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Of the Socialist Workers Party

The current right swing in the policy of the American Communist Party constitutes a mortal danger to the American working class. The danger is this: The Stalinist policy of support to the Democratic Party and the labor bureaucracy can spell the defeat of the American working class in the struggle with fascist McCarthyism.

The Stalinst policy has been brazenly announced with great fanfare in the "Draft Program of the Communist Party" published in the Daily Worker, March 7, under the title, "The American Way - to Jobs, Peace and Democracy."

Here is the proclaimed policy of the party that dares to call itself "Communist":

(1) The menace of fascism can be defeated by "a popular coalition movement which unites labor, the working farmers, the Negro people, small and middle-size business and those groups of capital opposed to the McCarthy program of fascism and war."

(2) This coalition must take place within the framework of the capitalist party system because "the two-party system remains the form through which the overwhelming majority of the American people now express themselves in politics."

(3) The organization of an independent Labor Party must be shelved for the next two national elections: "The key to both the grucial 1954 and 1956 elections lies in the ability of organized labor to come forward as a distinct political force even within the framework of the present two-party system . . . Its (labor's) objective must be to bring about a regroupment and realignment within the Democratic Party nationally and within the Republican Party in local areas."

(4) The issue is not socialism or fascism but capitalist democracy or fascism: "The Communist Party emphasizes that the issue at the present time is not Communism. The choice before our people today is peace, security, democracy versus the grip which the monopolists have on the country and their plans for fascism and war."

The Socialist Workers Party declares that this program of the American Stalinists is a program of betrayal of the American working class to the fascist hangmen.

It is the same program followed by the labor bureaucracy of Europe, including Social Democrats, Stalinists and trade union officials, which led to the victory of Mussolini in Italy, Hitler in Germany and Franco in Spain. The Stalinist program for uniting the workers with the "good" democratic capitalists to maintain the status quo against the "bad" fascist capitalists is a blueprint for a repetition of the European disasters in the United States.

In the fight against fascism, the class independence of the workers — their unification around the program and perspec tive of putting a Workers and Farmers Government in power -(Continued on page 2)

Anti-McCarthy **Campaign News**

By Myra Tanner

This week we received almost \$1,000 on the Fund drive. Reports from the branches indicate that 20 after 74 days of touring the with only three weeks to go, country to open the current So- can be guessed from the abrupt everyone is ousy making plans cialist Workers Party campaign stop that was put to belligerent on schedule.

Detroit recaptured first place from Youngstown this week by only a fraction of 1%. The comscoreboard of the fund drive is really on now. But it's anyone's guess as to which branch will hit 100% first

We received \$45 from a comrade in one of the Southern states, \$20 of which "came as a pleasant surprise from an old friend who is a reader of the Militant."

The effects of unemployment on pledges is being felt quite heavily by some branches. This will throw an even bigger responsibility on those who are still working, if we are to reach our hotels, provides plenty of fresh surance amounts were set. Of-

Readers of the Militant are invited to participate in our antifascist campaign by helping us little time for writing. realize our goal of \$14,000 by

FASCISTS ACTIVE

fascist Literature campaign is brought home emphatically, as I look over two pieces of fascist YOUNGSTOWN propaganda distributed here in ticut. The program of the edi- United States. tors is based on McCarthy's

opposition of the American peo- workers in other factory and ser-(Continued on page 2)

Highlights Of My Tour

By Murry Weiss

I returned to New York April Tree for a round of golf.

my comrades asked me if I intended to report the midwestern, northwestern and west coast parts of my tour to Militant readers in the same way I had reported the first eastern part. had planned to write two other "division point" reports from the road in addition to the story I filed from Pittsburgh.

But a Militant staff writer runs into a contradiction when he goes on national tour after writing in an office all year. Setting out in the field, meetmaterial for "copy." At the same is so demanding that it leaves

The result is that I have stor-May 15. We need your assis- ed up a lot of impressions and tance. Every dollar you contri- observations that I will be writbute will be a blow to the whole ing about for some time to come. fascist menace of McCarthyism. But I will start with a general round-up report of the tour from the time I left Pittsburgh on Feb. The importance of our anti- 19, to my return to New York

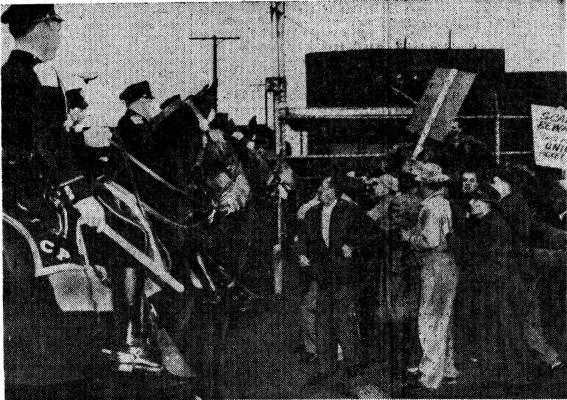
The Youngstown headquarters New York. The first is the an- of the SWP where my meeting nouncement of a new magazine was held is situated on the main called "The U.S. Nationalist" to street of what is perhaps the be published in Wilton, Connec- most typical steel town in the

No one lives in Youngstown charge of 20 years of treason. for the fun of it. The town is Demagogically appealing to the populated by steel workers or

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Stalinists Help Clear Way for McCarthyism Erupts in McCarthy "Trial" Erupts in McCarthy "Trial"

Cleveland Police Attack UAW Pickets



Mounted police form a solid barrier as they drive back some 3,000 CIO United Auto Workers pickets in Cleveland to clear the way for scabs entering the Park Drop Forge Co. plant. Many pickets were knocked down and two were arrested. The plant has been struck since last Oct. 19.

Secret Deal Discussed At Geneva Conference

By Joseph Hansen

been drawn over the Geneva occupied by McCarthy. The other is the screen of secrecy behind which the Allied powers are trying to reach an understanding with Moscow and Peking over settlement of the Indo-Chinese

Eisenhower on April 26 declared that this is "a time of great decisions" and that he hoped a "modus vivendi" might be reached. Next day he accepted a "beany" cap from a group of admiring bobby-sox Republicans and then on April 28 left for Burning

What the "great decision" was secret discussions with Molotov time within the last five days but a coalition government.

"with carte blanche from France's had held off to await developto seek an early cease fire on whatever terms are obtainable."

From the Stalinist side, Mahower. He noted that there had peen "a certain easing of tension" and he again raised the banner of 'peaceful co-existence.'

TRADE CONFERENCE Two other developments are

worth noting: (1) Alongside the diplomatic parley at Geneva, a big trade conference between representatives of the Soviet bloc and the Western Powers is being held. The objective is to further lower discussions are intermeshed with

those on Indo-China. (2) The Indo-Chinese Stalinists are deliberately holding off the Last Saturday at the New York ican troops now to Indo-China and capture of Dien Bien Phu. The "Welcome Home" party some of from the report by Edmund Ste- Stalinist N. Y. Daily Worker Geneva is of course obscure. Most revelations about the murder Science Monitor that French For- the Vietminh could actually have variants; partition of Indo-China silence his political opponents in eign Minister Bidault had begun captured the French fortress any- as in Korea, or the setting up of no matter what country they

The meaning of this is obvious. The Stalinists are trying to demonstrate their capacity to conlenkov also put out an olive trol the struggle in Indo-China, branch on the same day as Eisen- and therefore their ability to deliver in a deal.

A dispatch from Tokyo April 24 to the Christian Science Monitor made this clear: If the Stalinist Gen. Giap "delays an all out assault . . . it will be because the Communists hope to use the threat . . . to obtain concessions at Geneva.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE"

"This, however, presumes Moscow and Peking maintain direct control down to operational levels trade restrictions. These secret in Indo-China and can call the signals as they choose. "This would be almost too good

> to be true. . .' The exact nature of the deal

Fascist Senator Gains in TV Bout With GOP-Democratic Opponents

By Daniel Roberts

The current Army-McCarthy hearings represent the airing of a major power conflict raging between the wing of the Republican Party headed by Eisenhower and the fascist forces grouped around Senator McCarthy. The fact that this conflict is being waged in the open is a measure of the strength that has accumulated on the side of

McCarthy. He is not "just a Senator in trouble" as the liberal trio of hoodlums on "trial" chatterbox, Max Lerner, calls him McCarthy, Cohn and Carr. But in the New York Post of April this trio is certainly not at bay. 26. He is not simply an adventurer caught off base.

It is true that in the hearing hearings. Supposedly limited by room itself there are only three open fascists under attack - the

On Murder of

on how Stalin organized the assassination of Leon Trotsky is reported to have been revealed n detail to U.S. security officers in West Germany by Nikolai Khokhlov, a Soviet secret police captain whose break last February from the Kremlin was

made public April 22.

General Leonid Eitingen, of was named by the former Soviet and trained "Jacques Mornard" for the slaying of Trotsky. Eitingen was executed in late 1953 as a Beria supporter.

the operations of that section of the secret police set up to assassinate political opponents of

Before his death, Trotsky revealed that information had reached him of the creation by Stalin of such an international assassination squad.

The specific details on the orhave given U.S. officials were not made public. Perhaps the its diplomatic jockeying Washington helped cover up Sta-

lin's crimes. But the few facts that were given to the press further conthat is being secretly discussed at firm the accuracy of Trotsky's might live.

As a matter of fact, McCarthy, the "accused" has the run of the

the ground rules to a ten-minute turn of questioning to be taken in rotation, McCarthy breaks in Report New Facts freely at any time. On the pretext of raising "points of order" he interrupts the proceedings with any question, comment or characterization he feels like.

In this he is abetted by Senator Mundt, the chairman of the hear-Trotsky by Stalin Mundt, the chairman of the ings, who rarely stops McCarthy before he is finished with his speech and who interrupting speech and who makes his ruling on the spurious point of order only after Mc Carthy has put his propaganda across.

who is supposed to be sitting in Clellan, Symington, and Jackson judgment over him, "Oh, be quiet!" and commands the Soviet Ministry of Interior, quiet!" and commands any and all on the first round of examination agent as the one who selected whenever he speaks. Throughout third on the noble plea that they of the hearings.

Khokhlov, a Soviet police ag- Carthy's own committee, with turn with new questions, charges, replacing the fascist Senator is entirely on his side as is its special council, Ray Jenkins. The Carthy's grounds. Jenkins seeks by the way he questions the wit- admission that McCarthy's innesses and by his advice to Mundt restigations of "Communism" are on McCarthy's "points of order." of the utmost importance to the

In addition to the partiality nation. shown McCarthy by the special investigator and the majority of ganization of the killing of Trot- the committee, the Democratic you would regard . . . (Mcsky that Khokhlov is reported to Senators display utter ineptitude,



McCARTHY

although they are supposedly McCarthy is his rude and helping the Army in its case arrogant self in cross-examination against McCarthy.

to listen to him attentively and to "pass" on the second and he acts completely as the boss want to expedite the hearings. They thereby leave the field free The Republican majority of the for McCarthy who never passes investigating committee - Mc- but confronts his accusers at each

and innuendoes. The line of examination of the Army witnesses is entirely on Mclatter demonstrates his partiality to extract from each witness an

> Thus, questioning General Reber, Jenkins asked: "General, (Continued on page 4)

State Department wished to reserve this information in line with its diplomatic jockeying NEWARK SWP SUPPORTS with the Malenkov crew. During the war, it will be recalled, Washington helped cover up Sta-

By George Breitman SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

NEWARK, April 27 — The Socialist Workers Party vens in the April 27 Christian published a report April 29 "that frequently mentioned are two machine that Stalin set up to today announced support of four candidates for the Newark City Council in the election to be held May 11. Two of

these are CIO candidates, and Vegro community.

Council form of government approved in a referendum last Norember to replace the City Commission form. As was predicted by the SWP last year, the change-over from one form to another has shaken up the local political picture and encouraged the emergence of new political currents and alignments.

The most significant was the decision of the Essex-West Hudson CIO Council to run two CIO leaders for the City Council. They are James T. Callaghan, organization director of District 4 IUE-CIO, running for councilman-at-large; and Jerry Leopaldi, president of the big Federal ocratic machine and its candi-Local 447, IUE-CIO, running for councilman in the East Ward.

This is not the first time the CIO has endorsed CIO members running for office, usually on the Democratic ticket. What is new in the present situation is assumed the major responsibility are getting a tighter and tighter for financing and running their

AGAINST DEMOCRAT SLATE | dals is the fact that the Negro supposed to be "non-partisan" - of the population but have never is a mere technicality, and the

wo are representatives of the Democratic machine gets around it by drawing up its own in-The elections are the first to formal slate and then passing be held under the new Mayor- down the word to its wardheelers to support that slate and oppose all others.

The significant thing about the Callaghan-Leopaldi candidacies is that they are not included on the Democratic machine's slate for the Council. In fact, the Democratic county boss approached Callaghan and asked him to take a place on his slate. Although CIO candidates generally have accepted such offers in the past, Callaghan turned it down this time.

Thus Callaghan and Leopaldi are running as independent candidates, sponsored by the CIO, and opposed by the corrupt Dem-

Their election under these circumstances would be a blow against capitalist politics. It would prove that labor can elect its own candidates. It would strengthen the movement for an that the CIO has SPONSORED independent Labor Party by Callaghan and Leopaldi and has showing that such a party can win office under its own steam. That is why the Socialist Workers Party favors their election.

One of Newark's biggest scan-Municipal elections here are people represent over one-sixth

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is on the Unemployed employment insurance are pressed man that a pick-up in orders the Department of Labor is now

By Robert L. Kern

The Eisenhower administration gave its answer this week to the ing our active workers, talking liberal unemployment compensaco unionists, students and allition to adjust for the great inkinds of people on trains and in crease in living costs since inficials of the Bureau of Employtime the work of a speaking tour ment Security of the Labor Department charged April 24 that fraud in the collection of these payments is nation-wide.

Instead of requesting new funds to bring unemployment in surance up to better levels, the Labor Department demands \$2,-500,000 more to "investigate" unemployed workers whom they allege are getting unemployment insurance "illegally."

A worker collecting unemploy ment insurance after being laid off from his job is presumably his scale reached \$1.72 an hour. free to turn down offers of employment at a lower wage scale or under worse conditions than premium incentive plan in his those of his last job. This right, ployment Insurance Compensation

After a few weeks, workers promise of re-employment other ago. who continue to draw their un- than the statement by the fore-

however, refuse to voluntarily if things got worse. cut their standard. It is these workers that the Labor Department is now threatening.

TYPICAL CASE

I interviewed a typical case with a wife and two children to the old job. He refused. support, has now been on unemployment insurance for ten weeks His story is not much different from that of thousands of others. 1946 and went to work as a machine hand in a middle-sized shop in New York. His starting wage scale was \$1.09 an hour. After a series of union-won raises,

During the Korean war, he worked overtime and through a hop, his earnings were conwhich is written into the Unem-siderably increased. Last year the

Many have had to give in to this This, no doubt, was a reflection gress to investigate. increasing demand for more pressure and thus lower their of Eisenhower's reassuring statestandard of living. Many others, ment that he would act in March OFFERED LOWER PAY

After five weeks of unemploy-

nent insurance, he was asked by his interviewer why he didn't take a job at \$1.25 an hour at a this week. This man, aged 31, shop farther from his home than

He told me that it would be too much of a setback to have to go into a new shop at the bottom scale with no seniority and begin He came out of the army in a painful accumulation of seniority and possible pay rises. He considered the whole thing to be completely unfair.

In the meantime, he preferred o wait longer on the chance his old shop might rehire him.

I asked him how he managed grip on the American economy, to get by on just unemployment insurance and he told me that his overtime was cut out and then wife took a job in a laundromat. with others, was laid off with no to 55% of what it was a year tions accounted for 40.5% of the that is, no regular party label had any top-level representation regulations is now under sustain- in February of this year he, along This brought the family income

to accept jobs at lower scales. might be expected around March. demanding \$2,500,000 from Con-He told me his story without

concealing his bitterness. He and his wife planned a year ago to put a down payment on their own home in Long Island. They even dreamed of buying a car. But this is all gone now and the prospects look grim. He could not hold back his caustic comments about the working men voted for Eisenhower.

Yet, he said with a wry smile, had the Democrats won, the story most likely would not have been different.

Corporate Grip On Economy Grows

"The nation's big corporations reports the April 16 Labor's Daily. According to an April 15 Federal Trade Commission report in 1950 the 200 largest corporatotal value of all manufacturing, appears on the ballot. But this in the city government. The Soworker that In 1935 the figure was 37.7%.

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is the paramount need. Unless the working class meets the crises of capitalism with a bold socialist program the fascist will succeed in mobilizing the great mass of the middle class into its

But we have more than the European experience to guide us. The "Draft Program" presented by the American Communist Party is the same program that the labor bureaucracy has been following in the United States - with what results?

McCarthyism has thrived on the political enslavement of the American labor movement to the capitalist parties. The net result of the decades of subservience to the Democratic and Republican machines is the birth of an aggressive American fascist movement and the alienation of large ections of the middle class from the labor movement.

"The Stalinist program of class treachery flows from the schemes of the Kremlin bureaucrats, who dream of buying off the hostility of the American capitalists with back-door deals at the expense of the workers. But haven't the workers paid out enough blood for such treacherous "deals" in the past? Didn't tens of millions of workers perish under the iron heel of European fascism? Aren't the mass graves of these workers a sufficient monument to Stalinist and Social Democratic per-

Can They Repeat It in America?

But can the Stalinists in the United States actually commit such a betrayal? Aren't they too isolated and hounded themselves to "deliver the goods?"

In the fight against Stalinism, as in the fight against fascism, illusions are impermissible:

Yes, under certain conditions the Stalinists can "deliver the goods." With a turn in the political situation toward mass radicalization, the very factors that have isolated the Stalinists quarters of the population of some can work in their favor. The Stalinist have been the chief tar- 28 million live on the coastal get of the witch hunters. Among radical workers this has already evoked sympathy for them. This is only natural. What is "unnatural" and what is a great danger is the Stalinist misuse and betrayal of this sympathy in pursuit of their "coalition policy.

Tomorrow (and even today in certain notable cases) the right-wing labor bureaucrats will enlist the willing and eager Stalinists to act as their hatchetmen in fighting the development of a genuine left wing in the trade unions. The American labor bureaucrats have done it before and they can do it again.

We must understand that the following chain of possibilities confront us: McCarthyism can avert defeat at the hands of the working class, only if the labor bureaucracy succeeds in maintaining its grip on the trade unions and continuing to foist its class-collaboration policy on American labor.

The labor bureaucracy in turn can maintain its entrenched position only if the left-wing radical wave, now in the making, comes under control of a force that will betray it. Stalinism is such a force.

The Stalinists have deliberately set out to win control of the incipient left wing. Their tactic is to burrow deep into the Democratic Party apparatus. In this arena, under the flag of Roosevelt and The New Deal, they hope to meet the leftward moving workers, who have not shed their illusions about cap-

At the same time they are making vigorous attempts to refurbish their reputation as true radicals with the Negro people whom they betrayed throughout the Second World War.

Their purpose is to prevent the leftward moving workers and the radical-minded Negro people from breaking away from

They hope to accomplish this perfidious aim by reinforcing the right-wing labor bureaucrats, by revitalizing the illusions workers have in the Democratic Party, and by steering those who do begin to take the road to independent political action back into the Democratic blind alley.

Role of The SWP

The Stalinists can succeed in this monstrous plan only on condition that the revolutionary socialists give them an open

The SWP says frankly that it will never permit the Stalinists to derail the radical vanguard of the American working class. Stalinism is the mortal enemy of the working class. On the open political arena, we will meet head-on the plot of the

We will do everything in our power to expose the treachery of the Stalinists, and to educate the new generation of militants in the labor movement on the truth about Stalinism and its whole filthy record of betrayal.

Above all, in opposition to the Stalinists, we will press for labor to take the road of independent political action. Labor would have established its own party long ago if the labor bureaucracy and the Stalinists had not prevented it. In face of the growing menace of fascism the formation of an independent class party of the workers becomes an imperative task and failure to fulfill this task means defeat.

The struggle for an independent Labor Party and the struggle against Stalinism are thus two sides of the fight to smash McCarthyite fascism.

The Stalinists, of course, can be expected to respond with slander and frame-ups against the Socialist Workers Party as they have in the past. This is their way of recognizing that the SWP is the only working-class party that conducts an uncompromising fight against the American capitalists and their agents.

As the SWP continues its campaign against the McCarthyite fascists in the 1954 elections, it will alert ever larger sections of the awakening American working class to the socialist struggle against fascism. For it is only through the socialist working class struggle that fascism can be defeated.

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Stalinists Help Why Indo-Chinese People Are Determined to Win

China have devoted many columns pondering over the fact that was not a single blast furnace in despite the enormous military advantage the French colonial forces enjoy, the fighters for freedom have them at the point of military defeat. Almost all these columnists now concede that the Viet Minh government led by Ho Chi Minh has the support of the majority of the Indo-Chinese people, and that the principal comes from only the French imperialists and their American

The history of Indo-China under French rule explains why the neople nourish so Indo-Chinese fierce a hatred of the French and their own native capitalist-landrallied with such remarkable force behind the Viet Minh government in the struggle for national liberation.

French missionaries and traders egan their penetration of Indo-China 200 years ago. It is now almost 85 years since French imperialism incorporated this area, the population own more than so rich in natural resources, into ts colonial empire.

Even without French exploitatyphoons are accompanied by normous and devastating tidal

But the difficulties imposed on Indo - Chinese people by compared to those inflicted on them by the plundering French colonialists and by their own ruling class which functions as a ocal agency of the French.

Indo - Chinese investments. French have suppressed development of any sizeable industry. They have done so to block the rise of either a strong since 1917, has been one of an industrial working class, or a native capitalist class capable of to drive out the French. At the ndependent rule.

nined and exported by the French capitalist class, who sought to that country, a power that had to terms of his capitalation, the

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at fabulous profit. Almost 100% News correspondents in Indo- of these products are exported as raw material. As of 1950 there all of Indo-China.

> The French have converted Indo-China into the "rice bowl" of Asia, while the Indo-Chinese people starve for lack of it.

In the dominant field of agriculture, the impoverishment of the masses is most acute. About 700 French planters own 20% of the cultivatable land. A slightly backing of the puppet Bao Dai larger number of native landlords control an equal amount of land, granted to them by the French for their "collaboration." They operate this land under a tenant-farm system that keeps the native farmers under an opressive burden of debt.

At the beginning of the planting season, the tenant is obliged lord class, and why they have to borrow from the landlord. Six months later, at harvest time, he must repay him in rice at ::00% interest. The landlord takes n all 70% of the crop.

The bulk of those who till their own land are confined to plots averaging less than 2½ acres. Only eight percent of four acres of land.

The land is tilled with primitive tools of the type used two cenion, life would be difficult enough turies ago. Irrigation is at a in this 280,000 square miles of minimum. Fertilizer is virtually land, covered largely by dense mobtainable for the average mountainous jungles. Three-peasant, even though phosphates are exported in large quantities The hardship of life on the

plain, on one-tenth of the total land drives increasing numbers All of Indo-China, but of peasants onto the large French especially the coastal area, is plantations and into the mine subject to violent rainy seasons pits. There the rate of exploitaand to typhoons originating out tion is fierce. In 1939 native of the Pacific. Sometimes the miners earned an average pay of two to four francs a day.

RECORD POVERTY

The terrible plight of the Indo-Chinese people was summed up geography and climate are minor in the April 11 N. Y. Times which reported, ". . . the standard of living remains one of the world's lowest. Food supply per capita is just about 2,000 calories a day (among major countries only To insure the "safety" of its India and Burma are below that), the and a per capita income of less the than \$100 a year.' Because of these ruinous con

> ditions, the history of Indo-China, uninterrupted series of struggles beginning, the nationalist move

H-Bomb Victim



One of the Japanese fishermen who suffered radiation burns in the March 1 H-bomb test, arrives by plane in Tokyo for further treatment. Japanese doctors say they still don't know if he and 20 other fishermen who were burned will live.

win from the French a greate share of the loot.

But by 1933 the independence struggle had developed into a movement of the peasants and workers to drive out the French and to expropriate the native ruling class. That struggle continued with mounting intensity until 1939 when the country was occupied by Japan with the outbreak of the Second World War.

FOUGHT JAPANESE

During the war, the Indo-Chinese masses waged an epic struggle to drive out the Japanese and to eliminate the native ruling class which had swung over to collaboration with the Japanese as easily as their French masters went over to the Nazis during the German occupation of France. It was the Japanese who installed Bao Dai as Emperor.

When the French forces returned to Indo-China in 1945 they Coal, iron, tin and zinc are ment was led by the native found a new power existed in France negotiating the detailed

the Viet Minh (abbreviation for League for Independence of Viet Nam) had been organized. By he end of the war Viet Minh was so powerful that the French

were compelled to recognize it as Nam and Bao Dai was forced

At its inception the Viet Minh was composed of the Stalinist party, the Trotskyist party and two left-wing middle class nationalist parties. At the time, the Stalinists were the most inpolitical force in the north while the Trotskyist party was the largest in Cochin China received 80% of the popular vote as against 15% for the government party and one percent for the Stalinists.) With the establishment of the

Viet Minh government, the Stalinists under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh, emerged as the decisive power in the country. Completely subservient to the Kremlin, which was trying to maintain its wartime alliance with the Western owers, the Indo-Chinese Stalinrts as well as the French Stalinists, put forward a program of "independence within the rench Union."

MURDER TROTSKYISTS

On March 6, 1946, Ho signed a compromise" agreement with the French for the realization of this program. In order to prepare the ground for this sell-out of the independence struggle, the Stalinists launched a drive to physically liquidate the Trotskyists, who had been front-line freedom fighters throughout. This campaign culminated, several weeks prior to the March 6 agreement, with the assassination of Ta Thu Tau, founder and outstanding leader of the Indo-Chinese Trotskyist move-

Ho's agreement proved a life saver for the beleaguered French imperialists. It permitted French troops to remain and guaranteed the continuation of French economic and "cultural" interests As a good-will token, Ho appointed Bao Dai a member of his government and dissolved the Communist Party into the Viet

While Ho spent seven months in

during the depth of the depres-

and the foulest food. On top of

that it was Jim Crow, As bad

as the facilities were for the

whites, they were immeasurably

So I didn't have many pleasant

ecollections of the city. But I

look back at this visit to St.

Louis with a feeling of warmth

and pleasure. The small group of

SWPers in St. Louis are a model

of Trotskyist tenacity and cour-

age. Despite their limited forces

To me it was a demonstration

of the stuff our party is made

ed to hold on to all their rights

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It was a great pleasure to speak

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ducted a successful meeting.

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dealt with. In the course of French devoted their energies to against the Indo-Chinese people. the struggle against the Japanese, reenforcing the expeditionary force in Indo-China with men and

LAUNCH WAR

On Nov. 24, 1946, French forces the Soviet Union and China. suddenly seized the city of action they opened the present

possible was shared with Ho by out of the war. the French Stalinists who were ment at the time, and who, as promise"

tions in that area the Trotskyists to March 1947, when the "cold for such a deal. But the heroic war" forced them out of the gov- record of the Indo-Chinese people ernment, the French Stalinist gov-strongly indicates that they will eparate occasions for war funds win their full freedom.

The French Stalinist did not come out unequivocally for unconditional Indo - Chinese independence until 1950, after Ho's rovernment was recognized by

Despite these treacherous Stalthe legal government of Viet Haipong after bombarding it inist blows, the Indo-Chinese peofrom the sea at a cost of 6,000 ple have grimly continued their lives. With that treacherous war for independence. They have fought so well that the French now face total military sell-out that made this collapse and are seeking a way

At Geneva negotiations are members of the French govern- under way to secure a new "comin Indo-China. The "patriotic" Frenchmen, supported past odious record of the Stalinthe war of colonial conquest in ists indicates their ability to in the south. (In the 1939 elec- Indo-China. From September 1945 sacrifice the independence fight rament officials voted on six not give up the war until they

\$14,000 Fund Scoreboard

Branch	Quota	Total Paid	%
Detroit	\$ 500	\$ 485	97
Youngstown	150	145	9.7
Buffalo	1,500	1,300	87
Newark	400	300	75
Pittsburgh .	150	100	67
Boston	500	300	60
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1.200	707	59
New York	3,000	1,709	57
Chicago	1,,500	810	54
Philadelphia	400	200	50
Allentown	65	30	-46
San Francisco	700	314	45
Cleveland	250	. 100	40
St. Louis	75	30	40
Milwaukee	250	95	38
Los Angeles	2,500	906	36
Oakland	250	67	27
Akron	100	0	0
Seattle	250	0	. 0
General	260	115	44
Total through April 26	\$14,000	\$7,713	55

Anti-McCarthy Campaign News

(Continued from page 1) ole to the Korean slaughter, these the Public Library.' nationalists proclaim: "That those who wittingly or unwit- McCarthy pamphlets than any tingly provoked this Republic into branch in the country. The Minbe swiftly brought to an account- for selling America's Road to ing before a court of justice. The Socialism. And Youngstown has awful punishment of treason is

Renaissance Party that winds up to the streets with open air meetan anti-Semitic diatribe with the ings against McCarthyism. At the slogan: "Only Nationalism Can first rally 63 anti-McCarthy pam-

were hundreds of thousands of sentment against the govern-

This growing popular revolt

YOUNGSTOWN LEADS

in this week for anti-fascist literature sold. Youngstown still holds the lead and St. Paul has recaptured second place.

gratulations for jumping up from

phlets, and the rest in front of

propaganda is a mimeographed ties in America eaflet distributed by the National

The Transient Camp in St. must be turned against the real Louis was the worst in the whole source of 20 years of misery, country. It had the filthiest beds i.e., the capitalist system.

A thousand more points came

Milwaukee gets special con-

eighth place on the scoreboard to fifth place. Paul Miller writes from Milwaukee: "On Wednesday nearly 50 pamphlets were sold by four comrades: at State College 18 anti-McCarthy pam-

St. Paul has sold more antithe Korean fiasco . . . should neapolis branch has top honors done an outstanding job with the Case of the Legless Veteran. the The second piece of fascist story of the fight for civil liber-

The New York Local has taken

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1	Youngstown	289
2	St. Paul	601
2	Newark	512
4	Minneapolis	542
5	Milwaukee	146
	New York	713
7	Buffalo	222
6 7 8	Philadelphia	156
9	Chicago	200
10	San Francisco	0 88
11	Los Angeles	305
12	St. Louis	18
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vice industries. The middle class is small. Those who live off the labor of the steel workers don't vice industries and labor of the steel workers don't labor of the "Yes" I told him, "the Social- ver, one of the best locations in ing the hard winter of 1933 there tempting to convert popular reist Workers Party was arbitrarily the city. The headquarters is

build their homes in grim, smoky When I was SWP organizer in Youngstown in 1939 a worker said to me, "The devil is known to have surveyed Youngstown as a possible site for hell but re-

Today as in 1939 mass layoffs are the chief concern of the Youngstown steel workers. I dealt with the subject in my meeting and showed the relation between the threat of fascism and depression. Many of the Steel Union locals seem to feel that unemployment can be met only by accepting increased lavoffs and maintaining the 40-hour week as against keeping everybody on the job on a short work week with a deep pay slash (sharing

jected it because it was too grue-

the misery.) The trouble with the argument about "sharing the misery" versus layoffs is that both solutions tacitly accept the principle that

the employers' profits are sacred.

Other union locals, by raising the demand for 30-40, are beginning to adopt the opposite principle; namely, the first conern of the unions is to protect the living standards of the workers. If the capitalists can't produce at a profit let them get porter from a Democratic newsout of the way and we will show paper. them how industry can be run at full capacity, with production for use and improved conditions for the workers.

A young steel worker who had attended both the Pittsburgh and

stooge, Robert E. Lee, got on the damentally correct program. Federal Communications Commission, I could see by the expres- carried on a discussion with some sion on his face the question he of these friends far into the night was going to ask me; and sure and I believe the discussion was

"Mr. Weiss," the reporter ask- DETROIT

torney General Clark in 1947. We attended by auto workers from of the Democratic administration campus,

readers," I told him, "there is a in the headquarters was used as new 'subversive list' out. Mc- a nursery during the meeting Carthy started the new list. (which took place on a Sunday But Republican Attorney Gen- afternoon.) This made it pos eral Brownell has aided and abet- sible for mothers to attend and ted him in issuing it. We are not the care of children was socialon this new list. Only the Dem- ized for the afternoon. ocratic Party is on this list. I The success of the Detroit and violence some time in the future. McCarthy, backed by the Republican National Committee. charges the Democratic Party I saw them at work. with having sold out the country to the Russians for the past

That ended the discussion or 'subversive" lists with this re-

In Cleveland we had a very

interesting meeting at the headquarters of the SWP branch. As the crowd was gathering, records Youngstown meetings declared he from a new album of Wobbly was joining the SWP after the songs were played. Perhaps by meeting. So we had an impromp- coincidence the meeting was attended by more than the average number of former IWW members and other radicals who are at In Akron I had an interesting present unaffiliated. The interestinterview with a reporter from ing thing to me was the posa Democratic newspaper. We itive response of these indepenwere unable to secure any radio dent radicals to our analysis and time in Akron even though an program of action on McCarthyanti-fascist friend offered to pay ism. While they maintained a for a 15-minute broadcast. By number of important differences rights we had free time coming and doubts about the program to us as a participant in the of the SWP, they were eager to McCarthy confroversy. When I cooperate in the struggle against told the reporter of the fear at- American fascism and readily mosphere we encountered among granted that the SWP had taken radio people since McCarthy's the lead in the fight on a fun-

After the Cleveland meeting I

Highlights of My Tour

placed on a witch-hunting black- spacious and has many "possi- youths wandering across the ment's wars and social insecurlist by Democratic Party's At- bilities." The meeting was well country, living in freight trains ity into fascist violence. never had a hearing and our a number of plants. The audience members, like James Kutcher, had a good representation of the 'legless veteran,' were victim- women workers, Negroes, houseized by this blacklist persecution wives and some youth from the

One feature of the meeting "But I've got news for your impressed me. A special room

don't know who is in worse shape, meeting was all the more notable we or the Democratic Party. We because the comrades were right and a raging witch hunt in the were slanderously accused by the in the midst of a petition cam- city, they rented a hall and con-Democratic Attorney General of paign to put the SWP on the plotting to conspire to advocate ballot in Michigan. They were the overthow of the United working on that difficult proj-States Government by force ect at a feverish pace. Since then they have successfully concluded the petition campaign. I not trying to hold a meeting. had no doubt they would when But the comrades are determin-

> My next stop was St. Louis. to them and to feel their deterhadn't been there since 1933 mination and spirit.

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Clardy on the Loose in Michigan

After a two-year interval, the House Un-American Activities Committe is returning to the scene of its crimes of 1952 in Michigan. This time the Committee is headed by Rep. Kit Clardy (R.) of Lansing, Mich. The new hearings will begin May 3.

Sensational red-hunting "revelations" are promised by the committee's publicity hounds. As in 1952, the chief target of these Mc-Carthyite inquisitors will be the union move-

Carl Stellato, President of Ford Local 600. UAW-CIO has revealed that at least seven members of the local have been subpoenaed. And Clardy himself has announced that he will invade the Flint auto locals: "At Flint we will show the Communist pattern in the unions."

The fear-smear machinery has been set in motion to create an atmosphere of hysteria. The Detroit News, April 25, reports that the Detroit Board of Education "has announced that it will suspend without pay, pending a hearing, any employe of the public schools or Wayne University whom the Clardy subcommittee names as a Communist.'

Clardy obviously hopes to match the success of the House Committee when it was under Velde's chairmanship in 1952. At that time Walter Reuther, President of the UAW-CIO permitted the Velde Committee to attack Ford Local 600. First he stood aside with folded hands. Then one of his lieutenants acted as a stool pigeon at the hearings. Finally Reuther

stabbed Local 600 in the back. He tried to lift their local union charter.

If Reuther can repeat his treacherous performance of 1952, then Clardy could hope to organize another witch-hunting Roman holiday. But powerful forces in the Michigan union movement have mobilized to prevent Reuther from doing this.

Local 600, after its bitter experience in 1952, has taken a firm stand against the Clardy com- Deutscher doesn't answer his own mittee and called on the UAW-CIO Executive question fully here. But he makes Board to take action against its union-busting activities. Other locals have followed suit. A movement is on foot to organize demonstrative snapped up by reviewers who reprotest actions.

This time Reuther will not be able to get away with playing footsie with the Mc-Carthyites. Unemployment is widespread in Michigan. The workers are beginning to realize that the McCarthyite red-baiters are trying to alleged "defects" in Trotsky's answer their demands for a 30-hour week at 40-hours pay, an immediate public works program and increased unemployment compensation with an anti-"red" hysteria.

Even the union officials are beginning to be frightened at the growth of McCarthyism. They can feel the hot breath of the fascist union busters on their own necks.

But it is not enough to prevent Reuther from cooperating with the witch hunters. Now is the which is determined by other time for the Michigan labor movement to take forces. action to smash the anti-labor offensive of the witch-hunting committees.

Sweetheart -- of the FBI

This sounds like something out of Nazi Germany in the days of Hitler's Gestapo; but the scene is America and the time right now -

Daphne Price, a vivacious 19-year-old Canadian girl studying at the University of Michigan, smiled at a graduate student, Edward H. Shaffer, last December. The 25-year-old youth dated her up and she became his girl friend.

But some of Shaffer's ideas startled Daphne. At his apartment other students dropped around to discuss far-ranging questions. "The talk was not what you might call of a subversive nature," she said later, "but it did indicate a different philosophy of life than most American have. . ."

In the witch-hunt atmosphere of today, Daphne became alarmed that her association with Shaffer might prevent her parents from becoming naturalized American citizens. She went for advice to Robert B. Klinger, assistant counselor of the International Center at the

university. A sinister thing happened. Klinger, the girl reported, "strongly urged" her to go to the FBI. She followed his advice.

The FBI intimated that her position as an alien had been jeopardized by dating Shaffer and that to improve her position she should report back to them about his activities and his friends.

Daphne gave way to the sickening pressure. For four months she spied on her boy friend. She turned in the names of his campus acquaintances and reported what they talked about. "The talk," she said, "was mostly along philosophical lines but whenever they began applying their philosophical concepts to the express those forces, while Trotsolution of practical problems, I would listen sky's character couldn't and harder. Of course, if the talk were about trigonometry or some other harmless subject, I wouldn't report it.'

Then in April, as the first signs of spring sky's character which we want to appeared on the campus, she could no longer are new, but because they are endure it. She broke down and confessed to her genuinely related to Trotsky's boy friend the horrible role she had been role. forced to play for the FBI.

Shaffer did not blame Daphne "entirely' but his indignation over "the secret police coming into my home" drove him to an hibited a characteristic of which the same kind of role in both unusual action. He asked Daphne to write it all down. He had it notarized. Then he took from men." it to the campus newspaper.

The story about the foul campus activity of the FBI made a sensation. It was given frontpage headlines in the Detroit papers. Daphne they are the indispensable bedrock Deutscher admits, "went on exleft for Canada and took a job.

But the witch hunters did not let the matter rest there. Rep. Clardy's subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee is snooping for "reds" in Michigan, on the campus as well as the unions, and so they served Shaffer He worked loyally with people to the conditional sphere from the traits of all the conditions favored revolutions and so they served Shaffer He worked loyally with people to the conditional sphere from the traits of all the conditions favored revolutions as that was, when he found himself in political tional sphere from the traits of all the conditions have the revolution of the campus anear of the conditions are considerable means an enwith a sub-poena.

That's where the sensational case stands now, with Clardy investigating Shaffer for against even former friends after conciliationism toward Menshev-"philosophical" talk instead of investigating the FBI for turning a campus sweetheart into a stool pigeon.

Monitored Phones and Tapped Wires

On April 23, during the course of the current Army-McCarthy hearings, Joseph McCarthy blew his top when Army Secretary Stevens revealed that telephone conversations getween himself and the fascist senator had been "monitored" by the Army and kept for permanent record. A monitored phone conversation is one that is taken down on tape without the knowledge or consent of the other person. It is therefore a species of wire-tapping.

McCarthy described this "monitoring" as "one of the most indecent and dishonest things I ever heard of."

McCarthy's outburst against "monitoring" indicts McCarthy himself. It is a matter of record that the FBI - on whom McCarthy relies for much of his information - uses wiretapping as a standard feature of its snooping operations. McCarthy also favors Attorney-General Brownell's measure that would legalize wire-tapping in cases of suspected "sabotage, treason or subversion" and would permit information so obtained to be introduced into court as evidence. In fact, McCarthy offered to sponsor Brownell's measure in the Senate.

The Brownell measure (Keating Bill in the House) represents an attack on democratic rights on the following grounds:

(1) The Attorney General is given the sole right to authorize the use of wire-tapping in specific cases and does not even have to go to court for a warrant. Thus one man may order secret and permanent spying operations to be conducted against any individual purely according to his definition of "treason" or "subversion." This is the same man who is empowered to list organizations arbitrarily as "subversive" without clearly defined standards and with no necessity of granting public hearings.

(2) Even if a proposed amendment should be added to the bill making it mandatory for

the Attorney General to secure a court order in each case of wire-tapping, there is still infringement of basic liberties. An order permitting wire-tapping is not the same as the Marx too). But far from being a legal search of a premise which must be confined to the search for definite articles and must be carried through at a definite time. Wiretapping is akin to posting a permanent policeman in a person's house. It represents a continuos violation of the right of privacy. The Anglo-Saxon conception of law, which holds that a person's home is his own castle, is thus replaced by the standards of the police state.

Even a person's telephone conversations with his lawyer would not be immune from tapping, although the privacy of such a conversation is recognized in every court.

(3) Phone-tapping evidence is recorded by means of tape-recordings. This places enormous possibilities for frame-up in the hands of the FBI. As Richard L. Strout says in the April Christian Science Monitor, "In a totalitarian comes from the Icelandic section. country it is as easy as not to splice such a The supporters of Pablo, constitape so as to edit out phrases without a trace tuting a tiny minority, "splin-- 'the dropping of an inconvenient 'not,' for sample, could reverse the maning of before the national convention of example, could reverse the meaning of a the party.

The victim has little recourse against such arena of democratic discussion Stalinism in the East German Icelandic section acting at Pabfabricated evidence since it is infinitely harder between those representing Trotto unmask than the forgery of his hand- skyism and those representing writing. All he could oppose to the doctored ism, this discredited minority tape would be his own recollection or the recol- faction in Iceland, following the lection of a possible witness.

The Brownell sponsored measure already has the OK of the House Judiciary Committee and has been sponsored in the Senate by Senator the movement almost a year ago. Pat McCarran. The liberal and the labor movement must be as prompt and as firm in the Pabloites next began to trumdenouncing this threat to their civil rights as pet the "news" that in reality ing a theoretical discussion: re- Trotskyist movement. But the McCarthy was in protesting the invasion of his important branch in the Iceland (who incidentally represent the will defeat these methods along prerogatives. They must organize to defeat this section. new police state measure.

Trotsky's Story -- Tragedy or Triumph? By George Breitman the side and set out to be "prac- living men and women had ever tical" politicians, figuring that experienced. The persecution and (Last of a series.) first they would combine with terror visited on the Trotskyist By executing some fast shuffles,

s we showed in the previous article in this series, Isaac Deutcher reaches the conclusion in his book, The Prophet Armed, that Trotsky and Lenin set political and theoretical "precedents" that "paved the way" for Stalin. He also expresses "absorbing interest" in the question: to what extent did Trotsky "pave the way for Stalin" by "his own character"?

Since this volume does not deal with the period of Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism, some beginnings, throwing out hints about Trotsky's character that have already been eagerly duce everything to their own shallow level, find in the most profound social struggles a pretext to indulge in amateur psychoanalysis, and glibly explain the course of Soviet history by personality.

Deutscher, of course, is much too shrewd to go that far himself. Elsewhere he has quoted approvingly Plekhanov's statement: "Owing to the specific qualities of their minds and characters, influential individuals can change the individual features of events and some of their particular consequences, but they cannot change their general trend,

Deutscher knows, and will say, that it was "other forces" (social, political, economic) that determincd the victory of Stalin. He knows that Stalin won, not because he was more sociable and humble than Trotsky, but because he represented social forces in retreat and in reaction against the revolution (and because his was a character that could adapt to and

But while Deutscher knows all this, he cannot refrain from making certain criticism of Trotdiscuss briefly, not because they

IDEAS AND MEN

(1) As far back as 1904, Deutscher says, Trotsky "exhe would never quite free himself: he could not separate ideas

The real substance of this stock complaint against Trotsky was om any party aspiring to lead a workers revolution. In other words, he was a principled politician — without deviation from 1917 on - who put program ahead of all other considerations. not hesitate to break and fight their political paths parted.

This characteristic offended and repelled centrists, vacillators and were always ready to patch up, compromise or ignore basic differences in order to cement a sistence on principles seemed "unworldly," "harsh," "sectarian"

or "autocratic" (epithets which were all applied to Lenin and to fault, this was one of Trotsky's greatest virtues. Instead of hampering him, it saved him.

ZINOVIEV AND KAMENEV Zinoviev and Kamenev were

ends they had never dreamed of, sky do? and when they tried to draw

of the head. not and would not separate Stalin sis.) from the ideas and forces he represented, and he rejected the revolutionist and was able to make of Trotsky the man and his work. further contributions to the movement precisely because his charhim in, principled politics.

OUT OF HIS ELEMENT?

itself when the revolution gains weakness comes to the fore when must retreat. There is some truth he received the strongest impulses from, and best mobilized ther bribe nor beat into line. his resources amid, the strains and stresses of actual upheaval. On a gigantic stage, which giant's stature. . . When the revolution was on the wane, however, he was out of his element and his herculean, not to lesser, labors."

There is "some" truth in this -this much: In periods of revolutionary upsurge, great leaders always shine most brightly after all, that is what they have been living, working and preparing for. In periods of reaction and defeat, even the best of lead ers are, so to speak, out of their element, thrown on the defensive reduced to different labors.

Trotsky stood out among mer in 1905 and 1917 because he so accurately reflected the revolutionary moods and hopes of the masses. He did not and could not play the same role in the periods of reaction that followed these distinguish - for he did not play these periods of reaction either.

ROLE IN TWO PERIODS

After 1905, when so many revolutionists became demoralized that he took a serious attitude to and deserted, Trotsky stuck to serious ideas because he knew his revolutionary guns and, as pounding the idea of permanen revolution with an ontimism and ardor uncommon in those years of depression." But as Trotsky wrote agreement with them, and did a petty-bourgeois revolutionist. I utionary activity, but the role hanced status, considerable ma- made evident was in agriculture, toward Leninist centralism."

political dabblers; to people who pursuing the illusion of uniting tional who will lead the workwas largely isolated from 1906 to capitalism and Stalinism. 1917. In this pursuit he certainly 'practical" bloc, Trotsky's in- was out of his element, and he did not fully come into it until ing for the "revolutionary" sides of the top echelons of the party, 1917 when he became a Bolshevik. of Stalinism, and for signs that government and industrial-admin-

explains his isolation at this time to reform itself, to be able to mainly by political reasons, while Deutscher emphasizes mainly personal traits. The correctness of the magnitude of Trotsky's work cisive majority of the new Su-Trotsky's explanation is confirm- in clearing that path for the re- preme Council consists of newed by the role he played from volutionist of today and tomor-1923 on. The wave of reaction that

Bolsheviks too. But after Lenin's struck Russia after 1923 was death they thrust principles to deeper and longer than anything conclude without some remarks

Stalin to get power and then later opposition was more severe than would decide on the ends that in the worst days of the Czarist power would serve. They separat- reaction after 1905. Bolsheviks ed, that is subordinated, ideas to who had not flinched at jail, Sitheir bloc with Stalin, and this beria or exile in 1906 were brokproved to be their undoing. For en morally and capitulated to they found themselves serving Stalin in 1926. What did Trot-

(3) This is the subject of back, it was too late - Stalin had Deutscher's next book, but in the power. Their reward was bolitical degradation, to say for the statement that "it was nothing of bullets in the back Trotsky's major weakness that he did not persist in his wis-Trotsky too was approached by dom, especially when to be wise Stalin for a bloc. But he could was to be alone," (Our empha-

This statement alone, in our opinion, is sufficient to disqualify offer. He saved himself as a Deutscher as any objective judge

Against all odds, Trotsky stood

up against the fierce reaction acter inclined him to, and his ex- represented by Stalinism. He perience increasingly confirmed stood up and fought back in defense of Bolshevism. He resist ed all the pressures, spurned all the offers for compromise, re (2) Deutscher writes: "Trot-fused to yield an inch on prin sky's strength, Stalin said, reveals ciple. He did this virtually alone against practically the whole momentum and advances; his leadership of the party, who held the state power in their hands the revolution is defeated and and did not hesitate to use its coercive instruments. If anyone in this. Trotsky's mental and in the history of the revolutionmoral constitution was such that ary movement "persisted," it was book. For one thing, Deutscher the police arrested the Peters-Trotsky, whom Stalin could nei-

dwarfed others, he rose to the was not actually a "lesser labor" it, and he mobilized all his re- translated? sources to carry it through to the finish.

TROTSKY'S TRIUMPH

To Deutscher, Trotsky's story s "tragic." That only shows how sky's autobiography merely re- which there is still no substitute. little he understands. Trotsky, it is true, was expelled, exiled and utionary duty to the full.

Stalin's aim was to extermin ate Bolshevism root and branch. In this he was thwarted. For two revolutions. But we must Trotsky, almost singlehanded, aloft and preserved it from stain; by the Kremlin Big Chiefs, But organize Bolshevism; Trotsky's litical importance. was to preserve it in its most In the first place, the policies difficult days.

we believe, history will recognize as Trotsky's greatest achie- in the changes that take place. vement not the role he played Secondly, to the individual bureau-"I had not freed myself at that in the Russian revolution in 1917, crat, membership in this body is officials, party, government and outstanding as that was, when no empty formality. Being "electwas sick with the disease of he filled in the reactionary years terial privileges and added presfrom 1923 to 1940 in patiently tige and power in the localities. Show of electing tractor meism and with a distrustful attitude explaining the meaning of Stalinism and tirelessly recruiting the Consequently Trotsky, then still forces of the Fourth Internathe Bolsheviks and Mensheviks, ers in ridding the world of both

stand that. He's too busy search- ance, among the 1,347 deputies, It will be noted that Trotsky the Soviet bureaucracy is going istrative apparatus. recognize the real path of so- uties only 40 have been recialist revolution in our time or elected. In other words, the de-

It would be wrong, however, to

Takes "Loyalty" Case to People



Abraham Chasanow, 43, sits among a group of his Greenbelt. Md., neighbors as he appeals for public support against "security risk" charges that cost him his Navy Dept. job after 23 years of service. Chasanow charged his ouster was due to anti-Semitism.

about positive aspects of the cords in a phrase the fact that has done a lot of research, par- burg Soviet which he headed in ticularly in the earlier writings December, 1905; Deutscher de-This was not Trotsky's natural of Trotsky — literary and cul- votes two pages to the amus-"element." But his strength did tural criticism, war correspon- ing details. Trotsky spent only not "sag" at the prospect. This dence, etc. — and he quotes a few lines on the subsequent enough from them to make his trial of its leaders; Deutscher than leading a revolution - it book worth reading. (And to in- has six pages highlighting the was merely a different, harder crease our appetite. When is dramatic events. and less personally gratifying la- some publisher going to be asstrength sagged. He was equal to bor. But Trotsky was equal to tute enough to get these writings account of Russian revolutionary

But for a genuinely objective history, and for an account that For another thing, the book can serve as a guide to people has many anecdotes and side- who want to participate in relights that will appeal to read- volutionary politics, we repeat, ers already familiar with Trot- the reader will still have to turn sky's works. For example, Trot- to Trotsky's own writings, for

finally murdered, but standing high above all these personal reverses, which Trotsky had for which he snatched from Stalin's hands by discharging his revol-

By John G. Wright

As a political body the Supreme Council of the USSR wields no power. It serves simply as a decorative facade kept the banner of Bolshevism and is a mere rubber stamp for decisions previously adopted

he maintained the continuity of this does not at all mean that group stands out. It consists of revolutionary Marxism; he ga- little political importance at- lesser party functionaries, of thered together a new cadre and taches to the composition of the "worker-notables" from plants armed it and hardened it. Le-| Supreme Council. On the con- and mines, of lesser local ofnin's great achievement was to trary, it is of considerable po- ficials, collective farm chairmen

of the Kremlin tops find their representatives of the Soviet laexpression in the composition of bor aristocracy and the lower the Supreme Soviet, particularly party, state and administrative

Council which convened April 20 in Moscow: (1) The huge turnover of deputies since the last "elections" A Deutscher couldn't under- in 1950; and (2) the predomin-

> Out of every 100 former depcomers, some 60%. As touches delegates from farm areas, even fewer of them returned, only 35 out of every 100. What happened to the former majority of the Supreme Council, handpicked

under Stalin? SOME NOT PURGED

By no means all of these exdeputies, who only last August staged ovations for Malenkov, have fallen victims of the purge. Some have been demoted and are under a cloud. However, the very torship," and similar fairy tales. magnitude of the turnover tes- It turns out that Malenkov & Co. tifies that the blood purge of are afraid to afford even in the Beria was not at all restricted Supreme Council a "base" as to the secret police, but took its broad as Stalin used to select! toll throughout the bureaucratic They have narrowed their selec-

re-elected, a highly significant of the other layers.

and the like. Under Malenkov & Co., the apparatus have been replaced quite consistently by high level industry alike. The only field of Soviet life where this was not Two facts are outstanding chanics, farm specialists, among about the newly elected Supreme them 15 "celebrated dairymaids," and several illustrious "women

gig tenders.' This coddling of "operative people" in the collective farms and the Machine and Tractor Stations is obviously dictated by the gravity of the current agricultural crisis, and is intended as one of the typical bureaucratic methods for overcoming this cri-

But the very exception in agriculture only further points up the prominence and predominance in the 1954 Supreme Council of the top bureaucratic echelons. from the All-Union level, through the various ministries and administrations of the different Soviet Republics, down to the level of the departments of the various provinces.

There has been no lack in some juarters of painting up the Maenkov regime as "more liberal" than Stalin's, as more anxious to broaden the "base of its dictation to the top bureaucratic ech-Among those who failed to get clons, retaining only a sprinkling

THE CASE OF THE **LEGLESS VETERAN**

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Pabloites Split on Eve Of Iceland Convention News of the latest desperate ground for the next step - the the Icelandic Pabloites didn't

Unable to operate in the open Pabloite pro-Stalinist revisioninstructions of Pablo, bolted to

Having executed this maneuver, Trotskyist faction.

This was intended to lay the file.) This move was so raw that represent.

tion in the Fourth International constitutes the entire Icelandic first. section. The Pabloites have relicity stunt in different sections the morale of the tiny Pabloite of the world Trotskyist move- minority that they were jerked

> Three months ago, the Ice- of the national convention. landic section opened the discussion on the new betrayals of workers' uprising and the French loite rump gatherings which in general strike of last summer and turn will be passed off as "ofthe Pabloite theory of a revol- ficial" meetings of the Fourth

utionary mission for Stalinism. International. In response, the Pablo clique in Paris issued a ukase directform an unprincipled alliance ing the section to suspend the linist school cannot prevent the with a group of disreputable fac- three leaders of the majority for truth from becoming fully evidtionalists who had walked out of their opposition to Pabloism and ent to the Trotskyists through their support of the orthodox out the world.

they had the "majority" of an move the leaders of the section genuine Trotskyists everywhere

adventures of the Pabloite fac- false claim that the "splinter" dare to give it open support at The discussion that developed peatedly pulled this type of pub- afterward was so devastating to

> out of the party on the very eve Now we will no doubt hear of "official" representatives of the

These organizational methods. borrowed entirely from the Sta

The Pabloites are resorting to This was Pablo's way of open- Stalinist methods to split the opinion of 90% of the rank and with the revisionist politics they

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The propaganda about Indo-China is even less convincing. It's such a clear-cut case of a colonial war against imperialist exploitation that even the French, who are supposed to be saving the Indo-Chinese for Western Culture or Christianity or something, refer to it as the "dirty war." Everyone abroad, and a good many newspaper reporters in this country, admit that the U.S. is financing the war and blackmailing the French into continuing to front for Wall Street until the American people can be whipped into accepting the war as

But things are not working out according to Wall Street's plan. The American workers are plenty worried about unemployment and the threat of depression but they do not want the false, blood-soaked prosperity of another

Korea, and they certainly don't want World War III and H-bombs.

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OBLIGING SERVANT

The scope of McCarthy's powe

s further revealed by the great

lengths to which Stevens went

in seeking to placate McCarthy

by befriending him and his two

hoodlum assistants, Schine and

Thus Stevens testified that since

(1) Attended McCarthy's wed-

ding; (2) entertained McCarthy

and his staff at the Merchants

club during the Fort Monmouth

nearings and arranged for them

to use all the facilities of the club

during that week at his expense

(3) lent his private plane to Mc-

Carthy and his staff for a trip

to Boston; (4) flew with them on

to Fort Dix because Roy Cohn

and McCarthy wanted to visit

(5) visited Allen Dulles in Central

Intelligence Agency to ask for a

spot there for Schine; (6) in-

terceded with Schine's command-

ing officer to arrange a special

Confronted by McCarthy's main

accusation that he had opposed

the Committee's investigation of

the Army and sought to have it

In truth, the Army chiefs and

wanted the investigation called

off. They viewed it as an invasion

by McCarthy aimed at disruption

of the traditional bureaucratic

in the military caste. Stevens'

designed to discredit the Mc-

The very denial of a commission

was supposed to symbolize the will of the administration to keep

control of the military caste and

its routine affairs and repel Mc-

Carthy's bid to build a rival center

there for himself. A definite sec-

tion of the Army brass is un-

doubtedly McCarthyite in senti-

of the witch hunt - all this

the gainer.

lead the way.

a hands-off demand.

Eisenhower administration

week-end pass for him.

FEARED McCARTHY

their side-kick, David Schine

last November he did the follow

They elected Eisenhower president less than two years ago as much in protest against the Korean War as for any other reason. They cannot be roused to any patriotic fervor for working, sacrificing and dying to save the be ... (none) more important. wealth of the Far East for Wall Street.

Besides, in spite of McCarthyism and the witch hunting of the Eisenhower administra-interrogation when the general tion, the democratic tradition, is still a part of the 'American heritage. Labor still negotiates and argues in terms of "fairness," protests "unfair labor practices" of employers, "unfair" intervention of police and courts against unions.

And the chief rallying cry of the most oppressed part of the working class, the Negro workers who have never shared the democratic rights of the rest, is "equality."

So, although the Indo-Chinese say it in language few Americans speak, their struggle for freedom from French rule or any other imperial rule is understandable to the workers of a nation which was born in a similar revolution against British imperialism. They sympathize with the Indo-Chinese demand for equal rights to determine their own destiny. They are demonstrating that by their nationwide opposition to converting Indo-China into another Korea.

Nothing But Stairs

When you talk about lives destroyed by capitalism you probably think of casualty lists or perhaps the blazing hell of the napalmed cities of Korea. Or you think of disaster headlines that hit your eye and heart in letters two inches high. The only time ordinary people make headlines is when they are killed in a spectacularly brutal manner. Families dying in a tenement blaze - youngsters of fourteen knifed in gang battles on the city street miners trapped in a black tunnel, frantically tapping for help.

But sudden death is not the only form of destruction. Millions of other lives are slowly blunted and deformed by the everyday struggle to exist, until they are finally broken and

There's no steam heat in the building where I live and I use an oil heater. Oil and ice are delivered by a friendly old man who lives upstairs. When I went up there to order oil he asked me in for a glass of wine and told me he had lived there forty years. He married, had five children, they grew up, left home and had families of their own - while he carried oil and ice on his back up six flights of stairs. in this building and all the other buildings along the block.

He's at work when I get up in the morning

I come home at night. He was standing on the stairs when I came in the other evening, about half way up the second flight. He was stooped, as always, from a lifetime of carrying heavy loads on his back. His hands shook a little and he looked up, the way you look up at the last stretch on the top of a hill when you're dead tired and wonder if you can make it.

I didn't feel sure that he would make it and a special trip in his private plane I wondered if I should help him out. I didn't want to. It makes an old man feel even older when he needs that kind of help. He saw my hesitation, smiled cheerfully and nodded his head. That meant he could make it himself.

This is the reward for a lifetime of hard work. No rest, no security, just more work and a persistent fear. The night will come when he can't get up those stairs.

Then, if he's lucky, one of the children will make room for him in an already overcrowded stopped, Stevens could neither apartment. If not, he may spend some bleak fully deny it nor counter-attack. years in a home for the aged. Or chronically ill, lie in a narrow cot at a city hospital - if he can get in. They're crowded too and you have to wait your turn to die.

Now when I think of the evils of this economy and its criminal destruction of human beings, I see it summed up in the stooped lines of command and developfigure of a man nearing seventy, his life used ment of a McCarthyite machine up and his strength failing, with nothing ahead

Notes from the News

"UNIONS MAY SUFFER," is the warning issued by Labor's Daily on passage of the Texas bill outlawing the Communist Party and all other "subversive" organizations. The new law provides for prison terms up to 20 years and fines up to \$20,000 for anyone that "advocates or teaches any activities intended to overthrow or destroy the constitutional form of government." State Rep. Dug Crouch, a legislative opponent of the measure, is quoted by Labor's Daily April 14 as predicting that the law "may well mean the end of liberty in Texas, for under its provisions, a blackjack swinging cop can break down the door to a citizen's home to see what he is reading."

LEGION REDBAITS ACLU. In an effort to bolster McCarthy's recent smear attack on the American Civil Liberties Union, the May issue of the American Legion Magazine features an article by red-baiting specialist Ralph de Toledano, purporting to demonstrate that the ACLU "is of tremendous value to the communist movement. In the guise of serving civil liberties, it diseminates . . . the kind of propaganda which best serves communist purposes by spreading dissension, confusion and misinformation." The article reprints a Legion convention resolution demanding that the government investigate the ACLU and "if warranted, institute prosecution under the Smith Act and or McCarran Acts."

INTERVIEWS GI IN INDO-CHINA. Scripps-Howard writer Jim Lucas, in an April 5 dispatch from Indo-China reports an interview with an American GI serving there as a plane mechanic for the French. He says the GI admires the French, but doesn't like the way they treat their prisoners. The GI told him: "A man is a man. You treat him like a man. I've seen how these French treat their prisoners. Let one loaf a little, and they whop him on the head with a coiled rope. He's usually some little guy that doesn't understand much French anyway."

FEARS ITALY IS GOING RED. The president of the Junior International Chamber of Commerce, returning from a world tour, told an AP correspondent April 11, that communism is gaining strength in Italy "despite the church and United States aid." "Italy may be the first country to vote itself into communism," he said.

AMERICAN EDUCATION. The armed forces are rejecting 30% of the draftees in eight Southern states for not meeting minimum educational requirements, according to the April 9 Cleveland Plain Dealer. Basing itself on a National Education Association survey, the paper reports that in South Carolina the number rejected is a staggering 56%. Average yearly pay for teachers in six Southern states is below \$2,800. Average pay of a Missouri teacher is \$1,741. Last

year more than 41/2 million American children between the age of five and seventeen were not attending any school.

"CAREFUL ATTENTION," says the Justice Department, is being given to an NAACP charge of Jim Crow in Las Vegas, Nev., public housing. The Las Vegas NAACP reports that Negro families are excluded from two public housing projects in that city, and are segregated on a quota basis in still another project - where they occupy only units facing the Negro section of

CHAPLIN FILM SHOWING BARRED. The City Censor in Memphis, Tenn., who doesn't like Charley Chaplin's character, informed a local Unitarian church he would send cops to shut them down if they went ahead with plans to show an old Chaplin short, "Carmen." Church spokesmen said the film was canceled so as not to "involve the church in a dispute with the city." The 88year old censor has also banned Ingrid Bergman's

"BLOODY HARLAN." The savage class warfare of 1937 in the coal-mining area of Harlan, Ky., may well break out again, predicts the April 27 Wall Street Journal, which reports plans of the Harlan coal operators to break the union in order to reduce wages. When the union contracts come up for renewal they intend to propose that doubted effect of stiffening the working people. For this reason in advance that the union will reject the "demand" and strike. At that point they propose to open the mines, run in scabs, and unleash a reign of murder, shooting, bombings and gassings as they did in 1937. The union emerged victorious from that struggle and the operators concede that it will be "one hell of a fight" this time, but appear determined to try it again.

FIRST U.S. CASUALTY IN INDO-CHINA. ings create both McCarthyites The United Press reported April 27 that Viet and anti-McCarthyites. However, Minh anti-aircraft guns seriously wounded an there is a very great difference American civilian pilot flying supplies to French forces at Dien Bien Phu. This is the first American casualty report from Indo-China so far.

LABOR'S DAILY TO EXPAND. The Executive Council of the International Typographical Union announced April 22 that it was suspending publication of five local dailies published by the ITU in cities where its members have been on Democratic Senators or the Eisen- far enough, and that they still ing in effect the nucleus of a strike against the regular dailies. At the same hower administration a polarizing have not made a political break local third party reform move- them, including the CIO canditime the Council said Labor's Daily, its principal center for their anger and their with the two-party system even ment. At this point the Cham- dates, "have been campaigning a militant program, could run its publication, will soon have an expanded number aspirations. The anti-McCarthy though they are running against ber of Commerce withdrew from strictly on their own," as the own candidates for office in Newof pages and features and that its news bureau, sentiment is left helpless. Labor News Service, with offices in Washington, D. C., will also be expanded. Suspension of the five local dailies was attributed by the Council cists that which neither the Demoto the reluctance of local business men to adnecessary for their continued publication,

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Discussing Senate probe of irregularities in FHA dealings with builders, housing chief Albert Coles (center) confers with chairman Homer Capehart of Senate Banking Committee and Sen. Burnett Maybank. Capehart promised a "thorough" probe of the reported \$75 million in swindles.

NEW YORK, April 26 - Dozens of angry Negro workers crowded the headquarters of the Brooklyn NAACP last week and mapped a joint NAACP-Harlem Brewery

Workers campaign to smash the system of job discrimination practiced against them by the companies and the Teamsters union.

Spokesmen for the workers reported that only 25 Negroes are fer, Piels, Ballantine, Schlitz, Budemployed as truck drivers, helpers or bottlers in all the breweries combined. They charged purchasing power in the comthat 2,400 Negroes would be em- munity. ployed in a total work force of 9,000 if they were hired in proportion to the amount of beer purchased by Negro consumers.

It was further charged that other companies but together. through the shape-up system which is supported by the companies and the Teamsters, Negro workers are flagrantly victimized by discrimination. Men are handpicked for jobs and usually for every 25 or 30 workers only one the workers are prepared to file Negro is selected. White workers also suffer from this system because selections are usually made

Carthy committee and legitimatize the job basis.

been rebuffed.

As a result the men have decided to launch a boycott campaign against the beer companies. Consumers will be asked not to buy beer from Rheingold. Schaeweiser and Pabst until they hire Negroes in proportion to their

At the same time the public will be urged to buy Ruppert Beer because this company has hired more Negroes than all the

The NAACP and Harlem Brewery Workers will also push for non-discrimination clauses in future contracts negotiated between If such clauses are not included, unfair labor practice charges.

They are also demanding that year-round employment.

By Al Simmons

CHICAGO, April 25 - Over 10,000 packinghouse workers participated in an hour-long demonstration in the Chicago stockyards last Tuesday. The meeting, called by

District 1 of the CIO United 3 Packinghouse Workers, gave mil- lican Eisenhower is following toitant notice to the packers that day? Is the Democratic Party they will have a serious fight putting up even a small fight on their hands unless they grant against the proposed intervention the workers' contract demands for a substantial wage increase and a 30-hour week at 40 hours' The demonstration was called

s a "Franklin D, Roosevelt Memorial." It was utilized by the leaders of the union to prepare the ranks to vote for the Democratic Party in the November elections. But the workers gave their loudest applause to the resolution containing the demands pay and for a wage increase.

The keynote of the rally was sounded by Charles Hayes, acting district director of District and Herbert March, organizer Armour Local 437. They put orth the following ideas: (1) Eisenhower's preparations

or war in Indo-China are designed to cover up the fact that the administration has no program to solve the growing unemployment problem. (2) The Republicans are

ng the workers to death. (3) The Eisenhower adminisration is responsbile for the reention of the Taft-Hartley Act. (4) McCarthy and his witch

nunt are responsible for splitting

the ranks of labor and serving the interests of the bosses. (5) If labor is going to accomplish anything, it will have to fight to return to Roosevelt and his New Deal policies.

All of these propositions are true, except the last one. But they were only partial truths because they were used to cover up the anti-labor policies of Roosevelt and Truman.

Hayes and March blamed Eisenhower for the present unemployment of 6,000,000. Right. But how will it help the workthe Teamsters and the breweries. ers to return to Roosevelt's New Deal, which never got unemployment down below the 9,000,000 mark until World War II?

They accused Eisenhower of several hundred Negro workers threatening a plunge into World port of capitalist politics but forcharges of privilege-seeking were on the basis of a favorite few inthe design of the basis of a favorite few instead of a first come — first on contract seniority provisions. This nothing about the fact that Roos-dependent Labor Party. Support would entitle them to receive evelt dragged the U.S. into World of the Democratic Party led the The Urban League's attempts union books and would give them War II and that his Fair Deal labor movement into its present for over a year to persuade the permanent job seniority. Mem- successor Truman dragged us into impasse. It will never get out to Schine despite the tremendous companies and the Teamsters to bership in the union automatical- the Korean civil war, Didn't the until it quits supporting the Dempressuring by McCarthy and Cohn change their hiring policies have ly means assurance of steady Democrat Truman set a "prece- ocrats and goes into politics on dent" on Korea which the Repub- its own.

into Indo-China?

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They said Eisenhower taxes the poor and helps the rich? Right. But isn't that the same tax policy Roosevelt and Truman followed?

They said Eisenhower wants to keep the Taft-Hartley Act. Right. But didn't a majority of the Democrats in Congress vote to adopt that anti-labor law?

They said McCarthy's witch hunt is anti-labor. Absolutely for a 30-hour week at 40-hours right. But didn't the Democrats start the witch hunt, the "subversive" list, the "loyalty" purge, the persecution of political opponents through the Smith Act trials? Wasn't it Roosevelt who signed the Smith Act? Wasn't it the Truman administration that hounded one of the founders and organizers of the CIO packinghouse union, Refugio Martinez, causing his deportation and untimely death? Wasn't it a New Deal administration in Chicago that was responsible for the coldblooded Little Steel Memorial Day Massacre of striking steel workers?

The packinghouse workers and the rest of the labor movement want a 30-hour week at 40 hours pay, an end to wars and threats of war and preparations for war. to high taxes, Taft - Hartleyism and witch hunts. They can win these things too, but not through either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. Both these parties mean war and depression.

And any union leaders who cover up this fact, who remain silent about the crimes of the Democrats while denouncing those of the Republicans, who tell the truth about the GOP in order to snare the workers' votes for the Democrats, are committing a real disservice to the cause of labor.

The road the American works ers have to follow if they want to create a better world is not backward to Roosevelt and sup-

Newark SWP Backs Candidates

ment and the administration finds it necessary to hold that section

However, the administration's cilmen on May 11. surrender to the McCarthy com-Harry Hazelwood Jr., former mittee at the time of the quespresident of the local branch of tioning of General Zwicker: Stethe National Association for the vens' record of fawning before Advancement of Colored People McCarthy; the administration's has the support of the whole fear of decisively attacking Mc-Negro community in his cam-Carthy - which cannot be done paign for councilman-at-large without exposing the whole fraud The SWP advocates his election.

It is unfortunate that in the prevents Stevens from seriously confronting McCarthy in the Central Ward there are three hearings as power against power. Negro candidates, rather than a McCarthy cannot help but emerge single candidate supported by the entire Negro community in that If the hearings are viewed from ward. This split endangers the the side of their impact on the chances of electing a Negro counpublic then here, too, it is clear cilman. Irvine I. Turner is the that McCarthy emerges as the candidate in the Central Ward stronger force. His rudeness, his who is most representative of utter disregard of all rules, his the Negro community and has show of strength have the un- the greatest support among its support of his backers. It is the SWP advocates his election winning him new adherents and urges the Central Ward among all those layers of the voters to unite behind his canmiddle class who are looking didacy.

not for a program of struggle Negro representation in office but for a strong force that will is not only the right of Negroes they are labor candidates. but a necessity for white work-To be sure, McCarthy's brazen performances create anti-McCarcilmen who would be responsible thy sentiment as well. The hearproblems and common aspirations. between the two. The McCarthyites have a hero around which to rally; namely, the leading parworkers should vote for Hazel- general ADA line. ticipant in the hearings who comwood and Turner. mands an organized movement to

But the anti-fascists cannot find in the Army chiefs, the It is imperative that the labor ties. This weakens and limits the strength left in the committee

movement supply to the anti-fas- effectiveness of their campaigns. was the AFL and CIO. cratic or Republican parties can example, call for more low-rent mittee endorsed the Democratic make themselves "more palatable" war, unemployment, McCarthyvertise in them and to the failure of the ITU offer - namely, an effective housing in Newark. This is good incumbent for mayor, a slate to non-labor voters by minimiz- ism, Jim Crow, Taft-Hartleyism, membership to vote assessments said to be polarizing center of leadership in and necessary. But the truth is for the four councilmen-at-large ing and relegating to the back- high prices, high taxes, high struggle against McCarthyism. I that Newark by itself cannot seats (including Callaghan, Ha-ground the fact that they are profits and general insecurity.

ton by both the Democrats and not Turner).

draw the necessary conclusion to it. that now is the time to form a national as well as local Labor Party to take power and solve the housing and other problems. CITIZENS COMMITTEE

laghan-Leopaldi campaigns is that who is running on his own ini- A STEP FORWARD they have, up to this point, put tiative, without CIO sponsorship. too much reliance on the help In the Central Ward it voted to favor the election of Callaghan they hope to get from the New- endorse Turner, in opposition to and Leopaldi as a step away ark Citizens Committee on Mu- the man backed by the Citizens from the two-party system and nicipal Government, and not Committee. And it endorsed toward an independent Labor enough emphasis on the fact that | Hazelwood.

The Citizens Committee is a labor movement and all white cal organizations. It follows a own candidates.

While supporting these four referendum, the Citizens Com- of an impact in this election. Al- Party based on the unions, the candidates, we must point out mittee decided to go into politics though the members of its slate Negro people, housewives, youth, that their programs do not go in the May 11 election, becomthe candidates of the old par- the committee. The only mass April 17 Newark News put it. | wark, in Trenton and in Wash-

Callaghan and Leopaldi, for Last month the Citizens Com- han and Leopaldi are trying to gin to solve the problems of

(Continued from page 1) | provide the money for an ad-|zelwood, a teacher and a lawyer | CIO candidates, by placing great cialist Workers Party urges the equate housing and slum-clear- advertised as speaking for the stress on their Citizens Commitvoters of Newark to correct this ance program. The truth is also viewpoint of "business"), and re- tee endorsements, etc. situation by electing Negro coun- that such a housing program commended a number of candi-(along with other progressive le- dates for councilmen in the five gislation) is blocked in Washing- wards (including Leopaldi, but ian" to make their CIO sponsor-

> penditures for war preparations. Committee endorsements for them- idea is all wet. Whatever they Labor candidates in the New-selves, Callaghan and Leopaldi may say or do, Callaghan and ark elections ought to state these committed themselves (with the Leopaldi are viewed by the pubfacts openly. While running for CIO's permission) to support of lic and the press primarily and office in Newark, they ought to the committee's full slate. But above all as CIO candidates, and expose the capitalist politicians the CIO, to its credit, has taken they will win or lose on that bain both old parties in Washing a stand at least partially indeton who prevent decent housing pendent of the Citizens Commitin Newark. And they ought to tee, while remaining affiliated their CIO sponsorship, but they

mittee's "business" candidate, en- and independent in politics. Another weakness of the Cal- dorsing instead a CIO member

ers. The election of Negro coun- non-partisan coalition formed last sex Trades Council withdrew from their election because it would year to conduct the fight for the committee and endorsed some correct an injustice to the Negro to the Negro community will ben- adoption of the Mayor-Council of the candidates on the regular people and because they too are efit labor too, because labor and form of government. Originally Democratic slate. This left the opposed by the old party mathe Negro people have common it included the CIO, AFL, Cham- Citizens Committee with only one chines. ber of Commerce, Americans for strong affiliate, the CIO, and the In their own interest, the whole Democratic Action and other lo- CIO is spending its money on its dates would be a blow against

After winning last November's has not been able to make much mation of an independent Labor are supposed to be campaigning working farmers and the lower jointly, the truth is that all of middle class.

This is a serious mistake. Some CIO leaders think it is "sectar" ship the main axis of the Callag-Republicans and their huge ex- In order to get the Citizens han-Leopaldi campaigns; but this sis. They won't get more votes by acting half-ashamed about may lose some. Their success will Last night the CIO Council re- depend on how much they can jected the Citizens Committee's inspire the rank and file workcandidate for mayor, voting not ers, AFL as well as CIO, with to endorse anyone for that post. the idea that their candidacies It also rejected the Citizens Com- represent something new, clean

Despite these shortcomings, we Party. And despite the inade-After the Citizens Committee's quacies in the programs of Haslate was picked, the AFL Es- zelwood and Turner, we favor

The election of these candithe two-party system and an en-Thus the Citizens Committee couraging move toward the fore

A Labor Party, equipped with While getting little help from ington, kick the Republicans and the Citizens Committee, Callag- Democrats out of power, and be-