militarists. The power of to get foreign loans and credits. hunger is behind these revolu-The government of Mao Tse- tung tions — hunger for bread and land offered to guarantee the capital. and national independence - and ist system of production and to no power on earth can stop them. guarantee all loans on that basis. The second result of America's The statesmen and leaders of policy of refusing to recognize British capitalism, who are older, the new Chinese government. rewiser and more experienced in fusing to trade with it, ordering world affairs, wanted to come to a blockade against it, and even terms with the new reality, to rec- threatening war against it - the ognize the new revolutionary gov- second result of this policy is to ernment and continue trading with close off all possibilities of any further development of China on the new China.

But the American statesmen the basis of capitalist economy. Regardless of what their intenway. They can't understand how tions and wishes might be, the body gypped them, and they are the new revolutionary govern-The Marshall Plan was con- as indignant as a farmer who has ment will be forced, as were the trived to let America's stricken Allica in Furgence live as the played for a sucker in a bark on a wholesale program of nationalization, as a condition for longs" to them and somehow or the survival and development of

China couldn't be developed on a capitalist basis. without a trein the form of loans, credits and irvestments. Deprived of this blood transfusion, weak, undevel-





## Some Significant Strike Figures

Preliminary estimates of the Dept. of Labor's Labor Statistics Division disclose that 1952 was the greatest strike year in American history except for the explosive post-war year of 1946. This holds true in every respect - number of strikes, number of workers engaged in strikes, number of man-hours of labor postponed or lost by strikes and number of strikes involving more than 10,000 participants.

Here is a brief comparative table of the most important figures:

Yr. No.	of Strikes	No. of Strikers	Man-Hrs. Los
1946	4,985	4,600,000	116,000,000
1951	4,737	2,220,000	22,900,000
1952	4,950	3,500,000	55,000,000

There were 34 major work stoppages in 1952 compared to 19 in 1951. There were national strikes in two basic industries, steel and coal. The 55-day walkout of basic steel workers and the 12-day soft coal mines halt accounted for half the manhours lost, just as the General Motors and steel strikes accounted for a large percentage of the man-hours loss in 1946. And the phenomenon of one, let alone two national industrial strikes, in any year was rare indeed before 1946.

The strikes last year were by no means strictly defensive. The coal miners notched their wages up \$1.90 a day and the steel workers made pay and welfare gains of about \$1.50 a day.

The great number of strikes and strikers and the gains they scored are all the more remarkable in view of seven years of mounting reaction, the anti-labor laws and witch-hunt and the efforts of the conserva-

tive union bureaucrats to stifle the militancy of the workers. These strikes battles were waged, moreover, in the midst of a war and during an election year when the pro-Democrat union leaders were trying

> not to "embarrass" the incumbent Administration. The most significant and decisive fact for us is that the mighty American labor movement is intact; it is capable of powerful struggle; and it fights at any serious threat to its conditions. The combativity of the organized American workers in 1952 was not surpassed by any working class in any advanced capitalist country, England,

the possible exception of Japan. The weak side of the American labor movement is its lack of political independ-Jan. 3), a rather strange deducence, its continued adherence to the two- tion in view of the Times backparty capitalist political monopoly. But this policy becomes more and more untenable and illogical. It is a fact that deep inside millions of workers there already dwells the desire for a party of their own. In the next four years of Republican administration, as the government frustrates the aspirations of labor and imposes new burdens of war costs and sacrifices, the sentiment for a labor party might swell to a flood and break the dikes of the opposition of the labor leaders. Whatever the course of developments, those who do not quail before reaction and who work with but another demonstration of the confidence in the American labor movement as the power which can and will break the backbone of reaction, will find this confidence rewarded in the years of

## "Senator Joseph R. Mcthat Carthy, Jr., investigate James Reston, affiliations.

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this politics is concerned." This opin

simplicity if nothing else. great labor struggles ahead. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY

Eisenhower and "cooperate in any new diplomatic approach to bring abroad, whatever the domestic about an end to the Korean war emains something of a mystery. Why did James B. Reston, Diplomatic Correspondent of The New York Times, put his questions to Stalin?

Many capitalist papers seem to that the questions and answers served no purpose but to embarrass Eisenhower. Since

Stalin has utilized similar opportunities with similar results before, it might have been foreseen that the consequences of Reston's move would not differ materially this time. Why then did the capable Times, correallies. spondent provide Stalin with this resh opening?

Franco's press in fascist Spain easons that Stalin himself must France, Italy or Western Germany, with be behind it somehow. The newspaper Ya considers it a maneuver

of the Times "to undermine" the Eisenhower administration (NYT, ng Eisenhower for President. State Department. Another Franco paper suggests

who obtained Stalin's replies, for any possible leftist

The New Leader (Jan. 5), is not inclined to see Stalinist mao indicate peaceful intentions. chinations behind Reston although social - democratic weekly generally yields the palm to no one when it comes to smelling out red influence. The New Leader, which is much concerned about putting starch in American foreign policy, thinks it is nothing

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incredible naivete" of the American press "where international

## ion can be commended for its INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK OF CAPITALIST SYSTEM

(Continued from page 2) at this moment — is condemned o die of anemia. It has to be put

out of its misery as the precondition for the revival and development of Chinese industry and is counter-revolution by military agriculture. If one is willing to recognize eality, regardless of what his This is what they are preparing personal wishes might be, he can for, this is what they are trying safely predict that China will witness the development of a na-tionalization program on an aver-land, France and Italy will be tionalization program on an everexpanding basis, bringing with it the allies of American imperialan expansion of that sector of ism in this terrible, desperate world economy held by national- adventure of a Third World War. ized and planned economy, and The thin stratum of landlords, held by capitalist economy.

allies too. The Wall Street financiers wno shudder at modest welfare bene-can count on. The majority of the of Mr. Baxter. . . "

matic field has been a costly one How far a reactionary regime, can go along these lines is in-"benefits" in helping to put the dicated by Hitler's course. When country on a war footing. Atom- he started out to rearm Germany, bomb diplomacy has served to he raised the slogan of disarma-

frighten the entire world and ment. Trotsky in 1933, warning arouse unprecedented hatred of about this treacherous diplomacy America. In the view of the and calling attention to Hitler's

capitalist classes allied to Amer- aim of attacking the Soviet sudden trip to America, comes ican Big Business, Truman has Union, observed: "If the military stumbled and fumbled from one rule - the best defensive is the diplomatic blunder to the next, offensive - is correct, then the leaving the initiative in this field diplomatic rule - the best prepa-

in the hands of the Kremlin. Tru- ration for the offensive is to take man's success in impressing on care of the defensive — is no less the world the fact that Wash- correct."

ington wants war has thoroughly Eisenhower in hastening the disquieted Wall Street's major preparations for war will certainly raise the defensive slogan Thus one of the problems facing of peace; and all the more to

he Eisenhower administration is make up for the bad diplomatic how to change this impression - position he inherits may well go how to appear in the international quite far in "peace" gestures. arena as the advocate and cham-| The surprise of such a generally ion of peace and bring Picasso's unexpected shift from the Trulove home to roost in Wall Street. man course would in itself pay The logic of the international big dividends.

situation, consequently, calls for DIPLOMATIC AIM turn in the diplomacy of the

A meeting with Stalin would fit in with such a pattern. The aim THE ART OF CAMOUFLAGE would be to regain the diplomatic It may seem strange at first initiative - to try to place the ight that a general, put into the onus for the war moves on the White House the better to Kremlin, to try by such means

prepare for global conquest, to allay the critical attitude of might deliberately make gestures the European bourgeoisie, and However, Eisenhower has al- American people into believing ready indicated a certain capacity that the Republican general has in the art of camouflage. It was made every effort for peace so he General, not the civilian that when the decisive moment tevenson, who promised to do comes for war on a major scale, omething about ending the war the catastrophic plunge will seem in Korea. It was the Brass Hat, inescapable.

It may turn out that Eiser candidate of the National Assoiation of Manufacturers, not the hower will not be able to initiat

| financial overlords and the poli tical spokesmen all together, see these facts and these trends as well as we do.

They have but one anwer. That force. They propose to reverse the historic trend by another war. to drag their reluctant allies into.

But that is just about all they

of the present cut-and-dried State broad probability of a top-level

Street will have to forego one of background of the two men and the advantages of putting such a | their known inclinations indicate powerful figure in the White that they are not averse to having, House.

another go with Stalin around a It appears to me, however, that conference table . . . an Eisenthe Washington correspondent of hower trip to Stalin would be the Christian Science Monitor somewhat comparable to (Jan. 2), discussing Churchill's Eisenhower trip to Korea.'

And, we can add, would mean closer to the logic of the situation as little in the struggle for endurwhen he says: "The coming ing peace.



## The Left-Hook of Jake McKenny

(As was reported here last week, Jake McKenny, a Negro carpenter, was fired from Wilson & Company's mechanical shop in Chicago in July 1951, because he knocked down Henry Baxter, a white foreman who had called him "Sunshine" and "Boy." union, Local 25 of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, filed a grievance and demanded McKenny's reinstatement on the ground that he had been defending his dignity as a human being against race slurs. The grievance finally came before Impartial Arbitrator Peter M. Kelliher.)

The Company contended that their man Baxter was, by nature, "very jovial" and went about addressing other also to try to psychologize the employees, white and Negro, with such expressions as "Sunshine" and "Boy" and had "no intention of insulting Mr. McKenny.'

Insofar as the term "Boy" was concerned, the company conceded that it did have a "derogatory meaning when used in the South." But up North, they held, it was just a good old friendly expression like "pal" or "chief."

UPWA pointed out that the term "Sunshine" meant to millions of Negro Americans "a person behaving like an 'Uncle Tom' and that 'Sunshine' is merely an inverted way of saying 'darky.'"

As for the term "Boy," it has a national meaning of 'male servant" or a "person of childlike behavior." Both slurs had their origins in the South during pre-Civil War days and are used to set a people apart as "inferiors."

The Arbitrator summed up his decision and stated:

"It is obvious that the words 'Sunshine' and 'Boy' had a far different meaning to Mr. McKenny than might have been intended by Mr. Baxter. The weight of the evidence is that Mr. McKenny had reasonable grounds for believing that these words were of a derogatory nature. . . "

After quoting the definitions of the terms "Boy" and "Sunshine" from the American Thesaurus of Slang, the Arbitrator stated that "the evidence therefore warrants a finding that Mr. McKenny was reasonably provoked" and said:

"This Board, while not in any way condoning Mr. McKenny's assault, must recognize that certain mitigating factors did exist in this case. Mr. McKenny was employed ized and planned economy, and the thir stratum of landolds, by this Company since 1942. He held a highly skilled posi-backward countries will be their tion. His record is entirely free of any previous incidents of this nature. He was emotionally affected by the remarks

# "The Militant" Stands for Accuracy

In the wave of reaction during the past few years, intimidation, force and violence against various sections of the labor movement have been a common occurrence. The Buffalo Branch of the Socialist Workers Party has been the special target of such intimidation by the anti-subversive squad of the local police force. As The Militant readers are fully aware, the Socialist Workers Party has fought the harassing actions of the Buffalo police with every ounce of strength at its command and The Militant has aided this resistance by giving it publicity and encouragement.

In its report of a meeting held under the auspices of the Buffalo Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, where the anti-

The Militant. Since investigation has disclosed this error we are glad to call it to

the attention of our readers. During its 24-year history, The Militant has deservedly built up a reputation for may have been the view taken by truth and accuracy. There have been very few cases of inaccuracy and in every instance we have been eager to make the necessary corrections when mistakes have team for the letter from James been called to our attention. We do not Reston. . . . To them it may have looked like the use of journalism believe in smearing the opposition with false charges no matter how vicious that a "tion." (Dec. 27.) opposition may be. Such smears merely confuse and becloud the real issues, thereby 26) disclaims that any one in tending to deflect the workers from folhower administration had suglowing a correct program of action. gested the idea, or even knew of

The truth is always on the side of the

But a more complex possibility remains open — that Eisenhower-Dulles themselves suggested or at least approved Reston's addressfamous questions ing the Stalin.

The Christian Science Monitor.

which has very good diplomatic

connections, suggests that this

the Kremlin. "It is plausible to

guess that the men in Moscow

assumed there had been inspira-

tion from the new Eisenhower

as a vehicle for a pointed ques-

It is true that the Times (Dec.

'either the Truman or Eisen-

subversive squad of the Buffalo police force resorted to various devices of intimidation, The Militant had mistakenly referred to the head of this anti-subversive squad as implicated with pinball operators. This was an honest mistake on the part of

## The Witch-Hunters Demand Blood

Federal Judge Kaufman, who sentenced Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to death in a peace-time espionage case, denied clemency to the defendants. Trying to justify himself. Judge Kaufman said that "this court has been subjected to a mounting organized campaign of vilification, abuse and pressure."

It is true that the Rosenbergs were tried in a poisonous atmosphere surpassed by few court cases in modern times. It is also true that the court was under overwhelming pressure. It was, as it remains, under the pressure of the witch-hunters, greedy for their first blood victims.

But this is not at all what Judge Kaufman was referring to. He denounced not the witch-hunters but a courageous minority which has protested the savage verdict.

The defense had filed in federal court scores of letters from scientists, educators and clergymen appealing for a more lenient sentence. And it was this that brought from Judge Kaufman his outburst about "vilification, abuse and pressure."

What must have particularly aroused the judge's ire was the letter from Dr. Harold C. Urey, world-famous nuclear scientist and Nobel prize winner. Dr. Urey, who is an authority on questions relating to the A-Bomb, studied the court transcript and concluded that the testimony of the Rosenbergs was "more believable than that of the Greenglasses." the government's chief witneses against the Rosenbergs.

David Greenglass was sentenced to 15 years in prison. His wife, Ruth Greenglass, who admitted guilt under oath, was not even brought to trial. This disparity in sentences was correctly declared "most unjust" by Dr. Urey.

"Accepting the verdict as correct," wrote Dr. Urey, "I am amazed and completely

working class and is an indispensable necessarily accompany the use of weapon in combating police terror, vigi- this common diplomatic device. lantism and intimidation as well as every other evil of the capitalist system. Respect for the truth has been and will continue tion to officially reject it, if to be the policy of **The Militant**.

outraged by the unequal punishment which has been given. I believe the Rosenbergs are or have been Communists or very sympathetic to Communist ideas. I regard such people as unreliable generally, but I do not believe in punishing people unless they commit crimes."

Judge Kaufman dismissed out of hand the protests of Dr. Urey and others. But these protests should awaken those sincere defenders of civil liberties who have re- Eisenhower had been weighing a mained blind until now to the fact that meeting with Stalin. If this is civil liberties are indeed involved in the Rosenberg case, which, unless the verdict stalin, would fit in rather neatly is reversed, will set a precedent in convert- as a trial balloon, serving to aping civil courts into instruments for meting out the extreme penalty.

This sinister aspect of the Rosenberg United States and especially case has been deliberately played down by the capitalist press. The American Civil Liberties Union has washed its hands of the case. And sad to say, so has the organized labor movement, because of its weak and cowardly leadership.

The defense has obtained a stay in the execution date in order to appeal for presidential clemency.

Meanwhile even protests against this conversion of civil courts into death tribunals are now being pictured by the capitalist press not only as "a storm of abuse" but also as part of a "Communist plot" against the U.S.

"There is no question but that this case has been exploited by typical Communist trickery to destroy faith in American institutions," stated the Jan. 5 editorial of the Scripps-Howard chain.

There is no question but that by taking the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg the witch-hunters will have taken another giant stride toward destroying all civil liberties in this country.

it." A disclaimer, however, would ts in America as a "creeping socialism" are, by their The object of using journalism in galloping program of nationalizthis way is to test the reaction to a move while remaining in posi-I repeat again, is not socialism, necessary. It is significant that Reston, who is credited with the premises for it and the transition to it. idea of the questions, is reported A third result of America's ar to have cleared it with his

bitrary policy of blockading Chi-Arthur Krock, long na and refusing to allow other recognized as an unofficial spokescapitalist nations to trade with man of the State Department. It her, is the powerful blow it deals

seems unlikely that Krock would British capitalism. At a time when approve Reston's inquiry to the the very existence of capitalist head of the USSR, in view of the certain, world-wide repercussions of an answer, without consulting higher authorities.

#### ALREADY WEIGHING IT Be that as it may, the Alsop

prothers in their column of Dec.

29 asserted that before Reston's

questions were put, Dulles and

superior,

within

Britain depends on an expansion policy in China arbitrarily drives decides the outcome. from the Chinese market Thereby they worsen the already

he peless position of British capi- facts can deny it, that the protalist economy, undermine the living standards of the British workers and drive them to Bevanism on the road to Bolshevism. leclining.

Blindly, unconsciously, but al the more surely and effectively true, then Reston's letter, which the masters of America are doing was answered within six days by Lenin's work in Merry England. The disciples of Lenin, from Lonprise Eisenhower and Dulles of don to Los Angeles to Shanghai. the possible reaction to such a and all points in between, should

recognize the extraordinary help here, and socialism is very weak meeting particularly within the they are getting from the leaders and masters of American capital- handful of people with a theory the Republican Party, ism, even if they feel no need to which went into office damning express their gratitude formally. Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam. The Chinese revolution, Amer-Would a conference between ica's policy toward it. and the States? Eisenhower and Stalin, with Churchill and a representative of c. tastrophic results of this policy.

France sitting in, contradict the AND FINAL OUTSTANDING major objective of the Eisen-FACT in our panoramic survey nower regime on the international

of world developments over the field — that is, completion of the past half century. preparations for World War III? Whatever side one may take in

To answer this, we must take a this world-wide struggle between capitalism and socialism, anyone ground Spanish trade union fedlook at the main course of the Truman regime in foreign policy. eration. with a respect for facts must

TRUMAN'S POLICY ecognize that enough important facts have been niled up in the As early as 1945, the Truman course of world development administration assumed the military offensive against the Soviet since 1914, to indicate an un-Union. Beginning with the abrupt mistakable trend. That trend

shows capitalist economy ridder shutting off of lend-lease, verywhere by incurable crisis moved rapidly to weave a global

network of military alliances, to declining and decaying. On the other hand, the hisencircle the Soviet bloc with military bases, to rearm Germany torical trend shows the sector of N. Y. World-Telegram, key daily of the and Japan. Finally, with entry nationalized economy expanding. into the Korean conflict, it began an increasing radicalization of converting the cold war into the workers in the crisis-ridden

something warmer. countries of capitalist Europe The Truman administration and a veritable prairie - fire or also took an openly aggressive colonial revolutions breaking out diplomatic course, especially with everywhere and increasing in enunciation of the sabre-rattling nower and intensity all the time. Truman Doctrine. Acheson label- The masters of America,

people in Europe, including Engpolicy, instigating and forcing a hostile to America. Where, then, will the troops come from? Ameration of industry in China, which, ica is rich and powerful, the most a tremendous power. But the two billion people in the world are a

still bigger power. possible or probable outcome of the war and weigh the forces and resources on each side, don't be, and, in my opinion, will be, of its foreign trade, America's the item which tips the scales and

There is no doubt whatsoever,

and no one who has respect for spects for capitalism on an in-United States, are bad

The prospects for nationalized economy and the further spread of radicalization and revolution are ascending. That's the state of the world as it looks from here. But what about America itself? Capitalism is certainly supreme indeed. It is reduced to a virtual and conviction. What are the prospects between these two antagonists within the United

That, as Kipling would say, is can be nut down as the SIXTH another story, and we'll get around to it next week.

> It is reported that Franco's police have arrested a number of leaders of the CNT, the under-

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In recognizing McKenny's left-hook as his land, are outspokenly neutral or against Jim Crow, the Arbitrator said:

"The Union Steward, in the Grievance Meeting that day, spoke of the tension that was created by the Cicero productive nation in the world, riots. The Board cannot ignore the possibility of the imbut the economic preparation and with 155 million people. That is pact of these events on. . . McKenny's state at this time.

"The Board recognizes the need for further education in good race relations both for White and Negro employ-And when you contemplate the ees. No previous case of this kind was cited by the parties.

"The White employees of this plant must understand that terms of this type must not be used in addressing forget to count the two billion Negro employees. The Negro employees must understand people in the world. They could that if such terms are used, there are procedures set forth within the framework of this contract to obtain redress. . . "

As to the discharge, the Arbitrator answered:

"The discharge of Jake McKenny was not for proper cause under all the circumstances of this case. The Comternational scale, outside the pany shall reinstate him to his former position with full and seniority but without any compensation for time lost."

So ended the mystery of Jake McKenny's left-hook and the Award which marks a forward step in the fight of American workers of all races and creeds for respect and dignity.

This article is reprinted from "Action Against Jim Crow," an cellent pamphlet published by the United Packinghouse Workers of America, and obtainable for 10c from the UPWA Anti-Discrimination Department, 608 South Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.)

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# The Negro Struggle -Collis English By George Lavan

On the evening of Dec. 30 in the New Jersey State Prison, a young man died. His weakened heart could no longer bear the terrible strain.

Twenty-seven years ago, when he was born and named Collis English, no horoscope was needed to foresee that his life would be difficult. For he was a Negro. But unforeseeable was the fact that this infant would in young manhood drain to the dregs the bitter cup of Jim Crow.

His early lfe was pretty much average for a Negro boy in America. He learned about "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in school and the opposite in daily life where he was a second-class citizen and poverty-stricken to boot.

During the second great war "for democracy" he was in the Jim-Crow Navy. Off the dismal Aleutian Islands his heart was injured to the point where the Navy gave him an honorable discharge and sent him home.

Early in 1948 his path crossed that of the Trenton police. It was a bad time. The Trenton newspapers were building circulation by screaming about a crime wave. They were demanding that "the empty electric chair" be filled. The police had responded by setting up a Crime Crusher Squad. Since a recent holdup and murder was believed to have been committed by Negroes, police armed with machine guns patrolled the Negro neighborhood, stopping men on the streets, searching them and demanding their reasons for being out.

While the police were looking for Negro scapegoats to take the newspaper heat off the department, Collis English was picked up on a motor vehicle complaint.

This weak, timid lad appeared made to order for the police. They immediately accused him of the murder. Denials were useless. He was grilled continuously by teams of "not more than five policemen," who waved pistols before his face, brandished blackjacks and threatened to kill him. The police dictated his "confession" and ordered him to sign.

He was not allowed sleep. When he had heart attacks and asked for medicine and a doctor they laughed at him. After 19 hours, terrified and faint, he was ready to sign anything to purchase some relief.

Similar methods plus the administering of hypnotic drugs produced "confessions" from four of the other Negroes haphazardly rounded up by the Trenton police. At their first trial, the Trenton Six, as they came to be known, were speedily sentenced to death.

The wonder is that Collis English's weak heart did not stop beating those days he sat in the death house. Liberal and labor forces succeeded in getting a new trial for the framed-up victims.

I watched Collis English many times during his third trial. One week he had five heart attacks — the fifth so severe that he slumped from his chair onto the floor. Even then several of the hostile courtroom attendants muttered that it was just an act to get sympathy.

After 103 days the trial ended in a compromise verdict. Four of the defendants were acquitted and Collis English and Ralph Cooper were sentenced to life imprisonment. A month ago the New Jersey Supreme Court overthrew this verdict and ordered new trials for the Trenton Two.

Surely the new trial will result in the

take into account the effect of the death side prison walls?

Is not a verdict needed on the Trenton

freeing of Ralph Cooper who has now been in prison for five years for a crime to which he is linked only by color. That is, he is Negro and the criminals are also believed to have been Negro.

But what is the verdict on the death of Collis English? Does the coroner's certificate say "natural causes"? Does that cover the merciless treatment this sick lad received at the hands of the police? Does it house? The long trials, the five years in-

lice? On the ambitious prosecutor who hoped to climb to the governorship on a staircase of six electrocuted, innocent bodies? Does not Collis English's death cry out for a verdict against the whole Jim- five years ago. In a statement to Crow system?



Notes from the News

National Guard.

been ordered."

A new Latin-American labor federation came into being at a five-day congress held in Mexico City, November 20-25. Its initials are ATLAS, standing for Latin American Unionized Workers Association.

The control of the congress rested in the hands of the Argentine delegation and Luis Morones of the Mexican CROM. The congress' credentials committee reported that delegations from 14 countries were participating and that a number of other delegations, including Bolivia and Guate-

mala, were fraternal representatives or observers. The routine of long speeches and approval of resolutions that mark labor conferences was dis-

been submitted but was "lost" somewhere. Many of the resolutions passed bitterly condemned the U.S. for its policy in Puerto Rico, for its treatment of the Negro people and for its imperialism in Latin America. An overture made by the Stalinist-dominated union federation in Mexico was\* brusquely rejected. In an interview with the Industrial Worker,

Mario Torres Calleja, head of the Bolivian dele- problems before us today. The gation said the following:

"We are disposed to cooperate with all bonafide labor organizations, but we are affiliated labor movement. It alone can with none. Of the two international labor federa- effectively combat the militariza-

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**Big Business in War Cabinet** 

Gen. Eisenhower's Defense Sec.-designate Charles E. Wilson, former General Motors president (seated, left), meets his top aides in the Pentagon, including GM Vice Pres. Roger M. Kyes, Deputy Defense Sec.-designate (seated) and (standing, l. to r.) Army Sec.-designate Robert B. Stevens, textile manufacturer; Navy Sec.-designate Robert B. Anderson, president of Associated Refineries; and Air Sec.-designate Harold G. Talbott of Chrysler.

# Striking N.Y. Bus Drivers Put City Hall on Griddle

#### By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 - At a huge mass demonstration in front of City Hall this afternoon, striking members of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, roared their approval of President Michael Quill's declaration, "We will strike, strike, strike, until hell

54-hour week, with a basic wage of \$1.66 an hour on six of the eight privately operated bus lines, \$1.73 an hour on the other and two. Time and a half is now paid cents.

after 48 hours on the six lines, and after 44 hours on the other two. They are demanding 48 hours pay for 40 hours of work, plus five hours of guaranteed overtime.

Their demand for guaranteed overtime sharply demonstrates the pressure of high living costs. Any one who has ever been packed into a New York bus during the rush hours knows that the only thing worse than paying for the privilege of "riding" in one of these gas-fuming sardine cans is the job of jockeying it through jammed-up traffic on the

| company-demanded, split-minute | on the basis of company figures, schedules. Nothing but galloping estimates that to meet the men's prices could make any one look demands would cost \$8 million a for overtime on the nerve-shat- year. Thus they come out of the tering job these men have. deal with an additional yearly profit of \$37 million! FARE INCREASE SWINDLE

#### MAYOR'S ROLE The companies are trying to

In putting on this show of op-

position to the demand for the

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utilize the strike as an excuse in One of the principal obstacles putting over one of the most in the path of the union has been freezes over!" They are fighting for the 40 - hour week with no on the long-suffering strap-hang-bining a pro-company role with eduction in pay. The men now work a six-day, 4-hour week, with a basic wage they cannot and will not grant it 40-hour week in "principle." But unless City Hall lets them jack he proposes to the men that they up fares another nickel to 15 take it with a pay cut of \$13 to \$21 a week.

In a series of ads, they claim that to grant the strike demands without the fare increase would fare hike, Impellitteri expresses make "a fair return on our his political sensitivity to the property" impossible. The daily unanimous public hostility to a press is virtually unanimous in new increase. At the same time supporting this contention.

he has attempted to prove that What are the facts? Some the union leadership is in opelementary arithmetic demons- portunistic collusion with the trates that their demand for a operators to put over the innew fare hike is grand larceny, crease as a means of winning pure and simple. The eight lines their demands. Quill's vehement carry over three million passeng- and colorful denunciations of Imers a day. A nickel increase would pellitteri are not sufficient to mean an additional income of refute this. It is incumbent upon \$150,000 a day. Taking into ac- the union leadership to take a count the week-end slack and the clear and unambiguous stand for possibility of some passengers the 40-hour week without another having to walk to work with a cent of tribute to the operators. 15-cent fare, this still means a Complete opposition to the fare minimum increased take of \$45 increase will win even wider million a year. The N. Y. Times, public support to their just cause.

"SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION" URGED newspapers that whipped up an anti-Negro hysteria? On the race-hating Trenton po-

> (Continued from page 1) Korean war. All this, as far as it goes, sounds much like the estimate we CHANGE IN LINE

made of the Progressive Party Why do the Stalinist leaders, mediate future" is one of "strugthe press on Dec. 31, 1947, imlace's announcement of his thirdparty candidacy for U.S. President, James P. Cannon, the National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party said: "Organized labor should boldly enter the political field with its own independent party and its own Presilential candidate and not help clutter up the field with another splinter capitalist party like the Wallace movement. . . A Wallace party and its program cannot solve a single one of the burning

only force capable of averting war and . . . depression is the

camp at the outbreak of the

at this late date, feel impelled to gles among the masses who form the press on Dec. 31, 1947, im-admit so much in explaining the the base of the Democratic dismal consequences of the for- Party" in which "labor will seek mation of a third capitalist party to extend its influence in this in 1948? Their resolution in- party" and the Stalinist members dicates that they want to direct also will be "playing a role in the the membership's efforts toward struggles within the Democratic more deals with capitalist poli- Party." This will aim in part at ticians and to soft-peddle third- "forcing on sectors of the Demo- Ryan. His move is regarded as party talk and that this is meet-| cratic Party . . . a genuine proing some internal opposition. They state that the CP "had a gram of struggle against the pro-war and pro-fascist course rigid third party line that had no and measures of the Republican foundation in the existing align- administration." ment of forces and mass trends" What this line will mean in

and that there was a "failure" of the CP membership, who were tion on new efforts to make dirty, lishment of a welfare and pension

coalition approaches on issues and will mean keeping their mouths but were dissuaded from doing so move) is a phony and the mean

practice, of course, is concentra-

the working-class vanguard.

"historic task" as distinguished DOCK WORKERS RESIST from the "immediate" one before the working-class vanguard. Their "perspective for the im-RYAN ROLE IN STRIKE

> NEW YORK, Jan. 6 - The strike of three locals of the International Longshoremen's Ass'n, AFL, against the American Weighmasters Ass'n is now in its fifth day, with the possibility of settlement | headed by insurgent leader Gene fairly strong. The strike, which Sampson. Following this, no embraces some 600 men, has been further action was taken to extend sanctioned by President Joseph the strike of the three locals involved.

> part of an effort to counteract Rank and file dock workers the unfavorable publicity he want to support the entirely received in the recent investigalegitimate demands of the three locals but don't want to become

tion of waterfront crime. The men are seeking an ininvolved in a move intended to crease of 42 cents an hour with bolster up Rvan. Their attitude 12 cents earmarked for the estabwas largely summed up by a of the CP membership, who were tion on new efforts to make dirty, insminent of a wentate and pension supposed to be campaigning for unscrupulous and unprincipled the Progressive Party, "to condeals with any capitalist politician sistently unfold a policy . . . of who says he is for "peace." It men voted to strike at that time should all be called out. (Ryan's

turbed by a few clashes. First came an attempt by Morones to deprive fraternal delegates of the right to speak. This motion was beaten after an Argentine delegate opposed it.

Later when the resolutions were being passed. fraternal delegate Mario Torres Calleja, secretary-general of the Bolivian Miners Federation, rose to point out that no resolution on the regime in Venezuela had been presented. It came out in a heated exchange that such a resolution had

SHACHTMANITE WOES are illustrated by

the resignations of Irving Howe and Henry Judd

from 'the Independent Socialist League (formerly

the Workers Party) headed by Max Shachtman.

The ISL Political Committee branded the resigna-

tions, which were coupled with a declaration of

support to the "West" in the impending war, a

desertion from the fight for socialism. Howe

branded the PC statement "Cannonism." Also

attacking the PC statement as too harsh are

Emmanuel Garret and Jack Brad, leading ISL

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elected a Negro officer for the first time and

simultaneously asked the state legislature to re-

view the status of Negro students in Oklahoma's

universities and colleges. The 55 student

delegates elected James Hill of Langston Univer-

sity to the vice-presidency of their organization.

SOMETHING TO HIDE? The American News-

paper Publishers Association has refused to

cooperate with Sigma Delta Chi and the Univer-

sity of Chicago in a projected survey of the way

STANLEY SYDOW, who refused to report for

induction into the armed forces on the grounds

that the Korean war was unconstitutional, has

been denied a hearing by the U.S. Supreme

Court. Sydow's case is unique in that he is the

first to use arguments laid down as legal prin-

ciples by the Nuremburg War Crimes Court of

which U.S. Supreme Court Justice Jackson was

WHERE HIS SYMPATHY LIES. President

Truman granted Christmas pardons to former

Congressmen Andrew May and J. Parnell Thomas.

Since both have been out of prison for some time

the pardons mean full restoration of citizenship

rights and in Thomas' case excusing of a \$10,000

fine he never paid. Thomas, who as head of the

House Un-American Activities Committee was

the nation's No. 1 witch-hunter, was jailed for

padding government payrolls and forcing kick-

backs from employes. May, also a super-duper

pay-triot, was war-time head of the House Armed

Forces Committee. He was convicted of taking

bribes from arms manufacturers. Truman's

Christmas clemency did not extend to any victims

of the Smith Act or other witch-hunt laws, nor to

Conscientious objectors.

the American newspapers cover public events.

**OKLAHOMA'S** Intercollegiate Student Senate

members.

a member.

tions previously formed in Latin America, one tion of America and the sway of is dominated by the U.S. State Department and political reaction. . ." (The Militant, Jan. 5, 1948.) the other by the Cominform. Neither commands the least respect from honest working class lead-

"We had hoped that this new body would assert some independence, would attempt some task other than the dissemination of Argentine propaganda. Possibly it may still do so, but having Militant have vigorously advocatbeen present at its birth I can say that the ATLAS, if not stillborn is dangerously anemic."

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Korean War total 46,000, the Pentagon revealed.

sonnel, "expressed his concern about the high

rate of absences without leave occurring among

Militant by George Breitman as "not a Labor Party such as the Socialist Workers Party and The ed for many years . . . such a party must be an expression of

Wallace's Progressive move-

ment was then described in The

the organized working class, that is, of the trade union movement and responsible to it. That is exactly what the Wallace party is not. . . It is a third capitalist party.

Another article in the same PENNSYLVANIA has ended Jim Crow in its issue pointed out that the Stalinists, who had previously de-

Six months before the 1948

elections, Cannon flatly predicted

pressure on Truman.

nounced SWP proposals for a ARMY DESERTIONS since the start of the Labor Party, had not experienced a "genuine conversion to inde-Of these about 11,000 have not as yet been pendent labor politics" and that caught. According to the N. Y. Times, General their support of Wallace's third McAuliffe, Assistant Chief of Staff for Per- capitalist party stemmed from 'the fact that the Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia wants a deal

far enough in backing Democratic leaders who are against a labor setting of confused and conflict- as I can remember. and Republican "peace" candi- party and who want to continue dates.

The Stalinist leaders claim within the framework of the nally it appeared that Ryan'in-they did attempt "to broaden the capitalist two-party political tended to use the issue as a means fully by not handling any of the approach of the Party in the monopoly. It will mean suppresdirection of a coalition policy" sing efforts toward establishing but "failed" because of the a class party now in favor of new "resistance to such a policy." This attempts at "coalitions" with resistance, they state, "flowed capitalist political machines. primarily from the mistakes made The CP leaders contend such in the 1948 election campaign." a policy is needed to keep the The facts are that in 1948 and Stalinists from being isolated the ensuing years they stressed from the workers and their allies, the necessity of breaking with since "there is no immediate out-

the two-party system and sup-porting a third party, the PP. of the Democratic Party." It is They also backed Democrats and not, however, the workers who Republicans on occasion, but this prevent formation of a Labor was subordinate to their PP Party, but the union leaders who orientation. Now they are turning want to continue playing capitalthis around. Their stress will be ist politics. The duty of a Marxist away from a third party and to- party, which the CP falsely

ward the Democratic Party and claims to be, is to educate and "coalition" politics. help the workers toward independent class politics against PUT LABOR PARTY

the opposition of conservative and men designated for shipment overseas and said with Truman and a third party IN DISTANT FUTURE opportunist labor leaders. The Because of "the resistance to Stalinist leaders betray the worksuch a policy" which the resolu-

ers by pursuing capitalist "coalition cites, however, the CP leadtion" politics. ers feel impelled to represent their switch in policy as a move

designed ultimately to build a "King" Ryan, life-time president of the corrupt AFL Long-Labor Party by putting the CP ranks and its allies in closer shoremen's Union currently being touch with the "masses" in the investigated by the New York State Crime Commission accuses

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the Commission of acting as a formation of a Labor Party in "sounding board for Communist propaganda."



leadership.

don't like it. Ryan hasn't called a strike on his own initiative for as ing sentiments on the part of the

their bankrupt policy of working rest of the dock workers. Origi- ism of Ryan's role in the strike of tying up the entire waterfront struck cargo. The whole situation to make it appears as a demon- underscores for them again the stration of support by the mem- need to clean out Ryan and his bership for his administration in gang.

the face of the State Crime Commission hearings, where sensa-NEW YORK. Jan. 7 - Settles tional revelations were made

ment of the longshore strike was about the ILA's gangster - ridden announced this morning. The reported agreement includes a 22-

However, a resolution written in the offices of the International cent - an - hour increase plus 10 union, with this aim apparently cents an hour for pension and in mind, was overwhelmingly voted down at a stormy meeting of Local 791, which covers the hour and opposed the welfare key Chelsea area. The local is fund.

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strike for a 50 cents-an-hour wage increase by taking a compromise of 30 cents. Now the Wage Stabilization Board has cut the figure to 20 cents, that Wallace, whom the Stalinists At a meeting of Local 600, AFL Teamsters, 1,200 represented as the great peace members voted unanimously to fight the WSB hope, would betray at the first ruling.

PENSIONS INADEQUATE was the conclusion lace movement under a contrary of a survey made by the National Planning Asso- impression will contribute, whatciation. It found that while nine out of ten ever their intentions, to the American workers are now covered by some sort deception and betrayal of the peoof old-age pension plan, the benefit checks that ple." This prediction was borne they can look forward to are not sufficient to out to the hilt when Wallace guarantee a decent standard of life after they jumped into the capitalist war stop working.

that harsher treatment of such offenders had is one of their ways of putting

ST. LOUIS TEAMSTERS ended a six-week PREDICTION VERIFIED

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SENATOR McCARTHY'S finances have had a little light shed on them by a Senate Committee's report. While receiving a government salary of \$15,000 a year plus expense account, McCarthy banked \$172,623 in the last four years. Ray Kiermas, his administrative assistant who lives with him, banked \$96,921 in the same period, much of it in cash. As a member of the Senate Banking Committee, McCarthy had access to confidential data about the stock of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, a line heavily in debt to the RFC, and McCarthy speculated in the stock of this company to the profit of \$35,000. With money given him to "fight communism," the darling of the red-baiters speculated in soybean futures while manipulations of the soybean market by Chinese Nationalist figures were being investigated. Here, too, McCarthy had access to confidential government reports about the market. In 1947 Pepsi-Cola Co. was lobbying for sugar decontrol. The Washington representative of Pepsi-Cola endorsed a \$20,000 note for McCarthy, who was busy attacking sugar controls.

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