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Congress of Labor Needed To Fight GOP Smear Attacks California CIO Backs 30-Hour Week Program

Impressive support for the program of the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay to combat unemployment continues to mount. On Nov. 8 the California CIO joined the growing number of unions, both AFL and

being made year after year and

CIO, which in recent weeks have resolution passed by the Calibegun to press for the reduced fornia Region 6 Sub-Council. work-week with no loss of weekly SOUND PROGRAM · take-home pay.

The 450 delegates to the California state CIO convention in vocated, the workers readily see San Diego, meeting Nov. 5 to 8, its soundness, necessity and adopted without opposition a feasibility. It contains no gimstrong resolution calling for "30 micks. It brings up to date the for 40." This resolution was traditional demands of the union similar to one recently adopted movement for continuously reducby the General Motors Sub-Coun- ing the work-week and increasing cil of Region 6, CIO United Auto wages in line with the tremendous Workers, representing a number technological advances that are of GM locals in California.

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In the AFL, the Illinois Fed- which once more threaten Amereration of Labor at its recent ican labor with millions of layconvention passed overwhelmingly offs. "30 for 40" embodies the idea a resolution endorsing the pro- of the sliding scale of wages posal for a 30-hour week at 40 whereby as productivity per hours' pay. The AFL national worker increases or total production is cut back the available convention previously had gone on record for a 35-hour week work is divided among all the Bolivian Regime workers but with their full take "without loss of take-home pay." home wages maintained.

UAW LOCALS ACT

The urgency of this program Influential locals of the UAW- is becoming ever more apparent CIO appear to be especially as the real facts of the econom vigorous in spreading the slogan decline break through doctored of "30 for 40" and in urging government economic statistics action to back this program. Ford and the smokescreen of Big Busi-Local 600, largest local union in ness propaganda about the danger the country, has taken the lead of depression being "grossly exagin publicizing and explaining the gerated." Government figures need for winning this demand register, unemployment at a while supporting the program of "record low" while the number of the guaranteed annual wage that employed persons declines, laythe CIO top leaders have been offs are sweeping virtually every industry and as many as 134 miltalking about.

Chevrolet Local 659, with a lion new workers are entering militant membership of 14,220, the labor market each year. has put the 30-hour week with 40 What worker wants to risk the hours' pay at the top of the list welfare of his wife and children of the program it is urging the on the flimsy reassurances of the UAW and CIO to adopt. In the corporations and their political Nov. 12 issue of Local 659's mouth-pieces? The program of paper, The Searchlight, President "30 for 40" is the best immediate Robert Murphy at the top of the assurance the workers can have front page in his personal column against the possibility of huge quotes approvingly and in full the mass layoffs.

Truman Hits Frame-up; Witch Hunt Will Grow Wherever this program is ad

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By George Breitman

NOV. 18 - Millions of Americans were undoubtedly delighted by Harry Truman's vigorous condemnation of McCarthyism in his Nov. 16 radio speech defending himself against the "spy" smear per-

petrated by the Republicans. frameup intended to promote the There was a widespread feeling political fortunes of the party in power. He spoke some truths that Truman had "told them off" (although not all of them) about and that "this is a big setback the nature of McCarthyism and for the witch hunters." Truman did tell them off. He

effectively showed that the attack on his loyalty was a contemptible

Defeats Attempted Reactionary Coup

According to reports in the N. Y. Times a revolt engineered by a nationalist pro-imperialist group in Bolivia was put down by the Paz Estenssoro government on Nov. 9. The press reported that 23 people were killed' and 750 are being prosecuted for participation in the attempted coup.

mass

this.

ployment. A typical letter to us,

tant explain the CIO advocacy of

a guaranteed wage, in view of

thousands of its membership

of issues ever to be handed its

members by CIO. Explain how a

We must agree at the outset

ment."

The revolt was timed to coincide with the visit of a United States congressional committee. The situation in Bolivia, where a workers' uprising overthrew the reactionary landlordcapitalist government in April, 1952, has remained highly critical. The armed workers have been on guard against all attempts at





By James Kutcher

On Sept. 30, 1948, I met with Attorney General Tom Clark in the Department of Justice building in Washington. The conference, which lasted half an hour and which is described in my book "The Case of the Legless Veteran," was held guilt - by - association gallows or

which the Republicans are now at Clark's suggestion and gave me an opportunity to personally trying to hang them. protest my "loyalty" discharge as PRECEDENT FOR M'CARTHY

a clerk in the Newark Veterans Administration solely because of crats began long before Eisenmy socialist views and my membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

in 1950 when McCarthy attacked It also gave me a chance to tell the State Department, Dean the Attorney General how he was Acheson and Owen Lattimore. flouting democratic tradition by These attacks so alarmed the his unfair, discriminatory method Democrats that President Truof placing organizations on his man went on the air on April 24 'subversive" list without telling 1950 to complain about the redthem why and without granting baiting smears directed against them, a hearing at which they his party. could defend themselves.

When I heard that speech, I Trying to show that a dangerjust couldn't help writing a letter ous precedent was set when into Truman (printed in The Milidividuals and groups could be tant at the time, and in my book) stigmatized as "disloyal" on the I told the President that while mere say-so of one man, I told was opposed to the policies of his party, I was just as opposed to

"Suppose that you are not in seeing any member of his party this office as Attorney General victimized by the witch hunters. next year, Mr. Clark. Suppose I also tried to show him the someone else has your job, what connection between my ease and guarantee has anyone that that the treatment he was receiving acter. Caught in one lie, the witch hunters merely pass on to another (Carthy had publicly insinuated man will have the same, ideas What I wrote him then is still and bigger lie. The truth usually was a "spy" but was later cleared that you have about who is subappropriate today, especially betakes a long time to catch up, and reinstated on his job, is still versive and who is not subcause of what he has said recently versive?" (Continued on page 2)

Clark got red and irritated at the question. He thought I was trying to needle him about the coming presidential election of

Urge United Struggle of **All Unions**

By Farrell Dobbs If the former President of the United States isn't safe from a McCarthvite smear. is the labor movement im-

mune? Can't it be shown that Walter The GOP smear of the Demo-Reuther, George Meany and John L. Lewis "knowingly" associated hower moved into the White with "communists" at one time or House. It really got going early another, and endorsed organizations also supported by the Stalinists?

> Of course the labor leaders can ceply by pointing to their long records of redbaiting and purges of union opponents labeled "communist." But Truman could and did that very thing, and yet it didn't prevent him from getting the McCarthyite treatment.

NO CO-EXISTENCE

Peaceful co-existence of McCarthyism and the labor movement is impossible. While some labor leaders are timidly looking for a way to duck it, the McCarthyites are preparing for the inevitable clash. The more victims the witch hunters are permitted to dispose of before they take on organized labor, the more chance they will have of crushing the unions.

Even as the witch hunters' shrieks against Truman reach their highest pitch, McCarthy personally has launched his offensive against labor. He has picked out victims in the General Electric plant in Schenectady and is moving on to other GE plants. The McCarthyites are already advancing in their Operation Smear against organized labor. The smearing of Truman, with whom the union leaders had a hundred ties, is a further warning to the labor movement that its turn is next. It also provides an excellent opportunity for labor to assert itself and assume its rightful place in the leadership of the fight to preserve democratic rights.



courage new resistance to the spread of McCarthyism.

STILL ON OFFENSIVE But it's not correct to think

that the witch hunters have suffered any serious setback. On the contrary. They remain on the offensive, and things are going Cleared McCarthy to get worse before they get better.

that you can't stop the big lie merely by showing its fantastic, contradictory or improbable char- employee, whom Sen. Joseph Mc and by then the headlines are suffering insults and persecution blazing with a new falsification. as a result of blackguarding Mc-Most people, unable to make an independent investigation of the Carthy's headline-hunting slander.

counter-revolution. They demandcharges and counter-charges, are Carl Greenblam, father of two ed nationalization of the tin mines and have forced the capital- left with the vague feeling that children, revealed he was the man 1948, which most people expected t government of Estenssoro to there must be some fire where McCarthy had called his most im- would go against the Democrats. measures. This government has worse, there is a spread of fear portant "mystery witness" followmeasures. This government has worse, there is a spread of fear a closed hearing on alleged trying to suggest to him that his ing a closed hearing on alleged trying to suggest to him that his precedent could be used by sub-movement without success. The workers movement in fear to defend the wrong people. had had an emotional upset only against radicals but also Bolivia is strongly influenced by There certainly is no sign that under McCarthy's badgering fol- liberals and even conservative



McCarthy's own record proves Victim Persecuted A Fort Monmouth Signal Corps

CIO DELEGATES OFFERED NO PROGRAM OF ACTION

NOV. 18 — The ranks of American labor are watching for a leadership and program of action to effectively meet the onrushing threats of economic crisis. McCarthyism and war. Nothing that the CIO's top.

Therefore, he did not see the

incomes of the workers. His most

officials have offered at its na-tional convention in Cleveland job of winning an economy of this week shows that they meas- abundance as the task of the labor ure up to the workers' needs. movement through its independent

It is not that they are un- struggle in all fields against the aware of the problems. CIO Presi- monopolists and their political dent Walter Reuther, for instance, issued a 144-page report and "OIO-PAC conceives, that the

made a lengthy keynote speech urging of such a political prostudded with fiery words and gram of continuing economic of indignation. He abundance upon both major parphrases deplored existing conditions and ties to be one of the principal warned of what lies ahead. But tasks of the committee in the

his words turned meaningless coming months and years." In this statement, Reuther and empty in the end because they pointed to no positive ef- abandons his responsibility as the fective course of economic and highest leader of the CIO to fight for labor's political power to political action.

It must be added that David J. achieve an economy of abundance. McDonald, head of the powerful He proposes to leave it up to the steelworkers union and second in two old capitalist political mainfluence to Reuther in the CIO, chines, dominated by labor's worst did not offer even the weight of corporate enemies, to put through words to a solution of the work- a program of benefit to the workers' pressing problems. He has ing people.

been out trying to steal headlines GLARING OMISSION from the CIO convention by his In his report, Reuther centered highly-touted joint tour of the his attention on the guaranteed steel plants with Benjamin Fairannual wage program and paid less, head of the anti-labor U.S. little attention to other vital Steel corporation. measure to protect the jobs and

PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE

Reuther stated in his speech glaring omission was the lack of that "Big Business has moved in. a call for the 30-hour week at 40 having already lost their jobs. They are taking over the govern- hours' pay. Reuther laid out no This looks to be the worst dodge ment lock, stock and barrel. They program of action to achieve the are sponsoring a program in which guaranteed annual wage except the people. .. "What he omitted each union may develop its own those caught in mass unemployand concealed was the fact that policies most effectively." the Republicans have picked up A good bit of the discussion at

and expanded on reactionary the convention centered around with the writer of this letter that policies initiated under the rule the smear attack on Truman by whatever the benefits of the the Republicans. This quite cor- guaranteed annual wage, as of the Democrats.

He talked in the beautiful but rectly aroused indignation. But proposed by the CIO leaders, bility of an economic decline. He McCarthy. And they did not hin may be laid off in the coming guaranteed annual wage UAW mitted a scaling down of wages majority of workers. The threetried to appear more optimistic at the fact that the whole foul months long before there is the president Walter Reuther and in the event of price declines.

(Trotskyist), which is conducting calling off the smear just because mother two days before. Mca struggle to establish a Workers they were caught redhanded in a Carthy had told the press the and Peasants Government. Until full power is in the hands

from a Cleveland worker, says: a cut in their incomes even if

much as 25%.

danger of counter - revolutionary attempts by the capitalists rein great part by the smear of saying, "Get out of town, you Truman, Republican national Nazes," was pinned to his front mains acute. Reports that the Bolivian workers have maintained and spread their armed militia indicates that they fully realize party would make "communism" painted on the back of his house.

Recently the poverty - stricken peasants have joined the mass revolutionary upsurge in a strug-gle for redivision of the land. (Continued on Page 2) word 'spy' yct," said Greenblum. Democrats themselves built the (Continued on Page 2) gle for redivision of the land.

That wasn't my aim at all. I was trying to suggest to him that his the Revolutionary Workers Party the Republicans are thinking of lowing the witness' loss of his Democrats like himself.

"I'll have you know," he replied, "that the Loyalty Board incheap frameup. The signs all witness had "broken down" and cludes a number of Republicans point in the other direction. was getting ready to "tell all.", as well as Democrats." The imof the workers and peasants the Elated by the GOP victory in a Greenblum's name was leaked plication was that a Republican congressional election in Cali- to some newspapers. He has since Attorney General would share his fornia on Nov. 10, made possible been the target of threats. A note undefined criteria for "disloyalty." How wrong he was, how dismally wrong! Even he must unchairman Hall announced that his door. A hammer and sickle was derstand this today, after his own loyalty and that of his boss, exthe chief issue in 1954, and that "My 3-year-old son David came President Truman, have been it would eclipse high living costs home from play one day and said publicly impugned by the first and falling farm prices in the another boy had called him a Republican who succeeded him at



He Was Told

TOM CLARK

1. Organize a United Congress of Labor in Washington, representing locals from all sections of the labor movement all over the country, with a mandate to work out a united labor and liberal struggle to save the Bill of Rights and come to the defense of all

Members of the trade unions

should demand immediate action

from their leaders to meet the

rising peril. The Socialist Work-

ers Party suggests the following

DEMAND ACTION

program:

From the standpoint of keeping | First, we must recognize that doctored index, which falsifies the | in the end for a plan covering victims of the witch hunt. 2. Compel President Eisenhower, who has been trying to strad-Such a plan, it is easy to see, could be used by the corporations dle the issue of the Truman to divide the workers, to keep smear, to show where he stands one group of workers quiet and by demanding that he fire Atrelatively satisfied while another torney General Brownell, who section is being laid off. In fact, has misused the power of his it is reported that one section office for a crooked sneak attack of the auto industry is actually on his political opponents.

3. Demand the opening of the contemplating such a divisive FBI files on the case of Harry Dexter White, to determine Under a plan of this type, the order to claim a victory on this McDonald have in mind and what tendency would be for the whether or not that dead official too was the victim of a framecorporation to lay off as many

as possible of the men not coverup,

The specific plan presented for ed and impose a heavier work NO COOPERATION

study by the Steelworkers Wage load on the remainder. 4. Announce that from now on the labor movement will no long-

PARTIAL PAY The proposed Steelworkers'

er cooperate in any way with the plan, in addition, does not provide congressional witch hunt commit-

of layoffs of eligible workers. It dissolution. McDonald's plan contains sev-eral of the major gimmicks that wage of 30 times the workers' Smith and McCarran and all other

vague generalities for which he is known about "striving for a s workers with a defense of Truman's those workers not already laid provide all the workers with a hourly wage increases to com-annual wage clause. First of all, national income of \$500 billion a politics along with their expres- off or otherwise declared ineligible full income equal to full-time pensate for price rises already in it does not cover a large part counting average overtime, "with victed under these measures.

year" and deplored the lack of sions of hostility to the witch- by the specific terms of the union regular take-home pay for an effect. The clause itself did not of the workers. It would cover 60 or 70 per cent of his normal 6. Insist on the withdrawal of confidence of the capitalists in hunt. They argued, in effect, contract. Thus, scores, perhaps the induced merit a 100% provide for inclusion of cost-of- workers only with a minimum of the workers, it would cover of t their acceptance of the inevita- better communist - baiters than and steel workers, for instance, workers. But is this the kind of wage structure and even per- plants, this would exclude a research director.

year seniority provision is merely obliged to pay all of that. It private industry, teachers, actors regarding a prosperous future for American capitalists. actually calling capitalists. a first public proposal. For in-sightest possibility of the auto capitalists. based on the government's reported, there is talk of settling (Continued on page 4) for that, it private industry, teachers, actors and clergymen who were smeared publicly or deprived of their jobs, (Continued on page 4)

We have received a number of the maximum number of workers the best program can be so real extent of price increases, only 15% of the workers. inquiries about our views on the employed without any loss of distorted, weakened and misap- instead of on an index maintained Such a plan, it is easy guaranteed annual wage program weekly take-home pay, the pro- plied that it can lose all or most by union and consumer organizawhich leaders of both the United gram which is gaining widest of its potential benefits. Or it tions. Along with the escalator Automobile Workers and the currency and acceptance among may be put forward by the union clause, the GM workers in the United Steelworkers, the two the workers calls for the 30-hour leaders as a substitute for other 1950 contract were forced to take largest CIO unions, are pushing week at 40 hours' pay. Under this vital and immediately necessary the infamous five-year clause and as their main answer to unem- program, most if not all workers demands, such as hourly wage the intensification of speedup. increases. Or the union officials WHAT PLAN HAVE THEY? may make impermissible and far-What kind of guaranteed annual wage plan do Reuther and

good program in principle was Policy Committee meeting in profits are being placed ahead of "exchanging information so that guaranteed wage would benefit guaranteed annual wages in prin- watered down in practice and New York last month is a clear

assurance of the continuation of vital demands is the escalator is good in principle can be our full take-home pay if we are clause which Walter Reuther weakened, distorted and misap- full take-home pay in the event tees, and will fight for their

would be kept on the job without

alaries.

"I would like to have The Mili- production is curtailed by as A GOOD DEMAND particular demand. This does not mean that the guaranteed annual wage program is no good and not desirable. On the contrary. All of us are for

ciple. We all would like the accepted at the sacrifice of other example of how a program that

laid off, just as the corporation negotiated with General Motors plied. executives are assured full yearly in 1949. He accepted the com-

pany's offer of a diluted escalator A guaranteed annual wage clause as a substitute for the

What Kind of Guaranteed Annual Wage

plan.

union members should look out standard hourly rate - that is, witch hunt laws, and the cancel-

and the reinstatement of all gov-

And the company would not be ernment employees, workers in

reaching concessions to the corporations on other issues in are they ready to give away in order to get it? ESCALATOR EXAMPLE A classic example of how a

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Is Robin Hood In Defense of Harry Dexter White

By John F. Petrone Defending himself over the radio on' Nov. 16, Harry

Truman denounced Attorney General Brownell for his "cowardly insinuations against one who is dead." Truman was referring to the late Chief Justice Vinson, but Vinson wasn't Roosevelt and the capitalist class

he only dead man smeared by well by promoting the New Deal reform program that was design-Brownell. There was also Harry Dexter White, and Truman raised ed to keep a discontented workno objections against the co+ ing class from moving in the Robin Hood from the school system's books, stands on solid wardly insinuations directed direction of independent political against White.

This is in line with the advice for liberals set forth by T. R. B., time, White favored "collective Washington columnist, in the security" and collaboration be-Nov. 16 New Republic. Liberals, tween Washington and Moscow he warned, must not "try to against Berlin, and was not defend too much," meaning that averse to working with others,

hey should keep mum about the attacks on White or join actively fellow - travelers, who professed in the "insinuations" against him, as does an editorial in the same continued to hold these views issue of the New Republic. I never knew White, and I don't

know anything about him except same would go for his followers Friar Tuck, Will Scarlett | what 1 read in the papers, but on the basis of that alone I'd he did. like to rise in his defense, especially since practically no one the Communist Party and was was White.

Whittaker Chambers, the renegade

ing in common with Harry Dexter him. White, So far as his public re-

even gone out and bought the book for her own children | cord and statements go, he seems to have been a typical New Dealer — a smart young man who was an assistant secretary of the

was called to a bureaucrat's job Treasury, another ex-Stalinist,

Like others of his type at the including the Stalinists and the same objectives. Whether he

during the Stalin-Hitler pact period. or after the war, is not certain; at any rate, there is no conclusive evidence to show that

fat bishops, obnoxious lords and greedy merchants of their else seems willing to do it outnot the kind of man to accept its wealth. He went out, as is well known, and committed the side of his own family. discipline. This was the testimony of one of his bitterest enemies -

HIS RECORD Politically, I have little or noth-| Stalinist who claimed to know

HEARSAY CHARGE

At the end of 1945, when White

what to do.

HARRY DEXTER WHITE

FBI and said she had just quit a Soviet spy ring. Among those she But, White never belonged to named as a source of documents against White by the time he quit

Bentley said she had never met White personally. But she said she was "sure" that he was one of the people from whom secret documents had been obtained by her spy ring. No proof was supplied, no documents were offered,

to support this claim. The FBI then drew up a report sent to the White House and other him.

places, reporting Bentley's claims. White died soon after. The But the thief turned subversive! He passed on the in Washington, where he served Elizabeth Bentley, went to the This report admitted that "it is Whittaker Chambers produced his

impossible to determine exactly "pumpkin papers" and claimed The liberals' cowardly willingness how many of these people had that some of the memoranda to throw White to the wolves on actual knowledge of the disposition being made of the informa- 1938) by Harry Dexter White. tion they were transmitting." A FALSE CLAIMS second FBI report on White evidently contained 'no more proof, which seems to have been

one of the reasons why Truman, J. Edgar Hoover says they are smear. on learning about it in February of "an uncontradictable nature." 1946, was at first uncertain about They are also the reason why his

Bentley was ordered to resume liberal associates shy off from defending him today. contact with her fellow-spies in But in the first place, several order to learn more about White. The FBI put 500 agents to work for a whole year trying to get something concrete on White. Truman says he decided to let White retain an appointment to secret or unknown to reporters an international body in order not and other generally well-informed nor anyone else has produced. to arouse his suspicions that he people in Washington at the time vas being watched.

they were written. Wires were tapped, mail was In the second evidence is there that White opened, all the unlawful methods wrote these memos for a spy of the FBI were brought into

play. And still nobody was able ring? Isn't it conceivable that he to point to anything concrete wrote them as part of his official duties, and that they were stolen is job in 1947. by Chambers or someone else

A year later the Department who passed them on to Chambers? of Justice took White before a In the third place, isn't it possible that, like many other federal grand jury. Bentley testified, the FBI made all it Washington officials who sought resources available, and yet the a "good press," White gave them jury, which indicted the top 12 to Chambers in the belief that he Stalinists under the Smith Act, was a journalist (which Cham-

refused to indict White, and bers then pretended to be)? threw out the charges agains HIGHLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL

In other words,, the "evidence" against White - after his death.

among them were written (in charges that are no more proved than those against Truman, which the liberals reject, puts them in an indefensible position. Their

Brownell calls these memos in protests against one smear are, White's handwriting "the con- to say the least, weakened by their clusive evidence" against him, and silence or assent to the other

OPEN THE FILES!

The tradition in this country is that a man has the right to be considered innocent until proved

guilty Harry Dexter White has reporters on the capitalist press. including Republican papers, have the right not to be branded a spy publicly, stated that there was when no one offers any proof that nothing in these memos that was he was. And proof is just the one thing that neither the FBI

There is one way to establish the truth in this matter, and that place, what is by opening the FBI's files and letting the public know everything that it contains about Harry Dexter White.

Hoover and Brownell are afraid to do this. Their claim that it "damage the national would security" is phony to the core. How could it hurt the United States to reveal facts that Hoover and Brownell claim would support their charge against White? The only damage that could possibly be done would be to those who committed a frame-

up against White, Truman and others. Is that what Hoover and Brownell are afraid of?

The American people have no and to this day, so far as we know reason to be afraid of such - remained far from "conclusive" and "uncontradictable." revelations. They can only profit from learning all the available On the contrary, it was highly facts about White, and about the circumstantial and questionable sinister way in which Hoover's the kind that a judge usually secret political police operate. throws out of court in cases in-They should demand that Brownell volving embezzlement, robbery, and Hoover open the FBI files, or

Truman's moral indignation publicly apologize for their about the smear on himself would defamation of a dead man and ring better if he had spared a resign the high offices they are little for the treatment of White. abusing for political ends.

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response on their first national is captain of one team and Dan is mobilization to celebrate the 25th captain of another. The winning

door and on the ber of campaigns. On our first Literature Agent

Helen Sherman copies In addition we received "The Min- a 25c. contribution from one reader. neapolis comrades endorsed whole

New York reports a highly successful sale on their first Militant mobilization. Campaign Director Tom Denver' reports, Work was concentrated mostly in a low-cost housing project. Here comrades sold 121 copies of

I Told Tom Clark His Turn W ould Come

It doesn't matter that the story of Robin Hood has (Continued from page 1) been a delight to generations of English common people, about McCarthyism, and I'd like to say nothing of American school children. All the more to quote part of it:

reason to purge it from the school books. Teachers and "I think you have now gotten a librarians everywhere will thank Mrs. White for her acute small taste of how I and the Soperception of subversion in what might have passed for a you put the SWP on your 'subromantic story book. Should they disagree and continue to versive' blacklist and fired me . . . use the books in their classrooms, they must be prepared From the tone you used (over the to face the consequences. No one can say they were not don't like the taste of the smear

There is one way out for them, however, and that is has dispensed rather freely to follow the suggestion of the Superintendent of Public Edu- people like myself who advocate cation of the state of Indiana. This worthy says that the socialism as the alternative to capitalism and Stalinism. I use reading of the book in the school room is all right provid-

This may seem like a difficult assignment and many a teacher will probably think it better to give it up entirely and substitute for Robin Hood a speech by Senator Jento me and my party...

But a little thought on the Robin Hood story will give the clever teacher a number of angles to subvert the in-

dened McCarthy to imitate you And to make certain that it is topped off right, the and use similar methods against teacher should not fail to exploit the manner in which your administration? He prob-

Robin Hood came to his end. him, she opened a vein in his arm and locked him in a room where he bled to death. What all the forces of law and order led by the Sheriff of Nottingham could not do she accomplished with one tale by telling how Robin Hood's cousin was rewarded for her patriotic service by being made a member of the Board

cialist Workers Party felt when radio), it was clear that you

medicine that your administration

the word 'taste' because what is being done to you and other targets of McCarthy is by no means as bad as what you did

"Has it occurred to you, Mr. President, that the arbitrary methods you used against me and my party encouraged and embol-

In the story, you will remember, Robin Hood, falling required to submit proof, why elections. went to his cousin's home for help. Pretending to help | can't he do the same?' Temporarily. with the Republicans. They have WHAT'S AT STAKE control of the federal government I hope no one thinks that I and access to its files, which recall these two incidents for the they can exploit or continue to purpose of gloating. It is true suppress as they see fit. They deft strike. This must be presented in its proper light that there is a certain element also have the services of the alland the teacher would do well to draw the moral of this of poetic justice in the sight of powerful J. Edgar Hoover (who they say? Most of them agree of it. And all because he stands the initiators of the witch hunt owes his power to the Demobeing smeared as protectors and crats) and a friendly press. They or are afraid to challenge it principle that the accused is autopromoters of spies. But that is remain on the offensive. Truof Education in Nottingham county. only a minor aspect of the whole man's proofs that he personally picture. is not disloyal only gives them a If the only things at stake were higger forum for their charge that the personal reputations of Harry he was lax, soft or blind to the Truman and Tom 'Clark and the menace of "communism." **Just Published** political fortunes of the Demo-Moreover, in the Democrats cratic Party, the big smear they have an opposition that plays THE CASE OF THE launched by the Republicans would be bad enough. But much more is involved. Whenever anybody gets framed-up, fired or arrested by the witch LEGLESS VETERAN hunters, it's a blow at the liber-**Needed** to Fight ties of all the American people. by JAMES KUTCHER This is true no matter which party the victim belongs to, **Smear Attacks** whether he is a member of the "The much argued case of Socialist Workers Party, the Com-Kutcher is summed up in this munist Party, the Democratic

anybody and everybody who revealed that Eisenhower had a ing" stuff away for future use wants to fight against war meeting with Harry Dexter White when he's ready to try to replace preparations, the threat of de- in 1944; that as chief of staff Eisenhower in the White House. pression, racial persecution, his office received an FBI report The smear of Truman and Clark speedup and conformism.

on White the same time Truman shows us the vastness of the I don't want to get cocky just did and he did nothing about it; danger and the lateness of the because one of my predictions that he was very chummy with hour. As The Militant said last proved correct. But I think it is the Russians when they were week: Destroy McCarthyism besafe to say that someday Eisen- allied with the U.S. during World fore McCarthyism destroys us hower himself will be on the War II; that his rise to fame And the only way to destroy Mcreceiving end of the smear mawas due to an appointment by Carthyism is by uniting all the chine. If a tried and tested redthe same administration that ap- labor and liberal forces which baiter like Truman isn't safe, pointed White, etc., etc. Don't cannot survive the triumph of hy should Eisenhower be? think for a minute that Mc- McCarthyism around a program to After all, it has now been Carthy isn't filing all this "damag- defend the rights of ALL. why should Eisenhower be?

Truman Hits Frame-up;

(Continued from page 1) | into their hands at every turn. If | condemn and purge anyone subed that Brownell plans to release it is true that "communism" is jected to "unverified accusations" heartedly the plans for national "White - type" smear the greatest danger facing this without bothering to try to verify a new Militant mobilizations. All of us ably figures that if you can smear against the Democrats once a country and that this danger is so anything (Truman himself took your opponents without being month until after next year's pressing as to override all other the lead in this). And, in beconsiderations, then the question tween, White was further smear- take The Militant out and talk to

strength.

of how to wipe it out really seems ed through the Chambers' "pump- workers about socialism.

campus.

writes.

Militant salesmen found a good | Comrade Baker writes, "George

anniversary of the team will celebrate victory at a paper. A total of 59 beer party given by the losing subs and 432 single team. A very clever poster was copies were sold at made by our new friend Ann. It union meetings and is one of the cleverest and most street sales, door to original we have had in a num-





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comes.

and Little John.

of the jolly rogue.

other 47 states as well.

warned.

Guilty?

By Art Sharon

ancient and modern, those worthies in the state of Indiana

Commission, who demands the removal of the story of

ground. First of all, she is backed by authority. As she

told the press, she "consults with Senator Jenner on sub-

versive books." And Senator Jenner associates with Sen-

ator McCarthy who is an expert on spotting subversion.

And Robin Hood is the very stuff out of which subversion

his appearance out of some remaining forest thicket on

the banks of the Wabash (anything can happen these

days) he could be served with a subpoena to appear for

questioning before an appropriate committee. And the

overt act. That's bad. Had he stopped there he would have

been called a thief - maybe even a likeable, jolly thief.

His story would have been perfectly acceptable to Mrs.

White and her friends on the Commission. She might have

for Xmas and laughed together with them at the exploits

wealth to the poor and needy. He was conducting an op-

eration for the recovery of stolen property. This is what

downright subversion of the sacred principle of free en-

terprise as she is taught in the state of Indiana and the

ing that the teacher gives it the proper interpretation.

ner or McCarthy during the children's story hour.

herent subversion of the tale, so to speak.

Yes, Robin Hood is guilty - guilty as all hell - of

raises every patriotic hair on Mrs. White's head.

In fact if by chance Robin Hood should suddenly make

Robin Hood just didn't advocate relieving certain

have a case — an air-tight case against Robin Hood.

By all the rules of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence, both

Mrs. Thomas J. White of the Indiana State Textbook

impressive volume." - Newark Evening News. * * * "The book gives a remarkable insight into the witch hunt which is today ravaging American democracy." -Socialist Outlook. London. * * * "The book includes a letter from the late Philip Murray. expressing his deep interest in the case; a statement by Carl Holderman explaining the issues involved; and a resolution by the N. J. State CIO Convention endorsing the work of the Kutcher committee and pledging continued support until the case is won." - New Jersey CIO News.

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Party, or no party at all. Every frame-up, firing and 7. Set an example to the rest arrest is a victory for those who of the country by recognizing and want to turn this country into a unholding democratic rights inpolice state. It makes them side the labor movement itself. bolder, it whets their appetite, it rescinding discriminatory policies encourages them to aim their against political minorities and under close surveillance. White into the Truman smear as a Agent Dolores Seville. "Also of Cleveland with 130 points; guns at new targets. It also making restitution to all those victimized in this respect in the spreads fear among new circles, making it more difficult to enlist past.

support for the fight to save the TAKE POLITICAL ACTION

Bill of Rights. STOP THE CONTAGION continuing to defend the mon-plain, and that was the letter of forget that prices have reached I didn't quite cover one side of a That is why it is necessary for strous witch hunt methods the praise he wrote White when the an all-time high while overtime block. The reception is good and Truman administration set in mo- latter left the government service work and weekly take-home pay we hope to sell many subs bethe American people, and espetion through its "loyalty" purges. cially the labor movement, to come to the defense of all victims "subversive" list and Smith Act Since the Republicans are sure to lines made the farmers forget all of the witch hunt, high or low, trials. Repudiate the Democratic- plague him with this letter as a popular or unpopular. That's the Republican lie that the way to fatal contradiction to his explana-

only way to stop the deadly con- preserve democracy is by intro- tion, it's worth some consideration tagion of McCarthyism from ducing the practices of the police here Why did Truman write such state.

spreading further. To do it, of course, will require a letter? There is only one ex- distraction from basic economic 9. Recognize that the smear of the repudiation and abandonment Truman is calculated to help diplanation that does not con- conditions can't last forever tradict his general account, and especialy if the ruling class conof the Democratic Party's poli- vert attention from the Republiit is this: Truman must have tinues to impose heavier burdens eies - and especially of its claim can-Big Business attack on the known that nothing had been un. on the workers and farmers. Peo-(which it shares with the Repub- living standards of the workers licans) that "communism" is the and farmers. Understand that the covered against White after a ple can't eat headlines, and they year and a half of work by 500 will get angry if that's all chief enemy of the people of this smear campaign is a desperate country. This claim is false from political device to prevent a Re- FBI agents to get something on they're offered for nourishment. publican defeat in the 1954 elechim; evidently regarding him as The Republicans, therefore, are top to bottom.

The chief enemy of the Amer- tions, and organize, accordingly innocent, because not proved taking a gamble, and they can ican people today is the small to build an independent Labor guilty, he saw no reason not to suffer a severe defeat if it doesn't clique of big financial interests, Party that will put candidates in write him the customary letter of pay off. Continuation of a downand its political agents in both the field pledged to oppose the thanks. ward economic trend will hasten But that was 1947, and this is that defeat, and adoption by labor major parties, who are using the witch hunt which was started by "communist issue" to whip into the Democrats and is now being 1953. In between it became the of a militant program of action normal practice in Washington to will guarantee it.

to be secondary. That is what Mc- kin papers" (although they proved Carthy contends, and his action nothing against White either). in accord with this contention is And so Truman today does not

the source of his growing dare to take credit for his decent gesture of 1947, and in fact will

But the Democrats - what do be smeared further on account with McCarthy's basic premise, committed to the McCarthvite openly. As a result they are matically guilty until he proves unable to meet him head on - his innocence (except when this that can be done only by those principle is employed against who reject his basic premise - Truman himself).

and are restricted to complaining NEED NEW PROGRAM about McCarthy's "bad methods.

especially when directed against the Democrats. This puts them labor movement, the ultimate and perpetually on the defensive, and decisive target of Big Business in the unfavorable position of ap- reaction, should be careful not method for carrying out a program that they concur in.

TRUMAN AND WHITE The disadvantages of the

planation was that when he was by Farrell Dobbs on Page 1.

faced with "unverified accusations" against White and others, upper hand for the time being, he decided to let White keep his but it would be a mistake to over-

cerning the intensive investigation by the FBI came to an end."

8. Condemn the Democrats for that Truman did not try to ex- these headlines made the workers less than an hour. Leonard and Cleveland, all with 52 points.

CAN'T EAT HEADLINES

Temporarily, perhaps, it has had this effect on some. But this

are sending in 163 points toward the Twin Cities score. Our local scoreboard shows Harry and Fannie in the lead with 52 points each and Pauline with 26 points. They visited three Militant readers and brought in three renewals. Bob, Larry, Millie, C. R., Donald and Dave sold 33 single copies of the paper. Larry sold to passers-by on the street with the kind of success which makes

him now a strong advocate of ctreet sales. Other papers were sold at union meetings and to in-

All these are reasons why the dividual friends." San Francisco Literature Agent Nick Bennett writes, "In our work pearing to be carping over the to model its fight against Mc- around the recent election cam-Carthyism on the premises, meth- paign we found that we can sell ods or politics of the Democrats. the paper to at least two out of The Democrats can't stop Mc- three homes visited. For future

Carthyism, and labor won't be sales we plan to go into the areas able to stop it either if it acts where the largest vote was cast Democrats' approach is illustrated the way the Democrats are acting. for socialist candidates in the in Truman's line on Harry Dexter A new program is needed — along recent elections. Two techniques White. (See article above for the the lines proposed by the Social we have found effective are the facts about White.) Truman's ex- ist Workers Party in the article route system and the distribution of back copies with a letter at-

The Republicans have the tached for students." "We have been selling at Berke ley University, at UAW meetings, job in order not to alert him to rate their position. It should not and at ILWU Warehouse meetthe fact that the FBI had him be forgotten that they rushed ings," reports Oakland Literature points or more. They are Jean S. quit his job a year later, after measure of desperation three days since the opening of the national Harold R. of New York, 80 points; "the necessity for secrecy con- after they got a trouncing in the Militant mobilizations a number Oscar C. of New York, 56; and of us went house to house. Ada Dick of St. Louis, Art S. of New The smear has occupied the sold four; Lil, six; Leonard, six;

> Attorney General Brownell is reportedly trying to get a federal

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for the 25th Anniversary sales. one aim of his "spy" scare.



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are as follows:

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Nov. 3 elections.

However, there was one fact headlines ever since. But have and Dolores, four. This was in of the Twin Cities, and Mac of

for good in the spring of 1947. have dropped? Have these head- fore the campaign is over."

about falling farm prices?



Where to Find the Economic Facts

By this time next year or even sooner, brother, you may be out on the street looking for a job so your family won't starve. That's not to scare you; it's a plain statement of fact.

It's mighty important, therefore, for you to know what's going on in this country's economy. You have to know because unless you get together with your fellow workers and act on the real situation, you and millions like you are going to be out in the cold — and we mean literally.

How are you going to find out the facts? Well, we'll tell you first how you won't find out. You won't find out by reading the capitalist press propaganda and the "inspired guesses" of the business executives.

Here are four such guesses within the past six weeks.

Thirteen industrialists meeting in the week of Oct. 19 at Pebble Beach, Calif. with Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, gave it as their joint belief that business activity next year will drop only 5% over 1953.

The Oct. 2 U.S. News and World Report summarized a wide range of speculations and statistics by assuring us that we are in for only a "mild adjustment" and that the "accepted view is that activity will not drop more than 10%."

Subsequently, G. Rowland Collins, Dean of the School of Business, New York University, offered his solemn assurance that the Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production will fall from last September's level by mere 15%.

Then the Nov. 14 Business Week declared that "signs of business softening must be evident to everyone" and that "industrial production, by next summer, may quite possibly this interview as follows: be as much as 20% below this year's peak.'

You can see from the above cited guesses, that the capitalist "experts" don't know what they're talking about and don't agree among and treaties that are being themselves. The one thing you can bet on is negotiated between the West Gerthat American capitalism is riding the man toboggan toward depression and the slide is stopped at all costs. All policy iced all the way to the bottom of the hill.

20%, it's going to mean mass unemployment that will include all classes of anywhere from four to 14 million. If the Thorez says, "we are determined 20% figure proves correct, it means one out of to associate ourselves with all every five workers will be tossed out of a job. Brenchmen, whoever they may be, who are opponents of the

That's one very good reason why you ought Bonn and Paris agreements." to be getting the Militant every week. Our (Emphasis in original) paper has a well-founded reputation for digging LINE IN GENERAL STRIKE out the truth about the problems of the workers under capitalism, including all the straight in- Stalinism is not new. It was apformation about layoffs and depression. Sub- plied during the general strike of claimed that the struggle for scribe today.

economic trend. And you will be better prepar- initiative from the rank and file neuvers with capitalists "whoever ed to join with other workers to meet the situation.

Unions and Political Parties

President David J. McDonald of the CIO United Steel Workers recently told a conference of his union that he is opposed to formation of labor's own party. He declaimed: "I will not take this union down the road to nationalism, socialism, Marxism, communism or into a labor party, which would lead to the capture of this union by a political party."

Just what McDonald means by "nationalism," and the connection between this "socialism, Marxism, communism," and and what all four have to do with a labor party. McDonald does not make clear. He has picked up what he thinks are very prejudicial phrases and tagged them to the idea of a labor party in order to discredit it through "guilt by association." This is the McCarthyite technique applied in the field of ideas.

But the real joker in his statement is his claim that a labor party "would lead to the capture of this union by a political party."

union movement almost in its entirety for diplomatic maneuvers with the Stalinists could have taken power two decades has been the captive of the fate of the working class. Democratic Party, which has demagogically capitalized on labor's aspirations and derail the next upsurge of the and maneuvered. The counter- on the workers' consciousness, for ers for an anti-capitalist governbroken all its promises to the workers. Capture of the unions by a political party the leadership of the French Comhas never been of concern to McDonald so long as it is a party controlled by labor's class enemies.

Besides, what would be so terrible about the unions being "captured" by a genuine France into the European Defense labor party? A labor party would be based on the unions; union members would control and lead it. Would they be any less apt to advance a political program to bene- working class and its aspiration fit the unions and the working class than to overthrow the decrepit capitalthe Democratic Party of big city bosses and Southern bourbons to which McDonald pays allegiance?

cake for phoniness. That this argument the workers anywhere including immune to a counter-revolution- lead the workers to victory. comes from a spokesman of the industrial union wing of labor makes it more reprehensible. Even conservative AFL leaders like George Meany and Dave Beck today acknowledge the possibility of an American labor party in the future and do not oppose it in principle. One of these days, we feel sure, the steel FACING MOUNT KENYA, by Jomo Kenyatta. British Book workers are going to tell McDonald (who never worked in a steel plant in his life) to wise up about labor politics or get out. The workers have a lot of serious problems to contend with and they can't tolerate the leadership of pontificating fools who talk about a labor party "capturing" jected. The Mau Mau struggle than those of the capitalist world. the unions while they themselves play continues, and so does repression stooge for the corporations and their political parties. Africa.

By Murry Weiss

The current line of the Communist Party of France was set forth by its leader, Maurice Thorez, in an interview published in the Parisian liberal-neutralist periodical L'Observateur on Oct. 29. This was the first interview Thorez has given since his return from Moscow. The substance of the Central Committee's

resolution, adopted at its meeting on Oct. 23, was contained in

The central political question confronting France is national independence. The main danger is represented by the agreements man government and France. agreements must be will be bent to this purpose. The Whether we get a 5% "softening" or United States National Front French CP is working for an anti Frenchmen, whoever they may

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Kremlin

This "rightist" policy of French

cynical diplomatic deals the workers go down to bloody defeat. EXAMPLE OF IRAN A fresh example of this type of treachery is to be found in Iran. There too the Stalinists August to speak only of a recent national independence required example. During that strike the the subordination of independent You will be better able to foresee the Stalinists stifled all revolutionary working class politics to maworkers. They deliberately they may be." 'They refrained from raising a single neuvered with Mossadegh. They

THOREZ

the Soviet Union. After all the

political slogan when the ques- subordinated the workers strugtion of workers' power was posed by the action and will of the the result? A counter-revoluwhole working class. This was a tionary coup d'etat was prepared policy of betrayal. Its source was by the monarchists. The mass

French workers. The Kremlin revolution struck. bureaucracy has a firm grip on Now the workers of Iran are being subjected to bloody punishmunist Party. The Kremlin's inment for the crimes of the Stal

structions are to make a deal inists. Thousand of workers are with all French capitalists, inrotting in the dungeons of the cluding Daladier and De Gaulle, Iranian landlords and capitalists. who will oppose the entry of Let anyone who thinks the French Stalinists are too smart Community or who will give o allow this to happen ponder lip service to French neutrality the example of Iran. And Iran is in the "cold war." The indeonly the most recent example. pendent interests of the French The record of the past decades is full of the tragic consequences of Stalinist betrayals. ist ruling class must be sacrificed

PRESENT SITUATION to this diplomatic need of the

Will France go the way of Iran? One thing is certain. It Thus the workers are sacrificed We have heard all kinds of arguments and not a single gain is made would be the height of irresponagainst a labor party, but this takes the for the international interests of sibility to think that France is

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class is not oriented toward fascism. But all this adds up to

the fact that France is in a pre-

evolutionary situation. It means

that the workers will be able to

take the power, given a coura-

geous and decisive leadership.

But as Trotsky taught, pre-

revolutionary situations that are

not transformed into revolutionary

victories are sooner or later

turned into counter-revolutionary

We have already commented in

previous articles on the ominous

signs of a counter-revolutionary

mobilization around a military

colonialist clique in France,

highly reminiscent of the Franco

gang in Spain. It would be folly

skyists. These are forces who con-

your revolutionary will!

ituations.

criminal

COUNTERFORCES

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French Stalinists Seek LSSP in Ceylon Unity With Capitalists Fights Stalinist ary overturn. It is true that the French capitalists are weak. It is true that they have no mass base. true that they have no mass base It is true that the French middle

The Trotskyist Lanka Samasamaja Party of Ceylon is conducting a victorious struggle against a group of Stalinist splitters and disrupters of the mass workers movement. The LSSP led the splendid anti-

capitalist "hartal" (general strike Stalinists have redoubled their attacks on the Trotskyist leaders and close - shops, close - schools of the masses. The role of the novement) last August.

Stalinists in the "hartal" is The group of Stalinist splitters clearly depicted in a dispatch n the LSSP were dragged along by the August movement. But from Ceylon which appeared in the Indian paper, Socialist Apney walked out of the national conference of the LSSP last peal, of late September:

demoralized faction of disoriented pro-Stalinist elements. The splitters were given inspiration by the group of ex-Trotskyists led by Pablo in Paris. They covered themselves with quotations from to ignore these signs. They are Trotskyist) and refused to vote Pablo and Clarke (another former a warning to the working class — in the struggle against capital-in the ism it is victory or death. Therein ing the Kremlin from a revolu-

tionary socialist standpoint. lies the monstrous nature of the The splitters launched a cam-Stalinist betrayals, and of their policy of National paign with all the earmarks of Stalinist hooliganism. They tried o "expel" Samasamajist leaders from their union posts by holding There is a process at work rump meetings of union exwhich can defeat Stalinist ecutive committees. They raided treachery. First, there is the union offices to pilfer the workers' property and disrupt the nucleus of the French workers revolutionary party, the Trotfunctioning of the LSSP-led

ing the August strikes. They demonstrations. And they formed raised high the banner of revoa "united front" with the official Stalinists to conduct a campaign lutionary struggle during those days and developed a wide in- of slander against the LSSP. All this has been met by firm fluence among the mass of Communist workers. The newspaper and effective counter - attacks. gle to these meneuvers. What was of the International Communist Far from disrupting the workers Party, section of the Fourth Inorganizations the Stalinist splitternational, La Verite, called on ters are isolating themselves the Communist and Socialist from the anti-capitalist masses

he Kremlin bureaucracy and its workers movement led by the workers to fight for a workers The union disrupters were called and farmers government, based to order and disciplined by their at any time over the past two on the two mass workers parties, organizations. The LSSP broaden-The Stalinists are preparing to years. But the Stalinists stalled This slogan made a deep impact ed its campaign among the workit posed the issue point blank ment. They answered the Stalinist force your leaders to carry out slanders and disruption with a political counter - campaign to The second factor working make clear to the masses the against Stalinist betrayal is the political issues involved.

awakening discontent of rank and The Stalinists sent gangs into file CP workers with Stalinist the streets to harass and abuse policies. There are numerous the distributors of the Trotskyist signs that this' discontent is press. This attack turned into a producing a major crisis in the fiasco and boomeranged. Samasa-French CP. The fusion of the majist, newspaper of the LSSP. Trotskyists, who represent the reports: "Instead of reducing our conscious program of revolution, sales, this has only served to with the militant cadres of the increase them. Firstly, the public Communist workers, will crush immediately sympathizes with us. the Stalinist betrayers and Secondly, the fighting spirit of liberate the revolutionary work- our sellers is roused . . . abuse ers of France from its domination. was met with political slogans. And with the fusion of these Threats did not deter our sellers, forces a genuine party of the In the end the abuse stopped. Our

workers will be forged that will sales went on." Ever since the "hartal"

ance.

them to know.

nonth. They took with them a ROLE IN "HARTAL" "It is interesting to study the role of the various opposition parties in the August uprising. The Lanka Samasamaja Party (Trotskyist), the leading work-

ing class party of Ceylon, played the leading role in the struggle. Of the 500 people arrested during the struggle more than 450 were ts members, sympathizers or

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members of its Youth Leagues. Several of its national leaders, for example, Chomondely Goonewardene, Socialist member of Parliament till 1952, were arrest. ed in the struggle. The main centers of the struggle corespond to the main centers of LSSP mass influence.

"The Communist Party, which the bourgeois press played up as unions. They called for attacks eaders of the 'hartal' with the ducted themselves brilliantly dur- against LSSP meetings and intention of presenting the struggle as Moscow-commanded and Moscow-led, participated together with the LSSP in the 'hartal' committee which prepared the August 12 strike, but did not play any outstanding role in the struggle. In the main center of ts influence, around Galle, the emergency measures were quickly lifted, no mass uprisings having taken place. While emergency measures were still in force in the centers of mass uprising, and the whole opposition press suppressed, the government allowed Mr. Keuneman, main CP-leader, to make a public speech on the radio. He was certainly not considered as the UNP's (capitalist government party) enemy No. 1.

'A GOOD TEST"

"The August uprising therefore furnishes the Cevlon masses with a good test as to the willingness of the different opposition parties to engage in a serious struggle against the reactionary capitalist government. To talk about left unity is one thing. To be willing to forge left unity in mass action against the class enemy. that is quite something lse! The LSSP has shown itself the only working class party to ead the fighting masses on that the road, onwards to the overthrow of the capitalist government and the building of an anti-capitalist

McDonald himself is sunk up to his neck in politics. Only it's the system of politics fostered by the corporation bosses, like U.S. Steel's Benjamin Fairless, with whom McDonald is making a joint tour of the steel plants to tell the workers how the capitalists just love labor and there's no reason to fight, fellows. Virtually all the unions, including McDonald's, are dominated by officials who are tools of the Democratic or Republican parties, both controlled by the capitalist class that exploits labor.

While McDonald claims to be worried about the imaginary danger of the unions being "captured" by a labor party, the

On the Agenda at Bermuda

Next week the Big Three are scheduled to meet in Bermuda. According to the Oct. 15 N. Y. Times, "it appears that at Bermuda the Big Three will be concerned chiefly with mending Western fences against the threat of Communism."

Churchill, the senile representative of a halfburied imperialist empire; Laniel, the politically bankrupt millionaire; and Eisenhower, the representative of the billionaire rulers in the U.S. are gathering to discuss how to put down the coming revolution that threatens them all with final catastrophe.

None of these gentlemen has an easy surefire formula to destroy the socialist revolution. It is clear that if anyone had such a formula it would have been put to work long before this. The pressure of an anti-capitalist working class, organized in mass Socialist and Communist parties in Europe; the pressure of colonial uprisings; the pressure of workingclass restiveness within England and the United States — these pressures are felt by all three. In addition, trade rivalries and clashing imperial ambitions sharpen relations among the capitalist powers. These forces tend to create breaches in the counter-revolutionary accord of the Big Three.

France and England are slipping out of the positions assigned to them by Washington. The revolutionary mood of the French workers reacts on the French capitalist rulers. Without a secure base, with the hot breath of revolution on their necks, the French capitalists are

reluctant to carry out their assignment of it is republished in 1953 since he waging the Indo-Chinese war to "complete makes us understand the cause other families. To help others in victory." They are nervous about ratifying the European Defense Community project of (not Kikuvu, as the newspapers) their tammes. To new others in (not Kikuvu, as the newspapers) their tammes. To new others in this way seems perfectly natural to them; and in this respect, too, building a counter-revolutionary all-European spell it) people - no gang of rior to those of capitalist landarmv.

The British capitalists have their own troubles. The working class of England is ed by the imperialist occupiers public places will not try to use moving steadily to the left. The Conservative TRIBAL ORGANIZATION victory last year did not halt this process. The masses of English people have nothing but Every family in this agricultural hatred for Wall Street's war plans. And the society has the right to acquire British capitalists, for their own reasons, dread land and to develop it. The the course events are taking under domination aniversal tribal membership is not of the mad American capitalist drive for war (or existed) a council of elders; against the Soviet Union. The capitalists in and, in order to avoid despotism Europe and England are gripped by defeatist of any kind, a rotation system of moods. Two world wars have reduced their generations. The men between 18 imperialist power and brought them to the brink of disaster. Another war can finish them.

Along with these moods of defeatism in the criminal and civil law. Every man capitalist class is the thought that perhaps. once again, they can be saved by a deal with family structure. He can have the Kremlin. But Wall Street is opposed to a several wives, each wife and her deal at this time. American Big Business driven by an economy that demands vast new areas for capitalist expansion - requires nothing less than the total destruction of the noncapitalist world and its exploitation by the idle capital accumulating in the U.S.

Thus at Bermuda the representatives of Wall was used from time immemorial Street will attempt to beat their allies into line, for making spears, mainly to to assert their authority in the coalition and fight the wild animals. Native to push ahead with their plans for another rather informal and admirably world war.

Jomo Kenyatta Tells About His People

By Ralph Carlton

Centre, 339 pp., \$4.

Today Jomo Kenyatta, leader | And despite the indignation of of the Kenya African Union, ac- many missionaries and the lack used of directing the Mau Mau of understanding expressed by Society, is in prison, serving a other Europeans, some of the seven year sentence. His appeal sexual habits of the Gikuyus show to a higher court has been rea higher and healthier morality While the Gikuvus' social order by the British. Kenya no longer does not include any communal s the white man's paradise in land property (the land being owned by families), the idea of

Kenyatta, a brilliant student of sharing everything is generally the London School of Economics. accepted and a strong feeling for wrote his book shortly before collectivism and national soli-World War II. What he has to say is even more interesting when grant, temporary cultivation or

The Gikuyus have no noblemen.

is obliged to get married, be-

cause their society rests upon a

children having her own hut and

fields but sharing certain tasks in

common with the other wives

No serfdom or wage - worker

were known before the arrival of

the whites in the 19th century.

Iron ore is found in the sand and

suited to the needs of tribal life.

Women are highly respected.

darity makes numerous families building rights on their land to this way seems perfectly natural (not Kikuyu, as the newspapers their morals are certainly supesavages but a community with an owners. A family whose property ancient republican constitution, a includes a salt-lick, a mineral

LANDS STOLEN

The British therefore considered these collectively-used but based on property. There exists privately - owned properties communal land, and seized them, declaring that all communal lands belonged to the English Crown. This was the beginning of the big and 40 all belong to a clan of steal which ultimately drove the warriors for the defense of the Gikuyus to revolt. soil. The Gikuyus have their own The white colonialists seized an

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cratic mechanism of native

workers' and peasants'

the Socialist Workers Party: "To

British land robbery: and Kenyatta, the grandson of a seer and USA and to their leaders James magician and son of a landowner, familiar with African and European civilization, was their spokesman before the Royal Commission set up to investigate the case. His eloquent defense of his fight side by side with such people's rights could not, however, prevent the imperialists from pursuing the destruction of the Gikuyus' economy and thus

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The Negro Struggle — **NAACP** Recruting

By Donald Chase

CHICAGO — Membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "is running 15% ahead of last year," Gloster B. Current, the NAACP director of branches, said the other day. Nevertheless. the NAACP is nowhere the size it reached at the end of World War II, and it is still far from the membership it could and should have to accomplish the job for which it was created.

In Chicago, for example, approximately one out of every 100 of the Negro population is a member. This revealing fact was disclosed at a recent kick-off rally for the Chicago membership drive. The meeting, attended by about 300, heard that there were 6,000 enrolled in the local branch, and that the goal for the month's recruitment campaign is 1,500.

A state officer scolded the meeting for the low attendance. But neither scoldings nor intense activity during the month's campaign will make the NAACP the large and representative organization it should be. To do this, the NAACP must meet the needs of the Negroes of this city.

Their needs are great. Their problems many. But current NAACP policy depends too much upon "people of good will" and its fight is too limited to legal court channels. Their actions affect primarily the professionals and the more privileged section of the Negro community. These things tend to isolate the organization from the great bulk of the Negro workers.

Chicago is the city of "Cicero" and "Trumbull Park." It is the city of the Labor Day tenement fire that snuffed out 18 lives. It is a city absorbing an annual increase of 20,000 Negroes a year from

the South. A bold program to meet the problems of discrimination, housing and employment, presented in a way to en-courage rank-and-file participation, could Irvin Wins

with the trade union struggle. When Ne-gro families were moved into an all-white In Frame-up public housing project, racist elements stoned and harassed them. At the same time Negro workers at a nearby steel plant were beaten.

These efforts to divide the workers along race lines benefit the capitalist class. But they menace both the labor and Negro movements. Both will lose ground unless they unite to stop the white supremacists. The NAACP should have taken the in-

itiative and appealed to the steel union to. join it in creating defense guards to protect the tenants and the workers. Such a ers who were asking for wage step would have been an effective blow raises. After the rape cry was against Jim Crow — and a tremendous boost to the prestige and membership of the NAACP.

The NAACP needs the Negro commun- by a sheriff's posse. Irvin and ity, and the Negro community needs the Samuel Shepherd were convicted NAACP. Both can play their proper role by a lily-white jury in a lynch if the NAACP will overcome the weaknesses of its program and of out-of-date organ- the convictions in 1951 on the izational methods, and present the Negro community with what it is looking for a fighting outfit, spearheading the struggle to smash Jim Crow and the other obstacles to decent living conditions.

Militant workers of all races should support and join the NAACP and help turn • it into a more effective instrument of struggle by the Negro and labor move-

The Trumbull Park incidents showed how directly the Negro struggle is linked **New Hearing**

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Walter Lee Irvin,, Negro farmhand who has twice been sentenced to death on the false

charge of raping a white woman in Groveland, Fla., filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington through the NAACP on Nov. 7. This is the second time the case has gone to the Supreme Court.

The frame-up began in 1949, when the white supremacists decided to terrorize Negro workraised, a reign of terror lasting for several days drove the whole Negro community out of their homes. One Negro was lynched

The Supreme Court reversed

ground that the events surrounding the trial did not "meet any civilized conception of due process of law." Then a sheriff, transporting the two prisoners from the state penitentiary, shot Shepherd to death and severely wounded Irvin. The sheriff went

scot-free. The second trial again denied rvin due process of law. The NAACP appeal lists 22 errors of legal procedure at the trial which doomed Irvin a second time.

Women Not Counted

ments.

By Joyce Cowley

"I am the mother of three small children, trying to collect my unemployment checks. This week I took my oldest with me to sign for a check. This seemed to incense the clerk, who told me since I have children. I have no business trying to collect my checks. I am very puzzled - what have my children (who are the reasons I work) got to do with this?"

I read this letter in the N.Y. Post some weeks ago and decided the clerk must be one of those men who think mother's place is always in the home, ignoring the fact that millions of mothers are the main breadwinners for that home.

I was wrong. I found out today that this was not an isolated remark by a prejudiced clerk. It's a national policy of discrimination against working wives and mothers.

"JOBLESS TOTAL LOW," says a headline in the Sunday Times. Then — "JOBS HARDER TO GET." There's a contradiction here. Usually, when the jobless total

al group, the decision to work or not to Celebrates work is contingent upon the easy availability of jobs."

This is, of course, a slick way to conceal the true figures on unemployment. The "homemaker" who got laid off and can't find a job is not unemployed — she "withdrew" from the labor force. The Times admits this withdrawal will mean a cut in family income. I wonder how many families, with prices and taxes what they are today, voluntarily accept a cut in income? And the older person who "chose" retirement - possibly, according to the Times, because social security has afforded broader protection the past two years. My mother's social security went up from \$47 to \$60 a month, yet this magnificent increase did not induce her to retire. In obvious defiance of national employment policies, she break from the Communist the Parisian boulevard plays? No, Party which they had helped the Parisian boulevard plays? No, considers herself unemployed.

About a year ago women, older men and he said, It assured the appearance youths were not "marginal groups." They on a world-wide scale of the truth youths were not marginal groups. They about Stalinist degeneration in standards of Puritan behavior. For help push many desperate neu-were a great new source of labor power to manufactories for defense. Articles extolled the Soviet Union. man factories for defense. Articles extolled

Founding of Party

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Nov. 14 A meeting in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Trotskyist movement in America was held last night at the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party.

Jack Wilson, speaker of the the difficult struggle to build a the Social Democrats and Stalinists.

The decision of James P. Cannon and his collaborators in 1928 to break from the Communist found was of historic importance,

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NAACP Files Brief in War on Racist Schools

By Manuel Rodriguez

The long, hard legal battle of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to end segregation of Negro children in schools has once again forced the ssue to a hearing by the U.S.

with a well defined background of Supreme Court on Dec. 7-8. An nistoric legal decision on segregation is within sight.

To put pressure on the Supreme Court, the Southern bourbons are brief shows how the Supreme preparing to brazenly circumvent | Court "in a long line of decisions any "adverse" decision by organ- has made it plain that the izing a Jim Crow "private" school Fourteenth Amendment prohibits system, Governor Talmadge of Georgia has given the signal for distinctions in exercise of governsuch a maneuver in the Georgia legislature.

The NAACP attorneys filed a 240-page brief with the Supreme, Court on Nov. 16. A small army of 130 lawyers and experts spent 22 weeks preparing the brief, using the combined talents of authorities in all parts of the country.

The brief presents the answers of the NAACP to five questions posed by the Supreme Court last June 8. At that time the court ordered the whole case of segregaion in schools to be re-argued. The court will hear appeals on ive cases which were decided in favor of Jim Crow in the lower court of South Carolina, Kansas, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia. The NAACP says in its Nov. 16 press release: The issue involved in all five cases is whether the states and he District of Columbia have the constitutional power to segregate white and Negro students in separate schools in the elementary and secondary school levels." The school boards argued their case in the lower courts on the notorious Jim Crow "separate but

equal doctrine." In this way they sought to evade the clear intent of the Fourteenth Amendment to destroy all caste and color legislation in the United States.

NAACP CASE The NAACP attorneys argue

moral" things are permitted to that segregation is in effect happen in the usual Hollywood discrimination and is therefore movies approved by the Breen unconstitutional. They contend Office and the Church. But while that the "Fourteenth Amendment an adolescent can only get a few prevents the states from accordsensible ideas about sex from ing differential treatment to by court action alone. What the "The Moon is Blue" and will American children on the basis South needs is a militant labor definitely not be corrupted by it, cf their color or race." The movement to establish democracy dozens of pictures blessed by the Breen stable show, glorify and fied July 28, 1868. It provides that decision eliminating segregation indirectly encourage sadism, vio- "no state shall make any law in the schools will give a powerwe identify morality with the lence and murder and probably which shall abridge the privilege ful impetus to the fight against

Abolitionist doctrine dedicated to the "principles of real and complete equality of all men." The a state from making racial mental power."

On the second set of questions, concerning the implementation of a decision overthrowing segregation, the brief takes an unambiguous position in favor of the immediate enactment and enforcement of the law without any "gradual adjustment" formulas. In view of the mobilization of the Southern plutocracy against the legal threat to their Jim Crow system this question of implementation is crucial. Governor Talmadge, in his address to the

Georgia Legislature on Nov. 17, said, "But if an adverse decision is forthcoming, there is no reason to believe such a decision would apply under any circumstances to private educational institutions." Certainly, if the racist strategists are preparing such a sneaky gimmick to defy a decision unfavorable to their Jim Crow rule, there can be no thought of a "gradual adjustment" process for eliminating segregation. The whole concept of "gradualism" in the fight against Jim Crow is the invention and rationalization of the white supremacists.

BOURBON STAND

Talmadge gave the Georgia legislature his "solemn promise . . that as long as I am your Governor there will be no mixed schools and colleges in Georgia." This is the challenge that the anti-discrimination forces must meet

The NAACP court fight is an important step forward in the struggle. But the reactionary racist forces will not be defeated Fourteenth Amendment was rati- by direct mass action. A court

By Trent Hutter

audiences throughout the country despite, or perhaps because of,

evening, recounted the history of bluenoses and conformists.

not at all. It's perfectly "moral," even if

the Catholic Church and the Breen Office, the self-censorship board of the movie industry. It is drawing good

revolutionary socialist party in it attack the witch hunt? Does it powerful movements headed by mock religion or the Church?

Hollywood films aiming at sexual

A dazed longshoreman awaits first aid beside an ambulance

in Boston after a series of chemical explosions on the Norwe-

gian freighter Black Falcon killed seven men. Most of the dead

fell back into the flaming hold as they tried to climb to safety.

excitement in a sugar - coated,

Is it a political comedy? Does Cardinal Spellman's legions. It's

Youngstown SWP "MOON IS BLUE" IRKS **CENSORS AND BIGOTS**

"The Moon is Blue" is another movie condemned by

The International Longshoremen's Ass'n charged safety violations were responsible for the blast.

the ban by the professional dishonest fashion are launched every year. It is true that no sexually "im-No, it is not at all concerned with politics the witch hunters, or

a comedy about sex. Oh, a bedroom farce? Something like

is low, jobs are fairly easy to get. The labor force has not grown in the last year. In fact, it has declined a little. Yet unemployment has dropped to an all time post-war low. "What," asks the Times, "has happened to the 500,000 to 700,000 'normal' additions to the labor force?"

The next paragraph of their own report answers this question. "Women, older men and youths leaving the labor market are not counted as unemployed. Finding jobs harder to get, they are withdrawing from the labor market or not coming into it. The housewife decided to become a fulltime homemaker, the older man chose retirement, the teen-age boy was not so easily lured from school. Among this marganof our economy.

But this year there's a cease-fire in Korea and in spite of the armaments program and the drive toward war, we have surplus people again. Why don't they go báck to the kitchen, or stay in school, or retire to a home for the aged? Official figures on unemployment dwindle as women are shifted to the status of full time housewife, but I don't believe that working women are going to meekly accept this sleight of hand. They know when they're unemployed and they'll speak out.

This made it possible to revive bed with a woman without being their outstanding contributions and point- the emancipating program of married to her. Compared to the ed out how much it helped the individual, Marxism and to organize combat average French or Italian pictoo, to feel that he was an essential part parties of the working class ture, it's pretty tame stuff. Nor capable of opening up the road is it a world-shaking work of art, although it is witty and pleasant to socialism.

Wilson told how the pioneer Socialist Workers Party, with- clever craftsmanship. standing all pressures, whether

WHY THE BAN?

from the forces of capitalism or But what's wrong with it in the Stalinism, even though from time opinion of the arch-conformists? to time they found reflection in Well, there are many jokes about the ranks of the party itself. The latest struggle of this type sex and the relationship between ame to a successful conclusion the sexes. No dirty or vulgar - some of them deal honestly its predecessors it was a struggle

hey called "the old Trotskyism." eyes of reactionary fanatics. Any half-way sincere discussion opportunity to do so - which in As in previous cases, the struggle ended in victory for the of sex is taboo at the Breen Of- the average American city is not orthodox program of Trotskyism, fice; but with the Breen Office's too often. The tremendous suc- first set of questions by citing elsewhere. The Supreme Court which is the name Marxism is benediction and the Catholic cess of "From Here to Eternity" the fact that the framers of the will now review the entire case Church's tolerance innumerable substantiates this thesis. known by today.

utter misery. AGAINST CENSORSHIP

betent doctor's care, to crime and

We do not advocate any form Supreme Court deal with two of censorship but oppose all its points. First, what was the intent

- a nice and entertaining play forms. Complete freedom for the of the Fourteenth Amendment American Trotskyists created the transferred to the screen with creators of better pictures is the when passed? Was it meant to only method to raise the level of rule out the practice of segrega- Reinstated by Court average productions. Once the tion in schools? Second, in the

laws.

public gets used to good pictures, event that the court decides it will increasingly repudiate the against segregation, what measure bad ones. Thus, the public can be ures should be taken to implement educated. this decision? Should segregation

But the present witch hunt and be stopped immediately, or "may anti-intellectual conformism make this Court, in the exercise of its within recent weeks, he said. Like jokes, however, On the contrary this education impossible on a equity powers, permit an eflarge scale. First the political fective gradual adjustment to be over program. A minority group- with problems everyone faces in and ideological trend has to be brought about from existing ing an injunction under which ing, leaning in the direction of one form or other. And that's reversed. Yet, even now, thou-segregated systems to a system Stalinism, sought to "junk" what precisely what is wrong in the sands of people wish to see a not based on color distinctions?'

better movie when they have the DOCTRINE OF EQUALITY The NAACP brief answers the

to any person within its jurisdic legal decision that the Jim Crow tion the equal protection of the forces are determined to obstruct The five questions posed by the st all costs.

Louisiana Student

The U.S. Supreme Court, on Monday Nov. 8, granted a motion to permit Alexander P. Tureaud Jr., 17 year-old Negro student, to continue his studies at Louisiana State University. This order sets aside temporarily a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision revers-Tureaud was enrolled at LSU.

A Louisiana District Court had enjoined the University to permit Tureaud to attend on the grounds that it offered courses unavailable Fourteenth Amendment were men on Tureaud's petition.

Notes from the News

A CONSERVATIVE AFL leader, James A. Campbell, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said about the 1,456 people purged as "security risks" by the Eisenhower administration: "Most of them were fired simply because the present administration thinks that anyone who ever worked under Roosevelt or Truman ought to be fired."

TAFT-HARTLEYISM IN ACTION. The Fur and Leather Workers Union has brought suit against the NLRB to restrain it from putting into effect a new ruling. The ruling deprives unions of the right to participate in collective bargaining if any of their officers are under indictment. for falsely signing the Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits. Ben Gold, President of the Fur Workers Union, is under such an indictment. The Taft-Hartley Law requires non-Communist oaths from union officers. The first move against the unions under this law was to lift a union's bargaining rights if its officers failed to sign the oath. Now, under this new rule, the mere accusation that an officer of the union falsely signed the oath is sufficient pretext to open a union-smashing drive against it. It was announced that the Justice Department is "studying" the non-Communist affidavits of 500 union officers.

JAMES BURNHAM was forced to resign from the advisory board of the Partisan Review because of his pro-McCarthyite position and activities. The magazine announced in its recent issue that it couldn't tolerate "neutralism" on the issue of McCarthyism. Burnham contended that McCarthyism was invented by "Communist tacticians" for purposes of "diversionary semantics."

PROGRESSIVE PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, Vincent Hallinan, was convicted of income tax evasion on Nov. 14, in San Francisco. "The prosecution," said Hallinan, "did everything possible to prejudice the jury against me by mentioning political activity, redbaiting and political jibes. I think we can assume that those things influenced the jury. These are parlous times." Hallinan is an attorney and has been actively associated with the defense of Longshore Union leader Harry Bridges.

AN FBI STOOL PIGEON attacked McCarthy for interfering with his "undercover work" and Paul F. Hacko, of Gloversville, N. Y., is the stool pigeon. He is employed by the General Electric company and has been stooling on the workers for the FBI since August 1952, according to his statement. McCarthy hauled him before his Subcommittee on Investigations in the course of the hearings on the General Electrical plant in Schenectady. As a result of the questioning, Hacko's stool pigeoning was inadvertently revealed. The FBI has refused to comment on the case.

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FINGERPRINTING OF LONGSHOREMEN in New York and New Jersey, required by a new law, has run into an ironic snag. The N. Y. World Telegram, Nov. 17, reports: "So many (longshoremen) have been maimed in accidents or by arthritis that the commission is finding it difficult, if not impossible, to fingerprint many o them. . . Twenty percent of the applicants for port watchmen have a finger missing. . . The skin on the fingertips of many dockers has been worn so smooth by tussels with cargo that the fingers give up no prints at all."

THE UAW-CIO WAS FINED \$20,000 in Columbus, Ohio, as a result of a struggle on the the "modified" escalator clause picket line in the North American Aviation Co. plan to Reuther in return for TOO "FLEXIBLE" fine was suspended on condition that the union Local 927, observe "total and complete" con- can cook up a profitable deal on tained in the micDonald plan. In War Labor Board. Murray then better conditions. formity to a previous court order limiting picket- the guaranteed annual wage. ing.

What Kind of Guaranteed Annual Wage?

undermining his effectiveness as an informer. from state unemployment insur- gram, leading Scripps - Howard own wages if they are laid off. trust fund, amounting to 10 cents are in a better position to move for every hour worked. If the in on the guaranteed annual trust fund gives out, the com- wage idea today than ever before. pany is no longer liable to con- They have done a great deal toward diversification of their opertinue the plan. Under such a plan, it can ations and they also have built up

readily be seen, the employers rather large cash reserves. Many can't do that so long as industry could put the workers on a of them could establish funds of reduced, part-time schedule of fixed amounts, from which with-30 hours a week at the old wage drawals could be made for inrates and speed them up, while surance payments to long-term laying off those workers not employees should they be forced covered. The only way to prevent into unemployment. such a use of the guaranteed "Ary such payments unannual wage plan would be to doubtedly would be tied in with enforce a 30-hour week, 40 hours' unemployment insurance already

pay demand.

itself, remember, that offered porations."

feature also.

provided for by the government. idea"? It is far from excluded that They would be designed, in fact,

some of the big corporations are to supplement government payseriously considering a "modified" ments, and it is entirely possible to give up in exchange for such dicated that the demand will not and higher hourly wages without guaranteed annual wage plan that employees may be asked to a plan. As far back as the steel-along the lines McDonald pro- make contributions to such in- workers founding convention in poses It was General Motors surance funds along with cor- May 1942, the proposal for a insurance. McDonald appears

(Continued from page 1) by Ralph Hendershot, financial to pay into their own guaranteed tion from the then live issue of 2 serious issue of the negotiations and the amount the worker gets editor of the N. Y. World Tele- wage fund — that is, to pay their one dollar a day increase. of the steelworkers next year and Shortly thereafter, the War of the auto workers in 1955, it is ance for up to 52 weeks. The plan newspaper, in his Oct. 20 column. There is no assurance that Mc- Labor Board handed down its in- my personal opinion that Reuther would be financed by a special He observes that "corporations Donald or Reuther won't buy this famous "Little Steel Formula" and McDonald may turn the which was used as the basis of proposal into a "give-away" pro-Indeed, Otis Brubaker described a wage freeze not only in steel, gram. It is not beyond them to the proposed steel union demand but in all industries. Murray and make vital concessions to the for a guaranteed annual wage as his lieutenant McDonald bowed corporations on wages, hours and "flexible." "We are prepared to to the WLB and then put the working conditions in exchange guaranteed annual wage idea into for some phony "limited" or mothballs. Has McDonald raised "modified" guaranteed wage plan, it now, 11 years later, to side- such as the one presented to the

track other important issues of steelworkers wage policy comdoes he intend to really push the mittee. demand for the annual wage? NO READINESS TO FIGHT Even at the Wage Policy Comlike by the time it is reduced to dimensions where industry won't be "frightened by the

McDonald or Reuther may propose be pushed as hard as some others workers founding convention in for improved pensions and social game at once.

guaranteed annual wage was more interested in establishing used to cover up for the union "harmony" between capital and picket line in the North American Aviation Co. strike. The union wes charged with violence certain big concessions from Here we see the same emphasis demands. At that time, the steel-against sight strike broadcars Two with U.S. Steel head against eight strike-breakers. Two pickets were Reuther. Similarly, U.S. Steel and on such factors as "established workers were demanding a one Benjamin Fairless around the injured. One car was seriously damaged. The General Motors, with the con- funds of fixed amounts" and dollar a day wage increase and steel mills, than in leading a nivance of the union officials, "long-term employees" as is con- their demands were before the struggle of the steel workers for

addition, there are the provisions raised the guaranteed annual In any event, if the guaranteed A hint to this effect is given for the employees to be required wage idea simply to divert atten- annual wage does become a

The workers would do well to examine any proposal for a guaranteed annual wage with a mittee meeting, McDonald showed in all cases, for the 30-hour week gimle: eye, and to keep pressing, no readiness for a fight. He laid at 40 hours' pay. It would be the basis for hedging. "I don't hard for the corporations and the Of equal importance is what predict the guaranteed wage will labor fakers to foul up the come overnight," he said and in- demand for a reduced work week the workers seeing through their

> Readers are invited to send us their opinions on the guaranteed annual wage and 30hour week at 40 hours' pay, and reports on what the workers in the plants are saying about these issues.

bargain out the proposal, but w is frightened by the idea," Brubaker told the steel union's wage policy conference. If the union officials are ready to "bargain out" an already weak proposal, what will the plan be