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**By Murry Weiss** 

This week we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the

Communist Party of America." served notice to the Stalinists: From October 1928 to October "We will not allow you to destroy From October 1928 to October 1953, the line of continuity is unbroken in the struggle of American Trotskyism to build a revolutionary party in this coun-true But 1928 was mailer not the try. But 1928 was really not the build a revolutionary party. They beginning — it was a landmark — prevented the Stalinists from a landmark in the history of transforming the entire revolutionary movement in America into Américan radicalism. Our pioneer Trotskyists of a took of the Kremlin's foreign

1928 were the custodians of the policy.

precious experience and lessons of the pre-World War I Wobblies, the Socialist Party of Gene Debs, and the foundation period reasons why Stalinism could of - the American Communist Party. At the same time our

SWP Founder



JAMES P. CANNON

In Chicago STALINIST ARSENAL By Marjorie Ball There were two interrelated CHICAGO, Oct. 14 - Jim Crow wreck a revolutionary party. violence flared here again on First, the Kremlin bureaucrats the Southside as three Negro had abandoned the program of families moved into the Trumbull revolutionary internationalism. Park public project. Although the They replaced it with "Socialism Chicago Housing Authority had in one country." A party dominatthe families accompanied by 13 ed by Stalinism was henceforth police cars, hooligan elements, transformed into a "border guard" aware of the anti-Negro sentiof the Soviet Union. The Kremlin ments of the police, shouted in-

used these parties to make deals vectives and hurled tomatoes and with the capitalists at the expense rocks at the families. Four of the workers. The workers paid demonstrators were finally arheavily for this treacherous policy | rested. Only one lives in the prowith decades of defeats. Second, the Kremlin introduced terror is being organized and

Communist Parties. It thereby assured itself of a spineless, Trumbull Park last August when functionary-type party leadership the first Negro family moved which could be relied upon to into this tax-built project, which carry out Kremlin dictates but had been kept all-white for 15 were worthless in the struggle years in violation of the public against capitalism. Thus the

revolutionary party could be built only in irreconcilable struggle with Stalinism Special conditions fostered the

housing law.

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tensified these conditions. In their desperate attempt to break

all-white suburb was burned by



THE

NEWS ITEM: Eisenhower on Oct. 14 ordered government agencies to fire any federal employees who dare to exercise their rights under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and

to Charles to Service

from over-crowded ghettoes and firetraps, Chicago Negroes are moving into areas formerly all-UPSET OF GOP IN WISCONSIN SHOWS Last year the newly purchased QUICK SHIFT IN POLITICAL MOODS

Whether the Oct. 13 upset of it constitutes dissatisfaction with Not that these farmers are Korean War. radio station WNEW, David Weiss, Socialist Workers Par-Ninth District congressional elec- on farm problems, rather than as many did in the early thirties. UAW LOCALS ACT tion is viewed as a "flash of strong faith in the Democrats. But the whole point is that even The UAW-GM Sub Council No. an abundance of figures. Here Since August the project has lightning in the political skies" The Republicans concede the a slight threat to their economic , which includes all GM locals are some further recent ones. security meets with immediate or a mere "straw in the wind," it significance of the abrupt shift in California, adopted a "30 for political response. The same is 40" true of the workers. An Eau of political loyalties in America tion of moods that may have

**Build a Labor Party Now!** 

MILITANT

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# This week we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the a quarter of a century's batter of a socialist America. On Oct. 27, 1928, James P. Cannon, Max Shachtman and Martin Abern were expelled from the Communist Party by its Correct of the Bolshevik product station — they were expelled from the communist Party by its Correct of the Bolshevik product stations. These views were set forth in a Butement, "For the Russian revolution and the Russian provolution and the Russian revolution and the Russian opportunian and Bureacracy in the Workers." The World War: This gave

### West Coast GM Locals, **Illinois AFL Endorse Plan on Unemployment**

#### By Art Preis

Sentiment is rapidly growing in the labor movement for a shorter work-week with no loss of take-home pay to meet the rising threat of unemployment. Both CIO and AFL bodies in important industrial areas have adopted official resolutions in the past.

week or two calling for the "30- stituent locals had acted on this hour week at 40 hours pay." issue. Among the locals are the This slogan has just been Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac endorsed by a number of West Local 216 and the Chevrolet Local Coast General Motors locals of in the Los Angeles area and the CIO United Automobile Work- Local 76, Chevrolet Local 1031 ers. Similar action has been taken and Fisher Body in the Oakland by the 900,000-member Illinois area.

State Federation of Labor. Some 1,700 delegates to the These actions are in line with Illinois state AFL convention in he most important resolution Springfield recently voted overadopted by the recent national whelmingly for a 30-hour week convention of the American at 40 hours pay to meet a possible Federation of Labor. The AFL, crisis in which, according to taking cognizance of the im- union leaders, as many as 20,pending serious economic situa- 000,000 could lose jobs. (Story tion, called for a 35-hour week on page 4).

with no loss of take-home pay." These practical unionists are The Militant is especially pushing today the shorter workpleased to see the movement of week program which was only "30 for 40" begin to take on recently brushed aside by top momentum because we initiated labor bureaucrats as "unrealistic this proposal as part of our pro-gram to meet unemployment. It now appears as a logical, realizable and absolutely neces-We urged the unions to adopt sary step. For the unionists are his program back in 1938 and no mere "calamity" howlers" 939 before Roosevelt "solved" when they accept with deadly he depression with a war seriousness the real possibility of economy. We revived the slogan a depression.

in the period from 1945 to 1949, Since early August, the Militant has warned of the great before Truman was able to again avert an economic crash with possibility of big lay-offs and cuthuge war spending and the backs. The most important economic factors and statistical

Malenkov Caught By the "Scissors"

By John G. Wright

What is the matter with Soviet agriculture? To be-

Soviet Farm Crisis --- 1 -

resolution after its con-

trends now more than confirm this. Our recent issues have given

Paul G. Hoffman, board chair-

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the practice of handpicking and maintained by elements outside corrupting the leaders of the the project.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16 — In a speech presented on a racist mob. Trumbull Park has Cicero with even more dangerous

ject. This prolonged anti-Negro Similar violence broke out in

An extreme housing shortage faces the Chicago working class, the Negro people in particular. The influx of 20,000 Negroes a

year from the South with no increase in dwelling units has in-





ty candidate for mayor, today exposed the major party candidates whom he said try "to

Weiss Scores Wagner,

**Halley Labor Records** 

paint themselves up as friends win better wages and conditions. Weiss said that "the so-called of labor before election day."

He pointed out that both outlaw strikes on the waterfront Wagner, the Democratic candi- were attempts by the rank and date, and Halley, the Liberal file to get rid of Ryan and force Party candidate, did nothing better contracts from the employwhile in city office to aid the re- ers. Why weren't the rank-and-file peated struggles of the New longs oremen able to clean up York longshoremen to clean out their dictator-ridden union? Well, gangster rule of their union and up to a short time ago Ryan and

#### **SWP Candidate** In S.F. Addresses **Bldg. Trades Body**

Frank Barbaria and Frances James, candidates of the Socialist politicians and newspapers for Workers Party for supervisor in his anti-communist campaigns. the San Francisco municipal elec- Of course, the main targets of tions, addressed 18 more union Ryan's anti-communism were rank meetings last week.

The speech made by Frances an honest militant union." James to the Building Trades Council was given a full and corrupt past by pointing out that friendly write-up in the semi- in 1951 the Tammany candidate Labor. Reporting her statements chairman of an affair for the hunt and the threat of a third world war, the AFL paper concluded its account of the speech with the comment, "President John Hogg courteously expressed everyone's sentiments when he beaten for trying to bring honest, said that 'we're all certain that a fine-looking girl like yourself will

be a credit to the Board of Super- HALLEY'S RECORD visors.' "

Electrical Workers heard Mrs. crime and graft on the water-Council."



FRANCES JAMES

Co. had powerful friends. Not only among the waterfront employers but in every capitalist political party and in City Hall, Albany and Washington. Whenever Ryan went to City Hall they practically rolled out a red carpet.

#### THEY DID NOTHING

"Ryan was highly praised by and file longshoremen who wanted and American ballads.

Weiss linked Wagner to Ryan's monthly newspaper, Organized Labor. Reporting her statements on inflation, taxes, the witch-greater glory of Joe Ryan." Thus the threat of a third Halley's main labor suppor comes from David Dubinsky of the AFL Garments Workers who "for years sat complacently while longshoremen got their heads in this country being owed \$1,063 in the capitalist press) that gave this year because of the difference an actual breakdown of the

militant unionism to the docks."

claims we've been making in various income 'levels. This family incomes and what we're revealed that in 1951 - a war-"Fearless Fosdick Halley," The President of a Local of Weiss said, "talked a lot about really getting due to price rises boom year - while the "average I showed that when the govern- family" was getting \$4,460, two-James talk, and declared, "I was front Did Halley support the so- ment says that the "average thirds of all the real actual proud to present Mrs. James to- called outlaw strikes of the long- family" was \$850 "richer" in families in the U.S. were getting night, and would certainly like shoremen against the combined 1950 than in 1944, because its less than that. to see her sitting on the City forces of Joe Ryan and the em- money income rose from \$3,610

ployers? Did he ever do anything a year to \$4,460, we were actually about the waterfront that was \$478.87 poorer in real buying for the benefit of the longshore- power. While income went up men and not just to build his own 23.5%, prices in the same period figures for a "modest but aderose 36.7%. By August 1953 prices quate" living for a family. Indeed political reputation?" The only mayoralty candidate had gone up 53%, leaving the the late President Roosevelt's who has been a real, consistent "average family" \$1,063 in the words in 1937 about "one-third supporter of the rank-and-file hole compared to 1944 in pur-lead, ill-nourished" still apply tolongshoremen and all other work- chasing power. ers is the Socialist Workers Party As I indicated, however, I was day. For the Commerce Dept.

candidate David L. Weiss. The taking the government's own survey in 1951 showed that a third in 1951 estimated \$4,218 was SWP has been exposing Ryan and figures about what an "average of all families living entirely on necessary for a "modest bat the waterfront situation not just family" makes a year. I usually wages and salaries 31.5 million adequate" living standard for a cording to a spokesman of the recently but since Ryan got his think of my family as average out of 40.4 million total family mother, father and two children, new royalist regime, 1,222 per- degree comparable to progress in tranglehold on the longshoremen. and I know blame well we didn't units — had incomes of less than the average city or town family sons were arrested during the industry. Leon Trotsky long ago conditions, refuse as in the past, Weiss and his party have publicly make \$4,460 in 1950, even before \$3,000, the equivalent in pur- This "modest but adequate" past month because of their poli- likened the gap between agricul- to voluntarily supply foodstuffs movement against the Ryan forgot to mention in its figures. income of about \$1,500 a year, leadership and every "outlaw" Well, I searched around until I or less than \$29 a week. found a survey of the U.S. De-| Here's the table of figures in the bank. strike.

implications. been guarded by Chicago police. But anti-Negro attacks are con- clearly indicates the instability in the Ninth District as a reflectinuing. Numerous workers at Wisconsin Steel Co., a nearby today and the rapidity of shifts national currency and can deci- Claire hotel manager who gets a plant, have been attacked and in the political mood. sively affect the outcome of the Only last November the Ninth '54 congressional elections. beaten. A continuous state of

ension has been kept aflame by (Continued on page 2)

Cannon to Speak At N.Y. Rally James P. Cannon, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, will speak at the 25th anniversary celebration and election rally of the party in New York, Friday, Oct. 30, 8 P.M., Cornish Arms Hotel, 23rd and 8th Ave. Other speakers include David L. Weiss, Catherine Gratta and Joyce Cowley. Timoteo, guitarist and ballad singer, will present a selection of Spanish

By Joseph Keller

between what the government family incomes according to the

'ONE-THIRD OF A NATION'

In fact, they were getting even

less than the government's own

District, predominantly farmers Defeated candidate Padrutt although there is a good block said: "The results showed clearly loss of overtime pay." of union workers in Eau Claire, that the farmer and laboring man gave the late Republican Merlin does not like Republican policy." Hull 65% of their votes. This Leonard U. Hall, Republican Na- can set off sweeping political same district also ran heavily for tional Chairman, admitted that trends, reversals and new tenwitch-hunting Republican Sen- by "any realistic appraisal" the dencies. It's not written in the

ator Joseph' McCarthy both in Ninth District results were "not stars that such trends must be 1946 and 1952. good." In the election to fill the vacancy left by Hull's death, WHY THE QUICK TURN

. Why this quick political turn Democrat Lester R. Johnson got 57% of the vote to Republican in this sensitive farm district? Lester R. Padrutt's 43%. Johnson The Milwaukee Journal's political is the first Democratic congress- analyst Edward Bailey seems to man ever elected from this dis- have put his finger on it. "District. However, Roosevelt carried trict Nine ... is composed largely it three times as did Truman in of marginal farmers who are the

Income

Under \$500

\$500 to \$999

\$1,000 to<sup>\*</sup> \$1,499

\$1,500 to \$1,999

\$2,000 to \$2,499

\$2,500 to \$2,999

\$3,000 to \$3,499

\$3,500 to \$3,999

\$4,000 to \$4,499

\$4,500 to \$4,999

\$5,000 to \$5,999

\$6,000 to \$6,999

\$7,000 to \$9,999

\$10,000 to \$14,999

\$15,000 and over

The U.S. Department of Labor

NO EXTRAS

1948. But it gave a landslide first to feell economic setbacks. vote to Eisenhower. The Democrats, of course, are the depression and they haven't against taxes for capital expanelated by the outcome, although forgotten it."

good bit of business from union workers quotes them as saying: "We're sore about layoffs and

Even a slow economic downslide

and a "small" depression today completely back to Democrats, repudiated last November. These

moods and trends can gain a swift momentum, carrying over lieve the Kremlin and its apologists, it is simply a quesinto a movement for a decisive tion of assuring a "sharp upturn" of production with the political change, a movement for aim of assuring an "abundance"

a labor party, for instance. of food and raw materials within agriculture, the other industry -

the next "two or three years." remain today wide apart, as they The Stalinists portray matters as have for the last 30 years. Since the start of the Korean war, corporations have been They got hit first and hardest in allowed to write off \$17 billion sion over five years. documents put it.

if nothing more were involved The backwardness of agriculthan the growing pains of ture inherited from Czarism is "Further Development of Agricul- the primary cause of this gap. ture in the USSR," as the official What perpetuated and aggravated it has been the policy of the The capitalists for their part bureaucracy. In its planning, the have seized upon the Kremlin's Kremlin has persistently ignored unavoidable admissions to raise a the need of the mass of the peo-

nue and cry about the "bank- ple, the vital needs of the workers ruptcy of communism." The as well as of the peasants. The shocking admissions of existing bureaucratic over - emphasis on "shortcomings," "abnormalities," expansion of heavy industry

partment of Commerce (which | showing the spread of family | Half the above-listed familie Last week I took up the little had also produced the "average income as reported by the Comwere \$600 or more a year short etc., have been used by the immatter of every "average family" family" figures so widely quoted merce Dept.: of this minimum "modest but perialists to besmirch nationaliz-

adequate" standard; two-thirds of Percent of them did not make it. Families 5.9% 4.1% 4.2% 5.9% 8.3% 8.7% 10.8% 10.3% 9.5% 6.5% 11.0% distribution of income. 6.7%

7.0%

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#### 1.6% Witch Hunt in Iran 0.4%

against Communists and sup- erupted to the surface. At no "gradually grow into commu-

continues to roll up victims. Ac-- no new auto, television, opera- released after questioning and The task is to close the blades. cause the "scissors" between intion, a college education or money 181, all Communists, were sent The reality is that the two scissor dustry and agriculture has not blades — the one representing to penal labor camps.

ed property and planned economy accompanied by a chronic lag of - the conquests of the 1917 agriculture. That's the answer to this flood Russian Revolution - which Throughout the entire history of propaganda the capitalist permit rhythms of industrial of the USSR under Stalinist rule newspapers and radio have been growth wholly impossible under the agricultural policy has zigdrenching us with about how capitalism. It is not the first time zagged between administrative. "rich" the American working that the Kremlin despots have coercive measures of the most people are getting, how we're supplied the imperialists with brutal sort, and concessions to

all becoming "capitalists" and weapons to attack the Soviet stimulate private, individualist how we don't need any socialist Union and to try to discredit the production. These violent shifts revolution because we've already struggle for the socialist future of policy failed to produce had a "revolution" - a very of mankind. Both sides are stabilization. The struggle of the quiet one, to be sure — in the deliberately misrepresenting the peasant against the state, while situation. changing in form, has all the

The truth is that one of the while continued. The Stalinist in resolved contradictions of lie remains, as it has been, that Soviet economic life - the con- this struggle has long ago been tradiction between agriculture liquidated; that the peasants have The counter-revolutionary drive and industry - has once again grown into socialism and will

WHY PEASANTS RESIST

Just the opposite is true. The peasants today under the new

resulted in a chronic lag of the

light, consumer - goods industry,

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porters of Mossadegh in Iran time, under the bureaucracy's nism." method of administration and rule, has progress in Soviet agriculture been in the remotest

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Monday, Oct. 26, 1253

## \$18,000 Fund Scoreboard Is an Eisenhower-Malenkov "Peace" Pact in Cards?

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
PHILADELPHIA -	\$ 400	\$ 493	123
AKRON .	150	175	117
CHICAGO	1,500	1,725	115
MILWAUKEE	400	430	108
MINNEAPOLIS.ST. PAU	L 1,200	1,247	104
BUFFALO	1,500	1,546	103
ST. IOUIS	75	77	103
CLEVELAND	350	354	101
ALLENTOWN	60	. 60	100
BOSTON	550	550	100
FLINT	250	250	100
LOS ANGELES	2,500	2,500	100
NEWARK	500	500	100
OAKLAND	250	250	100
PITTSBURGH	30	30	100
SEATTLE	. 450	450	100
New York	4,500	4,044	90
Youngstown	450	396	88
San Francisco	1,000	851	85
Detroit	1,500	883	59
General	385	224	58
Total through Oct. 2	\$18,000	\$17,035	* 95

# Fund Campaign Ends; Final Total, \$17,035

#### By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager.

The Socialist Workers Party campaign to raise an \$18,000 Party-Building and Publication Fund has ended. On Oct. 21 when the scoreboard was posted for the last time, the final total was \$17,035

or 95% - 5% short of the \$18,000 all those branches that reached 100% or better: goal.

"Yes, comrade, it is wonderful This showing represents a great victory for the party. Every that Milwaukee has gone over the branch scored 100% or better on top in the Party-Building and its local quota excepting only Publication Fund!

"No doubt our treasurer's New York, Youngstown, San Francisco and Detroit. report has reached you by this The campaign finished with time. Or at least that part of her Philadelphia taking first place report in which she sends an with a score of 123%. Akron, additional \$25 to be contributed Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis- toward Milwaukee's quota. This St. Paul, Buffalo, St. Louis and brings us up to \$430 or 108%.

Cleveland likewise oversubscribed "We were confident that Miltheir quotas. But each and every waukee would go over the top by branch wins top honors for the the Oct. 15 deadline. This should extra push and effort that brought at least compensate some for the campaign so near the goal. those branches that for special We want to quote a letter from reasons beyond their control were

H, Mahler, Milwaukee Financial unable to come through in the Committee Chairman, because we traditional Trotskyist style of believe it expresses the feeling of 'IN FULL AND ON TIME.''

#### **Negro Families Brave Racist Hooligans in Chicago Project**

paper, and the activities of the President, Governor and Con-South Deering Improvement gressmen. The solution of the CHA and

Association. Real estate interests have spurred the activities of the City Hall is to keep over 1,000 anti-Negro cops in the area. hoodlums.

TENSION IS HIGH

where.

Wishful thinking is the best materials, adequate supplies of ended.

he Negro press has to offer. The manufactured goods, tools, build- The official

By Joseph Hansen (Last of a series.) To readers of the Militant, Secretary of State Dulles' announce- last January — some weeks be- 9.) ment to the press Oct. 6 that a fore Eisenhower was sworn into But it is one thing to offer

nonaggression pact between th office. such a pact - quite another to United States and the USSR" is Even the Wall Street Journal actually sign one. It takes two being studied" among the now admits that "In some form to make a bargain, as the old in sight. Such a course, advocated Kremlin could facilitate achieve- have won important concessions Western powers came as no sur or other, a non-aggression pact saying goes. What are the chance.

#### Violent Overthrow of Br. Guiana Govt.





British imperialist troops, rushed to Georgetown, British Guiana, by warship, are shown (bottom) disembarking in move to crush elected government of the sugar colony. Gov. Sir Alfred Savage (top left) ousted prime minister Cheddi Jagan and his wife (top right) and other government officials. Sir Savage suspended the constitution. British government overthrew the Guiana government and suspended parliament with Washington's approval. London claims it was foiling a "Communist plot."

# (Centinued from page 1) anti-Negro stories in the Daily and legally. The Communist Party asks everyone to write to the Malenkov Caught by "Scissors"

farm-yard fertilizer, etc., are by released by Malenkov-Khruschev deliveries and purchases, are and to a peace treaty for out to be not much more than the (Continued from page 1) been closed. In other words, the themselves incontestable proof and Co. peasants have not been assured, that the struggle of the peasants in return for food and raw against the state has far from mass of the Soviet people have represents a marked shift in the draw their troops from Germany; the threat of atomic war, it is •

estimated by the Kremlin at 25 Austria." In addition, the Krem- lull before the storm of World Under the Stalinist rule the to 30 billion rubles annually. This lin would "have to agree to with- War III. To save civilization from several times in the past sud-distribution of the annual income, Austria, and Korea; the U.S. and necessary to take the revolu-denly learned that the situation in favor of the proprietary and its allies would number to do the proprietary and its allies.

projected date.

"small" depression.

Street Journal?

preparing.

Kremlin.

to further this objective.

But what about a short-term

pact? Here the possibilities, in

my opinion, are far from ruled

out. They hinge on Wall Street's

timetable for war and on the

advantages such a pact might

offer in preparing for the con-

flict. We should not forget that

Hitler, too, in readying his in-

it advantageous, some two years

before he sent his panzer divisions

into the Ukraine, to sign and seal

non-aggression pact with the

As I have pointed out in

previous articles, Wall Street has

postponed the scheduled outbreak

of hostilities several times. Eisen-

hower last spring cancelled all

projected dates. Charles E. Wil

son, head of the Defense (for-

merly "War") Department, re-

cently saw a "three-year" period

at least "before the Soviet would

formula generally used for the

be ready to attack," which is the

American Big Business needs

this time (1) to complete the

rearmament of Japan and Ger-

many, (2) to wipe out the world-

wide impression that it wants

war, (3) to tame the American

workers, possibly through a

Wall Street is especially con-

vasion of the Soviet Union found

SHORT-TERM PACT?

prise. The probability of such a with the Soviet Union is clearly of our actually seeing "a kind of cerned about knocking out the it, "So State Department of peace treaty for the cold war," opposition to the war within the ficials figure they can't lose. At the Militant as long ago as American foreign policy." (Oct. It use the formula of the Wall the labor movement by stepping the least, if the Russians reject up the witch-hunt still more and the pact, the U.S. will have made

First of all, I do not know of a dealing some paralyzing blows to a gesture calculated to help single serious political observer the unions. cement relations with its Western who believes a long-term pact is A temporary pact with the allies. At the most, the U.S. will by Wallace in 1946-48, was ruled ment of these ends. Just as the in three hot spots. Germany, Stalinists painted up the Stalin- Austria, and Korea." out by Truman under the pres-

Hitler pact as a great achieve. sure of Big Business. The reason Far from the impression that for this was that the capitalist ment for peace, thereby helping the press may have given to lull workers everywhere into recently, the negotiations are not tycoons who are the real rulers a false sense of security, so a out in the open. William R. Far Malenkov-Eisenhower pact would of the Christian Science Monitor in America require world domination to maintain their economic be pictured by the Stalinists as reported Oct. 8 in relation to the system. They need colonial areas for investments, raw materials a new guarantee of peace. The Korean conference that an Amerintended effect would be to divert ican message "needs to be read ... and cheap labor power. By taking these and also smashing the workers from taking the only in the context of private negoriapossible road to enduring peace, tions which have been taking Soviet Union, they could gain a new lease on life for their profit that is, the road to socialism. place both among the western While the Stalinists are thor- nations and indirectly between system. Being realists of a kind oughly discredited in the Amer-East and West in report days." hey knew that the bureaucracy in the Soviet Union would not ican labor movement and con-Why certain of the negotiasequently have little influence in tions are held in secret is guite voluntarily commit suicide, and this country, in other places such clear. Main victims of the pact therefore they projected the new as France and Italy where they would be the insurgent colonial world war for which they are now head the bulk of the labor movepeoples and working people of ment, they could play a most the entire world. The common un-Their main strategy is designed perfidious role.

derstanding between Western im-In the Aug. 22 Nation, Mark perialism and the Kremlin would

Gayn suggests some of the be reached at their expense. It counter-revolutionary services the would be a united front against Kremlin might perform for Amer- mass upthrusts that could unican Big Business in return for seat either of these countera pact: . . we might find Mos- revolutionary forces.

cow and Peking ready to sacrifice | It is noteworthy that in the the Communist regimes in East June uprising in East Germany, Germany and Indo-China, as the Western powers refrained Stalin once sacrificed the Com- from giving any serious aid to munist rebels in Greece. . . And a the insurgents. By their course Communist pledge to still the they demonstrated their capacity spirit of revolt and conspiracy to give tangible support to the n the more turbulent segments Kremlin against a common foe. of the non-Communist world By way of reciprocity, in the might prove a better incentive to August general strike in France, American investments than an the Stalinists refrained from uncertain stability based on our guiding the most promising movethreats. A time of peace is also ment since 1936 toward governa time when our best allies, ment power, thereby domonstrat-Japan and Germany, France and ing their capacity to give England, can regain economic tangible support to Wall Street health through world-wide trade." against the class they both fear. Of course, it is another gues-These reciprocal stands of Wall tion whether or not the Stalinists Street and the Kremlin in East can deliver the goods. But in Germany and France are in the combination with direct force pattern of a tacit understanding. applied by the U.S., Great This pattern could simply be ex-Britain, France, etc., a Stalinist tended, and it could turn out that betrayal might prove decisive. a non-aggresison pact might not In Indo - China, for example, actually be put down on paper

French troops supplied from but just go into effect as an American arsenals might prove uneasy and unstable "gentlemen's sufficient to put down the free- agreement." Such an accord would dom-seeking movement if the be in keeping with the traditions Stalinists cooperated with a stab of capitalist diplomacy. in the back.

#### NO CONFIDENCE Dulles, representing the in-

erests of American Big Business, The lesson to the working class of these "peace" maneuvers can naturally seeks other concessions from the Kremlin in addition. The be summed up briefly: No coni-Oct. 7 Wall Street Journal reports dence whatsoever in the intenthat in return for the projected tions f either Wall Street or the non-aggression pact, "Russia Kremlin. Even if a "peace" pact were signed, it could prove only would be asked to agree to a unified Germany, a unified Korea, short-lived. At most it would turn

I walked into the area Wednes- Chicago Defender reports the ing materials, machines and the tion gingerly skirts around this day and felt the tension im- Trumbull Park terror has been like. They "neglect" their work in reaffirmation of the proprietary mediately. Police cars blocked off smashed with arrests of four the collective farms because to individualist tendencies in Soviet this shift are impossible to be probing, hoping that the the area two blocks from the boodlums. The Chicago edition of eke out their existence they must agriculture. ItI explodes the Stalproject. Four cops were on every the Courier, a national Negro cultivate their own midget plots, inist lie of "socialism in one corner. Every driver turning into weekly, reports "Trumbull' Area each with its own midget crop, country." It underscores the utter minuses. New criteria are pro- that the total sum surpasses the a street leading to the project is 'All Quiet.'" Both headlines are privately-owned livestock, etc. had to identify himself as a misleading. The fascist-like acresident or turn back. On the tivities of the real-estate inproject grounds there were more terests have not subsided. The squad cars and other cops "all quiet" is one of tension and strolling and lounging everyapprehension.

#### SWP STAND

these plants.

Negro hysteria by all those in-

terests that benefit from the

Many children were kept from school by apprehensive mothers on the other hand, sees the situaafraid to let them out of sight. For the kids it was a holiday. Adults spoke in whispers. There unions. It asks that Chicago's was no bantering as the women organized labor movement inhung up their wash. The women tervene in this situation. I talked to had the same story The property owners outside the project were starting the riots Negro workers at Wisconsin Any antagonism of the tenants to Negroes in the project stems more from living in this tense attacked as they leave the plant. atmosphere than to having non-The assaults are a forecast of white neighbors. the future of an organized anti-

#### TIMID OFFICIALS

City officials, civic bodies and Negr: organizations have me the situation so far only with expressions of fear and timid half actions. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has limited its intervention to filing a federal suit against the Chicago Housing Authority to enjoin them to accept qualified Negro applicants. To date they have not issued any literature on the subject.

The Daily News and the Chicago Sun-Times, both slightly It is no accident that management liberal, have condemned the activities of the Jim Crow hooligans and are fearful that another Cicero will occur. Their program, however, is to merely plead with

Newark Fri. Night **Socialist Forum** presents a talk on The Truth About Yugoslavia Speaker: Lewis Scott Friday, Oct. 30, at 8:30

at 52 Market Street

Kremlin exp bankruptcy of the Malenkov To measures of coercion, to the regime, that is to say of Stalinism continued lack of manufactured which lives on although Stalin goods, they respond with the is dead. It underscores the com traditional peasant methods of plete irreconcilability between

cuts in production. From the this regime and the needs and in-Kremlin's 'own statistics - the terests of the Soviet people and first in 15 years — it is clear Soviet economy, industry and The Socialist Workers Party, that this is precisely what has agriculture alike.

This is what the existing situabeen taking place in recent years. tion as fraught with peril both The official admitted declines in tion in Soviet agriculture disfor the Negro people and the livestock, in the production of closes. We propose to prove this potatoes and vegetables, fodder, from the facts and figures

tax.'

#### The violence has already flowed over to an attack against the **30-HOUR WEEK**, **40-HOUR PAY** Steel who do not even live in the neighborhood. They are being CAMPAIGN GROWS IN UNIONS (Continued from page 1)

of the excess profits tax and man of the Studebaker Corp., on reduced personal and corporation Oct. 15 told the Federation of income taxes next year will Automobile Dealer Associations actually mean net profits as large as ever.

smiles on their faces."

sites may welcome a

division of the working class. that the auto industry is in an Strung along Lake Michigan "unhealthy" state and that the from 83rd to Gary, Indiana, are "auto factories must limit their many steel plants - U.S. Steel, production to that volume of cars Carnegie, Inland, etc. In the which, with hard intelligent residential area west of the lake, selling, can be sold at a profit which includes the Trumbull Park by retail dealers." His own comproject, live many workers of pany cut back production by a full third on Sept. 14 - which

With contract negotiations shows what they think of dealcoming up, the steel companies ers' prospects even with "hard are making all efforts to weaken intelligent selling."

the union. A union divided Freight carloadings have been along race lines is a weak union five to ten percent below a year ago for the sixth straight week. representatives are the ones most Farm income is down almost steel workers may get the gate talkative about the Trumbull Park incidents, trying to stir up backward Jim Crow sentiments mitted on Oct. 20 that the a penny. They are "actually in the white workers. depressed state of the coal in-

DEFENSE GUARDS NEDEED. dustry "is so obvious that it is a cause for national concern." A CIO and AFL-sponsored de-Delinguencies in payments on fense guard at the homes of these Negro families and at the gates consumer and personal loans and

of Wisconsin Steel would say to repossessions of autos and apthe boss class: "This is an attack pliances are "at post-war highs," against the unity of labor. It will reports the Oct. 20 Wall Street not be tolerated." Such a defense Journal.

guard would say to the real estate Many Big Business corporation interests: "We're not like the and monopolies look with equacops - ready to overlook your nimity, if not even "cheerfully," racist attacks. We intend to see at the prospects of what they profits. Negro civil rights enforced." themselves concede will be "only"

The Chicago labor movement a 10 or 15 percent decline in the has a great opportunity to strike economy, with a "mere" five to earnest for the 30-hour week at on individual plots. union-busting company interests. part, by the fact that expiration depression that looms so close. higher prices for obligatory state collisions at the next stage.

in agriculture doesn't at all look restorationist tendencies in agrithe way the authorities had por- culture. The exact proportions of claimed in place of the old. An combined state budgets for 1953 abrupt shift of policy is decreed. of the second, third and fourth It is not hard to show that this largest Soviet Republics (Ukraine,

has happened again. Less than a year ago, last October, at the 19th Congress of the Russian party, Malenkov troduced into structure of the claimed that progress in Soviet

Machine and Tractor Stations. agriculture had kept pace with Brigadiers of the tractor teams he stormy growth of industry. tractor drivers and their helpers, Soviet factories were assured harvester - combine drivers and supplies of raw materials. Soviet their helpers, fuel-record keepers industrial enterprises experience were all previously members of no shortage of raw materials or the collective farms. Henceforth

other supplies," boasted Maleu- they become permanent members rov. The people, the cities in of the state-owned MTS, detachparticular, were assured growing ed from the collectives, and placed food supplies. "Our agriculture." on the state payroll. The entire he said "is becoming more and permanent staff of the MTS and more perfected, more prductive of the specialized stations and is turning out more and more directors, chief engineers, repairproduce for the market." shop superintendants, agricultural In September 1953, from the specialists plus the new perlips of Khruschev came the fol-

has set in between the rate of of their own.

Thus, J. D. Wright, president growth of our large-scale socialist of Thompson Products, Inc., industry ... and the present level boasted in an interview in the of agricultural production." As a Oct. 15 Wall Street Journal that result of this "obvious lag" his firm "expects to sell less next Soviet agriculture "does not fully of almost half a billion rubles year" but "anticipates . . . earn- satisfy the population's growing has been set aside in order "to ings slightly higher than for need for food, or the light in-1953 because of the expected dustry's need for raw materials." elimination of the excess profits | said Khruschev. This happens to be poles apart from Malenkov's

ined its Oct. 17 article on an- coming more and more perfected." ticipated steel cutbacks of as Instead of denying shortages much as 20%, "Steel Slides with Khruschev now affirms them. a Smile." A hundred thousand Shortages exist in every branch of agriculture with the sole exception 25% from the 1950 peak. Sec- but the leading steel companies of grains. Moreover Khruschev retary of the Interior McKay ad- have it rigged so they won't lose now warns that the lagging agriculture "retards the further viewing current operations with food industries." In other words

But it's no joke to the several agricultural lag threatens an inmillion already laid off or put on dustrial lag. Corresponding to this abrupt nart time and the millions more about-face in official claims conwho face the same fate in the not distant future. The sociallycerning agriculture, there has irresponsible profiteering para-

"small" depression in which they hope to the right, marked by sweeping to put the squeeze on organized concessions to the individualist, proprietary elements among the labor while ensuring their own

allies ' would promise to do tionary road to socialism. likewise."

To interpret the postponement Eisenhower-Churchill may only of war - with or without a pact thing is turned upside down. estimate. But an indirect gauge Malenkov regime may be so in- period of peace would prove fatal. - as the opening of a prolonged Previous plus signs give way to may be obtained from the fact terested in gaining time to take The task is to take advantage of care of a precarious domestic the difficulties Wall Street faces position that it will grant unex- in plunging our planet into anpected concessions. The Western other war. That means utilizing powers may settle for less. In the breathing space to fight for Byelorussia and Uzbekistan).

any case, they count on coming the establishment of a Workers. Changes that strengthen these out in these maneuvers with the and Farmers Government in the same tendencies have been inaura of "peace-lovers." United States. There is no other As the Wall Street Journal puts way to win enduring peace.



Literature Agent Murray For-| "Sunday Dotty, Julie and Nat bes reports good sales and dis-participated in a door-to-door tribution of the Militant at street sale in Brooklyn. Within a half



meetings in the cur- hour they ran up the following rent New York score: Julie, seven papers and mayoralty campaign. two SWP pamhlets; Dotty, six He writes, "The fol- Militants; and Nat, one paper lowing listing of and three pamphlets. More sales sales and distribu- are being planned for this week tion for the past at which we hope to do as well two weeks should and better."

indicate what we can An encouraging door - to - door accomplish in the sale last Sunday is reported by future. We view this San Francisco Literature Agent only as a first step Nick Bennett. "Eight of us went toward a more in- out with papers and programs

ensive and concentrated liter- and were able to sell 17 copies ature campaign in New York. of the Militant. We plan to visit "Our first sale was at an open- the same people again next Sunir election rally held on the day and try for another sale or lower East Side. Thirty Militants for a sub. The following week we vere sold. Several papers were will go again and try for a sub. sold the following Wednesday at Also we will hit new places.

small meeting in the Bronx. "I have been using the Militant The weather was cold and there on the job. I give a copy away were only a few people on the and then after discussing the streets but one woman who paper I try a sale and later a bought the paper was especially sub. All I have spoken to have impressed with the headline 'AFL expressed their approval of our Urges 35-Hour Week With No program and some are very en-Take-Home Pay Loss.' The same thusiastic.'

night Johnny T., Johnny A., Jacki Booth sends in the following roundup report on the and Manny went to a Transport Workers Union meeting where work the comrades have been they were able to sell five Mili- doing for the past eight weeks bines is officially estimated at tants in a few minutes. around one of Chicago's South "At a Harlem open air rally Side slum areas.

their helpers, alone, counting two 150 copies of the Oct. 12 issue "We are constantly expanding been decreed an abrupt shift in shifts for each machine, will of The Militant containing the our area of work, and have agricultural policy. It is a shift number in the neighborhood of New York election program of the worked up to selling an average Socialist Workers Party. and 25 of 30 papers each week. There

There is evidence, as we shall copies of 'The Socialist Workers is an interest and a need for the show in subsequent articles, that | Party - What It Is and What paper and the program it peasantry. Special emphasis is the process of differentiation of It Stands For' were distributed presents on housing - the setting The workers, however, have no placed on developing the free the peasantry has been speeded to those who listened to the meet- up of tenants' organizations, etc. choice but to begin the fight in market and stimulating production up in the post-war years. The ing. Johnny A. sold 12 copies of in the past month on this project new reforms will speed up this the Harry T. Moore pamphlet. Barney has sold 14 papers; Dottie, a real blow at race-dividing Jim eight million unemployed. Their 40 hours pay and other demands In monetary terms, the con-differentiation still further, After the meeting two members 13; Bert. four; Wilson, 15; Jacki, Crow practices, the weapon of cheerfulness is explained, in to meet the deadly threat of cessions, through tax reductions, preparing the ground for new of the audience spent the rest 12; Elaine, 14; Alice, 19; Carol, of the evening discussing with us. four; and Mari. four.

employees of the MTS loans of up to 12,000 rubles for a term Business Week cynically head- picture of an agriculture "be of ten years, repayable beginning with the third year." In this way, paralleling the midget households of the peasants there has now been set up a net-

work of new individual proprietors in the countryside attached to state-owned enterprise and with development of the light and privileges previously unknown Their number is not insignificant. Inasmuch as the existing number

of tractors and harvester comover a million, the drivers and

three to four million.

manent machine personnel — are lowing: "A definite disproportion by law alloted "household plots"

They enjoy special tax exemptions. They are exempt from obligatory deliveries to the state. grant workers, engineers and technical personnel and other



#### **Eisenhower Scraps Fifth Amendment**

When General Eisenhower on Oct. 14 issued an order prohibiting government workers from using the Fifth Amendment, he "liberated" with one stroke of the pen some 2,000,000 government employees from their Constitutional rights under this vital provision.

The federal order will now be emulated by state and municipal governments, so that before we are through, over 6,000,000 workers will be affected.

Including their families, that makes roughly 24,000,000 people in this country who will have been placed outside the protection of the Bill of Rights.

If anyone wants to argue that after all only one small right has been taken away from these workers, we say, "Don't delude yourself. If a tyrant cuts away one right, the others can go next.'

Besides; this is no "small" right. Not with McCarthy running wild. Any government worker who doesn't want to turn stoolpigeon or who refuses to lay himself open to frameups is forced by this decree to "talk or else."

It therefore means heightened fear and insecurity for millions of Americans.

The Fifth Amendment plainly states that no one shall be forced to bear witness against himself. Now the witch hunters have it turned around - no one shall be allowed to use this provision without becoming a suspected, victimized and hounded outcast. Even the reactionary N. Y. World Telegram said Oct. 17: "One might get the impression from some Senators and Congressmen that the Commies

invented that amendment and slipped it into the Constitution when no one was looking."

Attorney General Brownell is gleeful over the Executive Order, but he wants to go still further. He says, "The interests of justice and the nation's safety will be served . . . if the gram. Main efforts directed totestimony of witnesses can be compelled, upon grant of immunity, from criminal prosecution."

This gimmick of "immunity" is diabolical. It works as follows: They haul you before : McCarthyite inquisition committee. You are front policy between Socialist asked to give information as to the beliefs and and Communist Parties in Gerpolitical affiliations of your relatives and friends. You give that information and some united front gained wide circula-McCarthyite official may fire your friends for "dangerous thoughts." Then of course you are a confessed "associate" of the victims. So you can be bounced and disgraced.

Aware of all this, you say: "I refuse to answer under the Fifth Amendment."

"Stop right there," they reply. "You can't refuse. We grant you immunity from prosecution.'

But here is the trick. There is no question of "criminal prosecution" in most of these witch-hunt procedures. All they do is fire you, blacklist you, disgrace you, imply you are a spy, hound you, snoop on you and your neighbors, intimidate and frighten your children. That's all. Otherwise you are as free as a bird. You're not going to be prosecuted. You're just a "poor security risk."

That's the way the witch hunt works. It cuts deeper and deeper into the whole body of basic rights the American people won in more than a century and a half of bitter struggle. When are we going to put a stop to it?

**Our Stand on Trieste** 

What is fundamentally involved in the Trieste dispute? The 270,000 inhabitants of this 80-mile strip of land are obviously not being consulted about their fate. Historically this may not be new to Trieste which has been fought over for 20 centuries, but that doesn't make it any the less oppressive to its citizens.

Trieste was "given" to Italy after World War I by the Allied imperialists. In 1947 the Italian Peace Treaty signed by the U.S., Great Britain and the Soviet Union set up the "Free Territory of Trieste" to be governed by an international administration. After some squabbling over who should be governor, Trieste was divided into "Zone A" to be governed by a joint U.S.-British military administration and "Zone B" to be governed by Yugoslavia.

Now the U.S. and Britain have violated the treaty and handed over Zone A to Italy. Yugo-

preparation for later expansion at the expense of Yugoslavia. It is in the same pattern as their support to Adenauer, the Mikado, Syngman Rhee, Gen. Franco and similar despots.

The Kremlin wants to maintain the status quo; that is, the counter-revolutionary deals of Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam.

The Tito regime in Yugoslavia helped lay the basis for the present situation, as we pointed out last week, by a foreign policy supporting the western capitalist powers. How this policy has weakened Yugoslavia can be gathered from the fact that the people of Trieste are obviously not clamoring to be included in the Yugoslav workers state.

Yet the Yugoslavs, despite their bad policy, are defending the anti-capitalist foundations of their state against imperialist aggression in this situation. From this basic class point of view the Yugoslavs are in the right against the American and British capitalists. In this situation, the Yugoslav interest in Trieste, from the viewpoint of the world socialist revolution, takes precedence.

pelled from Communist Party Oct. 27 for supporting program of Trotsky against Stalinist degeneration. First issue of The Militant appears Nov. 15.

1929-32: Communist League of America, forerunner of Socialist Workers Party, is founded. Principal work of these years is propaganda among advanced workers for revolutionary socialist proward Stalinists in hope of achieving reform of Communist Party. Numerous books and pamphlets by Leon Trotsky published.

1932-33: Campaign for unitedmany to stop Hitler. Trotsky's burning and eloquent appeals for tion among Communist workers. Criminal policies of Stalinists and Social Democrats allow Hitler to march to power unobstructed. Militant published three times a week at height of campaign. Hun. dreds of Communist workers turn to Trotskyism. Hitler's victory taken by Trotsky as definite proof of bankruptcy of Third International. He calls for organization of new international.

1933-35: American / Workers Party militants lead first great auto strike at Toledo Auto-lite. They use Flying Squadrons for first time in American labor history. Minneapolis Trotskyists Vincent R. Dunne, Farrell Dobbs and Carl Skoglund, lead magnifi cently organized truck-drivers strike. Turning point in history

#### The SWP Alone Did Not Betray



Fourteen of the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union Local 544-CIO march in closed ranks Friday afternoon, Dec. 31, to the U.S. Marshal's office in Minnea, olis. Thire they were taken into custody and sent the following Monday to the Federal Penitentiary at Sandstone, Minn., to serve their prison sentences for opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism. In the lead (left to right) are Vincent R. Dunne, James P. Cannon, Oscar Coover and Carl Skoglund.

AWP and CLA fuse and form sand workers in anti-fascist dem- under the infamous Act. Eighteen Norkers Party. Lead National onstration in Los Angeles under of the defendants convicted Dec. Unemployed League in struggles | SWP leadership. nvolving hundreds of thousands.

1936-1937: Trotskyists enter ternal struggle, a petty-bourgeois 1941-45: SWP conducts vigorous Socialist Party and merge with opposition led by James Burnham its left wing. Socialist Party left and Max Shachtman splits from Trial convictions. Socialist meswing opposes treacherous policy SWP Opposition refused to sage against war and capitalism of Social Democrats and Stalinists defend Soviet Union in impend- voiced by Trotskyist defendants conduct vigorous election camin struggle against Franco in ing war with German imperialism. in courtroom published in Spain. Left wing likewise opposes Discussion, led by Leon Trotsky pamphlet form and distributed by support given by SP leaders to and James P. Cannon, became an LaGuardia in New York. Right ideological landmark in world prison for their revolutionary

left. Great majority of active militants and the entire youth organ-1941: Twenty-nine leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and izations representing millions of Minneapolis Truck Drivers Union-CIO indicted under notorious Smith "Gag" Act for opposition to capitalist war and advocacy

fight to be reinstated. The Case of the Legless Veteran becomes a key test case in the fight against the witch hunt.

1950: SWP leader James P. Cannon attacked the Truman administration for plunging America into the Korean civil war. In a letter to Truman and members of congress he demanded: "Withdraw the American troops and let he Korean people alone." He scored the capitalist rulers for their unprovoked, unauthorized assault on the Korean people: You are a pack of scoundrels. You are traitors to the human race. I hate your rudeness and brutality. You make me ashamed of my country, which I have always loved, and ashamed of my race, which I used to think was as good as any . . . American boys are being sent 10,000 miles away to kill and be killed, not in order to liberate the Korean people, but to conquer and subjugate them. It is outrageous. It is monstrous." The SWP is the only party in America that has persistently and unambiguously campaigned for im-mediate withdrawal of troops rom Korea.

1952: In SWP's second presilential campaign, Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, candilates for President and Vice President, utilize nation - wide radio and TV programs to demand withdrawal of American troops from Korea, and oppose Wall Street's war drive, the Mc-Carthyite witch hunt, Taft

Hartleyism and Jim Crow. 1953: SWP leads fight against Wall Street preparations for World War III. Party candidates paigns in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit and New York James Kutcher publishes his autobiography, The Case of the Legless Veteran, marking five years socialist convictions on Dec. 31, 1943. Protest movement organizof his fight, and launches eleventh ed, enlisting support of organlegal appeal.

American workers. SWP in the forefront of militant class actions of the American workers. The progressive left wing fights the no-strike pledge in the unions. Militant unionists and Trotskyists are fingered by Stalinist stoolpigeons who worked with the FBI to destroy the left wing in the unions. SWP gains in members and influence because of its militant anti-war stand.

1945-47: SWP on the picket line in the post-war strike wave, the struggle against Jim Crow, the fight against American fascism. The party distinguishes itself in leading militant actions against the race-haters in the Fontana Murder Case (Calif.), the Ferguson case (New York), White City and Hickman cases (Illinois) The 1946 SWP convention adopts



ization (YPSL) rally to the support of expelled left wing. Stalin's monstrous frame-up trials reach their height. Through tireless efforts, American Trotskyists succeed in enlisting support of prominent educators and liberals to form John Dewey Commission to give Trotsky chance to answer Stalin's charges. Commission hearings held April 10 to 17 in Mexico. Trotsky exposes' Stalin's

"greatest frame-up in history." Commission publishes verdict: Trotsky is Not Guilty." They delare: "The Moscow Trials were frame-ups." Trotskyist workers rom coast to coast plunge into historic labor upsurge during rise of CIO. Fight militantly on picket lines and in sitdowns in auto, steel, rubber, textiles and other

major industries. 1938: Convention of Socialist

American Trotskyism. . The | support demonstration. Five thou- | of socialism. First indictment 1940: After six months of in- war on Japan.

8, 1941, same day U.S. declared struggle against Minneapolis the thousands. Eighteen sent to

wing bureaucratically expels the Trotskyist movement and building of the SWP.

slavia protested. The USSR protested. The situation became tense when the Yugoslavs threatened military action. To this the U.S. State Dept. and the British reacted with customary cynicism. They seem to feel that treaties they sign need not be honored.

To our view the participants in this power play have the following roles: The U.S. and Great Britain are trying to bolster the decrepit Italian government and give Italian imperialism a new beachhead on the Balkan coast in

We must be on guard against U.S.-British Third World War maneuvers and counter revolutionary machinations in the Balkan tinder box. Keep Italian imperialism out o Trieste! Give the people of Trieste a say in determining their fate!



JAMES KUTCHER, legless World War II veteran, whose five-year fight against government "loyalty" purge has symbolized the SWP's great record in defense of civil liberties. The publication of Kutcher's book, "The Case of the Legless Veteran." now climaxes his conrageous struggle.

Party left wing meets in Chicago on New Year's week-end and founds Socialist Workers Party. Fourth International, world party of socialist revolution, founded in

Europe by Leon Trotsky. 1939: Socialist Workers Party leads demonstration of 50,000 workers against American fascist mobilization at Madison Square Garden in New York, Feb. 20. Despite sabotage by Stalinist leaders, thousands of rank and file Communist Party members



Vincent R. Dunne, pioneer Trotskyist in the 1928 split from the Stalinized Communist Party, made American labor history through his leadership of the famous Minneapolis truckdrivers strikes in 1934 and in the subsequent building of famous Teamsters Local 544. He has served the cause of socialism for more than 40 vears.

Theses on Coming American Revolution that forecast America going socialist in not-distant uture

Farrell Dobbs, National Sec-

retary of the SWP and its first 1948: The first presidential eleccandidate for President of the tion campaign of the Socialist Workers Party. Farrell Dobbs United States when he ran in 1948. He was the party's candidate for President. Millions banner-bearer again in 1952 of people hear the socialist fighting program. James Kutcher. and carried the SWP's anti-war legless veteran of World War II message from coast to coast to millions of people over the purged from a clerical job in the radio and TV and in numerous Newark Veterans Administration for his membership-in Socialist mass meetings.

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(The following excerpts are viction that we shall witness a trained in theory and practice, from the pamphlet, The Socialist third revolution in America, a the party keeps up with events, Workers Party - What It is, revolution that will end the alien correctly interprets them and What It Stands For, by Joseph rule of the Government of Money prepares for what is coming. Hansen. This extremely clear and and establish a new government interesting explanation of the of the people - a Workers and and the party press, the workprogram and history of the SWP Farmers Government.

cents to Pioneer Publishers, 116 NEED FOR PARTY can be obtained by sending 10 History has known many revo-University Pl., New York 3, New

York. - Ed.)

America faced two great despite every promise of success. dangers to its development. It Failure was due to lack of a met both with revolution. (1776 political party based on a correct and 1861-65.) If we judge from program and intimately linked history, no obstacles are great with the people.

enough to halt the American peo-Organization of such a party ple long in their forward march. in time means the difference be-When nothing else will clear the tween brilliant success and catasroad, they employ the irresistible trophe. An outstanding example force of revolution.

Today America is faced with capitalism was the one scored the greatest danger of all - the by the Bolshevik Party under danger that the Government of Lenin and Trotsky. Failures oc-Money will plunge us into an- curred in Germany, Italy, China other World War - the danger (1925-27), Austria and Spain. With the failure of the revoluthat Big Business will drag us down into barbarism. into power in these countries.

Can it be held that the Amer Hitler, Mussolini, Chiang-Kaiican people of today will prove shek, Dolfuss and Franco - these iess far-sighted, less courageous, dictators won out because the of our times. less energetic than their revolutionary forefathers? workers did not succeed in build-

Already we see the break-up ing a revolutionary party soon of the old political alignments enough.

a thousandfold.

A revolutionary party trains and the formation of new, more radical currents, such as we saw and educates the militant rankprior to 1771 and 1860. History is and-file members of the working We have every right to the con-

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Through the party membership ing people as a whole gain understanding of the political issues affecting their interests. The party is the head of the lutionary struggles that failed

its tongue, its brain and its will. The most essential task facing the party. the American workers today is building such a party on a mass scale.

THE SWP

The aim of the Socialist Workresolution was originally introduced by the left-wing opers Party is to become the mass of success in the struggle against party needed to build social- position which included William Z. Foster, Bill Dunne and Alex ism in America. The harmonious combination of the American Bittleman and the Trotskyists. revolutionary tradition with the Foster, Dunne and Bittleman best of international thought dis- capitulated to Stalinism but the tinguishes the Socialist Workers

Party from all other parties. In tion, reaction swept triumphantly the program of the Socialist portunist degeneration in the Workers Party the American highly developed political thought the signs of an approaching the more noteworthy because it

Swept Under Rug

The FBI made public its halfyearly collection of crime data. In tion counterposed the conception

attainment. Through leaders liberties.

#### Hail 25th Year of Fighting for Socialist America (Continued from page 1) growth of Stalinism in the American Communist Party. The radical vanguard of 1928 was under pressure of the capitalist boom of the twenties. The penetration of Stalinism was facilitated by opportunist corrosion of the leading circles of the CP. A right-wing faction, headed by Jay Lovestone, had been placed in power by the working class, its eyes, its ears, Comintern bosses against the will of the overwhelming majority of In the first issue of the Militant, Nov. 15, 1928, the three

This remarkable forecast of the party leadership. The Loves- pioneer Trotskyists was swiftly

Along with this they disparaged aggressive capitalist propaganda to their principled positions. In- the thirties. the tendencies of radicalization about how American prosperity spired by the leadership of Leon had refuted Marx. Wall Street's Trotsky they insistently warned in the working class.

To this right-wing conception Black Friday in October 1929, that the false policies of Stalinism would lead to defeat and of the Lovestoneites the resolu- put a stop to all that nonsense. The crisis opened a new stage cafastrophe. History offered repeating itself in a new setting. class who have qualities of leader- the first half of 1953, 1,047,290 of American capitalism approach- in the history of the American tragic confirmation of the corship. It binds them together in a crimes were committed. This is ing catastrophic decline. It show- working class. The great CIO rectness of these warnings. cohesive body of professional a 2.5% increase over the same ed how economic contradictions upsurge of the thirties followed In the process of the struggle working-class politicians. It mul- period in 1952. Unlisted are were compelling Big Business to after the first revivals of in- for program the American Trottiplies their individual strength crimes committed by the FBI open an offensive against the dustry from total stagnation. The skyists assembled a cadre that itself - wiretapping, tampering living standards of the workers. American working class revealed was immune to Stalinist op-

Through its program, the party with the mails, snooping into It marked out the features of its enormous capacity for militant portunism and corruption. That keeps its eyes on the main goal private political opinions, hound- the depression already underway action. In this upsurge the Trot- is why, when the Stalinists and major steps leading to its ing and conspiracy against civil in 1928 and predicted that "the skyists-were in the thick of the turned the helm of their policy present economic depression must battle and demonstrated their to Peoples Frontism, to collabora-

capacity to lead workers in strug- tion with the "good capitalists" But the radicalization of the gle and become a part of the mass and to an open policy of class fifties will not be dominated by betrayal, the Trotskyists forged the Stalinists and the Social workers' movement. But before the American Trot- ahead in their work. They were Democrats and thus suffer bekyists could enter the broad able to fuse with the revolu- trayal and defeat. The Socialist arena of class struggle they had tionary left party. Inside the Workers Party has built for 25

to pass through the most dif- labor movement they fought the years to create the nucleus of the ficult test of their early history. | combination of Stalinism and the | revolutionary mass party of the From 1929 to 1934 the ordeal of labor bureaucracy. The debate in American workers. In the stormy terrible isolation from the mass small halls and pamphlets was struggles ahead our program and of radical workers was inflicted now translated into the language our cadres will prove their hison our pioneer movement. The of the daily struggle of the work- torical validity. radical workers and youth turned ers. During the Second World

to the official Communist Party. War Stalinist strikebreaking and and only the Socialist Workers While the capitalist world was betrayal of the Negro struggle Party, has been built for the demonstrating its bankruptcy the drove home the lesson of Stalinist tasks that will face the workers Soviet Union was forging ahead treachery to millions of workers. in the coming showdown between Notwithstanding many simi- the American working class and economically. The first Five Year larities there are profound dif- the capitalists. That is why the Plan was introduced and showed the superiority of nationalized and ferences between 1928 and 1953. Today the capitalist prosperity planned economy over the anarhas even less substance and chy of capitalism. The Communist Party exploited the radical moods durability than in 1928. And the

of the workers with left phras- next wave of American workingeology. The Trotskyists, expelled class radicalization will be far and hounded by the Stalinists. more profound and revolutionary. seemed to be an obscure sect The American workers have quibbling over some abstract acquired a vast fund of ex-

perience. They have built powertheoretical differences. ful organizations. They will meet These were hard years. But it was precisely during this period the next economic convulsion of working people will find the most toneites tended to minimize all confirmed. Their analysis was all of Stalinist "leftism" that the American capitalism with a American Trotskyists showed radical political counter - attack economic crisis for capitalism. calmly rejected the noisy and their mettle. They stuck firmly far exceeding the movement of

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resolution retained all of its inevitably become the forerunne power and exposure of the op- of a deep-going crisis."

#### The Negro Struggle -**Burke on Jim Crow**

#### By Jean Blake

You'd need a strong stomach and a big shovel to dig through the mountains of ballyhoo that appeared in the press last week about the man appointed by Ohio's Gov. Frank J. Lausche to succeed the late Senator Taft.

"Never in Mayor and Senator-Designate Thomas A. Burke's nearly nine years as Cleveland's chief executive has anyone been foolhardy enough to question his personal character and integrity," was the typical comment in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Never a Scandal in Burke Career" and "New Senator's Character Above Reproach" were the headlines.

We beg to disagree. Politely, of course; a politician like Burke is liable to end up in the Supreme Court or in charge of some Senate investigating committee, so we don't want to provide any grounds for 'contempt" proceedings against us (technical or otherwise) if we can help it.

But we charge Mayor and Senator-Designate Burke with scandalous conduct in giving aid and comfort recently to some of Cleveland's most notorious "race-haters" and white supremacists. In a situation that bordered on violence and bloodshed, instead of taking a firm stand against a group attempting to bar a new Negro occupant from living in the Lee-Seville area of Cleveland, Mayor Burke first temporized, then advised the bigoted white residents on how to evade the law.

The incident occurred when Mr. and

Mrs. Wendell Stewart attempted to move into their newly purchased home in an area where unsegregated Federal housing projects have been fought consistently by Phila. SWP private real-estate interests. The Stewarts were threatened, mobs were collected and hopped up so that police protection had **Defends Nine** to be provided.

But instead of issuing a firm statement **CP** upholding the rights of the Stewarts, and taking action against those threatening force and violence, as community relations groups urged the Mayor to do, he, "negotiated" with some of the ringleaders.

What's more, the "spotless" Mayor expressed sympathy for the feeling of the liberties." Howard Lee, speaking residents that their property values might at the Friday Night Socialist be harmed by Negroes moving into the area. He advised them that while there was nothing they could do legally to avoid this — in view of the outlawing of racerestrictive covenants by the U.S. Supreme Court — they could form neighborhood committees and agreements among themselves to sell only to "desirable" occupants. They did.

Despite all the double-talk, this was thinly concealed aiding and abetting of the at the impossible sums of \$25,000 local mob in evading the law. More important — it shows where the new Senator stands on segregated housing more clearly than all his high-sounding, liberal speeches.

The lesson, for the hundred-thousandtn time: No confidence in capitalist politicians

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#### Art Museum Strikers



Pickets march before the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City after 170 guards, who protect the museum's priceless exhibits, went on strike for the first time in its 83-year history. The guards, members of an independent union, are demanding a \$500 annual wage increase.

### fruitless, the Bar Association had ILLINOIS AFL DEMANDS to supply one. Newspapers and were already condemned. They face trial with every card stacked **30-HOUR**, **40-PAY WEEK**

CHICAGO, Oct. 19 — An overwhelming majority of the 1,700 delegates at the Illinois State Federation of Labor Convention last week voted for a 30-hour week at 40 hours

'History has shown that in every represented 900,000 union mem- for employees who lose their such case the state is caught in bers. The 30-hour week was hearing because of industrial recommended to meet the possible noises although they may concrisis of 20,000,000 workers losing tinue working with no loss of of brutal power lies a fearful defense jobs and being released pay. With certain exceptions, the your car, your TV, and starve down the long line of machines: Illinois workmen's compensation from military service.

Reuben G. Soderstrom, presi- laws at present deny benefit paydent of the ISFL, predicted a ments to such cases. with their political ideas, must sharp slump in employment in the The demand for a 30-hour week, a great step forward for next eight months unless defense basic principle of defense of civil production continues or a giant the AFL, was marred by the iberties. In defending the rights federal-state-local public works executive board's support of high of these victims, we are in reality program is begun to provide jobs. taxes to maintain arms spending. defending the rights of all in-The Executive Board of the The fact that the conservative dividuals, political currents and ISFL called the Illinois manu- AFL bureaucracy proposed a the labor movement itself." facturers the worst safety lawshortened work week indicates breakers in the country. The the great fear of depression now After a lively discussion the

demning the Smith Act, calling mittee. John Fewkes, estimated unions. What is needed now is a for the defense of rights of the that there were 200,000 industrial Congress of Labor in Washington Stalinists and offering to join in accidents in Illinois in 1952. with rank and file delegates from united front activities in their The Convention began a drive all unions to consider ways of to win workmen's compensation enforcing this justified demand.



PATERSON, Oct. 16-"The best job you can get is to go somewhere where they make golf balls and golf bags. They'll use plenty of them." This was one worker's re-

sponse here to the 1,500-man D ay-off notice that appeared to- |'Life Can Be Beautiful' on the day in the five New Jersey plants radio. They ought to put on 'Life Can Be Miserable' instead. of the Wright Aeronautical Co. Last week they laid me off at His oblique reference to Eisen-Plant 7, and two days later they ower drew a few laughs from rehired me at Plant 8, for a the group of workers who were nickel less an hour. If they lay all trying to talk at once. You get a little excited when your me off again I'm going to school job that looked so secure yesterunder the GI bill and learn someday is suddenly threatened today. Another voice rose above the

thing I can get a steady job at." "IT ALL SOUNDS PHONY"

today they're laying off 1,500,"

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vely discussion, saying half "Where do you think you'll work ciddingly, "Well, boys, it looks when you get out?" a new voice ike another depression." joined in "They're laying off in "Yeah," said a young worker all the big plants. You'll probably eriously, "I was thinking about wind up in New York stockthat last week. I read where the clerking for thirty-five a week." stock market was booming. Up "Say, what about the ads three points in one day and they're laying us off. What a papers? They had one in yester-Wright's been running in the day asking for 1,000 men and

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laid off."

you, but

depression."

said a puzzled worker. "It all But it was no joke to the next sounds phony to me." vorker. "I read somewhere that To this a long-term, war-plant Eisenhower said 'we won't have a worker replied, "Maybe they have depression while he's in office, a cost-plus contract with the gov-He's only been in for nine months ernment and get a couple hundred and look what happens - we get dollars for each new man they lire.

A veteran of the depression in The starting buzzer interrupted the thirties followed these re- the flow of talk and the group marks with, "You know what broke up to start work. The Eisenhower said. 'We're going to depression worker slipped on his have unlimited prosperity. apron, stepped out into the aisle They'll take away your house, and his voice boomed derisively we won't have a "O.K. boys! Get those goggles on." Maybe if you produce enough

"The audacity of these people" | units tonight you might not get said the serious worker "putting laid off."



Some 500 union delegates, AFL over the ILA membership, to as well as CIO, called by the CIO sign a "no-raiding" pact. He to a special meeting at the Comindicated strong fear that the modore Hotel in New York City SIU, a direct rival of the NMU. Oct. 14, heard Louis Hollander, was out to take over control of state CIO president, deliver an the waterfront with the aid of the mpassioned appeal for union ac-Teamsters. Curran said, "I want ion to break injunctions. His to serve notice on the SIU here remarks were inspired by the inand now that while we do not junction banning all picketing in have spies in their back room the five-month-old Hearn's De- meetings we know what is going partment Stores strike. The state on and we have fought many Ends After Tough Fight and we have fought many to test these inimes before and defeat

#### Scrubbed Brain

#### By Myra Tanner

A new book was published this month in a nice, shiny, red, white and blue cover. Freedom's Faith by Clarence B. Randall, Chairman of the Board of Inland Steel, is "A fresh survey of the intangibles which command one American's loyalty," according to the publisher's blurb on the jacket. The almighty dollar is the tangible source of Randall's "patriotism" and requires no special "survey."

Randall begins his book with the following confession: "The whole process of writing a book constitutes a mental scrubbing that is very wholesome for a man in industry." The fact that the minds of business men need a scrubbing may not be very startling to most people, but it should be explained. Randall fails to do this, so I shall come to his assistance. Men in business live on the moral codes of "free enterprise" which establish self-interest, profit, individual gain as paramount. Six days a week, therefore, a business man looks after his own welfare and that of his company, as long as these don't clash.

The mental scrubbing comes in when this business man has to take time out from his care of "self" to address the pub-

cliches you get everyday in capitalist propaganda. Business men generally, and Randall in particular, know practically nothing of the ideas of their socialist opponents. As a matter of fact, in my years of activity as a socialist, I have encountered only one representative of Big Business that had apparently made a study of Marxist doctrines; only one who even met the first requirement of a debater: to know the position of the opponent, although he refused to debate with a socialist. That was Reece Taylor, President of Union Oil Com-

pany. Mr. Randall presents obviously stupid ideas, claims they are socialist, and wins an easy victory in this kind of argument. For example, in Chapter 2 of Freedom's Faith, Randall says: "The socialist planner argues. . . that efficiency would be better served if all products and all services were standardized. He would have but one behalf. kind of automobile, one church, one uniform set of textbooks in the schools, and **Oakland Transit Strike** one form of ownership, in the delusion that sameness is efficiency."

Where or when socialists ever made this argument, Randall doesn't tell us. I've never heard it from a socialist. We do think capitalism is inefficient. But not because of the variety of use-values that the workers produce. The inefficiency of capitalism is demonstrated by at least two obvious facts: (1) Capitalism wastes labor power through mass unemployment in de-Local 192, voted 759 to 201 to end pressions. (2) It wastes labor power by destroying it in imperialist wars. I don't deny Randall's right to scrub his mind, and write books against socialism. But don't you think a serious author should at least know his subject?

defense of the nine Pennsylvania Stalinists as a fundamental necessity in the fight for civil

points. The speaker traced the course of the prosecution of the nine from the time they were picked up in pre-dawn raids July 30 and 31 on the charge of violating the Smith Act. The case shows a few new wrinkles in the methods of the witch hunt. Once arrested, the defendants found themselves in a maze. Their bails were set to \$75,000 each, and were dropped only after long, tedious appeals. The chairman of their bail committee found himself under Senate Subcommittee investigation. The victims could not find a lawyer to take their case, since he ran the danger of being blackballed.

Victims

After a two-month search proved commentators act as if the nine against them.

"Repressive actions of this kind against minorities and opponent political parties are intended by the ruling class as a show of strength." said comrade Lee. pay. The delegates at Springfield

a vise of contradictions. The truth is that beneath the display weakness.

"The defense of the Stalinist eaders, whether or not you agree be seen as an application of the

meeting passed a resolution con- chairman of the ISFL safety com- pervading the ranks of the

lic. Then he must clean himself up and think of the common good. He must try to convince everyone that while he is looking after No. 1, still — whether he likes it or not, or intends to or not — he is really serving the best interests of all. And any socialist who thinks that the welfare of humanity should come first is just "un-American."

The defense of "free enterprise" by this steel magnate offers nothing new. It's a threadbare re-hash of all the fables and

#### Notes from the News

living.

THE "MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY," after two years of trying to get ashore, finally made it. Michael Patrick O'Brien, his White Russian wife and child have been given permission to live in the Dominican Republic. For ten months he rode a ferry between Hong Kong and Portuguese Macao. He sailed to Brazil in August but Brazil wouldn't let him land. He returned to Europe but France turned him down. Italy did too. He sailed back to Brazil and was again refused entry. O'Brien claims U.S. citizenship but the United States wouldn't let him land. This unique exile on the sea is over but it still stands as quite a commentary on the state of civilization in the capitalist world of today.

THE KU KLUX KLAN in Florida has announced a "new" policy. The Grand Dragon, C. L. Parker, said that "all races, creeds or colors" will now be admitted to membership in the hooded order. However, since the Klan believes that "segregation of the races is the law of God," any Negroes' that join the racist-terror organization will be put in segregated chapters supervised by the Grand Dragon himself.

"EVERYBODY KNOWS I'M HONEST! So what's wrong?" This question was asked by Senator Bricker of Ohio (Rep.) after it was revealed that he was receiving a lucrative cut in law fees from a firm representing the Pennsylvania Railroad. Bricker is Chairman of the Interstate Com merce Committee where he can exercise ker influence in legislation affecting the railroad trust.

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THE CRUEL PERSECUTION of the Rosenberg children has aroused considerable revulsion. iMchael, 10, and Robert, 6, were ousted from the Toms River, N. J., Elementary School on the technical pretext of not being legal residents. The real reason, it is widely felt, is that the witch hunters are still not satisfied with electrocuting their parents as alleged "atom spies." Clyde Slocum, supervising principal of the local schools, said the publicity about the children while their parents were in the Sing Sing death house had "given the town a black eye." The N. Y. Post said that "Toms River, a farming community, has much itinerant labor and children of the migrant

workers are admitted to the public schools for short periods although they are not legal residents." Excuse of the authorities for their sadistic attitude toward the children was that they were trying to prevent "overcrowding" the schools.

SURPRISE! According to Scripps - Howard staff writer William Cooper, "A lot of people looking forward to the income tax-cut next January 1 are due for a surprise." Withholding taxes will go down 10% but social security pay-

ments will rise on the same date. Cooper says COMMUTERS STRANDED that this will mean "smaller take-home pay" for In addition, under excuse of many large families "or families with low incomes." We are warned not to blame the boss and to remember that it will all come back to us

in our old age . . . if we live that long.

out transit service. SEVERAL VICTORIES have been scored The way in which basic issues recently in the struggle against racial diswere posed and brought out in crimination. In the nation's capital, the management of Loew's Inc. announced that its three big cant here. In the heat and this strike is considered signifidowntown theaters would start admitting Negroes without segregation. In Philadelphia a suit to stood before the whole comsharpness of the strike, Key enjoin Boulevard Pools from discrimination munity as nothing but a profit against Negroes was brought under the city's gouging outfit. After refusing to Approve Strike Accommodations Act of 1938 which provides open its books for public inspeccriminal penalties for discriminating against tion, the company was unable to Action in Italy anyone in public places because of race, color, or get a sympathetic ear anywhere religion. When the court granted an injunction to its claim that any wage inagainst the pools, the city's Commission on crease would have to be accom-Human Rights succeeded in obtaining an agree- panied by a fare increase. ment among operators to end discriminatory In an atmosphere of hostility practices among skating rinks. and suspicion on the part of the own.

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY? An unidentified Key and its officials, even the Oakland area population toward woman had a reported income of \$6,413,000 in boss press, always anxious to aid

out.

1950. After taxes she had only \$2,000,000 left to any attempt to smash a strike, live on for the year. It is suspected that this is had to maintain a "neutral" the same person "whose income was reported to attitude. be \$5,592,000 in 1946 and \$5,032,000 in 1947, but

who suffered lean years in 1948 and 1949 with COUNCIL BOWS TO CLAMOR of the answers which were unions over there." income of less than \$5,000,000." (AP, Oct. 8.) The Oakland City Council, al- necessarily short because there Who this person is, is quite a mystery since the though dominated by real-estate isn't much time to talk on the the same. I would like to see government will not reveal her identity. But a interests, was forced under public assembly line. A couple of the greater mystery is how two-thirds of the clamor to officially demand that fellows didn't have anything to duct a survey on their own, families in the United States live on incomes less Key open its books to demonthan \$4,460 annually — the government estimate strate that it was not in the others said: for a minimum, modest but adequate standard of poorhouse as it tried to make

anytime the people have some-

Everywhere support for the tortionate profits. The SWP then By Paul Williams OAKLAND, Oct. 18 - After 77 union and hostility toward Key suggested that the labor movedays of sticking it out against was in evidence. Yet the union ment should demand that the Key an adamant company, the mem- leadership eventually buckled and System be taken over and run bership of AFL Carmen's Union, took the company's "final" offer. under union control.

The refusal of the union of-Many workers thought that their strike against the Key ficialdom to press for opening of this was a "good idea" but not transit system. Buses began the company's books was evidence "legal."

of its conservatism and incapacity The SWP in return called for rolling again Oct. 8. election of labor's own represen-Original demands of the union to provide dynamic leadership. ncluded an immediate increase The commuting public proved to tatives to the City Council to provide the legal means. With of 30 to 40 cents in pay, abolish- be to the left of the labor ofment of the split shift, improve- ficials. labor in office, the community ments in working schedules and The slogan "Open the Books," would be able to answer the com conditions. After more than two advocated for many years by the pany's refusal to provide for the and a half months of battle, the Socialist Workers Party as a public's basic needs by taking it union felt forced to accept the means of exposing the lies of over.

A heartening feature of the company offer of a pay rise of 10 profiteering corporations, became cents now, five cents more in one of the main issues in the strike was the performance of April and an additional three strike. cents next July. The split shift A resolution adopted by the and working conditions remain as Alameda County CIO Council little as seven months service. demanded in clear and forthright They formed the most militant before

Even before the settlement had language that Key open its books group in the union. They were been filed, Key demanded per- for inspection to let the public mission from the Public Utilities judge whether a wage increase Commission to raise local "zone" could be afforded by the comfares from 15 to 20 cents and Bay pany.

Bridge fares from 35 to 50 cents DEMAND UNION CONTROL When the company refused to

ng mood, speaks well for future militant struggles and the posaccede to this demand, spokesmen of the Socialist Workers Party sibility of a new leadership "financial exigencies," many pointed out that this was in arising from the ranks. While feeder and auxiliary services were effect a damning admission that the "30-year men" supported the arbitrarily discontinued, leaving the company's books could not struggle, the "7-month" men were many commuters stranded with bear inspection because of its ex-lin the forefront of the fight.



"We should help them, send them some money or something. I think the Militant and its readers might be interested in a The American government is always sending money to help little survey I conducted on my theirs, we should help ours." "Good for them. They really

It was about the Italian workstick together." ers going on strike. I asked about "I guess they have their 20 of the fellows I work with troubles the same as we have. what they thought about it. Not The bosses are all alike. It takes one was opposed.

all the workers to fight them." I would like to give you some "They must have some good

The other answers were about some of your other readers consay one way or the other. The where they work, and send a true reaction of the workers of their "That's the way it should be feelings on these matters."

West Coast Auto Worker

we have to test these injunc- ed them." Curran also attacked tions. . . We have to be ready to the recently passed New Yorkgo to jail if necessary for our New Jersey waterfront law setting rights to picket and to protect up state-controlled hiring halls our unions." It is, of course, a and regimentation - registration long established fact that the for the longshoremen. only effective way to bust an

anti-union injunction is by militant mass picketing. But just

A month-long picket line set when the delegates were getting up by AFL Bridge and Strucready to push for a huge mass tural Iron Workers Local 595 in picketing demonstration, Hol- a construction strike at the lander sidetracked the idea by mammoth power plant for an indicating that the Hearn's situa- atomic energy project at Joppa, tion might be "worked out" soon. Ill., has been halted by a federal But there's no sign of a favorable injunction. Leaders of the intersettlement yet. national union had ordered the \* \* \* Local 595 picket line removed

Speaking of injunctions, the and even set up another local to AFL leadership is helping to cook receive its members, but could

up a bitter dish they may have not force the workers back on the the newest and youngest drivers, tacit support of Eisenhower's workers belonging to 18 other Taft-Hartley injunction issued unions had adamantly refused to against the strike of the old In- cross the Local 595 picket line. ternational Longshoremen's Asso- Once more, however, a militant ciation, which the AFL conven- union struggle has been broken ion expelled for failure to rid by the use of the federal in-

itself of gangsters and racketeers. junction. A temporary restraining order has already been issued against the Railroad labor unions represent-

new AFL longshoremen's union. ing 1,300,000 members opened a ing to their jobs still in a fight-AFL President George Meany drive Oct. 1 to win wage in-

strike.

tional Union, which is spear- Brotherhoods were signed in May, heading the AFL attempt to take 1952 after a three-year fight.

called this anti-AFL restrainder, creases up to 40 cents an hour. in classic understatement, "an The four Railway Brotherhoods unfriendly act." What's most representing 300,000 engineers, serious is that the AFL leaders firemen, conductors and switchhave given the labor-haters a men served notice on 200 comprecedent by approval of a T-H panies of their desire to open njunction, or at least failure to negotiations. Fifteen non-operatprotest it, in the case of the ILA ing rail unions, mostly AFL, representing a million workers, are scheduled to follow suit and Not the least worried by the have already authorized a strike developments on the New York vote. The division of the railwaterfront is the CIO National road workers into so many crafts Maritime Union and its president and unions prevents them from Joseph Curran. At the NMU con- bringing their full combined vention Oct. 20, Curran called strength to bear on the comon the AFL Seafarers Interna- panies. The last contracts of the

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many of them Negroes with as always ready to take on either the most simple or most difficult

tasks and carry them out with genuine spirit. This layer of workers, return