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# Ford 600 Offers Fighting Program On Unemployment Arouses Nation-Wide Alarm

America's largest and most dynamic union local - Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Automobile Workers-has launched an all-out, hard-hitting campaign for a far-reaching program to meet the menace of unemployment and depression. It goes far beyond anything the top union leader, CIO or AFL, have put forward to meet the challenge of layoffs, wage cuts and speed-up. This program is being presented for consideration at the UAW-CIO Unemployment Conference in Washington Dec. 6 and 7

The Nov. 21 Ford Facts, Local 600's fighting newspaper, devotes its entire issue - six full-size pages - to presenting and explaining the local's program. We must state at the outset that this is one of the greatest jobs of union journalism we have ever had the pleasure to read and we urge local union leaders and members to secure copies as quickly as possible from Ford Facts, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck, Mich.

#### **Forward-Looking Proposals**

Local 600's program ofters not only some of the most advanced and progressive proposals on what workers need as protection from the worst consequences of economic crisis. It also sets forth "A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF ACTION" that spells out the steps organized labor must take to win these proposals, Congressional leaders of both and expresses absolute confidence that they can be won.

Among the major demands of the five-point program are such forward-looking proposals as the 30-hour week with no reduction in weekly take-home pay; the expansion of trade with ALL nations; and measures to protect minority groups, both racial and foreign-born.

In order to make sure that this program is translated into action, a National Conference of All Labor is urged. At the same time it is proposed that every union local set up a Local Union Unemployment Committee to take immediate action on "behali of laid-off members.

## **Three Main Points**

The introductory statement to the Ford 600 program stresses three main points: (1) the danger of unemployment and depression; (2) the rejection of war and war preparations one of the most dangerous inas the means to maintain jobs and economic security; (3) the vasions of the privacy and rights gram of action against the Mc- than worthless at this time. It role of labor and its allies as the only source of leadership capable of averting the disaster facing the country as the result of Big powers when employed by a police Business control.

Seek Legal OK of FBI Wiretaps

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Attorney General Brownell admitted to Senator Jenner's subcommittee on Nov. 17 that he was motivated in raising a "spy" smear against Truman partly by a desire to push through a bill empowering the FBI to tap private telephone lines and making wiretap evidence legal in federal courts.

This "dirty business" of wiretapping, as the late Supreme Court Justice Holmes called it, has been urged by Brownell and parties. Representative John W. McCormack, the House Demo-

cratic Whip, on Nov. 18 agreed with Brownell's proposal. Brownell complained about the inadmissability of wiretap evidence when asked to produce proof that Harry Dexter White was a "spy." Neither he nor FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover could or did produce a shred of evidence. "There are cases of espionage presently in the Department of Justice, but since some of the important evidence was obtained by wiretapping, the cases cannot

be proved in court," Brownell claimed. Wiretapping has been regard-

ed since its first use in 1916 as of the American people and a agency. In 1934, Congress in-





A scene of the CIO's recent national convention in Cleveland where about 700 delegates discussed the vital problems facing labor, such as growing unemployment, McCarthyism and political action. The convention endorsed the guaranteed annual wage program and called for Taft-Hartley repeal. (See story on Pg. 4)



There has been no lack of indignation, hand-wringing and denunciation of McCarthyism among labor and liberal figures since the Harry Dexter White affair. What is

lacking is a program. Last week 9 the Militant presented its pro-| Gideon." Such chatter is worse Carthyite menace. This called for would send us scurrying about grave abuse of law-enforcement a United Labor Congress to or- looking for a Wallace to put up ganize the fight to smash Mc- against McCarthy. Is there no Carthyism around the following limit to the stupidity of these talinist dupes? Isn't it clear that

#### **Clevelanders FBI Director Hoover** Aroused by **Called Most Powerful Race Attacks** Man in Washington

By Jean Simon CLEVELAND, Nov. 22 - An

roused Negro community, recognizing that the recent Nov. 7 sneak attack" on the home of Wendell Stewart and the whole eries of similar outbreaks of anti-Negro violence which preceded it have become a political ssue, is demanding that the city administration stop acting help

ess and jail the culprits. Last Monday, Safety Director John McCormick, newly - elected John McCormick, newly-elected Mayor Anthony Celebrezze and Bill to Nullify several members of the City Council were simultaneously pre-sented with the charge that a Fifth Amendment Cleveland police officer not only At the end of his smear testiknew in advance that violence mony on Truman and Harry was being planned against the Dexter White before the Senate home of Stewart, but took an

Internal Security subcommittee on active part in meetings where the Nov. 17. Eisenhower's Attorney vandalism was planned. General Brownell disclosed that Several Negro councilmen had one of his primary purposes was been prepared to raise the issue to show "the need for . . . new at the Council meeting Monday night, but withheld that action the prosecution of espionage when assured by city officials cases." One such law, he said, that "We have a new line that "would allow proper authorities should produce positive results in in Government to grant immunity a very short time," according to to witnesses who are suspected of the Cleveland Call and Post, lead-

espionage or Communist activities, ing Ohio Negro weekly. In a telephone interview, Mr. but who refuse to testify under the Fifth Amendment on the Stewart told the Militant today that he has no idea what the ground that their testimony might "new line" of the city officials incriminate them."

is. "It's news to me," he said. The early morning attack on Brownell seeks to nullify by his his home by bigots, who defaced proposed law is one of the Ten was a continuation of a cam-

# By Joseph Hansen the shock of seeing an ex-President of the United States

pilloried as "disloyal" by the head of the Justice Department. The feeling of being hit in the stomach is heightened by the fact that the victim happened to be America's chief instigator of the witch hunt until

he left office, the author of the **Brownell Pushes** "loyalty" oath, the "loyalty" purge, and the "subversive" list. If Truman himself can be smeared, who in this land can consider himself safe? People are rubbing their eyes

and taking another look, a hard searching look at Washington. What kind of government are we living under?

The witch-hunting charge made by Attorney General Brownell that Truman knowingly appointed to office an alleged spy, Harry Dexter White, had sensational laws to help the government in repercussions - a nationwide TV and radio reply by Truman, a counter-blast by Brownell, and a fascist-like harangue by Mc-Carthy over the major hook-ups. But most sensational of all was new development in American politics. The ominous growth in power of the witch hunters and the FEI suddenly became evident to millions "in America.

This realization came from the The Fifth Amendment which unexpected sight of Truman himself caught in the web of the it with colored paint bombs Nov. Amendments, known as the Bill witch hunt. It was rammed home by the spectacle of J. Edgar of Rights, added to the Constituoover, head of the FB tion shortly after its adoption in ing what vast powers have fallen vandalism that began last July 1789. This Bill of Rights, a basic into his hands.

Unemployment is rapidly growing and our country face the danger of serious economic troubles," says the program's preamble. "The newspaper headlines of Nov. 3 telling of a 25 per cent cut in auto production means two things. The first is that there will be immediate large layoffs. The second is that divulging of it to another person there will be less work for those who remain on the job. All this a felony, subject to \$10,000 fine creates more prospects for an accelerated development toward both. depression and economic disaster."

It cites the causes of unemployment as "over-production, lack of buying power and the reactionary economic policies o the Big Business Corporations whose only concern is for profits profits and more profits. This is made worse as a result o automation, technological improvements, and speed-up." Whil Local 600 stands for technological progress, "we insist that i must not result in unemployment and depression. . ."

The statement declares: "We vigorously reject the concep that war or preparations for war offer any permanent solution to unemployment or any other economic problems. We affirm that a peaceful U.S. in a world at peace can provide jobs and security to all Americans. A most important step in this direction would that the many unfavorable facbe to take the billions upon billions being spent for war and use them for constructive public works projects that would benefit the whole nation."

#### **Only Labor Can Give Leadership**

But there can be no reliance on the Big Business administration in power "to voluntarily work for any program that would barometers - railroad car load. ings --- since mid-September has advance the well-being of labor and the nation.

"Only Labor, in firm alliance with the farmers, professionals and small businessmen, can give leadership to our country to combat the Big Business program of economic disaster," the state-12.3% below the like 1952 period. ment emphasizes.

Point one of the program is to "MAINTAIN AND RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF ALL WORKERS AND ALL PEOPLE" through "substantial wage increases, not only to offset ng 1952 week. the high cost of living but to raise living standards;" exemption from taxation of incomes under \$3,000 a year and lowered taxes on those making under \$5,000; an improved pension plan with a \$200-a-month minimum; and other measures benefiting farmers, the aged, the sick and disabled.

Point two calls for resisting "ALL EFFORTS TO ELIMI-NATE WORKERS THROUGH AUTOMATION AND SPEED-UP." Of especial interest is the demand for "competent union time-study men to challenge every new standard" of productivity set up by the company. This also states Ford duction in 1954 will be down to Local's position on the highly-touted guaranteed annual wage 4,600,000 - nearly a 20% drop program pushed by Reuther.

#### **For Shorter Work-Week**

We will support every effort for a guaranteed annual wage," says the Local 600 program, but oppose the use of this demand to sacrifice other demands which can be fought for and won NOW. The fact is that the fight for substantial wage increases. house against speed-up and for the shorter work week is the best guarantee of an effective fight for the guaranteed annual wage. (Continued on page 4) orders. tion into the Feders logans

Communications Act that specif-(1) 'Force Eisenhower off the ically outlawed all wiretapping fence. (2) Open the FBI files in and made the intercepting of a the White case to public inspectelephone conversation and the tion. (3) Refuse to cooperate with the witch - hunting Congressional "investigating" committees. (4) Repeal all witch-hunt laws and ree the victims of Smith Act bureaucracy. Essentially they (Continued on page 3)

versive"

list and stop the

witch hunt within the labor

witch-hunt pattern launched by

Iruman's Democratic administra-

tion and now elaborated by the

Republican administration. (8)

Recognize the witch hunt as an

offensive against the workers,

**Purchasing Power Is Dropping Fast, Figures Disclose** Dr. Gordon W. McKinley, head

One of the most sensitive

break with the capitalist parties. of the Prudential Insurance Company's economic staff, made the and build an independent Labor rosy-tinted prediction Nov. 21 Party.

We say to all the anti-Mc-Carthy forces, "This is our protors pointing toward a slump will be offset in a large measure gram - what's yours?"

by a sharp increase in consumer TIME FOR A GIDEON? buying." But the statistics dis-The National Guardian, Proclose an accelerating decline in purchasing power. Demand, pro-Nov. 16 issue, "The time is now duction and employment - all for a Gideon's army, led by a three - are on the downgrade.

paign of threats, violence and all the liberal Gideons have flown the coop? Isn't it clear when he moved into the area. An part of the country's highest law, that the workers can rely only on organized group, which has taken guarantees those "inalienable their own independent power to stop the McCarthvites? But matters are no better in the

camp of .the non-Stalinist labor

trials. (5) Destroy the "sub- have the same answer to the menace of McCarthyism as the loyalty" purge. (6) Halt the Stalinist party. They propose to build their barricade against the

movement. (7) Condemn the police state in the Democratic Party. This party started the witch hunt. It has a lusty McCarthyite or taking any punitive action by the same capitalist class that

bred the McCarthyite monster And yet the "statesmen" who lead the labor movement can find no better answer to McCarthyism than the very party which nursed it to its present ominous size.

In the camp of liberalism the picture is equally deplorable. The Nation of Nov. 21 published an article by H. H. Wilson on "The

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they represent.'



The mayor at that time, now Senator Burke, negotiated with case to be witness against himthe race-haters and advised them | self.' to form private agreements to

bar "undesirables" from buying for witnesses that the Congreshomes in the area, instead of consional witch - hunters have been demning the mob demonstrations unable, as yet, to destroy. The U.S. Supreme Court has, upheld wing of its own. It is controlled against those threatening force the right of witnesses to refuse and violence against Negro resito testify in hearings before dents. federal legislative bodies on the

Burke later compounded his Constitutional grounds that it noral crime by attempting to "might tend to incriminate me" whitewash statements of his ap- (not "might incriminate" me as pointee, City Urban Development Brownell deliberately falsified the Director Richard V. Hopkins, legal phrase). assuring a meeting in the area

THE RIGHT TO SILENCE of anti-Negro agitation: As a result of the publicity "To calm your fears, we won' move into your neighborhood any given to the various witch-hunt gressive Party weekly, says in its Crisis of Democracy." The article family that would upset the hearings and the growing knowlis eloquent in its indictment of normal character of living in the edge that in these star-chamber (Continued on page 2)

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registered a decline over 1952 for all but one of seven weeks. The latest weekly figure stands McCarthy Smears GE Unionists Piekarski stuck to his Fifth

By Lynn Marcus he N. Y. Times Weekly Index of Business Activity for the week BOSTON, Nov. 19 - As a Mcending Nov. 21 fell to 157.8 com-Carthy "spy" inquisition recessed pared to 172.8 for the correspondtoday, it was clear to thinking

workers here that the witch hunt OUT TO DESTROY LABOR Layoffs are spreading in the has entered a new stage. Under steel industry. The operating rate the smokescreen of ferreting out for the week of Nov. 22 was 'spies," Wall Street's Congresscheduled at only 87.6% of sional goon squads have begun capacity, lowest in the year, comthe process of attacking the pared to a high of 103.1% in unions themselves.

March and 106.1% a year ago. IUE - CIO Chief Steward Pat A leading auto industry executive, President M. F. Cotes of the Motor Wheel Gorp., said on Nov. 17 that passenger car prostated: "McCarthy isn't so much views: interested in Communism as he against labor" is in unions." He warned, "If Mcfrom this year. He notes cheerfully that this will be "greater than in any year in pre-World

War II history," - that is, since trouble.' the depression 14 years ago.

Dr. McKinley's mystical "in-R. A. Thomas, recording secretary presented the usual run of "facts" crease in consumer buying" is shown in the TV industry. All of the local union. "Pat Walsh's about a "communist conspiracy" companies - including RCA, GE, testimony," he said, "bore out in this area. He told the witch Crosley, Sylvania and Westing- the fact that Senator McCarthy hunters that there were about 45

scheduled mass layoffs because of one objective in mind and that Fitchburg GE plants. "a shortage of commercial objective is to destroy or under- At McCarthy's request, Teto became a subject of suspected mine any or all unions who, in fingered two GE workers present sabotage.

have ambition and courage enough Goodwin. They were the same two Amendment rights and was fingered previously by the notorto fight and work for the people ous stoolpigeon Philbrick. Mills and Goodwin demanded McCarthy

the right to testify and cross-LABOR MUST ACT

Workers subjected to today's examine Teto. McCarthy declarintimidation came to similar con- ed, "We will not hear you. . . I McCarthy's moves in Boston are clusions. Donald H. Morrill. 12say we will not hear you unless fresh proof that any militant, year man at the Lynn plant and you are willing to state under regardless of his political beliefs former IUE steward, charged that oath whether or not you are or affiliations, may be smeared, McCarthy's committee was trying fired from his job and hounded. Communists.'

This was followed by the in- To incriminate the innocent, the to "destroy the trade-union move Walsh of the Everett General ment in America." Henry C. Archuisition of Archdeacon and Mor- witch hunters will stop at noth-Electric plant, in an interview deacon, a 14-year man at the ill, who invoked the Fifth ing. Their real target is the reported in several local papers, same plant, expressed similar Amendment as protection against genuine militants in the unions "This is an onslaught McCarthy's slanderous questions. and after them the unions them-They were followed by Piekelves.

The headline autraction at toarski, a 12-year draftsman at the Carthy thinks he's going to in- day's TV performance was an Lynn plant. Piekarski declared he terfere with the internal affairs FBI stoolpigeon, William Teto. had not committed sabotage. of the union, he'll have plenty of This unsavory figure, whose McCanthy ruled that since he had "opened up the area of weak that it must endure the police record includes "larceny by Walsh's stand was backed by checks," according to the press, sabotage," he had waived Fifth Amendment rights in

smear artists. respect to possible association It is time for labor to take with members of the Communist action and start that resistance Party. He also ruled that anyone movement rolling that will not - have instituted or is not interested in spies but has "communists" in the Lynn and who worked in a classified section stop until it decisively and finally and associated with Communists he represents.

**'KEEPER OF THE FILES"** 

The "keeper of the files," as the liberals still choose to call him, acted as the final arbiter in the dispute between Brownell and Truman, deciding who was right. shall be compelled in any criminal His personal opinion was taken as more than an adequate substitute for facts. His views were accepted This is the sole legal protection

like decrees of a dictator. Not only the Republicans but the Democrats took his ruling as final and unchallengeable.

The head of the secret political police appeared briefly, almost casually, before a Congressional committee. The nation's most authoritative legislators listened to his words Nov. 17 "as if they were gospel" according to James Reston, Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Times

"J. Edgar Hoover emerged from the White case hearings today,' said this reporter, "as the decisive witness and probably the most powerful figure on Capitol Hill. "In the fight between former President Truman and Herbert Brownell, Jr., the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director alone descended into the town tonight unchallenged.

In brief, the aura of power and sanctity that once belonged to presidents of the United States

has shifted to the head of its secret political police. The police recommended for contempt state is taking shape before our charges by the chief inquisitor, eyes in America.

#### DEMOCRATS STARTED IT

How did the American people become saddled with this sinister development in government? One of the causes was the use of the FBI by the Democratic party, when in power, to shackle freedom of thought under guise of combatting the "communist menace." As a witness to prove this, we are able to cite J. Edgar Hoover himself. In "Confidential - From Washington" a publication of the

George Washington University The American working class Victory Council, Hoover, almost that has brought the world's most four years ago, said he "empowerful corporations to their phatically" opposed establishing knees in past struggles is not so "a national police system to handle the Communist menace." his abuse and wrecking activities of Setting up such a system and iolating freedom of speech for

"communists," he said, "would mean the tearing of law enforcement from its democratic matrix and the creation of a 'state within flattens McCarthy and all that a state,' or a law enforcement

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#### THE MILITANT

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Berne for two weeks, behind the

against Germany, negotiations

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on the other.'

# How Labor Can Defeat Witch Hunt Reports from the Memoirs of Churchill reports, "The moment was apt for business, so I said, Wight it not be lander's army in Italy Churchill reports are aready are aready are aready are are are are are are are are By Murry Weiss

In his speech to the CIO convention Nov. 18, John Foster Life magazine, supply enough in-Dulles, Secretary of State, said the workers behind the Iron formation on the secret deals Curtain should employ "passive resistance" against the Stalinist rulers: "It is not necessary, nor is it desirable," said Dulles, "that we should try to foment violent revolution. . . Non-violent. methods can be more efficacious."

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Leaving aside the motives for the timing of this statement. it is useful to examine its content from the standpoint of the question: Can the workers of the Soviet countries overthrow Stalinism?

First of all, let us note that Dulles in his Ghandist preachment to the Soviet workers does not say exactly how they can overthrow the Stalinists. This is not an accident. The State Department, for all its enmity to the Stalinist bureaucracy, views an independent workers political revolution against Stalinism \*\*\* with horror.

The State Department represents the class interests of American Big Business. It may propose "violence" or "passive tions and win Stalin's a resistance," but in each case it aims at softening up the Stalinist in carving up the map regime for its eventual overthrowal by the Wall Street method --'violent" intervention of imperialist armies.

Dulles' formula of "passive resistance" means no genuine political revolution against Stalinism. The example of East Germany proves this. The East German workers rose on June 16-17 against the native Stalinist regime. They were prevented

What are the East German workers to conclude from this? Are they to accept the judgment of the oracle of American Big Business, the N. Y. Times, that "no people can rise to overthrow a totalitarian government. Such regimes can only be the dictates of the governing destroyed by conquest from the outside"? (June 18).

Such a conclusion cannot be accepted by the East German. workers. It is false and reactionary. It operates on the premise that the working class is incapable of becoming the ruling class and that the future lies with either capitalism or Stalinism. This empty "theory" may console the dying capitalist rulers. but it is of no use to the workers.

#### What Was Lacking

The opening stage of the political revolution against Stal- cratic rights, then the FBI will develop more and more into a inism in East Germany showed the future historical path very replica of the Gestapo and the plainly.

GPU, with Hoover protesting all What was lacking for a workers victory in June was a the time that he is 'emphatically' revolutionary party. There is no use engaging in sickly specula-opposed to the kind of system tion as to whether victory was guaranteed, given such a party. which he heads.'

That prediction, we are sorry That is not the question. Without an organized, highly conscious to say, has been borne out to the party the workers always prove unequal to demands of the hilt. revolutionary moment. Wonders can be performed with only What does America face now the bare elements of a party organization (leadership). But for with a native Gestapo roaming the land of the free as Hitler's the selection of the right moment, for the mobilization of the secret political police once roamed maximum workers power at the point of greatest weakness of Germany? the enemy, for the decisive assault, there is no substitute for The immediate aim of the forces of McCarthyism is to smash the the party.

tenuous legal barriers that still Where were the German mass workers organizations on June restrain them to some extent. 17? The Social Democrats played their traditionally treacherous They want to knock the Fifth role. They failed to summon the West German workers to strug-Amendment out of the Constitugle for the support of their East German brothers. They whined tion. They want to legalize the about the failure of American capitalism to intervene and infamous totalitarian practice of wire-tapping. "direct" the uprising. They turned their backs on the life and

Winston Churchil, Volume VI, in the Balkans. Your armies are "Triumph and Tragedy," pubin Roumania and Bulgaria. We lished by the N. Y. Times and have interests, missions, and agents there. Don't let us get at cross-purposes in small ways. So made during World War II to far as Britain and Russia are conshow that the cold war with cerned, how would it do for you Russia began before the hot war to have ninety per cent predomwith Germany was over. While inance in Roumania, for us to Allied soldiers were still striving have ninety per cent of the say to defeat the Nazis, the heads of in Greece, and go fifty-fifty about Yugoslavia?' While this was the Western powers were secretly dividing the spoils and plotting being translated I wrote out on a half-sheet of paper: another world blood bath.

After the war Stalin

After the war Stalin came	a nan-sneet of paper.	
under attack from his former	"Roumania	
allies. But during the war they		90%
regarded him as a comrade in		10%
arms. The USSR bore the heaviest	Greece	- 20
burden in the war against Ger-	Great Britain	90%
many. In addition the imperialist	(in accord with U.S.A.)	
statesmen were pleased at the	Russia	10%
freedom with which they could	Yugoslavia	50-50%
disclose their territorial ambi-	Hungary	50-50%
tions and win Stalin's approval	Bulgaria	
in carving up the map of the	Russia	75%
world	The others	25%
This is clearly seen in the Mos-		,,,
cow conversations between Chur-	"I pushed this across	to Stalin

This is clearly seen in t "... After this there was a long advance of the Russians west. cow conversations between Stalin, silence. The pencilled paper lay "Dragoon" required the transfer chill and Stelin in October, 1944. who had by then heard the in the centre of the table. At of troops from General Alex-

# 16-17 against the native Stalinist regime. They were prevented from overthrowing the regime by the Kremlin's tanks and firing squads.

(Continued from page 1) crushing the unions or at least | that have taken over Washing system unresponsive to the will tying them hand and foot so ton. Such a war with its frightful they can't offer effective resist- sacrifices requires unthinking of the majority, and obeying only ance to a head-on offensive by robots, terrorized minds, cattle

he giant corporations who stand incapable of acting as anything That is what has happened. A behind the McCarthyite menace. but a slave force and cannon Coupled with that is the still fodder. "state within a state" has been

created, responsive to the fascistmore ominous perspective for WHAT TO DO like aims of the McCarthyites and which Wall Street is preparing

victims of the witch hunt. They working hand in glove with them - war on a global scale, war to ica? Every lover of freedom will are teachers in the city school to end democracy in America. conquer all peoples who resist insystem guilty of the "crime" of As the Jan. 9, 1950, Militant invoking their rights under the

clusion in the empire of the predicted, ". . . if the American dollar, war to reduce all con-And they are right. The same working class doesn't awaken to tinents into private holdings of people that broke the tyranny of the menace of the Department of the monster financial interests imperial Britain in the American Justice's infringements on demo-

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slaveholders of the Bourbon south,

Nothing more is required than he will power to break the hypnosis of fear, to say that Mc-Carthyism has gone far enough; on their constitutional rights.

That is all that is needed. That. and the courage to say, "I will not first. It's my job. Even if I must the independent Teachers Union fight.'

That resolution is the beginsmash McCarthyism.



ssues, so fateful to millions of In the summer of 1944, Churpeople, in such an offland chill says regretfully, "We could backs of the Soviet Union, which manner? Let us burn the paper.' have broken into the valley of the is bearing the brunt of the war 'No, you keep it,' said Stalin. So Pc, with all the gleaming pos-I did sibilities and prizes which lay have been going on between the

rn France, because of the rapid

**Velde Committee** 

Victimizes 26

Phila. Teachers

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21

The Velde Sub-Committee on Un-

American Activities passed

through Philadelphia this week

and left in its wake 26 more

Fifth Amendment when question-

These arrangements were ostenpen toward Vienna." But Roosevelt was far more military command on the one sibly made only for the duration sensitive to the tenuous grounds hand and representatives of the of the war, but Churchill knew or which popular support was English and American commands that possession is nine-tenths the given to the war venture. Aplaw in international relations. He makes clear that in the closing pearances had to be maintained.

STALIN'S TELEGRAM year of the war his biggest con- So he replied to Churchill's im-In a telegram to Roosevelt, cern was to cover as much of portunings with: "I cannot agree Stalin claimed that the negotia-Europe as possible with Allied to the employment of United tions had "ended in an agreement troops and to reduce to a States troops . . . into the Balkans ... For purely political con- with the Germans, on the basis minimum the area to be occupied iderations over here, I should of which the German commander by the Red Army. As Churchill put it in a com-

never survive even a slight set- on the Western Front, Marshal Kesselring, has agreed to open back in 'Overlord' (the invasion munication to Eisenhower: "I of Normandy) if it were known the front and permit the Anglodeem it highly important that we American troops to advance to that fairly large forces had been should shake hands with the the east, and the Anglo-Amerdiverted to the Balkans." Russians as far to the east as icans have promised in return to The extent to which the im-

perialists were ready to sacrifice ease for the Germans the peace Churchill opposed Operation the military struggle against terms." 'Dragoon," the invasion of South-

Whatever the true facts may be Germany in the interests of their struggle against the Soviet Union in relation to "crossword," it is is not completely clear. But early quite apparent that such a deal has been entirely consonant with in 1945, contact was made by the the clear desires and intentions American Intelligence Service with General Wolf, the German of Stalin's allies as revealed in Churchill's Memoirs. Diplomatic S.S. commander in Italy. Negotiations in Switzerland with this secrecy enabled the imperialist General were given the code governments to deceive the peoname "crossword." The Kremlin ple.

In the closing year of World first learned of this secret meeting from its own agents. It caused War II, people believed that victory would bring peace, while the a serious diplomatic rift between rulers were already shifting the the allies.

battle lines east against the Both Churchill and Roosevelt Soviet Union. For Churchill, the hotly denied they had planned "triumph" had become a "tragtreachery against their war-time ally. Churchill maintained that edy." For the people of the world the U.S. and Britain intended - There was no peace.

# THE MILITANT ARMY

The second national mobiliza- on these call-backs. Leonard sold tion to celebrate the 25th an- six and I sold four. In addition. niversary of the Militant brought two more copies were sold by

the total subscrip- Bill, one by Leo, and four by Lil. tions sold so far to This week we will go back to 80. Single copy sales some of the old subscribers for renewals.' rose to 630.

Helen Sherman writes, "Three The New York mbs and 20 single copies of the comrades are far in Militant were sold this week in the lead at this point but are keeping a Minneapolis. Ralph visited a cautious eye on Los friend whom he hadn't seen for Angeles where what nearly a year and got one of the they consider a subs. Donald and Art brought in strange silence has the other two renewals.

"While Harry and Fanny are prevailed for some days. New York Campaign Direcstill leading on the local scorepoard with 52 points each, Bob A. tor Tom Denver writes, "The exclimbed up to second place with cellent participation by the New 34 points for individual Militant York comrades in the national sales. Last week he sold 10 papers subscription campaign should just walking around a block in serve as a warning to the rest the downtown district.

of the country that we aren't going to be satisfied with any-"Millie, Larry, Ralph, and Bob W. also contributed points to the thing less than first place when

Minneapolis score by selling Militants at union meetings, on the

1,143

576

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Above all, it is the duty of the heads of America's mighty tradeunion army to take the lead in this.

Is this then to be our Amersay, "No! It cannot be!"

CHURCHILL

translation. There was a slight

pause. Then he took his blue

pencil and made a large tick

upon it, and passed it back to us.

It was all settled in no more time

than it takes to set it down.

"RATHER CYNICAL"?

ed about alleged "communist" affiliations. Three publicity - packed days

were spent investigating "com munist penetration" in the schools. Those subpoenaed were automatically suspect. School authori-

nossible.

ies warned that failure to answer any questions would jeopardize their jobs. However, all 17 who were questioned staunchly stood

Two days later the school board it shall go no further. suspended them as well' as nine others who were questioned by wait for the other guy to move the board itself. The grounds were "incompetency." Among the vicalone, I'll stand up and tims were leading local figures of

including present and past presining of the movement that will lents and executive board mem-



death struggle that was raging a few miles away. They conducted "business as usual." Within the West German Social Democracy a left-wing faction denounced this policy. Among the Social Democratic workers of East Germany there were active militants. But the party and its leadership as such once more BROWNELL PUSHES BILL proved its bankruptcy.

And where was the Communist Party? In East Germany it remained an instrument of the Stalinist bureaucracy during and after the uprising. It did not, in any major section of its leadership or lower organizations go over to the workers. True, rank-and-file workers broke from the party and participated in ple can be forced and tricked into of the "spy" scare. the struggle. Also there was wavering and demoralization in sections of the leadership. Differences on how to deal with the workers uprising arose. But the party as such remained an instrument of the hated regime. It proved worthless as a vehicle tor workers political revolution.

#### How the Kremlin Will Go Down

But how will the armed power of the Kremlin be shattered even with the development of a revolutionary party of the undermine the Fifth Amendment Leninist-Trotskyist type?

The same crisis that gave rise to the June workers uprising in East Germany still continues throughout the Stalinist world. almost succeeded in putting The needs of the world revolution and the growth of the produc- through a bill that would have tive forces of the Soviet countries has come into collision with voided the 5th Amendment in the the Stalinist bureaucracy's tyrannical rule. The East German uprising was not an isolated event. It followed on the heels of Pat McCarran, was quietly slipped turbulent strikes and demonstrations in Czechoslovakia and through in the Senate on July 9; Eastern Europe. Signs of deep mass discontent have appeared but was held up later in the House. within the Soviet Union itself. Conditions for new uprisings are maturing in all parts of the Stalinist controlled non-capitalist world.

munist" The Soviet army, like all armies, is a product of all the social relations and contradictions of the society that created it. The Soviet army will crack and develop revolutionary nuclei as it comes under the hammer of a mass political upsurge of the munity" workers. Just as the East German Stalinist military establishment proved worthless as a counter-revolutionary weapon in the June days, so the Kremlin's armies will fail as a result of internal revolutionary combustion.

Therein lies the historical importance of the revolutionary party. The development of overall strategy, the linking of struggles in various sectors, the preparation and consummation of the insurrection and finally, the establishment of a new regime of workers democracy based on the armed masses, all imperatively require the construction of the revolutionary party. That is why Trotsky who called for a political revolution against Stalinism said: "We must set down, first of all, as an immutable axiom that this task can be solved only by a revolutionary party."

The building of a revolutionary party in countries of the Soviet bloc is closely tied to the task of building revolutionary parties in capitalist countries. A victory of the political revolution within the Soviet bloc would strike a death blow at the power of Stalinism over the mass workers movements in Europe and Asia. Conversely, a revolutionary victory in a capitalist payroll. country hastens the downfall of Stalinism in the Soviet countries. Brownell testified and which the "gangs of adolescent terrorists." | organized group"

But these are only the latest J. EDGAR HOOVER steps toward their major goal -1

innocent who might be induced

# VOIDING 5th AMENDMENT

(Continued from page 1) witch hunters hope to push hearings the most innocent peo- through in the present atmosphere Part of the campaign to nullify making answers that appear to be "damaging," it is becoming the Fifth Amendment is to inalmost standard practice for terpret a refusal to testify under persons facing Congressional in- the amendment as a tacit ad- usurped the executive power." million Negro people and milquisitions to avail themselves of mission of "guilt." Of course, this their right to silence under the amendment was introduced into the Constitution to protect the

Fifth Amendment. To coerce such witnesses, there

is a growing movement, led by questions to make statements hoax of Communism." fascist-minded senators like Mc that could be "interpreted" as Carthy, McCarran and Jenner, to "tending" to incriminate. It was an amendment designed as pro- which launched the Smith Act and to destroy it as an effective tection from the type of legal

means to protect persons under procedure the people had sufinquisitorial questioning. They fered from in the political and religious persecutions under the and Budenz as witnesses summon British kings of the 17th and the will, the intellect, and the 18th Century. last session of Congress. The bill In a letter to the Dec. 7 N.Y. authored by Democratic Senator Times, trial lawyer Harold H. Corbin answered the claim that

refusal to testify is proof of America with sufficient responguilt by pointing out: "It assumes sibility to be listened to, sufficient that an innocent man cannot This bill was represented as

one to grant "immunity" to permight tend to incriminate him, sons, called before "anti-Com-

hearings, when they perience has taught just the conrefuse to testify on the grounds t might tend to incriminate them Actually, of course, such "imwould be relative, as that experienced lawyers do not that "if" the Democratic Party is these inquisitorial bodies rely on other than legal reprisals to punish their victims who invoke of his innocence." the Fifth Amendment, such as

public slander, loss of employrefusing to be panicked or ine forces with the Republicans in ment and embarrassing publicity.

NO LEGAL IMMUNITY But even this "immunity" bill actually does not grant legal immunity from prosecution. One clause reads: "No person shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury or contempt committed in so testifying." A witness could be jailed ment.

for "contempt" if he insisted he did not know certain information demanded of him or for "perjury" if some fact he states is

challenged by a professional stoolpigeon on the government

CAN DEFEAT WITCH HUNT

(Continued from page 1) fighting McCarthyism. Not the McCarthyism. In brilliant pas- Democratic Party. We think that the American labor movement can sages the author demonstrates free itself from the "befuddlethe following propositions: "A ment" of reliance on capitalist devastating corruption of the parties in its life and death strugdemocratic political process" is gle for survival.

#### under way. Brownell's attack on LABOR MUST ACT White "is a form of lynch law."

The labor movement is the The FBI has become a "kind of shadow government behind the natural leader of the American government - an agency that is people who hate McCarthyism esponsible to no one and that has and all it stands for. Fourteen lions of other minorities would "Communist menace" in America is the "most fantastic rally to labor once it steps out

"Eight comrades went out on our hoax of our generation" and and challenges the witch hunters Nov. 15 mobilization - five or "tragically, . . . the Democratic That's why we call for a United George's team and three on Dan's by means of tricky and selected Party, is still bemused by the Labor Congress with representa-Dan's team sold the most subs tives from all the locals of the

and has 214 points. George's team trade union movement and the So far so good. Then Wilson sold the most single copies and minority peoples. Whatever its asks, "Can the Democratic Party initial actions, such a Congress, once called into being, will signal prosecutions, which created the the beginning of the end for Mc-'loyalty' program, which first 39; and Betty, 32." Carthyism.

sponsored Chambers and Bentley Labor is the real target of the McCarthyites. The capitalist war trive is the motive. The passivity courage to fight for its own and tacit compliance of the labor survival?" Mr. Wilson answers bureaucracy is a precondition for this question: "One fears that McCarthvite success. That's why

the sole organized group in United Labor Congress will turn he political tide in the United States. It will open an era of independence to take action, and honestly claim that his answers with sufficient resources to make democratic development never witnessed before in American hisitself heard may have become whereas long and bitter ex- too befuddled by anti-Communist tory. Once the political power of the American workers is released, propaganda to recognize the intrary. The pitfalls and dangers jection of poison into its own the McCarthyite rats will not be

of testifying without immunity blood stream." Wilson ends on a able to operate with impunity for are so obscure and so manifold note of despair with the comment a single day. Therefore, no time must be lost. permit a client to thus testify, prepared "to fight McCarthyism Everything possible must be done however certain they might be and all that the term implies" in o bring the Labor Congress into existence. Let the democratic 1954, the day may be saved. "But power of labor be exerted in this More and more people are if the Democrats elect to join national crisis. It is the only timidated by McCarthy, Jenner continuing the witch hunt, the power that can save the country from the catastrophe of police

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are refusing to be hoooked on WILSON BEFUDDLED TOO those "when are you going to The clue to the capitulatory stop beating your wife?" questions thrown at them by slick pessimism of the Nation lies in shysters like McCarthy. That's one phrase of Mr. Wilson's why the McCarthyites want a law article: "the sole organized group to blow up the Fifth Amendin America" capable of fighting McCarthyism is the Democratic

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party. This concept, if persisted One thousand teen - age youth in by the workers' organizations were arrested by Philadelphia can really "prove to be the police over the weekend of Nov. tragedy of American politics." 21-22. The mass roundup took We think that the organized place because of alleged reports trade union movement in Amer-It is this type of bill for which of hold-ups and robberies by ica, 17,000,000 strong, is the "sole capable

"Last week's sales o copies were followed up this street and to individual friends. week and 36 people bought a To circularize the Militant in second copy with a number every possible way is the objective promising to get subs later on. of the Minneapolis comrades." Scores so far in the campaign Ann and Mike did a fine job, are as follows:

selling 10 Militants out of 23 visified. New York "Dorothy, Ethel P., Donald, and Los Angeles Edith G. sold 35 single copies to

the final tally is taken.

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Among the first ten pace-setters three comrades have scores over has 123 points to date. Our pace- 100. They are Ethel B. of New setters are Leon with 67 points; York with 141 points; Jean S. of Frank with 52; Melba, 41; George, Cleveland with 130; and Cathy of New York with 104. Other

Oakland Literature Agent high scorers are Harold R., New Dolores Seville reports, "Our York, 81 points; Janet, New York, score last week was 25. Leonard 75: Leon. Seattle, 67: and and I went back to all those to Derothy, Oscar, Ann and Art S. whom we had sold the Militant all of New York with scores of the week before and got 100% 63, 58, 57 and 54 points.





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## Nixon's Apologies to the Mikado

Speaking for the American capitalists, Vice President Richard Nixon, in his Nov. 19 Tokyo speech, indulged in some pious self-criticism. He told the gathering of 700 militarists, industrialists and government dignitaries that the United States "made a mistake" in 1946 when it imposed total disarmament on Japan.

Nixon "admitted" that out of motives of purity, good will, high-minded principles and the desire to live in peace, the United States "advised" the Japanese to disarm. But in 1946, Nixon says, "We misjudged the intentions of the Soviet leaders." Now "the threat from Communist nations" makes it impossible to live in peace.

There isn't a word of truth to this. (1) If American Big Business was so bent on living in peace, why did they disarm Japan and Germany and not the United States? Why did their alleged "illusions" about the Soviet leaders prompt them to disarm others but not themselves?

(2) Japan and Germany were given every encouragement to arm, establish fascist-militarist governments, crush with bloody violence all working-class and democratic resistance within their countries and prepare for war against the Soviet Union. Proof? How could Germany, for example, which was totally disarmed after World War I, have re-militarized without the consent of America and Great Britain?

(3) Only when Germany and Japan, along with Italy, began to use their military power to cut in on the territory of the established imperialist bandits, was it thought necessary to call a halt and disarm them. American and British capitalism wanted to crush the Soviet Union but not for the benefit of the "have not" imperialist powers. So a war took place. Tens of millions were killed on the battlefields, perished in bombed cities, and died of starvation, disease and mass murder in the concentration camps.

(4) The people of the world became so enraged against the capitalist system that a great world anti-capitalist revolution began. This presents a desperate problem to American capitalism. Big Business now wants Germany and Japan rearmed. This tical complaints are not very contime the stakes are higher - World War vincing, for they are not seeking grievances against the SWP to III will decide the issue of capitalism or socialism.

Nixon's speech is a bid to the Japanese capitalists to let bygones be bygones: In effect he is saying, "We are sorry to have disarmed you. But let's all get together in the good cause and launch another bloodier, more devastating war to save our hides from the revolutionary threat that will devour us all if we don't watch out."

# "Closer to the Heart of the Soviet Union"

to radio or TV, you would think that the Soviet Army is at our very doorstep. The opposite is the little publicized truth. It is the United States army, navy and airforce which is encircling the globe and reaching ever closer to the Soviet Union.

The recent move to establish a U.S. military base in Pakistan sheds light upon this step-by-step build-up of American Big Business preparations for World War III. Pakistan would offer "the use of bases closer to the heart of the Soviet Union than any at present available." (N. Y. Times, Nov. 17).

The other bases not so close to the "heart of the Soviet Union" was described by U.S. News and World Report in an article last June 12 that speaks of the "vast gradual expansion of U.S. overseas commitments little realized at home." American troops, according to this article, are serving in "sizable numbers" in more than half the 97 countries in the world. Written before the deal with Franco for air bases in Spain, the article speaks of 89 major air bases built or being built in Europe, Asia, North Africa and the Arctic. Russia's nearest military base is thousands of miles from the U.S. But the nearest U.S. army base to the Soviet Union

To read the daily capitalist press, listen wis a few hundred miles. All this is of course "proof" of "Communist aggression." No wonder the Wall Street war plotters have workers and peasants in the world as a "military plot of the Kremlin dictators." By doing this they get the double advantage of slandering the workers who are fighting for freedom from landlord-capitalist tyranny and at the same time creat- the Kremlin bureaucracy. ing the bogey of a threat to the military security of the United States.

The military deal with Pakistan has not vet been consummated. India is alarmed and Nehru has protested. He feels that the move to arm Pakistan is aimed at India as much as it is at the Soviet Union. Nehru's objections contain a grain of

truth. An important part of Wall Street's of a "police" force to crush insurgent people and bludgeon reluctant native statesmen into line.

But it remains to be seen whether Neh-

# A Stalinophile Warms Up to a -- Stalinophobe

THE MICITANT

By Joseph Hansen Readers of the Militant know that the Socialist Workers Party at its recent National Committee meeting suspended the disloyal leaders of the Cochranite faction for organizing a boycott of the

party's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Election Wind-up Rally in New York on Oct. 30. To class-conscious workers the reasons for an action like this are self-evident. Our anniversary meeting was in effect an SWP picket line. It was a demonstra tion against the capitalist warmakers of today and the Stalinist traitors who expelled the founding group of Trotskyists from the Communist Party in 1928. By their boycott, the Cochranites crossed this picket line. The party was prepared, and despite the Cochranite sabotage, the meeting was one of the most

successful we have held in years. To anyone who will listen, the Cochranites are now complaining about the unnerving experience of being suspended from membership. However, their hypocrireinstatement or appealing the action to a convention. The reason for that, of course, is that

tions

they deliberately organized their split, preparing for it over a considerable period by sabotaging from Stalinophobe Shachtman, party finances and activities and Cochran assiduously refrained whipping up a frenzied factional from mentioning what had preattitude among their ranks. The viously been one of his main boycott was simply the culmina- grievances; namely, that the SWP tion of a long series of provoca- had allegedly succumbed to Stalinophobia. As the saving goes

While in the SWP the Cochran- one does not speak of the rope ites complained just as bitterly in the house of the hanged. about the rejection of their pro-

Stalinist line by the overwhelmedly pleased and flattered the ediing majority of the party. They | tor of Labor Action, Cochran also tried to rationalize their inability delicately refrained from attack to win a majority by accusing ing Shachtman for his refusal the SWP of succumbing to "Sta- to defend the Soviet Union from to label every anti-capitalist movement of linophobia"; i.e., an opposition imperialist attack, and likewise to Stalinism so unreasoning that refrained from pointing out that it refuses to defend what is pro-Labor Action is part of the Social gressive in the Soviet Union and Democratic press whose chief will not stop at supporting the function is to assist the State Big Business in order to get at tary assault on the Soviet bloc. dence, we may assume, of Coch-

In reality the Cochranites could be correctly accused of "Stalino- ran's real feelings on these isphilia"; i.e., the strange political sues. He even went out of his' disease that sees progressiveness in Stalinism no matter what its crimes. They pushed this view in while "We favor an orientation the SWP as acolytes of Pablo, seeking under the slogan of countries like France and Italy ... from the expressions of sympathy

"junk the old Trotskyism," to We don't propose anything of the the editor of this Stalinophobe surrender to a Stalinophobe labor impose his conciliatory views to- kind for the United States..." impose his conciliatory views toward Stalinism on the American Why did Cochran deliberately

Trotskyist movement. THEIR FIRST PUBLIC ACT But what was the first public political act of the Cochranites after they walked out of the SWP? From the talk of some of their leaders, it might have been supposed they were on their way to Marcantonio's headquarters to join this faction in the American ist Stalinophobes. Labor Party. But apparently Mar-

cantonio avoided this fate by resigning from the ALP the day after the election. Nothing daunted, the Cochranites made an adroit tactical ad-

justment. They turned up at a meeting of genuine Stalinophobes the so-called Independent Socialist League (Shachtmanites) and distributed their mimeographed complaints to this milieu.

This, however, was only preparation for a more ambitious venture. The principal leader, Cochran himself, sent a lengthy political statement to Labor Action, Shachtman's paper. He listed his these Stalinophobes in evident expectation of a sympathetic re-

sponse. And just to make sure of elicit ing a friendly pat on the back

With a politeness that undoubt-

service for the Shachtmanites and indicates the underlying identity of his views with theirs. It was fitting and natural for

war-mongering foreign policy of Department in preparing a mili- after splitting from the SWP. Cochranites today are rushing Shachtman was his predecessor in toward Stalinism. But we doubt This sensitive restraint is evi- breaking from orthodox Trotsky- that the attractiveness to them of the Stalinist milieu will prove and not laws?" ism. Shachtman was his predecessor also in organizing a split enduring. This is only the first from the SWP. Who in the radical form of their capitulation to the movement would more likely pressures emanating from Amer-

How accurate Cochran's political instinct was can be judged pro-Stalinism can be a bridge to

contributor. True, he was much select the columns of the anti- more careful about indicating his public declaration? Why did he than Cochran was with him. Nevertheless, the feeling of turn to this obscure league of abandoned hopes for sympathy? camaraderie softens his most critica' thrusts. The reason for this political

demonstration is apparent in Cochran's choice of issues to subplaint that his faction wasn't permit to the judgment of Shachtmitted in the SWP to express its man and his sect of pro-imperialminority views outside of internal party forums and bulletins to

(1) Cochran raises his hands the extent it wished drew the n pious horror at the "dictator- following approving comment ial methods" of James P. Cannon, "In other words the Cochran minority - bureaucrats demanded the founder of American Trot-

skyism, and the SWP's insistence exactly the same right that 'the on discipline in action. Shachtmanites' demanded in 1940 Opposition to the democratic the right to present their point centralism of the SWP, labelled of view in the magazine." as Cannon's "dictatorial meth-Labor Action's editor, ods," has been Shachtman's stock course, scored a point there. Ir in trade for 13 years. The editor all consistency, Cochran should

of Labor Action indicates that it have admitted that he was only is refreshing to see it repeated making - 13 years later - the now in Cochran language. same anti-Leninist demand that (2) Cochran attacks the Trot-Shachtman and his co-leader of skyist conception of the role of the time, James Burnham, made the party in winning a socialist in opposition to Leon Trotsky

victory: "According to their new and the SWP in 1940. revelation, the tiny, unknown But let the editor of Labor SWP has the 'ordained leader-Action and his new contributor ship,' the essential cadres of the settle this point of honor and revolution, and if it only remains priority between themselves. We

true to itself' and keeps blowing stand on the principles of demoits own horn, its revolutionary cratic centralism that the majority triumph is guaranteed." of a revolutionary party has the This is a vulgar burlesque of right to decide what internal the idea formerly held by the disputes should or should not be

Cochranites for many years in made public property. common with us that a revolu-PROVES OUR CONTENTION tionary party must be built to assure the victory of socialism. Cochran's letter to Labor Action

It is not exactly a fresh contribuproves what we contended during tion to the columns of Labor the recently concluded faction Action. Shachtman has been struggle - that no deep gulf peddling it in one variation or exists between the Shachtmanites mother for 13 years. By offering and the Cochranites. Their posihis own version of this theme, tions on Stalinism are only in

Cochran performs a political apparent opposition. In reality they are symmetrical petty-bourgeois reactions to capitalist pressures. The Shacht manites rushed away from Stal-Cochran to choose Labor Action inism and eventually landed in for his first public declaration the camp of imperialism. The

ican imperialism in its drive to ward war. In England, the Haston group likewise demonstrated that

At bottom, Cochran has much in common with Shachtman, par-Soviet Labor Action for his first political differences with Cochran ticularly in the profound break

he has made with orthodox Trotskyism, and in his revision of the basic program of Marxism as it touches the most burning questions of our time. His plaintive For instance, Cochran's com letter to Shachtman's house.

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organ proves that.

## **Seek to Legalize** "Dirty Business" **Of Wiretapping**

(Continued from page 1) One of the chief fears regardng wiretapping was the opportunity it afforded for extortion and blackmail. Even J. Edgar Hoover once opposed revision of the wiretap law on these grounds. In 1938. according to newspaper accounts, he blocked passage of a Treasury-sponsored bill to permit wiretapping, stating that "he had men who were expent in tapping wires, but if he let them practice it to any extent they would turn crooks in no time.'

We can imagine the juicy pickings FBI agents could have if they were permitted to tap telephone wires legally. For purposes of extortion and blackmail, the telephone wires of the rich and publicly prominent hold out the

best prospects. Thus the Wall Street Journal finds Brownell's proposition unattractive and wrote editorially:

"The trouble with this notion that you can safely whittle away at Constitutional safeguards is that you don't know where the process is going to stop. If espionage wiretap evidence is made admissible, why not other kinds. . . ? And if it is inconceivable that a given administration or a given head of the FBI would abuse or allow this authority to be abused, isn't that putting your faith in men, who die or may be replaced with worse men

#### CRIMES OF THE FBI

The FBI, under the direct orders of J. Edgar Hoover and his superiors in the Department of Justice and at the explicit authorization of the White House, has been committing scores and hundreds of criminal acts of wiretapping daily since 1940. In statement in January 1950 after the FBI's wholesale violation of the law had been exposed during the Coplon case. Hoover con-

fessed: "The policy we follow on of an article that appeared in the Nov. 19 La Verite, organ of the The delegate of the American dertook intense correspondence. James P. Cannon, who knew how President Roosevelt on May 21,



#### way to explain to the Stalinotoward the Stalinist movement in

phobe editor of Labor Action that feel a bond of sympathy?

Since last August we have repeatedly shown how the Stalinists in Iran, prompted by their subordination to the Kremlin's foreign policy, betrayed the aspiration of the Iranian masses to take power. The workers and peasants of Iran wanted to clean out the landlords and capitalists who subject them to the worst poverty and exploitation. They were stopped by the Stalinist leaders who preferred diplomatic maneuvers with the Western powers that stand behind the royalists. The counterrevolutionary royalist coup of Aug. 19 was the tragic result of this Stalinist betrayal.

The Iranian masses have paid bitterly. Tens of thousands of their best militants have been imprisoned, clubbed or shot by the Wall Street-backed royalists. Now after three months silent pondering over this new reality comes word from the ex-Trotskyist Pablo group in Paris finally recognizing that something has gone amiss in Iran.

In the November issue of their magazine, Quatrieme Internationale, they devote a total of eight brief paragraphs to an "analysis" of this setback to the revolutionary colonial movement. They speak of the "criminal inactivity" of the Stalinist-dominated Tudeh party. They admit that the Tudeh has been "held back for a long time by the Kremlin from all inclination to genuinely revolutionary politics." Then they make a statement that is utterly astounding to revolutionists: "The coup essentially profited American imperialism. . . it is not likely that the Kremlin, despite all its desire to compromise and its particular flirtation with London, would intervene at the last hour and prevent the Tudeh from acting."

Why is it "unlikely" that the Kremlin would sell out a revolution even though this weakens the position of the Soviet Union? Isn't that exactly what the Stalinists have done repeatedly during the entire post-Second World War period? Didn't they sell the Greek revolution down the river because of their "flirtation" with Churchill? Didn't they sell the Italian and ru's objections will prove sufficiently disturbing to the Pentagon brass to cause them to postpone setting up bases for American atomic bombers in distant Pakistan "closer to the heart of the Soviet

Iran -- Betrayal and Cover Up

French working class to Churchill and Roosevelt in return for worthless diplomatic promises and territorial concessions? Why is it unlikely now?

The Pabloite squib on Iran is packed with false insinuations and lies. For example it is not a question of the Kremlin's last minute intervention in Iran to stop ist current called "Trotskyist." revolutionary action. According to the Pabloites themselves, for more than two CP between the faction of Lovevears Iran was ripe for the overwhelm- stone (then leader, but likewise ing majority of workers and peasants to soon expelled on orders of Moschoice.

Thus the Kremlin and the Iranian Stalply that if something works to the disadvantage of the Soviet Union the Kremlin couldn't possibly favor it. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Kremlin in Russia between Trotskyism and does not represent the historic interests Stalinism.

of the workers of the Soviet Union. On the contrary, the bureaucrats, representing the interests of a privileged caste, more often the Communist International to lowing article on the 25-year recthan not fly in the face of the interests give us help with our national ord of the Socialist Workers Parof both the Soviet Union and the world problems." ("History of Amer- ty in its issue of Nov. 5 under ler, they struggled for reform working class.

The Pabloite comment infers that the Tudeh party is to blame for the tragedy of Iran and not the Kremlin. Since the Kremlin made no last minute intervention to stop revolutionary action - so goes their tortured reasoning - the Tudeh party must be made the scapegoat for not acting.

The truth is that the Tudeh party, like all Stalinist parties, has been corrupted by the Kremlin bureaucracy. Under these conditions they are incapable of conducting revolutionary actions unless they break with the Kremlin and Stalinism. The guilt lies with Stalinism in Iran and the center of Stalinism is the Kremlin.

The eight brief paragraphs the Pabloites devote to the tragic turn of events in the Corgress . . . but they had Iran thus speak volumes — not about the Soviet militants in the bureau of pled lines for the establishment new betrayal of Stalinism. but about the new apologists for the Kremlin, Pablo and his followers.

Internationalist Communist Party, CP took the precious document French Section of the Fourth In- with him from Russia and began ternational. — Ed.)

On Oct. 27, 1928, twenty-five years ago, the leadership of the American Communist Party ex-Union than any at present available." celled from the party on charges

of Trctskyism, James P. Cannon, member of the Political Committee and one of the best known leaders of American communism, had made the necessary contacts as well as two members of the

Central Executive Committee. Within scarcely a week appear-

the Left Opposition, officially which he and his comrades declarmarking the beginning outside of Russia in the Communist International of a revolutionary Marx-An internal struggle had taken place for years in the American without means of expression once

position), the faction of Willia Z. Foster (the present leader of

the American Stalinist party), over secondary questions concerning the orientation of the CP, remaining independent of the great ideological battle conducted

common error. . . We looked to International, published the fol-

Cannon, p. 42.) Cannon, nevertheless, felt Vanguard in Imperialist Citadel." doubts about the correctness of Stalin's line and the expulsion of Trotsky, Zinoviev, etc. It was in this state of mind that he went to Moscow for the Sixth Congress of the Communist International (July-September 1928), the agenda of which was mainly con-

cerned with the adoption of a draft program elaborated by Stalin-Bukharin.

From his exile in Alma-Ata, Leon Trotsky had written a pitiless criticism of this draft, a criticism that is today considered one of the classics of Marxism. This document, as well as Trotsky's appeal against his expul-

sion, were, naturally, kept from translate the work and pass it out

the work of regroupment among propaganda. To the Communist the party ranks around the ideas

of Trotsky. low to propose a policy. This work did not pass unper-Twenty-five years have passed. eived by Foster-Lovestone, who An entire epoch, extremely difcalled Cannon before one inquiry ficult for the Marxist cadres in ession after another. Cannon the USA, since they have seen avoided immediate expulsion, many reactionary waves subevading direct questions until he merge the country without the program of socialism yet winning preparatory to his public anhe majority of the proletariat. nouncement. Then on Oct. 27. But a preparatory epoch, a 1928, in reply to his accusers, decisive epoch which has made a ed No. 1 of the Militant, organ of he read a long declaration in selection of men and of organ-

> izations. ed themselves 100% Trotskyists. The historic "success" on the He found himself immediately soil of the United States among emoved from his post, alone and the leaders of the old American without resources, boycotted by all his friends of the day before. the first number of the Militant had appeared (on credit).

put in a new government of their own free cow along with the Right Op- that a man shows his measure. fore McCarthy's inquisitors their party.

flying.

# inists have been "criminally inactive" for at least two years. Also, the Pabloites im-non. This struggle took place only on. This struggle took place only on This s TO SWP ON ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY

(Samasamajist. English weekly | On October 27, 1928, James P. | comrades. Our comrades, needless "We were still trying to solve of the Lanka Samasamaja Party, Cannon, Max Shachtman and Mar- to say, are even now campaigning things on an American scale: a Ceylonese Section of the Fourth tin Abern were expelled from the against the U.S. government's at-Communist Party as Trotskyists. Till 1933, the date of the capitulation of the Comintern to Hitcan Trotskyism" by James P. the title: "Hail SWP of Amer- of the CP. After the tragic beica! Revolutionary Socialism's trayal of the working class to the Nazis they struggled for a new

- Ed.) party. Together with working class A week before the 36th Annimilitants thrown up in the strike versary of the October Revolu-

tion in Russia, our co-thinkers in imperialism's citadel, organized in the Socialist Workers Party, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the struggle for formation of the party.

CIO. The struggle began on October

27, 1928. The date was a landmark separating two eras of struggle. The second has lasted a quarter of a century. Readers can well imagine the

difficulties of working within imperialism's citadel. The American Trotskyists hav consistently struggled on princi-

interpreters and stenographers to of Socialist America. The men who built that party

among the delegates. This was had years of active service in the Trotskyists and even attempted the historic encounter between revolutionary ranks behind them. to sabotage labor's aid to our comrades for socialism!

He knew how to shift from mass to break all the obstacles placed 1940." work to the work of individual in his path and to forge the

weapon of success - a genuine adres and militants he knew Bolshevik party of the vanguard. Workers Party, is assured beyond will wage.

And the SWP has likewise an other role, profoundly internationalist, to play. It is a question for it to aid by its example in the formation throughout the entire world of a generation of comspirit which gave birth to American Trotskyism: Unshakeable at-CP, was not on the side of Foster, of view and solidarity of inter- Judith Coplon's who today still transmits to an national thought, firmness in the them. Would this also be the case organization in decomposition the face of bureaucratic apparatuses with the wiretap evidence that orders of Moscow; it was not on and fabricated majorities, unity Brownell and Hoover intimated the side of the swarm of of thought and action, stubborn is the basis of their unproved But it is in such circumstances renegades who now denounce be- will to construct the revolutionary charges against Harry Dexter

tacks on the Stalinists.

But these unlawful acts were arried out in such secrecy that it was not until Federal Judge To this party, the Socialist Sylvester Ryan forced FBI agents, testifying in the Coplon trial, to dispute the leading role in the divulge their use of wiretapping great revolutionary struggles that the existence on a wholewhich the American proletariat sale scale of law-breaking by what was supposed to be the country's

top law-enforcement agency was revealed.

At first, the FBI agents lied on the stand that such practices existed, then admitted them Finally, forced to bring the munist militants imbued with the recording of wiretaps into court, they produced records that proved to be unintelligible, although they tachment to principles, wideness claimed they got tip-offs on "spying" from White? 100

Judge Ryan ruled in the Coplon ease that evidence from the 'tainted source" of wiretapping vas illegal and that wiretapping as such is against the law 'whether or not there was a written authorization" from the then Attorney General Tom Clark, as Justice Dept. attorneys claimed.

It was Roosevelt's and Truman's attorneys general who first sought the legalization of the police-state method of wiretap-The Socialist Workers Party ping. Now the administration was the only party to consistently that is witch-hunting the previous administration's leaders is pushing for this same law that would

demand the withdrawal of troops from Korea. They fight against give the FBI legal authority to each and every attack on civil listen in on the private conversarights, against color discrimination; they fight with labor against tions and personal affairs of the American people.

capital. Theirs is in many ways the most difficult struggle in the world.

A quarter century is a long, grueling period of time. Many in dividuals have left them, some times groups. (They too have had their share of splits and walkouts.) But they have unflinching ly held to the line. They collabor ated with Trotsky in the building of the Fourth International. To our comrades of the SWP in the USA, and to their leaders

James P. Cannor and Vincent R. Dunne, who are also celebrating their Silver Jubilees as Trotskyists, Samasamajist sends revoluists supported the government tionary greetings!

It is our great privilege to fight ("peoples' war") against the side by side with such valiant

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struggles, they forged ahead. Other highlights in the pre-war period were the unemployment struggles, the anti-fascist street battles, and their participation in the labor surge that created the

Our comrades came through these struggles with their banner In 1941 the Smith "Gag" Act

was used to sentence 18 of our comrades to jail for their revolutionary attitude towards the war. Our comrades were the first victims of the anti-worker offensive. It must be said that the Stalin-

#### The Negro Struggle -At the CIO Convention

#### By Jean Blake

The CIO has taken some long steps backwards. Negro delegates and observers at the national convention in Cleveland last week told this writer.

Instead of reflecting the concern of the thousands of Negro workers in the CIO for protection against the growing cutbacks in industry and McCarthyite reaction everywhere, the CIO convention expressed in its composition and program a tendency to adapt to the worsening situation without a real struggle.

As one reporter commented in a corridor discussion, the number of Negro members of the CIO has not decreased to any significant extent, but instead of increased representation and recognition at the national gatherings, they had less at this one. He was only able to find about ten colored delegates in a convention of about 700; plus a few Negro staff appointees in non-policy making posts.

A Negro delegate, who must also go unnamed, spoke bitterly of colored officials and staff men. "They're nothing but redbaiters," he said, "and one of these days it's going to catch up with them."

Similar cynicism was voiced regarding the speeches and resolutions on labor unity and no-raiding agreements. "If they were serious about the unity talk," one militant pointed out, "why was the proposal for unity of two CIO unions, the United Transport Service Employees (headed by Townsend) and the Transport Workers (headed by Quill) nipped in the bud?"

"The no-raiding talk at the top," he con tinued, "is so full of mutual threats that no one takes it seriously. Actually, it's just meant to stop genuine moves from the ranks toward unity of groups like the CIO and AFL packinghouse workers." (Both of these unions have large Negro memberships.)

The effect of the various plans for guaranteed annual wage agreements on Negro workers was also the subject of considerable concern - not in the convention sessions, but in the unofficial discussions.

Most of the plans are based on seniority provisions, which limit coverage of lasthired Negro workers in many industries, and on principles of unemployment compensation rather than defense of the workers' standard of living, since no one but a McDonald or Reuther-type economist believes capitalist industry can guarantee full employment, based on continuous production.

"These people," said one observer, "are out of this world. When the crisis hits and the workers start to move they'll be left so far behind they won't know what happened. Yes, sir. The conditions that gave rise to the CIO (depression, unemployment, mortgage foreclosures) are going to destroy the CIO in its present form. A different kind of leadership and program will have to be built."

Too bad the Negro workers are not yet heard in the policy-making bodies of the

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our union.

victims of it."

Taylor Reed, miner for 25 years, sits on his porch in rundown coal town of Hardburly, Ky. A volunteer in the United Mine Workers organizing drive in Clay and Leslie counties, where one organizer has been killed and several wounded, Reed and UMW Dist. 30 Rep. Bill Perkins were stopped one night in Clay County on a charge of "impeding traffic." Perkins began to argue, but Reed stopped him with plea that "we'll both get shot." Perkins says, "There's blood on these cards," referring to the more than 1,000 membership applications signed in the two counties.

# FORD LOCAL 600 OFFERS **REAL FIGHTING PROGRAM**

ment. As the first point of its (Continued from page 1) We further declare that there can

"That the Conference call BROTHERHOOD ROAD unless a concrete plan is put before the entire membership of Conference of ALL labor on the

> mployment." The Ford Local 600 officers and

machines into auto-

Ford Facts, resolutions, etc. One point that needs more elaboration in the program is the question of political action, which is covered in the single labor's full strength to elect a pro-labor Congress in 1954." This is not specific or clear. Would a return of a Democratic majority mean a pro-labor Congress any Point Four calls for Congress more than the present Republican

"ENACT A COMPREHEN-SIVE PUBLIC WORKS PRO-The program would be greatly GRAM" immediately with constrengthened, in our opinion, if it included the proposal adopted by Walter Reuther, national CLO crete plans for public-works proacting in concert as agents of the employ-ers against organized labor. The recent in-hospitals, roads, "new TVA's," January for "a Congress of "attempting to sell the CIO on "in job opportunities." which shall have the parks, recreation centers and Labor. playgrounds. "And while these function of determining a proprojects are pending, enact laws gram and setting in motion declaring a moratorium for un-1 mechanics for the establishment employed debtors." of a Farmer-Labor Party in the Point Five demands: "GIVE United States." That resolution further exposure. Yet it is the one thing PROTECTION TO MINORITY stated absolutely correctly: "It GROUPS IN ORDER TO PROhas become obvious that neither TECT THE LIVING STAND- of the two major political par-ARDS OF ALL WORKERS." tics . . . can solve the immediate problems of the American peo-This calls for the "model UAW anti-discrimination clause in all ple. . . The basic problems of American society, the problems contracts;" enactment of national and state FEPC legislaof war and depression have not tion; elimination of "all difbeen settled within the present ferentials in wages of men and two-party set up." And the resolution answered the women;" cut down probation periods of new workers to 30 time-worn argument used to avoid leader, Comrade Dunne was well David J. McDonald, president days; give special attention to taking the road to genuine labor qualified to speak on the subject. of the CIO Steelworkers, and the needs of veterans and "fight political action, stating: "Con- He traced the progressive develop- Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman trary to those who have repeated ment of capitalism from feudalall intimidation and discriminatory actions against foreignborn workers." This last proposal again indicates the genuinely has demonstrated that time is go." enlightened stand of the Ford running out." We commend the Local 600 of-Local, because foreign-born workers are the most helpless and vulnerable victims of the witch initiative and leadership in bringunt. ing their program before the They are held back by the trade-But it is not enough to have a American labor movement. We good program of demands. "We must guarantee that the UAW- urge again that our readers CIO National Unemployment Con- throughout the labor movement moving on to socialism." secure copies of the Nov. 21 Ford ference does not result merely in good discussions and good reso-Facts and give it widest circulalution on paper. Our respontion. sibility is to make sure that these in the fight to spread this proare translated into action," says of socialism. the Local 600 programmatic state-I gram and make it a reality.

# CIO Delegates Renew Demand for T-H Repeal

Two resolutions received special emphasis at the CIO | the whole sorry record of Truman convention in Cleveland Nov. 16-20. One advanced the and the Democrats on T-H. It guaranteed annual wage as the CIO's major economic objective and its main answer

employers liable only to the exto unemployment. The other reewed the CIO's call for outright tent of money available in a sperepeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. cial fund; and contains several other gimmicks that would lessen It was known in advance that or destroy the plan's value to the guaranteed annual wage promost workers.

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gram would occupy a central On the other hand, the economic place in the convention's deliberaprogram adopted by the conventions. It remained to be seen, howtion had one very serious omisever, whether CIO President Walsion. It failed to put forward the ter Reuther, who is also head of demand for a shorter week with the auto workers union, and Steelno loss of take-home pay as the vorkers President David J. Mcmost immediately effective measonald would offer an effective program of action to achieve the ure to maintain employment and incomes despite production cut guaranteed annual wage and clear backs. Even the conservative AFL specifications as to the type of has gone on record for a 35-hour

olan sought. On both counts, CIO members week "with no loss in take-home are apt to find the resolution pay," while the California CIO and Illinois Federation of Labor adopted far short of what advanced ballyhoo might have led them to anticipate. There is no program of action spelled out for a concentrated united CIO drive to win the guaranteed annual

#### wage. INDICATED PLAN The kind of plan Reuther and cDonald have in mind is sug- for repeal of the law, but in the rested mainly by the resolution's same breath it complains that emphasis on the need for "flexi-

bility" in adapting the plans to promise to offer amendments to specific industries. A plan presented to the recent Steelworkers' is left that the CIO leaders would fighting crusade, as in the CIO's wage policy conference, for instance, would exclude a large part thing less than elimination of of the workers from sharing in T-H. the plan's benefits; would hold | What the resolution conceals is | pendent party.

conventions have called for the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay. The resolution on the Taft Hartley Law appeared to be designed mainly as a reproach and embarrassment to Eisenhower rather than as a serious proposal

'50 too. to win the repeal of the obnoxious union-busting law. It calls Eisenhower has failed in his the act. The general impression

would appear, from the resolution, that the question of T-H repeal has come up only since Eisenhower took office. But Truman also made promises on T-H that he never fulfilled and never even tried to fulfill. He promised repeal in the 1948 election campaign. He changed this shortly after his election to proposal for some weak amendments and after a couple of gestures in this direction quietly buried the whole matter. Eisenhower is merely following Truman's example on Taft-Hartley.

Yet the effect of the whole discussion on T-H was to make it seem that if only labor sees to it that a Democratic majority is elected to Congress in '54 all the problems of the American workers, including T-H, will be solved. That's what the union leaders claimed before Nov. '48 and Nov.

The atmosphere of inertia, of marking time, of substituting words for action, which was so obvious at this convention, was a reflection especially of the political dead-end to which the CIO, and the unions generally, have come. This atmosphere could have een changed instantaneously into the invigorating one of a great still be ready to settle for some- early days, by one big new step forward: a CIO proposal to American labor to build its own inde-

nions the **By Joseph Keller** 

A recent notable labor event | would deprive unions of their was the CIO United Packinghouse right to NLRE recognition when-Workers National Anti-Discrimiever employers make complaints nation Conference in Chicago. For of "communism" against them, three days nearly 500 local leadhas answered the argument of union officials who try to ward off the witch-hunters by claimabolish discrimination and segregation on the job and in the union. ing the union leaders themselves "cleaning out During the past year the union the are has scored more than 100 victories munists."

The Maryland Republican says against Jim Crow in the plants, including the elimination of e just wants to give the unions 'the tools to complete the job." segregated eating and locker He says the unions have made in several southern facilities 'great strides" in ousting "reds" and "subversives," but insists

The conference agreed to fight they still "need the help of Confor the abolishment of segregated gress. locker rooms, cafeterias, drinking fountains and other facilities and

This is one more demonstration that labor can't fight the witch-hunters by doing a "better job" on "communists" than the

latter simply say, "Good, but it

could be better. You can't

object to us helping you carry

out the aim you say we hold in

common." The Congressional

witch-hunters won't be satisfied

that the job is done until they

have the whole union movement

A "special economic report" to

the officers of the AFL Teamsters

forecasts: "The estimated employ-

ment cutback (4 million more,

bringing the total to 5.5 or 6

million), and a wage dip due to

competition for available jobs,

would release the threat to labor

that has lain dormant for six

years in the Taft-Hartley Act -

just waiting for a recession to

and all its leaders smeared.

witch - hunters themselves.

"The Shame of New York" By Harry Ring

"Any of the aforementioned men could have given aces and spades to the famous crusading journalist, Lincoln Steffens, who chronicled corruption exactly fifty years ago in this country, and left him far behind." This is the opinion held by Ed Reid of contemporary newsmen, including himself, who have in recent years won Pulitzer awards for their exposures of corruption in government.

After reading "The Shame of New York" (Random House. 235 pp., \$3 1953), this reviewer would say that Reid has a long way to go just to catch up with the fifty-year-old work of Steffens, not to speak of giving him "aces and spades."

Steffens won an enduring place for himself in the annals of journalism not simply by exposing the already widely understood fact of corruption in government, but rather by demonstrating to the hilt that crime and corruption are an inevitable outgrowth of capitalist politics, that they are in fact indispensable features of the capitalist system as such.

Reid first won claim to fame by breaking, in the Brooklyn Eagle, the story of the Harry Gross bookmaking empire which

to be the power behind the throne in Tam- be no intelligent fight waged for many Hall. Chankalian was for a long per- the guaranteed annual wage iod assistant to Myles Lane, former United States Attorney in this district.

In this book, Reid retells the story of Gross, Luchese, William McCormack, the week at 40 hours' pay, also under "Mr. Big" of the New York waterfront, Point Two, is called "THE KEY and many of the crooks, cutthroat artists, TO ENLIGHTENED LABOR and capitalist politicians whose names have become household words as a result of the MENTS." This demand is Kefauver and New York State Crime Com- designed "so that workers share mission hearings. The only essentially new the fruits of automation [converinformation in the book deals with some sion of of the personal habits of "Mickey" Jelke, matons], recently convicted millionaire pimp.

A book which summarized and fitted into a single picture all the recent sensa- with special stress on the "ALL." tional crimes connected with capitalist It is particularly enlightened in politics would be well worthwhile if it pro- view of the reactionary, warvided what the newspapers have deliberately ommitted.

Out of the wealth of evidence made Union. public by the recent investigations a very definite pattern emerges. The fundamental feature of that pattern is the unholy alliance between racketeers and politicians vestigations of crime on the waterfront es tablished this beyond dispute.

action program, it proposes: the CIO, AFL, UMWA, RAILand OTHER INDEPENDENT UNIONS to convene a National

The demand for the 30-hour single problem of full peace-time General Council, which unani-UNIONS WELCOMING TECH

or the widest discussion of it among the Local 600 members and urge them to make their views known through discussions in building meetings, letters to instead of becoming

Point Three is to "EXTEND TRADE WITH ALL NATIONS, mongering campaign to cut off trade with the new China, Eastern Europe and the Soviet

majority?



#### By Winifred Nelson



speaking on "AFL-CIO Unity?" the AFL and CIO unreservedly, Comrade Dunne declared. "We want the trade union movement to go forward to a labor party!

Reviewing the CIO convention just concluded in Cleveland, the speaker criticized the actions of "attempting to sell the CIO on It was pointed out that



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functioned on the basis of a highly organized system of weekly "payoffs" to the top brass of the New York Police Department. He then went on in the same paper to expose the close relationship between Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese and Armand Chankalian.

Luchese is widely reputed to be the most powerful single figure in New York's crime syndicate; and, with equal credence, said

This is the feature of organized crime under capitalism of greatest concern to labor and the one most urgently in need of that Reid either fails to see or deliberately ducks. In either case it leaves his "inside story" far short of the mark set by Steffens.

## Notes from the News

THE UNITED NATIONS has a gift shop which features articles made in the various mention countries. Iranian delegate F. N. Kia protes. d that the shop's "Iranian copper trays" weren't from his country but were probably made in the U.S. Another delegate said the matter should be looked into because, "We don't want the UN to be a faker." Too late to do anything about that now. It was fake from the beginning as far as peace or freedom for colonial peoples was concerned, let alone its "Iranian trays."

TRADE WITH CHINA is being considered by the State Department according to an Associated Press dispatch from Detroit. A Chrysler Corp. executive said that the State Department is sounding out industrialists on the economic advisability of such trade. C. B. Thomas, president of Chrysler's export division, said the export outlook "is on the downgrade," but, he added, "There is one outlook at the present time. If it opens up, it will be a big market. That is Communist China." A reporter asked Thomas, "Will you sell to Communist China?" Thomas replied, "We will sell automobiles to any point that the government will agree to our shipping. . . If you have been reading the press in the last few days, you'll notice the subject came up in Dulles' statement partial recognition of China."

A NERVE GAS, as deadly a killer as the atom bomb, is reported to be in production in the U.S. and Soviet Union. Colliers magazine of Nov. 13 said the gas is colorless, orderless and tasteless and is capable of killing within four minutes anyone exposed to it. One plane load of this gas could drift 50 miles killing everything in its path.

MILO J. RADULOVICH, a lieutenant in the Air Force, who was discharged as a security risk because of alleged "subversive" associations of his sister and father, was reinstated on Nov. 24. by Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott. Talbott reversed the decision of an administrative board of three colonels. Lt. Radulovitch had fought his discharge on the contention that he could not pick his relatives.

THE "BOTTOM LAYER" of the nation's housing was described by Charles B. Shattuck, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at the organization's convention in 'Los Angeles on Nov. 10. Shattuck said, "Not less than 20% of the nation's total housing supply is

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in such a state of dilapidation that it needs to be rehabilitated to be restored to even minimum living standards." Why not just tear them down and start fresh? \* \* \*

STATE-DEPARTMENT "SOCIALISM" won a victory recently when Norman Thomas got a statement from President Eisenhower that he had "no idea" that Thomas-type "socialists" should be excluded from the government. Previously, security officials had ruled that these pro-war "socialists" should not be allowed in policymaking levels of the State Department. Thomas scored another victory for house-broken "socialism" when he was feted at Cleveland "Assembly of Famous Ohio personalities." The Cleveland Press reported that "Norman Thomas was tickled pink" at the honor. "Imagine them inviting ME back as 'famous son of Ohio' and letting me ride in the parade!" exclaimed Thomas. Curtis Lee Smith, Ohio Chamber of Commerce president, laughed at him at a luncheon with these words: "There are men in this room who can remember when Norman Thomas was considered a radical."

UNITED FRUIT CO. took another jolt from the Guatemalan government when 200,000 acres (Continued from page 1) of company-held land was expropriated. The neighborhood. Do you all underacreage is on the Atlantic coast line. The ex- stand what I mean?" propriation took place under the agrarian reform When the Cleveland chapter of decree passed last August 13. Previously about the National Association for the 215,000 acres were expropriated on the Pacific Advancement of Colored People coast, leaving United Fruit with 63,000 acres. demanded that this open advocate The U.S. State Department has been protesting of segregation be removed from bitterly that United Fruit was paid for the land his policy-making post, threatenat its own fraudulent tax evaluation. They say ing defeat of the bond issue for that at that price United Fruit was robbed. The urban redevelopment if he wasn't, Guatemalans say that United Fruit robbed their Burke agreed to accept his resigcountry by the dollar imperialist practice of nation. undervaluing its holdings when it comes to taxes, Four days later, the daily and then trying to raise its taxes when the papers exposed the fact that the handwriting of expropriation appears on the wall. double-talking mayor had retain-

ed Hopkins on the city payroll, FIVE IMPRISONED leaders of the Peoples merely switching his title. Then Progressive Party of British Guiana, started a making it crystal clear that the hunger strike Nov. 19. The leaders of the party whole issue of segregation is a were jailed after the British landed troops last political football, not a question month and deposed the lawfully elected PPP govof principle for him, Burke relucernment on charges of "subversion" against the tantly agreed to remove Hopkins British empire. The hunger strike is in protest from the payroll because of "the against their indefinite arrest, food and other con- attendant publicity given his ditions in the detention camp, martial law in retention." British Guiana and Britain's "barbarous use of heavy bombers against the people of Kenya." on the Stewart home, evidence of full view.

## RACE ATTACKS STIR CLEVELANDERS

nique," he said.

"Let the 'subversive souad. complicity of a police officer, exposures in the local Negro press which can trace back the times of the organized activities of the that a person watches swimmers restrictive-covenant gang in the in a public pool, (referring to dispel the class-collaboration atarea and confirmation of their public anti-red smearing of a mosphere it is intended to create? fight against swimming pool discampaign in a recent issue of the Universe Bulletin, powerful organ crimination last summer) do

of the Cleveland Catholic diocese, some work on this subversion. the issue has been placed flatly "The Stewart case is no before the new mayor and his ad-'isolated' incident. It is no 'kid's ministration for action. trick' this time. It follows re-

E. 115th St. which also damaged Charles P. Lucas, executive peated bombings of Negro homes, secretary of the Cleveland over a period of nearly a year, a house next door; another twohouse damage when the home of NAACP, voiced the protest of the for which no person has ever Ernest Render in the Wade Park entire Negro community over the served a day in jail. The police area was dynamited, and three department can and must stop bombings of the Towne Casino latest outrage.

"We are tired of the farce of this vandalism by jailing the on Euclid Ave. because of its putting police officers in the vandals." mixed patronage.

vicinity, in full view of every-Other "vandalistic" attacks in Clevelanders,- who have seen Cleveland in the past year the local labor movement take a body, thinking they can 'catch' somebody by this childish tech- referred to include a house on E. stand on a variety of other political issues, are waiting to see i 82nd St. where windows were "Let the vandals be given the broken and a big tree trunk apply its resolutions supporting civil rights and non-discrimina benefit of a thorough investigaplaced on a porch; another house in the same general area where tion in the Stewart case, which tion like other suspected felons get. Let detectives work in the bricks and bottles were hurled has become the symbol of the Now, with the renewed attack area OUT of sight rather than in through the window; the bombing struggle against racist violence of the home of Rev. S. E. Ware on in this city.

going along with capitalism." members may be deprived of the Reuther, he pointed out, had full benefits of the union's newlyput forward the plan to fight in won company-paid hospitalization the future for a guaranteed plan because of the refusal of annual wage, as opposed to most hospitals to admit Negro demanding immediate wage raises. patients. The conference deter-"Actually Reuther is misleading mined to push vigorously to break and miseducating the workers of down these racial barriers. It America," he said, "because he called for close cooperation with the NAACP, Urban League and knows that there can't be a guaranteed annual wage under capi- CIO councils and local unions in

talism. He's intimating that battling discrimination. capitalism can reform itself." With a lifetime of service to Newspaper reporters were ex-

plants.

the working class as a trade cluded from the first of the joint union organizer and revolutionary tours of U.S. Steel plants by of the big steel company's board. through the years that 'now is ism, adding that now "capitalism Even after the opening tour not the time,' the last election has served its purpose and must through the huge National Tube Co. plant in Lorain, O., on Nov. The vast majority of the work-

17, McDonald and Fairless also ers, he said, are for this change refused to make statements. They ficers and members for their bold to a "system where production denied the contention of a and enlightened stand and their is for the use of man and not for reporter that, to the public, "the the profit of a few overlords." refusal to take a newsman along will have an implication that union leadership which "prevents you're afraid."

the masses from mobilizing and The tour can have no other purpose than to impress on the A social hour and supper folsteel workers how palsy-walsy lowed the speech and discussion. McDonald is with the U.S. Steel A number of new friends of the mogul and to give the impression We hope that all labor will join party attended and stayed for that everything is going to be further discussion on the subject peace and harmony between the steel exploiters and exploited. Hasn't Fairless condescended to appear side by side with a union official and to get within nodding distance of some of the stee workers off whom he makes a fat living? Could the ban on reporters be intended in case some little unforeseen incident in the course of the tour should

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Senator John M. Butler, the

labor-hating author of a bill that

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