Rockefeller, Brown Put Bite On Working Man

The difference between Democrats and Republicans was not readily apparent last week, as the leading Republican governor-Rockefeller of New York-and the

leading Democratic governor working people for new taxes.

already, succeeded in passing a gasoline tax-increase bill. It raises the levy from four cents a gallon to six cents. In additional successions to the cigarantee of the control of the co tion he is proposing to up cigarette taxes from three cents to on a pack of cigarettes. He also five cents a pack. However, he calls for a hike in the income aims to make his biggest haul tax. from changes in the state income tax.

earners to pay taxes for the friend taxes your beer.) first time and for the tax to be Brown's tax proposals were withheld" by the employers, Ex- called "shocking" by C. J. Hagstead of the present deductions California Federation of Labor couples and \$400 for-each de- ornor since he took office a a flat \$600 deduction per per- are described as "skeptical" of features. But when the juggling form," which the Republican is all over, a married couple (no Assembly leader said was the children) earning \$3,500 will pay same as William F. Knowland's. \$26 more a year, or \$39 instead (In the last elections the union of the present \$13. A married tops all got behind Brown to couple (two children) earning stop Knowland.) \$5,000 a year will pay \$17 more per year, or \$43. On the other the tax will go up only \$230

\$15,000. As can be seen the tax ment in California." rates themselves favor the rich. But that isn't the only break World, "An alarmed California until next September the entry they get. Because the amount labor movement is preparing to of 12 Negro children into two paid for state tax is deductible take a long second look" at public schools in Charlottesin calculating federal income Brown's program. Why the lab- ville. tax, the 10% rate would really or leaders (and People's World add only 1% to the amount of too) did not take their long federal and state taxes com- second look at him before the

The labor leaders opposed Brown of California — both dug into the pockets of the Rockefeller last fall (although after Nov. 4, AFL-CIO President Meany said that "nobody In New York, Rockefeller has feels too sorry he got elected.")

(So now here's a riddle: How do you tell the difference be-Rockefeller's proposals call tween labor's foe and labor's "for an average increase of 23 "friend"? Give up? The foe per cent; for 400,000 low-wage taxes your gasoline and the

emptions will be lowered. In- gerty, secretary-treasurer of the of \$1,000 a year for a single This is not the only complaint person, \$2,500 for married the unions have against the govpendent, the governor proposes month ago. The labor leaders son. There are compensating Brown's program for labor "re-

According to the Jan. 24 People's World, so alarmed are Haghand, on an income of \$25,000, gerty and his fellow labor officials that the CFL is calling a for a married couple with two statewide conference on Feb. 11. PW quotes Haggerty as stating Three brackets will be added that the purpose of the parley above the present maximum of is to discuss "the provisions of 7% on income over \$9,000. This the Brown measure, and to switched from all-out resistance will bring the new maximum analyze its effect upon the funtax to 10% on income over ctions of our trade union move- delay, they were given a fresh

All in all, says People's bined on an income of \$100,000. elections is not explained.

top AFL-CIO officialdom.

ed establish the current atmos-

When a Republican-dominat-

Hartley act, the top union brass

vowed to seek every means to

repeal this "slave labor" law.

Instead they gave up the fight.

As late as last November they

demanded the repeal of the pro-

visions favoring "right to work'

laws. But this too was dropped

when the Democrats made their

support of the labor bureauc-

chine instead of building an in-

dependent labor party pays off.

it is clear, in a tighter and

sighter strait jacket for the

Argentina's President Arthur

Frondizi just completed a

'good-will" visit to U.S. seek-

ing credits and expanded in-

vestment of American capi-

tal in Argentina. As he orated

about the similarity of the

"democratic" system in the

two countries, U.S. guns and

tanks were being used to

smash a general strike in Ar-

unions.

Backing the Democratic ma-

Congressmen Consider Three Anti-Labor Bills

In a Congress dominated by the biggest Democratic majority since 1936, three stiff anti-labor bills are vying for passage. Senator Kennedy's "mild" version is given

up by the massachuseus Democrat — a top contender for election year. But they are keeping children home for fear urged to consider the violation to the CCRI. The Mayor of Klan attack that was effectively Khrushchev's "genius" and the ther anti-recession measures are Presidential nomination in 1960 counting on the support of the of trouble on opening day. At of human rights involved in the New Rochelle and a member of beaten off by an armed Negro was carried over from last session. Presented then as a bipartisan measure by Kennedy smearing "rackets" probe and the now retired New York Republican, Ives. The bill sailed even after loss of a whole series through the Senate. It was de- of NLRB elections due to the feated in the House by a small slanted committee revelations. bloc that wanted something The McClellan committee helpwith even more "teeth."

The current version, signed phere favoring the introduction by 12 Democratic Senators, is of new laws giving the governstill represented as bi-partisan, ment further power to interbut as yet no Republican vene in internal union affairs has offered his support. To and to curb their organizing attract a Republican sponsor, capacity. Kennedy and his liberal Democratic colleagues have added ed Congress passed the Taftenough teeth to meet the competition of a bill sponsored by Republican Senator Goldwater, the rabid labor-baiter from Arizona. Goldwater's version includes recommendations cooked

up by Eisenhower. In addition McClellan, chief Democratic union - prober, is drawing up a bill of his own. sweeping 1958 victory with the This, according to Goldwater, is intended to incorporate the "best portions" of the measures proposed by Kennedy and Goldwater.

The Goldwater-McClellan proposals will probably spur the top brass of the AFL-CIO to lobby for quick passage of the Kennedy measure. The argument is that this will block passage of an even worse meas-

The measure they are backing calls for public reports of union finances, with criminal penalties for "false" reports; policing by the Secretary of Labor of unions that use government agencies, and provisions for government supervision of union elections. To make these provisions more palatable, the Taft-Hartley law would be altered to eliminate the "non-Communist" affidavits and to restore the vote in representation elections to strikers replaced by scabs.

However, in its final form, Washington correspondents say, the bill may contain some of the worst features of the Goldwater version, including more onerous penalties for unions that refuse to handle "hot cargo" from struck companies.

It might be thought that the Democrats would be cautious about pushing such unpopular gentina.



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No Hope of Jobs for All, Experts Tell Congress

Start Token Integration **Virginia**

FEB. 3-Token integration of Virginia public schools began yesterday without incident. For the first time in the state's history, Negro students sat in previously all-white schools - 17 Negroes in Norfolk, 4 in Arling-

White pupils, deprived of education since last September by Governor Almond's "massive esistance" school shutdown, appeared far more relieved to be back in school than concerned about the attendance of the few Negro children.

Meanwhile Virginia's Democratic machine continued working on plans to hold integration to the barest minimum. Having to a tactic of subterfuge and assist Jan. 29 by a federal appeals court decision to postpone

Last week an emergency session of the state legislature enacted proposals by Governor Almond to evade genuine integration. A compulsory school attendance statute was repealed, leaving white children free to stay home from integrated schools. Funds were appropriated for \$250 yearly grants for those wishing to attend private segregated schools.

Attendance at the newly intethe best chance. The bill drawnt the best chance. The bill drawnt anti-labor measures in a pre- was mainly due to parents current session. The UN will be Conrad Lynn, was mainly due to parents current session. The UN will be Conrad Lynn, Meany and Reuther have gone along with McClellan's union-

> their fellow pupils. In Norfolk continue from 2:30 to 5 p.m. the Negro students passed girls at a dining table without nouncement of the demonstraany special notice."

guizzed by reporters, Stephen the youth committee, at a re- Marcy St. and Jefferson Ave. of the Negro pupils all day, president of the NAACP in

Comedian Milton Berle's defwhen you didn't have any." | night they addressed a spirited charge against him of commit- if we act together."



Hope They'll Soon Be Home

Mrs. Evelyn Thompson (left rear) and Mrs. Simpson put reassuring arms over their children, Hanover, 10, and David, 8, during visit to N. Carolina reformatory where boys are confined because one was kissed by a white playmate. At left is Dr. A. E. Perry, Vice President of Union County NAACP and a leader in fight to win freedom for boys.

Call for UN Picket

Monroe, N.C., incarcerated by boys. The new Negro pupils in both state authorities because one of

One of the white students James Lambert, chairman of Thorne, said he sat next to one ception for Robert F. Williams Perry, also the victim of a of Williams and Dr. Perry. racist frameup, is a member of

the committee. The two rights fighters are

grated Norfolk and Arlington schools was below normal yes- held at the United Nations Friinational Negro Ministerial Al- tion indictment, which is still Bulganin "sang" at the party Record profits are again rolling terday but officials said this day, Feb. 20, opening day of the liance, the meeting also heard in the courts, Dr. Perry's home central committee meeting in into bank accounts. So Washthe same time several hundred case of James Hanover Thomp- the city council took the platchildren who had enrolled in son, 10, and David Simpson, 8, form to express their indignaprivate schools returned to the the two Negro children of tion at the treatment of the

Williams will be featured cities were reported treated them had been kissed by a speaker at another rally here courteously by nearly all of white playmate. The march will Friday evening, Feb. 20, sponsored by the Labor Committee The action is sponsored by of the Brooklyn NAACP. Rev. through an anticipated "delicate the Youth Committee to Free Milton Galamison, president of moment" when they ate in the Thompson and Simpson-youth the Brooklyn NAACP, will also school cafeteria. But four of section of the Committee to speak. Warren Bunn, an organthe Negro girls joined white Combat Racial Injustice. An- izer for the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, will tion was made Sunday by chair the rally to be held at Silom Presbyterian Church,

Almost 100 young people attended the Sunday reception Asked what they talked about, Monroe, and Dr. A. E. Perry, its and many of them offered to he replied: "I don't remember. vice president. Williams is join in the activity of the com-He just talked like a kid." In chairman of the Committee to mittee. Every one present was the South this was considered Combat Racial Injustice. Dr. deeply moved by the speeches

Speaking in an easy, humorous way that belied the sternness they can speed up the workers of the struggle in Monroe, Dr. inition of inflation: "That means here to help build the protest Perry explained how his partiyour money today won't buy as movement against imprison- cipation in the local fight for tomation," he added, "but 'Dixmuch as during the depression ment of the two boys. Last equal rights led to the frameup lemation' can be stamped out to the level of contributions to troit and one-third of them have

NEW YORK, Feb. 3-A pick-| rally of 750 in New Rochelle. | ing an abortion on a white general counsel was the scene of a Ku Klux December. He then praised ington has decided that no furcommunity.

> "I know I'm innocent," Dr. Perry said. "They did this to try to stop me from fighting for my people and for my convictions.

The fight against run-away shops, which he termed "Dixiemation," was described by Williams as a central reason for Northern labor supporting the North Carolina rights fight. Besides the unemployment and depressed wages bred by automation, he said, the problem of shops moving to the unorganized South is acute for the unions.

Last year almost 200 industries moved to North Carolina. "They say they've boosted production 18 per cent since they came down there," Williams said. "What they mean is that there aren't any unions and to their maximum capacity.

"We can't do much about au-

National Survey Shows Growing Jobless Army In Key Industrial Areas

By Harry Ring

Even if 1959 production reaches the pre-recession peak, as many economists hope it will, there is no prospect of a return to full employment. This hard fact was admitted by government and private experts at a hearing Jan. 29 before the Congressional Joint Economic Com-

New Purge

Sticky praise for Khrushchev alternated with threats against that these will be offset by new the "anti-party" group of Molo- price hikes. tov - Kaganovich - Malenkov -Shepilov throughout recent sesthe Soviet Communist Party.

nin, added on Jan. 29 to the month of December 1956. Only group," confessed to "mistakes" in having supported the eco- the bottom of the recession last nomic views of Khrushchev's April are now back at work. opponents. Delegate after delegate ridiculed Pervukhin, in- ployment is already bringing sisting that he had hardly con- severe hardship. Last year 2,fessed to anything at all and 600,000 people exhausted state demanding more breast-beating unemployment insurance beneand more self-abasement.

ganin's "confession." Deposed fits made available by the fedas Soviet premier last spring eral government. and later denounced as a mem-"genius and wisdom" of party necessary. In fact the White

GHOST-PLOTTER

Besides live "co-conspirators," given a posthumous partner-incrime - namely Beria, who RELIEF ROLLS GROW was executed in 1953 when Malenkov was still premier. Choice language was used to describe the ousted bureaucrats' ed coincided with an announceopposition to Khrushchev — "It ment that in Pittsburgh 3,000 is known how it ended. The new applications were filed for vileness of these splintering political double-crossers and the the greatest number since World evil of the road they took be- War II. Most of these were peocomes clearer," etc., etc.

lov and Kaganovich had won out exhausted all personal savings, in the June 1957 inner bureau- thus meeting qualifications for cratic power fight, the same city relief. choice language, we may suppose, would have been applied yet 1959 car models are already to Khrushchev - and he would at peak production. The most have been linked with Beria,) optimistic prediction is that no the "personality cult" under be called back to work this Stalin, Khrushchev's sayings year. Almost 200,000 of these were for the first time elevated jobless are concentrated in De-

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mittee. The problem of what to do with the growing army of permanently jobless will be further "complicated" by the anticipated addition of one mil-Call Heard at lion more workers to the labor force this year, one expert add-

Soviet Parley And things won't be too good for the employed, according to their findings. There their findings. They expect some wage rises but predict

More than four million are now officially classified as jobsions of the 21st Congress of less. This is over a million and a half more than were out of Meanwhile, Mikhael Pervuk- work during the prosperity of the "foul anti-party 30 per cent of the non-farm workers who were jobless at

The long duration of unemfits and another 655,000 used up A similar response met Bul- the temporary additional bene-

But big business is boasting House has requested Congress to let the temporary program of supplementary federal unemthe "anti-party group" was pioyment compensation expire

This contemptuous disregard for the needs of the unemployhome relief last December ple who had used up their un-(If Molotov, Malenkov, Shepi- employment compensation and

Michigan now has 322,000 idle, In a procedure reminiscent of more than 22,000 of these will (Continued on Page 4)

Let's Accept the Challenge of Soviet Competition

By Daniel Roberts

am glad Khrushchev has women workers. challenged this country to a race. He proposes that the Sovet Union and the U.S. compete to determine who will Of course, present American made.

justing for rising prices.) the big-business press, I am not control figures for raising real for better conditions. a bit dismayed that the Soviet wages, lowering working hours, Union is catching up with the building homes and hospitals the Soviet workers in living WHO HAS United States economically. And and improving the position of standards, let's make it a han-

whose living standards will im- of those in the Soviet Union. prove faster. We should accept They are the highest in the the challenge and get our side world. Because of that, some fast start-their plans are all catch up first. But I don't hold with that view. After all, what At the 21st Congress of the we have in this country isn't Soviet Communist Party, yet heaven on earth. The work-Khrushchev presented the mas- ing people can stand plenty of set other goals later.) ter plan. Called "Control Fig- new gains - what with unemures for the Economic Develop- ployment, inflation, taxes, and ment of the USSR, 1959-1965," one-third of the nation illhis figures project an 8.6% av- housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. erage yearly growth of industry Furthermore, the way we have and agriculture for the next been going lately, we are sure mated at 1.6% yearly after ad- the Soviet workers get. Compe- the nation-wide minimum wage (Continued on Page 2)

Since we're already ahead of dicap race. Here's how it would grow swifter economically and living standards are far ahead hours to 40 hours by 1962 and that at least two million new already have the 40-hour week, going right away. For the So-viet Union is already off to a of racing? Let the Soviets selves, Let's move at a faster million units at best are con-pace than the Soviet Union. structed yearly. Who will offer Through the union movement, week at 40 hours pay by no seven years? later, say, than 1962. (We can

mum wage in the Soviet Union by 3.7 times, vitamins-6 times, in the next seven years. (It now medical instruments and apparvaries from \$67.50 to \$85 a atus-2-2.5 times." In this counmonth at the official rate of try, medical care is a scandal seven years. (Increase of the to fall back from our present monetary exchange.) How about The number of medical-school U.S. gross national product in standards. We need to make the labor movement here set- graduates is at the level it was the past seven years is esti- new gains regardless of what ting \$2.50 an hour by 1968 as at the turn of the century. The

tition with them should spur us rate in the U.S.-in terms, of Unlike editorial writers in Khrushchev also presented in our own domestic struggles course, of the same purchasing

"CONTROL FIGURES" HERE?

The Soviet plan calls for be run. In his seven-year plan, building a minimum of 22 mil-Khrushchev proposed that the lion one-family housing units work-week in the Soviet Union in the next seven years. In this be cut from the present 46 country, the AFL-CIO estimates to 35 hours by 1968. Now we homes must be built yearly to match population growth and so let's make it tough on our- overcome slum blight. Only one a "control figure" for housing let's aim at getting the 30-hour construction here in the next

In the Soviet plan, the number of beds in hospitals is to 'Again, Khrushchev has prom- double by 1965; "the producised to nearly double the mini- tion of anti-biotics will increase

A huge new hydro-electric station in USSR's province of Georgia will soon be providing power for industrial complex in area. Soviet economy continues to expand, with unemployment unknown, while American capitalism continues to expand army of permanent jobless.

James P. Cannon's "Notebook"

By Murry Weiss

In a letter to James Kutcher, Jan. 11, 1954, congratulating him on publication of his book, "The Case of the Legless Veteran," James P. Cannon remarks, "Of all the different kinds of work I have done in my time in the movement, that which I have enjoyed most, which gave me the most complete personal satisfaction, was the writing of propaganda pieces in my 'Notebook of an Agitator.' I would have been content to stay in a corner of the party, doing that kind of work, and let others take care of other tasks."

The fact that Cannon managed to find time, at least occasionally, to do the thing he liked best is attested by the collection of these "propaganda pieces" in a 362-page book. The selection, spanning 30 years of socialist activity, offers beautiful examples of that two-way communication with the American worker which the socialist movement must maintain if it is not to dry up and decay.

The reader will find that this is not one of those "simple" propaganda tracts that only too often substitute a supercilious, stylized talking-down to workers for clarity and directness of thought. As a matter of fact one of Cannon's sharpest barbs is aimed at such

Describing a special publication of the Communist Party that sought to convince the maritime strikers in 1936 to work "perishable" cargo so as not to antagonize the "public," Cannon said: "They are supposed to be deucedly clever, using the intimate, you-and-me, hello pal! style of approach which every confidence man has adopted since the first gold brick was sold to the first farmer.'

Cannon's personality shines through the pages of this book. He is a unique combination of the pre-first World War socialist, the militant Wobbly, the communist of the heroic early period that founded the American Communist Party, and the revolutionary socialist who kept faith with his youthful ideals in the dark era of Stalinism. The combination is profoundly impressive.

The new generation of révolutionary socialists will form its own personality patterns; but part of the ingredients, we may be sure, will be drawn from such inspiring sources

Some of the Heroes

Cannon, of course has his heroes and he introduces us to them as the men who helped shape him into a revolutionary socialist.

In a farewell to his father, John Cannon, who died in Rosedale, Kansas, at the age of 89, Cannon recalls that "Ben Hanford, the great socialist agitator of an earlier day, once wrote an encomium of a collective comrade whom he called Jimmy Higgins - the man in the ranks who busies himself without ostentation, recognition or reward to do all the innumerable little and unnoticed things which have to be done to keep the 'movement' going and the torch burning.

"Such was the old man," Cannon says. "He was no 'leader,' but a simple rank-andfile man who 'talked socialism' to all who would listen; hustled the subscriptions for the papers; arranged the meetings, rented the hall and drummed up the crowd for the speaker; and always had his hand in his pocket for a contribution he couldn't afford, to help make

The modern movement, in which the Jimmy Higgins of today live, is more advanced, far more sophisticated in its politics and theory. Still, in "my opinion, the modern its necessary concentration on the struggle, would do well to infuse its propaganda with more of the old emphasis on the ultimate meaning of the struggle: speak out, as the old pioneers did, for human rights and human dignity, for freedom and equality and abundance for all. That is what we are really fighting for when we fight for socialism."

Sacco and Vanzetti were especially dear to Cannon; and he was influential in guiding the International Labor Defense in its handling of the case so that the names of these class-war prisoners became household words to the masses on every continent. "The Notebook of an Agitator" begins with the struggle to save the lives of these two victims and the need for class solidarity and militant struggle as the only hope for success.

Socialist Leaders

Cannon's appreciation of America's socialist leaders is objective and highly political. "Debs was no colorless saint standing above the battle," he writes. "He was a warm and passionate partisan, and his whole life's activity is a record of unceasing devotion to the cause of the workers' class struggle. . . . The World War and the Russian Revolution had changed the face of the world in which Debs had formed his conceptions and done his work. In drawing the conclusions from these worldshaking events, many of us parted company

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politically with the Socialist Party. Debs did not go with us in this. In many respects we found ourselves in serious disagreement with him, but at the same time we always drew a sharp distinction between Debs and those who, while wearing the cloak of socialism, actually forsook the cause to which Debs sincerely and honestly devoted all his life."

In April, 1927, when American capitalism was riding high in its greatest boom, Cannon paid tribute to C. E. Ruthenberg, a founder of the American Communist Party, who died unexpectedly;

"Let the corrupt and decaying capitalist society have those heroes who typify it - the dollar-chasing exploiters, the blood-smeared generals, the lying, treacherous statesmen. Our movement, which is the herald of the new social order, claims proudly for its own the particular interest how the Casmen of a different and immeasurably better tro government has answered type - the type of Ruthenberg."

Haywood was another friend. When he died in 1928, Cannon appraised his life in the Daily Worker and wrote this graphic description: "I remember especially his arrival at Akron during the great rubber-workers' strikes of 1913, when 10,000 strikers met him at the tices inherited from Cuba's past. station and marched him to the Hall, His speech that morning has always stood out in my mind as a model of working-class oratory. ported an answer by one official With his commanding presence and his great to Sparkman that did not apmellow voice he held the vast crowd in his pear in such papers as the New power from the moment that he rose to speak. York Times: "Why is he so He had that gift, all too rare, of using only broken up over the just punishthe necessary words and of compressing his ment of murderers here when thoughts into short, epigrammatic sentences. he remained so silent while He clarified his points with homely illustrations White Citizens Councils and and pungent witticisms which rocked the audi- Klan bombers were blowing up ence with understanding laughter. He poured the homes and churches and out sarcasm, ridicule and denunciation upon castrating innocent colored peothe employers and their pretensions, and made ple of Montgomery and Birmthe workers feel with him that they, the work- ingham?" ers, were the important and necessary people.'

Perhaps the American who came closest to Cannon's concept of the model revolution- Fulbright: "When he has someary was Vincent St. John, the most influential thing to say about the gross inleader of the IWW. In an article aimed at the justices committed by Governor young, left-wing socialists of California in 1936,

first joined the I.W.W. in 1911 and, soon after- armed soldiers to keep little out speaking a word to each ward became one of the 'voluntary organizers' children out of school, he cerwho got their training in Vincent St. John's tainly should have no com- and his leaders must never school of learning by doing. . . The 'Saint,' of plaints about military trials in again rise to power. They beaffectionate memory, was a wonderful man to Cuba where confessed assassins lieve that death - and only learn from. He was short on palaver and had are being dealt with justly." some gaps in his theory, but he was long on action and he was firmly convinced that the ializing on the hysteria around least, in their time." water is the only place where a man can learn the Cuban trials, pointed to the BLAMES U.S. to swim. His way of testing, and also develop- contrast in the North Carolina ing the young militants who grew up under his case involving James Simpson, tutelage was to give them responsibility and eight, and David Hanover persecutions suffered by the unemployment remains one of shove them into action and see what happened. Thompson, ten. It is un-Ameri- Cubans squarely on the United Cuba's major problems, with Those who acquired self confidence and the can, they declare, to hold two States, Young said: "We Amer- about 600,000, or one-tenth of capacity to make decisions under fire on the children and deny them the icans, including the people of the population, unemployed in spot, which are about 90 percent of the dis- right of counsel. "Americans are Harlem, must bear some of Cas- normal times, Mackay observed tinctive quality of leaders and organizers, incensed over the executions of tro's responsibility. Until a short that "the bigger proportion of eventually received credentials as voluntary Batista followers in Cuba, but time ago, we allowed our the executions of tro's responsibility. organizers."

Some of the Villains

In contrast to these giant figures of the American radical movement, Cannon presents the modern labor bureaucrats. He uses irony like a razor. In "Union Boy Gets Raise" he reflects on the whys and wherefores of the salaries the labor bureaucrats pay themselves.

"Green and Meany," he comments, "are still trailing behind John L. Lewis who is sacrificing his life for \$25,000 per year from the coal miners. Lewis swears by the Bible, especially that the Lewis swears by the Bible, especially the Bib pecially that page where it says: 'The laborer is worthy of his hire.' And he is also strong for the other scriptural injunction: 'Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.' Lewis treads heavily, has a big muzzle and needs a lot of corn.'

Two sizeable sections of selections were written in the thick of some of the sharpest class battles of the thirties: the Minneapolis strike of 1934 and the San Francisco maritime strike of 1936-37. These are of extraordinary interest for their insight into the birth struggles of the modern labor movement, correct strike strategy, and the relation of the union movement to socialism.

For the rest, there is a rich and varied assortment: Greetings to a telephone striker about to get married. The irrepressible nature of human solidarity. Movie reviews. (One opens: "About a year ago I made a firm resolution to boycott all movies uness the picture has a horse for a hero.") The Madison Avenue hucksters. Letters to the President on American atrocities in Korea. Prizefighting. The Church. Fourth of July. Crime and informers. The Stalin cult. (Some time before Khrushchev made it respectable to criticize the dictator.)

American socialists should, I hope, find this sufficient to recognize the value of the book. I also hope it is sufficient to induce workers not yet convinced of the truth of good part of the promises—the terest rates . . . help growth. socialist ideas to read "Notebook of an Agitator" for themselves.

Are you something of an agitator yourself?

Then you'll really appreciate this collection from

the notebook of James P. Cannon. Humor, irony,

pathos, the heart-lifting vision of America's bright

socialist future - if you're alive to these things

you've got a treat in store. And here's a tip. For

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bound, \$2.50 paper for this 362-page book.

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Notebook of an Agitator

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Negro Press Backs Castro in Cuban Trials

By Lillian Kiezel

The Negro press has been following the revolutionary upheaval in Cuba with close attention, giving it big headlines. The newspapers of America's colored people have noted with the charges of "blood purge" levelled by such senators as Sparkman of Alabama and Fulbright of Arkansas; and also what the new regime proposes to do about discriminatory prac-

For instance, C. W. Mackay editor of Afro-American, re-

He also reported the reaction Faubus, perhaps we can give him more respectful attention. If he can approve Faubus using whole population of Cuba, with-

sit by unconcerned when the Government to aid Batista by ans." constitutional rights of two in- selling him arms with which to

John Young III, corresponwent to Havana at Castro's in- these atrocities years ago."

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ers-that-be about 30-for-40,

minimum wages or medical

care. The union officials have

workers lack an independent

labor party to make any goals they set come true. In the field

of civil rights, the NAACP's "control figure"- "Free by Six-

ty-three" - faces dim prospects

of realization at present, be-

cause the labor movement hasn't swung its weight behind

Where competition over re-

spective rates of economic

growth are concerned, I just

don't think that the capitalist

class can make the grade-ex-

cept by using one device, which

I will mention shortly. Why

even in the field of water re-

sources development, the capitalist class won't extend itself to meet the Soviet challenge

The other day, Senator O'Ma-

honey (D-Wyo.) contrasted the

Soviet plans in this field with

the Eisenhower administration's determination to oppose any

will take over.

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out he'll go, and the workers ing' inflation

no "control figures," and the are the key.

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Now, somebody is sure to ar- win L. Dale in the Jan. 29 New

he won't keep them, and that al spending is essential to speed

improved living standards were er taxes, which would supply

working people on the ruling uation calls for budget deficits;

bureaucracy. Khrushchev made others believe large surpluses

his regime. For the same reason and 'tight' money greatly deter

he will have to deliver on a growth ... Others say high in-

the Soviet Union. If he doesn't, be] toleration of even a 'creep-

put in the Soviet seven-year more investment capital.

those promises to decrease the are the right medicine.



through united effort over the hated Batista dictatorship. On taking power. Castro promised to do away with discriminatory practices. The American Negro press is asking him to deliver on that promise without delay through Fair Employment Practices legislation.

man's inhumanity to man." Young believes that "The Revolutionary Army and the other, have decided that Batista death - of the leaders can The Kansas City Call, editor- make this certain, certain, at

Placing responsibility for the ple fighting for their freedom."

new projects in the federal

being built. The production of

Babel "planning" - which re-

"Some say far greater Feder-

it's no race because we'll win up the rate of growth. Others end the capitalist mode of pro-

no matter how little we do. say the exact opposite: that the duction and replace it with

Don't be so sure about that, best prescription for growth is public ownership of industry,

The control figures dealing with lower spending and hence low-transportation and the banks.

"Some think the present sit-

"Some say high interest rates

"Some say a little inflation

. Others say that [there can't

'Some say that growth can

Others say the reverse . .

"Some say higher wages are

essential to spur the rate of

growth. Others, with equal con-

viction, say that greater profits

best be stimulated by tax relief

it difficult to comprehend this far: "Castro and the people of partment store." suffering. The tortures, wanton Cuba have prescribed a violent killings, humiliations and de- remedy for a sick Cuba. They of another Castro spokesman to privation of liberties inflicted are certain to cure the ailment. on Cubans by Batista, add up to But those of us who love freeone of history's great crimes of dom can only hope that in so doing, they do not kill the crimination." — Mackay urged Khrushchev's. patient."

CUBAN JIM CROW

Unemployment and discrimination are two main problems confronting the new Cuban govand Rep. Adam Clayton Powell have commented on the need for a Fair Employment Practices law in Cuba.

When Cuba's Minister of Labor, Fernandez, indicated that

After three days on the scene, nocent children are violated in murder and bomb innocent peo- he said, "I am convinced Cuba needs an FEPC. From what I "But the U.S. Government has have seen the better paying dent of the Amsterdam News, no excuse. Equipped with vast jobs, at least in Havana, are who along with Mackay was intelligence and information held by Cubans of lighter hue among 350 newspaper men who facilities, it could have stopped . . . I have yet to see one of the

In the end, the only sure-fire

remedy the capitalist class

Guns not butter; and tighten

To keep the country moving

dom at the same time - the

working people will have to do

what the Soviet working class

did in 1917. They will have to

Then the country will be able

to plan its economic growth.

That's the true secret of the

Soviet Union's swift economic

New York Debate

Murry Weiss, national com-

mittee member of the Social-

ist Workers Party, and David

McReynolds, 1958 Congres-

sional candidate of the Social-

ist Party-Social Democratic

Federation, will debate social-

ist electoral policy Friday

evening, Feb. 27 at the Mili-

tant Labor Forum, 116 Uni-

versity Place, New York

development.

.It isn't that the big-business knows is to boost war spending

policy makers have no plans to lunar heights and impose the

for national economic growth. cost on the working people in

too many plans-and each can- er prices and a wage freeze.

Just listen to this Tower of your belt-that's their plan.

flects the aparchy of capitalist ahead industrially-and to pro-

production—as reported by Ed- vide peace, abundance and free-

vitation, declared "Even perse-| However, Young hopes that | better-paying posts, as a teller cuted Negro Americans will find the executions will not go too in a bank or clerking in a de-

> In response to Castro's declaration - "We will see in position of supreme arbiter of Cuba our revolutionary movement eliminate all forms of dis- Stalin's role, and it is now speed in delivering on the promise to end the hangovers of Cuban Jim Crow.

to be seen."

. Purge Call

(Continued from Page 1)

the "philosophy of Marxism-Leninism" of "extremely great importance." That is how Suslov described one of his chief's emarks at the 21st Congress.

The dual process of flattery for Khrushchev and mud-slinging denunciation of his former rivals marks the further tightening of the bureaucratic caste around Khrushchev as the new supreme ruler-the new Stalin. The difference between now and Stalin's heyday is that the bureaucracy confronts a resurgent working class to whom the Kremlin must continually make concessions including promises to observe "legality."

There is no question, however, under Khrushchev - as there was none under Stalin of granting the Soviet population genuine democratic rights. That is why the elimination of a rival grouping must take place through purge. A debate between contending bureaucratic groups before the Soviet working class would allow the workers to settle the dispute - and in the process remove the entire bureaucratic caste from power.

Parallel with the purge method is the elevation by the bureaucracy of the winner in the inner power-struggle to the all further disputes. That was

One of the crimes laid at the door of Molotov et al when they were removed from power in June 1957 was that they Dark-skinned Cubans march- "came out against measures . . . ed by the thousands along with to improve relations with Yugowhite-skinned Cubans in the slavia." Since then, however, ernment, the editor of Afro- 26th of July movement. Mackay Khrushchev has launched a new American noted. Both Mackay said of this: "They paid with attack on the Yugoslav Comtheir blood and courage for munist Party. The 21st Con-Cuba's new freedom from tor- gress heard further denunciture and tyranny. Will they ations of Tito. Simultaneously, now be given equal shares in the Soviet government reduced its economic life? That remains the volume of its trade with

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O'Hara and the Page Boy

There's not much the Dixiecrats can do about making the House of Representatives a club for whites only. Some Congressional districts in the North insist on electing Negroes; and the Southern Bourbons have not yet discovered a way of barring them on grounds of skin color.

It's a different matter so far as the pages are concerned. The Southern racists -with the acquiescence of their Northern colleagues-insist that the boys hired at public expense to run errands for Congressmen can have nothing cream, yellow, red, brown or black about them except for the hair on their heads.

This evidence of the bigotry of the majority of Democratic and Republican Congressmen got national attention last week when Rep. Barrett O'Hara, a laborendorsed Democrat, thought it a shrewd political gesture in view of the heavy Negro vote in Chicago's Second District where he comes from, to nominate James A. Johnson, Jr., for one of the page-boy

The nomination was a good one, for 14-year-old James is an honor student who has already settled on medicine as his choice for the future. The \$1,800 a year would help pay expenses in college and if he did well in the school that pages attend he might win a scholarship.

His mother helped make up the expense for the trip and went with him to Washington to take the job in accordance with O'Hara's invitation.

But O'Hara suddenly became evasive and very vague. An unidentified member of Rep. Walter's House Patronage Committee spoke for him - an unfortunate case of "mistaken identity." The job, it seems, had been awarded to another boy from Chicago-one with a white skin.

James Johnson drew the obvious conclusion: "The Southern Congressmen don't want me." His mother added calmly: "Disappointments are a part of education and of life. Jimmy's education is still going

When the shabby treatment of the 14year-old honor student made front pages in the nation's press, O'Hara reacted like a typical liberal Democrat. He did not denounce the Southern Congressmen. He said it was all a "misunderstanding." He did not introduce a measure on Fair Employment Practices in the hiring of pages. Instead he proposed a compromise bill to increase the number of page boys by one.

Whether this token integration among the House's page boys will be acceptable to the Southerners remains to be seen. Washington experts think that the bill will most likely encounter "massive re-

Let's hope that the public clamor is sufficient to win passage of the measure. It's time Congress made history by accepting the first Negro among its page boys.

Where to Get the Money

The New York Post has become an advocate of Rockefeller's tax gouge. The editor maintains that the taxes will be returned to the workers in the form of public services. Since this generally Democratic paper sees no other solution, the workers must foot the bill. ". . . liberal, humane government cannot be bought at bargain prices."

Low-income workers will be caught in a four-way bind: Federal income tax, state income tax, additional cigarette and gasoline taxes, and very likely a fourcent New York City sales tax.

In return will they receive adequate housing, schools, hospitals, day nurseries, medical care? The past performances of the Republicans and Democrats are not reassuring. In fact, workers who have few illusions about the two-party system can be heard all over New York: "Let Rockefeller, the billionaire, dig in his own

The Post "concedes," for argument's Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, the great churches and societies gave \$1.5 schools shut. sake, that the tax program will affect the Negro scholar, in his monumen- million from 1868 to 1870, and lower-income brackets. But it cries: "Who tal history, Black Reconstruc- Negroes contributed \$785,000 has an alternative plan? Do the political tion, 1860-1880. mourners favor a steep rise in corporate taxes? What other sources of revenue do they urge? So far the answer is silence."

own community - supported schooling that the freedmen schools in many areas follow-wrought in the South.

It is true that big business politicians, mands led the Union Army in Republican, Democrat, or Liberal, offer the Civil War and later the no different solution - even if they yell Freedman's Bureau (a federal about the tax gouge. At bottom they favor lish a school system for them. knew no obstacle of place or circumstance. In Savannah, socking the worker.

But why stick with them? Socialists governments then took over, of other space, converted an have a solution. First, tax all the profits Beginning in 1868, they established slave mart into a school. New Party Says from armaments production. Second, im- lished the free, compulsory, "The bars which marked the pose a 100% tax on all incomes over \$25,South. These governments inslave stalls were knocked down to make more space for seating. 000. Third, nationalize the holdings of cluded a high proportion of To this and other places flockbillionaires like Rockefeller. This ought Negro legislators, who pushed ed the freed people of every former Falangists, the Union to be enough to balance the budget and vigorously for free public edu- age and shade, eager for that Espanola (Spanish Union), anbegin to provide some of the social ser- cation. vices we're entitled to.

Why Not Here?

Washington politicians like to talk about how America is reeducating the West German people to the "democratic way of life." Meanwhile, of course, they help strengthen the German capitalists who installed fascism in power. Despite the American occupation forces, however, the West German workers have won some gains that American labor can afford to

For example, a group of West German trade unionists on a tour of this country recently were appalled by the plight of the jobless. "Everywhere we go we talk to unemployed workers in unions," one of the visitors told a Chrisa tian Science Monitor correspondent Jan. 27. "They complain that those who are without jobs through no fault of their own get help, but not enough. In Germany a jobless worker gets about 65 per cent of his weekly wage for as long as he is unemployed - not just for a limited time."

United States where jobless compensation | gration - a fight they wage averages between 30 and 35 per cent of both for their own advancethe weekly wage and where 26 weeks is ment and the advancement of the longest that any state pays benefits. the South. (Last year Congress added benefits for a PLANTERS' RECORD maximum of 13 extra weeks. That was on the eve of the elections. After the election shows that the Southern white the White House proposed to end this ruling class denied educationpampering of the unemployed by April 1.) for-all before the Civil War,

Congressmen, quite comfortable on tion period, and crippled and \$22,500 a year, explain they don't want to stunted it when they regained "encourage idleness" by extending com-Jim Crow they threw upon the pensation to cover the full period of un- public-school system helped deemployment.

Equally well-paid union bureaucrats the Negroes (although it in like Meany and Reuther see eye to eye on jured the Negroes most). this with the Democrats they endorsed for Congress. They, too, favor teaching slave-holders had made it a the "American way" to the German work- penal offense to teach Negroes. ers, but not the German way to the American workers.

"The Slump Was a Godsend"

"Higher wages are inflationary; they are responsible for higher prices." This argument, as old as capitalism itself, is shouted in the press, over the radio and TV, and from the White House and Congress every time workers request another nickel an hour.

Back in 1865 Karl Marx demolished the argument in a speech later published as his classic pamphlet "Value, Price and Profit." But if you'd like some 1959 testimony from the horse's mouth itself that wage increases are not responsible for price hikes, don't miss the Jan. 30 issue of the Wall Street Journal.

"The slump was a godsend," was the response of one appliance dealer to a Journal query on his present price and sales situation.

This conclusion was based on the fact that a lot of competitors went to the wall during the slump; while consumers now appear to be able to absorb stiffer prices; and costs, especially labor costs, have either been held to the line or have gone

Whirlpool automatic clothes washers, for instance, went up \$11 wholesale last year, "but we're getting \$20 more for them," reported a Pennsylvania dealer.

The wholesale price of a 21-inch Philco integrated public schools were TV was increased a dollar an inch last opened in Charleston, South year, but a Houston dealer is getting an Carolina, in 1865, 25 of the 42 extra \$30 for them.

more for major appliances, but our costs is revealed in the following contempt. The freedman introhave gone up only two to three per cent," figures. Among poor whites in duced and established it, and said a buyer for a big Chicago discount house. A competitor added, "We're charg- 1851 and they had only 11 ing about \$10 more - and getting it for some new television sets that are costing us only three to five dollars more at wholesale."

The Norfolk dealer who saw the re- lation on the books, but they came to an end, as federal cession as a "godsend" explained, "We were but feebly implemented, troops were pulled out of the had become fat, sassy and stupid." He may still be fat and sassy, but he is no longer stupid.

He fired 26 of his 191 employees during the slump and hasn't rehired a single one despite the fact that his sales for the states, except perhaps, in North are far inferior to those in the last half of 1958 topped the same period Carolina. . . Emerging from North. the year before by 15 per cent.

It's a time-tested formula. Use a the utmost eagerness for in-tem altogether rather than perslump to cut down the payroll and speed struction, and their hunger was mit integration. That is in line dice and obstacles in their way up the remaining workers; take over your met by a corresponding readi- with their conduct over the in the engineering profession, competitors' markets; boost prices; and ness on the part of the people last 175 years. They have al- the field is beginning to open then holler like hell about the "inflation- for it." (Quoted by Du Bois.) school attendance in Virginia ed by the United Nations reary" consequences of wage increases.



the schools in the South, published in the Militant Oct. 11, 1954.

· Negro History Week -

How the Colored People Brought Schools to South

By Alex Harte

they urge? So far the answer is silence." ing emancipation. Their de-

ought to be trumpeted North, their advance." South, East and West during The former rulers incited Franco's Falange. down South continue their This stands in sharp contrast to the heroic battle for school inte-

The other half of the record fought it during the reconstrucbilitate education for the white working people as well as for

In pre-Civil War days, the explicit and severe," says Du Bois. They covered free Negroes as well as slaves. Despite the law, the Negroes conducted clandestine schools. A core of Negro teachers emerged. When teachers were colored.

The state of education among children attended school in mony. weeks schooling during year. In Georgia, in 1865, the whole state fund for schools

sums up the situation: "Prior there was no general public their bondage, the Negroes in

The South owes its public-|endeavors in the South were|sistance to integration. In Little between 1866-70. These figures The Negroes created their reveal the transformation in

NEW FUNCTION FOR SLAVE MART

Their passion for learning knew no obstacle of place or The Southern reconstruction Georgia, the ex-slaves, for want That's the record. And it seemed to them the key to in defiance of the law banning

Negro History Week (Feb. 8-14) mob actions against the Negro The schools. have any schools."

> Negro schools grew, and their chists such as Jose Maria Gil success paved the way for re- Robles. construction legislatures and constitutional conventions to create full-fledged modern public-school systems. (These are tian Democrats did not particithe legislatures and conven- pate. tions that racist historians say brought ruin to the South.)

South Carolina, commented that view of the growing popular whereas once "it was a statu- restiveness noted in recent tory offense . . . to impart even the rudiments of a common school education to a South explosive sentiments from find-Carolinian, because, forsooth, he was black, . . . the recon- pression. structed government has made it a statutory offense to hinder or prevent any child in the State, of whatever color, from obtaining a common school education. Nay, we have even gone further, and demanded, by our Constitution, that their attendance at school shall be com- Francois Duvalier for permis- finally brought victory in the pulsory.

Du Bois quotes Colonel Richard P. Hallowell: "The whites dictator - impressed by what had always regarded the public "We're charging three to five per cent whites prior to the Civil War school system of the North with ised to end his dictatorial prac-Virginia, less than half of the it stands today a living testi-

NEGROES BETRAYED Then came the betrayal in

1876 of the freedman by Northwas \$23,335. A number of states ern Big Business to the former carried free public-school legis- slave - owners. Reconstruction Here is how a report publish- South. The Democrats took ed shortly after the Civil War over again. Their governments Marine Corps mission to help tried to reverse the process of dictator Duyalier rebuild his to the abolition of slavery, education to conditions prevail- army. ing ante-bellum and they par educational system, properly tially succeeded. To this day, speaking, in the Southern as a result, Southern schools

. Today, the racists threaten to the very beginning manifested destroy the public-school sysof the North to make provisions ready a bolished compulsory up for them, a survey conduct-The first mass educational in order to incite further re- veals.

school system to the Negro due to the freedmen. From 1865 Rock, where the first free "Public education for to 1870, the Freedman's Bureau schools of any kind were creall at public expense, was, in spent \$5.3 million on education ated by the Negro community the South, a Negro idea," says of Negroes in the South, in 1865, they keep the high

ing will be defeated. They can't when he refused, as was his block progress forever. And legal right, they talked about should be aware of this be-South lies with the victory of a hose.

progress in education in the giving him a working over with havior on the part of police ofthe Negro people in their fight | Naturally they refused to let of this letter. I hope you will

him call his family, who were do something about it.

The American Way of Life

San Francisco Incident

This is a story about an incident in San Francisco. But t could have happened in any American city. The facts were reported by Gloria S. Napier to the American Civil

Liberties Union of Northern waiting for him to come home letter of protest to Mayor George Christopher in the January ssue of its News. Around nine o'clock in the

evening of Dec. 20, Samuel B. Napier, brother of Gloria and a member of the United States Navy, was walking along Mission street in civilian clothes. His arm bore a small needle puncture, for he had just undergone a Navy physical examination, which included a blood test, in preparation for his discharge three days later after 14 years of service.

The police came along at that on the sidewalk to line up, face tain police procedures that are the building, put their feet carried out for the protection apart, keep their hands up and of the public, but in so doing their heads down. An officer it seems to me' the public is searched the group.

HAUL THEM TO JAIL

off to jail.

There they were questioned under bright lights and some having a police record is imwere released. But Samuel B. Napier was not turned loose, harm done to him. He had a needle mark on his arm. And he was a Negro.

make him "confess" his "guilt" card, as a narcotics addict.

But their sabotage of learn- give them his fingerprints and it happen to me.

to celebrate his thirty-second birthday.

Napier's identification and explanation were readily accepted by the Shore Patrol when they showed up, but the police still refused to let the Negro sailor go unless he would agree to be fingerprinted. It was one a.m. before he was finally released.

"This kind of humiliation and nconvenience to an innocent person walking along the street is entirely uncalled for," Miss Napier wrote, "If the police are going to function in this man; ner, it would appear unsafe for any person to walk along the noment and ordered everyone street. I realize there are cerentitled to a certain amount of

respect. "This time wasted on putting Then without the least ex- my brother through the 'third planation, the cops called the degree' so to speak, was a waste vagon and hauled their victims of the San Francisco taxpayers' money. The humiliation to my brother and the possibility of measurable in terms of the

"All of this could have been avoided with a single telephone The police forced him to strip call to Naval Authorities to naked so that they could study verify his statement, or if the his skin for other needle marks. officers had been intelligent They grilled him, trying to enough to read his identification

"How would you like to have They paid no attention to his this happen to a member of protests. They did not even your family? It is unlikely that bother to look over his identifi- it could happen to you, but I cation papers. They told him to certainly would not like to have "As mayor of this city you

ficers, which is the real purpose

Headlines in Other Lands

A new party of liberals and book learning which really nounced its formation Feb. 1 all parties (in Spain) except

thet in their vocabulary. They attended by nearly 100 bankvowed that the Negro "shall ers, lawyers, university profes- nies women their right to vote. week for the rest of its force." not own an acre of land or sors, members of the officer caste and others. The party in-Despite white opposition, the cludes Roman Catholic monar-

Socialists, Anarchists, Social Democrats and Left-Wing Chris-

revolution has alarmed ruling was the first national referen- Saturday cooled workers off by F. J. Moses, governor of circles in Spain, particularly in dum. months. The new party may be insurance aimed at keeping the ing revolutionary socialist ex-

Calls Haitian Dictator's Hand

Former President Daniel Fignole of Haiti said Feb. 1 that he had twice asked President deserved, militant tactics that rapidly losing its hold over sion to return to Haiti from struggle for electoral equality. a labor expert, 'there's a swift exile in New York after the happened to Batista - promtices and restore democracy.

The Haitian dictator did not reply, so Fignole sent him a telegram denouncing his "retrograde dictatorship.

Fignole lives with his wife and eight children in New York. Although he is a mathematics teacher, he has been unable to get a job. The State Department recent-

ly admitted that it had sent a

Women Engineers Find Best Chances In Soviet Union

Although women find preju-

Greatest opportunity is in the Labor Unrest Soviet Union which leads the world in employment of women engineers. Of the country's total force, 233,000 or about 29%, are women,

Swiss Women Still Denied Vote

"Nigger teacher" be- at a dinner held publicly in democratic countries in the tion of being one of the most Gaulle. Among the signs: came the most opprobrious epi- the heart of Madrid. It was world, but it remains the only Fives-Lille-Vail, fired 867 worknation in Europe that still de- ers Friday and cut the work

> In a nationwide referendum on the issue Feb. I male voters turned down the advocates of suffrage for women 654,924 to 323,307. But the women did succeed in winning in three cantons for the first time.

The success of the Cuban frage in various cantons. This Government labor inspectors

Reactionary arguments heard in America before women won the vote at the end of World War I were used in the Swiss referendum, particularly in Roman Catholic areas. A typical anti-feminist poster read: "If a woman is happy, what does politics mean to her? If she is unhappy, will politics make any difference?"

gems aroused the answer they Communist union leadership is

Soviet Union Ahead In ICBM Race

Government space experts Nuclear Bomb have told Congress that the Soviet Union is ahead of the United States by 12 to 20 that the De Gaulle government months in rocket and space may be able to deliver by next technology. They believe that year on its announced intention the Soviet armed forces could of exploding a test nuclear now pinpoint an American city | bomb. with a ballistic missile fired more than 5,000 miles away.

All present defenses against such a missile have been outmoded, for it would arrive on target with its atomic head within 15 minutes from firing

It would require about five then only if present plans and nuclear weapons within striking schedules were radically re- distance of the Soviet Union. vised and the Soviet Union did not step up its side of the race.

Rocket expert Dr. von Braun

Noted in France

The Wall Street Journal. which is sensitive to such things, reported Feb. 2 that signs of "growing labor unrest emerged in France over the weekend." The unrest is due to the slash in the standard of Switzerland has the reputa- living recently ordered by De

"The heavy machinery maker When news spread, 4,000 workers occupied the plants at Fives. a Lille suburb, and held the plant management and 1,600 white-collar employes in custody. When a company of tough security guards broke up the strike, 3,000 workers in another Since 1919 there had been 25 Fives-Lille-Vail plant at neighnegative votes on women's suf- boring Denain struck in protest. getting the company to agree to two months' severance pay, efforts to find new places for the fired men, and to let the workers remain in companyowned apartments for as long as two years."

"What's most significant about this particular flareup," continues the Journal, "is that members of non-Communist unions acted in solidarity with the Communists. Some labor In the USA and Britain, such specialists report that the nonmembers. 'In many plants,' says underground movement toward unity with the Communists'."

De Gaulle Readies

Informed Paris sources report

France should have sufficient plutonium for this by summer. The technical problems of readying it for explosion should be solved by the following year. Why De Gaulle wants to join those polluting the earth's atmosphere with radioactive fallout was not revealed. U.S. planes are at present "protectyears to catch up with Soviet ing" France as well as other developments in this field and NATO nations by flying live

GROWTH OF MONOPOLY

In 1947, the 30 leading manutold Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) facturing corporations in the that the U.S. position would be U.S. collected 17.5% of all manmilitarily "hopeless" within "the ufacturing profits before taxes. In 1957 they took 31.1%.

The press and politicians attack labor, making Jimmy Hoffa A Little Chinese the scapegoat. Yet he stands

Can't the public see that all this is aimed at organized labor and that until there is a labor party, with its own daily press, that the predatory interests can get away with murder?

Unfortunately down here in the "bible belt" of Texas there is little labor activity and the big blustering four-flushing Texan, with his ten-gallon hat and nothing under it in the way of brains, is so absorbed in racial hatreds that it is easy to arouse him to still another hatred. I always pass the Militant on

after reading it. Paul Dennis

Place for Salvation Is Here on Earth

the world.

welfare of the people. In poor on a sub, telling me that China-

and illiterate Christian coun- town is a jungle of FBI investi better appeal than the Pope.

better life on this earth and that he has to be careful. less of the promise of something

Joseph Manlet

unconvicted in any court of Helps Socialist Talk

Editor: I like to talk socialism at every opportunity. Sometimes it | When the noted communist happens naturally and some- poet Berthold Brecht died in times you can bring up the sub- East Berlin, it was evident that ject from any starting point he had turned increasingly without half trying.

Chinese on a Chinese worker. He politely asked me if I spoke take over the funeral services. the language and I admitted from Chinese songs.

"Not my kind of songs, responded.

was and he said scoffingly that Here is a translation: all Americans like Chiang Kai-

ments, I told him. Whereupon he opened up on American big had leaflets distributed on Stalin business and their real reasons for supporting Chiang, "They don't want to save people from Pope John XXIII is pleading Communism. That's a lot of for the unity of Christians in lies. They just want to protect their power."

The Pope's plea will not be I told him that there were a success. That's because of the other Americans that agreed advance of secularism every- and took out my ever present where on earth. Secularists copy of the Militant. He took it promote intelligence and the willingly but turned me down

tries, the secularists make a gators and informers, that mail is opened before it is delivered, Ever more humans want a that homes are searched and

But he invited the socialists to pay him a visit and he gave me his name and address.

Talking Socialist New York

One of Brecht's Last Poems

Editor:

away from the Stalinist bureau-The other day I tried out my crats. For he left instructions that he did not want them to

Now we have additional evithat I knew only a few words dence of Brecht's disgust with the Ulbricht regime - a poem, he rather a kind of rhythmic prose, which he wrote after the I asked him what his kind East German revolt of 1953.

The Solution After the 17th of June revolt Those were not my senti- the Secretary of the Writers Association

> Alley which said the people had forfeited the government's trust children from the same family.

and could reconquer it only through doubling their amount of work. Would it not be easier if the

government dissolved the people and elected another one?

Trent Hutter New York City

Book-A-Month Choice

Book-A-Month's current selection is "Democracy and Empire in the Caribbean" by Paul Blanshard, who gained fame for his "American Freedom and Catholic Power."

The book is somewhat sketchy because of the number of colonies under discussion some 31. Nevertheless the study is a useful one for those interested in the Caribbean and its revolutionary struggles. The account of workers' and farm laborers' attempts to organize into unions and political parties is good, as is the account of mass struggles for independence.

American workers will appreciate much of the description of the role of the United States in the area, particularly Cuba and

Blanshard indicates the effect of one-crop economies on the Caribbean area - the virtually exclusive production of sugar, bananas, rum, bauxite or whatever the imperialist interests think a given country can produce most profitably.

The consequences for the people are unemployment, poverty, dictatorial oppression. It becomes clear why American big business is so concerned about keeping in power figures who will not hesitate to shoot down people seeking unions or democratic rights; or, if it

cannot find such figures why it will even send the Marines in to do the job.

Blanshard's liberalism puts him on the side of the underdog; but it also saddles him with illusions about America's role. He recognizes that it is imperialist; yet he thinks the imperialism is superficial and could be sloughed off without difficulty. He even finds it different from British policy in this respect.

For instance: "American rule, like British rule, has been essentially a dual form of absentee control exercised through political representatives of the Federal government and agents of great American corporations, but this dual control has not prevented the rapid expansion of genuine local democracy and the guarantee of complete civil liberties. The most important single distinction between British and American policy is that American plans to "resign" until they receive hit young workers with low have been doing better in was announced yesterday by have been based on the assumption of rapid an immediate substantial salary seniority the hardest. Unemdissolution of the American empire, while increase. They are also demand-British policy has assumed the permanence of the British Empire, with modifications."

Despite this defect, the book is well worth adding to your library. Its original price was \$5. As a Book-A-Month selection you can get it for \$1. The address is Pioneer Publishers, ers Association of New York BRIGHT PROSPECTS 116 University Pl., New York 3.

- John Tabor

Notes in the News

STALIN SAFE UP THERE - The Dean of Canterbury revealed last week that "Stalin was a rough and stern man because he had a dirty job to do. But God sees all, so I think that Stalin is safe."

LITTLE ROCK BUSINESS - Out of 85 Little Rock business men, 44 admitted that their businesses had been hurt by Gov. Faubus's closure of schools; 35 said they had noticed no effect; six said business had improved. Among those noting an improvement were moving van owners. Said one: "We are moving families away from Little Rock faster than ever before. Incoming moves are predominantly government personnel rather than large corporations."

JERSEY PRISONERS STRIKE - Three hundred inmates of the New Jersey state prison in Trenton, engaged in manufacturing 3,500,000 license plates, went on strike Jan. 30. Paid 13 to 35 cents a day, they want 75 cents to \$1. In 1952 guards brutally suppressed protests against conditions in the overcrowded, 100-year-old prison.

MAY WIN BACK PAY RISE - Twentyone present and former New York City judges are suing to recover pay cuts taken during the depression. From Jan. 1, 1933, to Dec. 31, 1938, Municipal Court justices were forced to live on \$10,840 instead of their accustomed \$12,000. For another year or so they were reduced to \$9,750. Not until 1946 were the \$12,000 salaries restored. In 1955 the legislature passed a law entitling the victims to apply for the accumulated cuts. The Board of Estimate argues that it has a right to set salaries each year and that the law is un-

TO PROTECT FOREIGN BORN - The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is pressing for revision of the Walter-McCarran Law on two points: (1) No person legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence shall be deportable after five years residence. (2) No naturalized citizen shall, after five years of citizenship, be denaturalized for any reason whatsoever. A letter to Congress urging these reforms was signed by 76 prominent figures.

SUBWAY OF THE FUTURE - New York's 725 miles of subways may be crewless in the not distant future. The Transit Authority is exploring automation to eliminate 90% of its motormen and 75% of its conductors and platform men. The subways may also be passengerless. Because of a decline in income due to a decline in passengers due to boosting the fare from a nickel to a dime and then 15 cents, city officials are now exploring raising fares to 20 cents and possibly February. I don't make it. The would have been hard to get were moonlighting. What's the question of the 30-hour program will include works by

CONVENIENCE FOR RICH - Although American Motors, which makes the Rambler, chalked up a profit of \$26,000,000 for 1958, the automobile company need pay no income taxes on this amount. The law provides that only six dissenting) to turn in filling out income-tax forms, deficits of down the proposal of the Board previous years can be offset against current of Education of a wage increase

CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARD - The 1959 Florina Lasker Civil Liberties Award will go to five Negro high school students from Little Rock. Of the nine Negro students who first entered Central High School, one graduated and three accepted scholarships in other states. The other five remained so as to return Feb. 2, 1959 (the day the spring and photographers to join him ing hung down and had to be Fire Chief Richard Denahan . . to school when it reopens. The five are Elizabeth Eckford, Thelma Mothershed, Melba Pattillo, Carlotta Walls and Jefferson Thomas.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT - John D. Rockefeller Jr., scion of the dime-tipping billionaire who amassed the world's largest em-that the teachers would be pire in oil, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday last week. The New York Times offered "tribute to one who asked nothing of the world their case. except to be helpful."

PURITY REGAINED - The Dec. 27 is not affected by their decision, toilets, the pipes are leaking, Weekly People carried an interesting review, However, their resignation will the plaster is falling. The ten-fallen that the bare bricks were vacated immediately as a "hazapparently written by editor Eric Hass, of effect 30,000 night students. Leslie A. White's book "The Science of Culture." By suitable quotations the reviewer sought to show that the book was of better scientific value because of the impact of Marx's views on White's thinking.

In its Jan. 31 issue, in some 2,800 words, the Weekly People printed a public apology. Three top leaders of the Socialist Labor Party, A. M. Orange, A. J. Taylor and E. Teichert, had proved alert to the reviewer's blindness in regard to "sins of omission" in the book.

One of the points scored by Teichert was that White had been "associated with the SLP for many years as a sympathizer" but now must be listed among those "who, despite their better knowledge, continue their dastardly business of ravishing the brains of our youth simply because it is profitable for them to do so." Also that in one paragraph of his "unclear, turgid and confusing" book, White was as "completely at variance with Socialist science as the Ultramontanes' 'philosophy' that man's 'destiny' is scrupulously outlined for

him by the finger of God." The editor agreed that "it was a mistake to review Dr. White's book favorably," that the anthropologist had placed himself "in the camp of the enemy" by his omissions and that the book "should have been exposed."

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Bad News for Jobless in Pittsburgh

1,500 Chicago **Mothers Press School Case**

By Carol Wayne

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 - A PTA delegation representing 1,500 mothers asked Mayor Daley last Wed. to set up a temporary prefabricated structure to replace Arnold Elementary School which was destroyed by a fire believed set by vandals.

The Board of Education had decided to scatter the displaced students. The mothers told the Mayor they objected to placing grade-school children in high schools, forcing them to cross dangerous intersections and making it difficult to pick up

Mrs. Olga Joseph, a PTA leader, charged that the mayor had taken no action on complaints of fire violations.

Mrs. Mildred Minerly, another PTA leader, said that "If school officials had made the building vandal-proof it wouldn't have ourned down.'

Next day 300 mothers were told that the Board intends to put 400 displaced students in Waller High, and the remainder in five different grade schools and a youth center.

Some of the parents are threatening to keep their children home if the Mayor's plan

Teachers

New York's 800 evening high school teachers voted last week on the streets. ing another increase to bring their wages up to \$26.94 per third of those registered at

The teachers, who are members of the High School Teach-City, now earn \$12.25. This FOR SOME amounts to only \$2.25 more than evening high school teach-

Despite this astounding fact, John, J. Theobald, school superintendent, said that the teachers could not expect a raise last year's recessions. until the new fiscal year begins better.

But the teachers apparently aren't interested in any more excuses. On Friday night, Jan. 30, 800 of them voted (with to \$18 per night beginning in September. Their motion declared: "The evening high school teachers reject the offer of the Board of Education as testing against the slum condi- Edith Evans Asbury found that to 1937." term begins)." in a survey of a five-sto tenement at 422 W. 53rd St.

the Association announced: "We if necessary — this is not a something is done immediately," one-night stand." He explained he told them. "placard-bearers" outside each of the high schools to explain partment, the Health Depart-Most of the teachers work and still these people are freez-

full time in day school which ing. They have no water in the

Buddy, Can You Spare a Quarter?



With union officials doing nothing to win compensation for the full period of unemployment, jobless Pittsburgh steel workers are thinking about setting up apple stands like this one from the 1930's. But with today's prices it will take a lot more capital to get started.

exhausted all unemployment concern.

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In New York, the week of found Another 85,000 were stricken as we had in 40 previously." from the rolls, having used up both state and federal benefits. Across the river in New Jersey, jobless figures for last Dehighest December figure since per cent of the work force is ment."

state employment offices are in

some benefits resulting from a lot out of the top man."

"The recession gave us the

president of one industrial

A Birmingham manufacturer "with mixed surprise work week. Jan. 9 saw record compensation and delight" that "we could get

force took various forms," the union spokesman said last magazine found. "A Pittsburgh week. metal company - which prides cember climbed to 188,000, the itself on not having compulsory retirement-got plant managers the anticipated new orders will the big 1945 plant shutdowns. and union officials to pressure be for plain auto sheet steel And in Bridgeport, Conn., nine over-65s into 'voluntary' retire- which takes less man hours to

With a line of applicants outunion negotiations too. A Hart- James A. Harvey, assistant to ployment figures are double ford plant manager reports: USW secretary-treasurer I. W. "We tried for seven years to Abel. He reported that the 1958 dren's case. Fri., Feb. 13; 8 p.m. get the union to accept an in- increase in union membership centive pay plan, and failed. was the smallest in six years. the 25- to 34-year age bracket. But it's in the contract this

all beer and skittles for man-ganized 12,517 new members. But there's no need to get agement either. The head of a In the postwar peak year of 1956 ers earned 27 years ago in 1932, glum about the situation. The major Western appliance out- 178 new locals were chartered Recital in New York Jan. 31 Business Week has a fit explained: "Riding herd all and 23,791 new workers brought cheering report on the hand- the time to get efficiency takes into the union.

MOONLIGHTING

sooner they find that out, the rid of in more prosperous moonlighting? It's holding down week at 40 hours pay on the Mozart, Bach, Vivaldi and Deexplained the vice two jobs at the same time.

City Hall Does a Clean Up Job

On One of New York's Tenements

Top Steel Output Will Leave 30,000 Idle

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 2 — Local steel barons are looking toward a new boom in production and profits this spring. But the steel workers are faced with the depressing.

prospect of continued mass unemployment even if production measures up to company pre-

Fifty thousand workers over 11 per cent of the available labor force in this area are now jobless. Steel production is at slightly more than 71 per cent of capacity as compared with 76 per cent nationally. Company officials anticipate that production will rise to 90 per cent of capacity during the months of April, May and June. But researchers for the United Steel Workers of America estimate that no more than 30,000 of the 50,000 now idle will be called back to work.

Speedup and improved technology now make it possible to turn out 11 million tons of steel Michigan. a month while operating at 90 per cent of capacity. In 1957 the That Shook the World." Also mills were running at 96 per Don Bas coal miners in "Ruscent of capacity to reach that sian Ballet and Folk Dances." figure. During that period about | Social affair following, 8:30 p.m., 530,000 men were working. If Sat., Feb. 14. Donation 90c. production hits capacity this Militant Labor Forum, 777 W. spring the figure is expected to Adams. be around 500,000.

Even this figure may be too optimistic. Many of those now in the plants are on a short

"You can bring these men up claims of over half a million. as much production in 32 hours to 40 hours a week and get a lot more production without "Permanent cuts in work adding a single man," one

Rounding out the dim prospects is the fact that most of Party.

produce than stainless steel. A significant side effect of the As a result of the recession last year the union chartered

However, the situation isn't only 125 new locals and or-

With contract expirations coming up June 30, maybe the duo will present a recital here drop in dues payments will stir Sunday, Feb. 15, for the Laura in July: "I can't get money in occasion to trim some fat that Last year 3.7 million workers the union officialdom to put Gray Memorial Fund. Their negotiating agenda.

Calendar Of Events

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CHICAGO

Two Negro children, eight and ten years old, jailed by No. Carolina authorities for being kissed by a white playmate. Hear Robert F. Williams, president of the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice and president of the Monroe, N.C., NAACP, on this shocking case. Wed., Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Room 420, Roosevelt University, 430 So.

Sergi Eisenstein's "Ten Days

LOS ANGELES

Celebrate Negro History Week with us! Walter Farrar, veteran trade unionist, will speak on "A Socialist Looks at Negro Integration." Also Peter Buch, candidate for Los Angeles Board of Education, Office No. 3, will speak on his campaign. Fri., Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m. 1702 E. 4th St. Auspices Socialist Workers

NEW YORK

Negro History Week Meeting - Arthur Loebman on "John Brown at Harper's Ferry - A Centennial Tribute." Robert Verney on the latest developments in the No. Carolina chil-Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Pl. (near Union Square). Contribution 50 cents.

Laura Gray Fund

NEW YORK - A distinguished American violin and piano bussy. The concert will be held at 3:30 P.M. at 46 West 21st Street in Manhattan.

Laura Gray, who died Jan. 11, 1958, was staff cartoonist for the Militant for almost 14 vears. The memorial committee is raising funds for publication of a book of her cartoons; a project that will provide a vivid pictorial commentary on the major events of the 14-year period of her work and a permanent selection of a body of art work that has won acclaim in every major country of the world.

Contribution to the recital is \$1, with all proceeds earmarked for publication of the book.

Advertisement

Dobbs vs. Browder

Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will debate Earl Browder, former General Secretary of the Communist Party, on the issue of Marxism in America. The debate will be held Friday, Feb. 20, 8 P.M. at Central Plaza, Second Avenue and Sixth Street, New York City.

Made in Mexico

A rare chance to see Sergei Eisenstein's "Time in the Sun," a film on the Mexican revolution. Two showings Fri., Feb. 6; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Three showings each day Sat., Feb. 7 and Sun., Feb. 8; 2 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Plus-an eyewitness report of last summer's civil struggles in Mexico City by Earl Owens, an American student. Militant Labor Forum hall, 116 University Place, New York. Auspices Young Socialist Alliance. Contribution

Local Directory

Boston Labor Forum, 295 Hunting-on Ave., Room 200. 6 P.M. daily except Sundays. NEWARK ton Ave., Room 200. Every Sunday night, round table dis-

BUFFALO Militant Forum, 831 Main St. CHICAGO Socialist Workers Party, 777 W.

Adams, DE 2-9736. CLEVELAND Socialist Workers Party 10609 Superior Ave., Room 301, SW 1-1818. Lectures and discussions every Satur- paired have been futile." Open Friday nights 7 to 9. DETROIT Eugene V. Debs Hall, 3737 Wood-

LOS ANGELES Forum Hall and Modern Book Shop, 1702 E. 4th St. AN 9-4953 or AN 3-1533. Book Shop open Mon. 7-9 P.M.; Wed. 8-10 P.M.; Sat. 12-5 P.M. MILWAUKEE

MINNEAPOLIS

Socialist Workers Party, 322 Hen-

150 East Juneau Ave.

Workers Party, 1303 W. Girard Ave. day, 8 p.m., followed by open house. Call SA,7-2166.

SEATTLE 655 Main St., MU 2-7139. Library, bookstore. Classes every Friday eve ning at 8 P.M. Open House following

Newark Labor Forum, Box 361 Newark, N. J. NEW YORK CITY

"Dozens of inspectors have

been here - from the Fire De-

ment, the Buildings Department,

ants don't know what to do. I

Militant Labor Forum, 116 Univer sity Place, AL 5-7852. OAKLAND - BERKELEY P.O. Box 341, Berkeley 1, Calif. PHILADELPHIA Militant Labor Forum and Socialist

SAN FRANCISCO The Militant, 1145 Polk St., Rm. 4. Sat. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Phone PR 6-7296; if no answer, VA 4-2321.

at 10:30 P.M. ST. LOUIS

totally inadequate. We hereby tions under which 16 families "In the rear of the first floor Haddad reported that "An resign our positions in the were living, the Rev. George of the building windows were earlier inspection of the buildevening high schools effective Coll recently invited reporters broken, a loosened metal ceil- ing had so stunned Assistant in a survey of a five-story dodged. Broken and rotting that he recommended it to be floor boards, weakened by vacated immediately. Denahan "I believe the building will water dripping from broken had said, 'There's nothing hold-

> of the party." DOWN TO BARE BRICKS

She went on to describe the tour with Father Coll: "He conducted the party up a staircase from which the banister was missing, past walls from which so much plaster had visible in places. A hall toilet without water. Its window was forced to leave within an hour. missing, and the window frame was dislodged."

In a second-floor 'apartment she saw "broken walls and the bad conditions but no one windows patched with card- had listened to them. board, a ceiling pipe leaking into a small tub in the kitchen, the Morales family. "We don't a missing water faucet and its know where we are going to crude pipe substitute."

The tenant said that "the wall had been broken through two adults and seven children by firemen when the apartment ended up a week later living under it burned six months with relatives in a two-room ago. Repeated requests to the apartment already occupied by superintendent that it be re- a family of five.

liam Haddad said that "Five year - \$25 each time. Despite Buildings Dept. inspectors in the numerous violations he had seven separate inspections . . consistently failed to report the almost doubling his take from obvious imminent hazards . . Last inspection of the . . . slum came on Dec. 1 when two vio-For information phone MO 4-7194 the year."

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 - Pro- New York Times reporter violations going back 22 years

must plan to stay out all term collapse within a week, unless pipes, sagged under the weight ing this building up.' He had pointed to rotting main beams, warped supports and floors that slanted like ski slopes."

ONE HOUR'S NOTICE

Two days after the reporters had visited the building and publicized their findings, the Fire Dept. ordered the building ard to life." The 16 families used by several families was 59 adults and children - were

> the families unprepared. For years they had complained of One of the hardest hit was

This surprise order caught

go," Morales told a reporter. After fruitless searching, the

The landlord it was noted, New York Post reporter Wil- had been fined only twice last been granted a rent increase

the tenants. The empty building, it was also noted, is more valuable lations were found, making a than before. With a new set of total of 27 minor violations for tenants, rents are no longer subject to control.