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Can

drive against Jim Crow.

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Calls for "Full-Scale" Attack **On South's Jim Crow System**

By George Lavan

A resolution calling upon Southern Negroes to engage in mass actions openly breaking state and local laws "not in harmony with federal laws" was passed by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference+ which met in Birmingham, Ala- may be able to arouse the dozing

bama, on Dec. 8. Targets speci- consciences of the South." fied for mass actions included The SCLC is composed of Ne-Jim Crow buses, railroad sta- gro leaders from eleven South-

tions, parks and other public fa- ern states, principally clergymen cilities. Elaborating upon the resolu- front in the anti-segregation

tion before a mass meeting of the struggles of the past five years. St. James Baptist Church that King is the SCLC president; Rev. evening, Rev. Martin Luther C. K. Steele, leader of the Tal-King, leader of the historic lahassee bus boycott, is vice-Montgomery bus boycott, de- president; and Rev. F. L. Shutclared: "This is the creative mo- tlesworth, storm center of the ment for a full-scale assault on anti-Jim Crow fight in Birmingthe system of segregation. We ham, is secretary,

King's Birmingham speech, his must practice open civil disobedience. We must be willing to most militant to date, coincides go to jail en masse. That way we with his announcement that he is leaving Montgomery and mov-

Green Xmas Predicted for **Socialist Fund**

By Reba Aubrey

Campaign Director to move to Atlanta, Gov. Ernest Today is December 15 and I'm Vandiver of Georgia issued the beginning to see a green Christ- following statement: "Wherever M. L. King, Jr., has been there mas for our Socialist Publicahas followed in his wake a wave tions Fund.

of crimes, including stabbings, In eight different cities I see a socialist at a mailbox. Each of bombings and inciting to riot, barratry and destruction of propthe eight glances at his watch. erty and many others. For these Not quite midnight. They reasons, he is not welcome to breathe a sigh of relief. The let-Georgia. We will be watching ters are going to be properly postmarked — "December 15, him closely, and if he is responsible for strife involving law 1959."

In each of the letters is a Christmas card with the season's greetings elegantly engraved as follows: "Enclosed please find the contribution that gives us 100% on our quota. It was a hard battle but we made it."

December 15 (today, as I mentioned) is of course the closing date of our fund campaign and

Asked if he intended to patent his discovery, the dedicated young scientist looked at his interviewer in astonishment and replied, "Would you patent the benefits of the sun?" Quite a different view is

taken by the drug manufacturers who have fastened themselves like vampires on the throats of the sick and aged.

To make patents on the new drugs public property would "completely destroy the incentive for research for commercial corporations," says no who have stepped to the foreone less than Dr. E. Gifford Upjohn, profit-minded head of the drug company that bears his name.

Testifying before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee, Dr. Upjohn assailed as "irresponsible" a suggestion that drug companies should be regulated as a public utility. The suggestion that drug manufacturers be placed under public control came after the probers had brought out some of the almost incredplained that for the past year the ible facts about the price

SCLC has been urging him to gouging. devote more time to the organi-"If we had to operate as a public utility," said Dr. Upzation's work and that Atlanta is not only more central but the john, speaking like the typical "most strategic location" for the capitalist he is, "we just could headquarters of a Southwide not operate on the degree of return on invested capital that Upon learning of King's plan

that would permit. No doubt about it. Even the mildest form of government regulation would cut into the outrageous "degree of return" which the pill peddlers now extort from the sick and the injured.

The American people are being overcharged \$750,000,000 a year on prescription drugs, according to Seymour N. Blackman, head of a small New Jersey firm.

violations, he will be prosecuted Blackman explained that to the full extent of the law." this "overcharge" is due to monopoly control of patents Ironically, this "undesirable outsider" is a native son of and markets. And to an end-Georgia. King's grandfather and less high-powered campaign father have been the pastors of to "brainwash" physicians into prescribing major brand

Shortly after his polio vac-cine was perfected, Dr. Jonas Salk appeared on television. drugs that sell for ten times the price of identical products turned out by smaller firms.

Upjohn shows what an enterprising capitalist can accomplish with a captive market like America's ill. In 1948 Upjohn's assets were \$40 million. In ten years Upjohn's net profits on that capital were an admitted \$120 million. Senator Kefauver, head of the probers and no opponent of "free enterprise," was moved to observe that this was "a pretty remarkable" rate of return for "a basicneed industry."

"It shows successful business," Dr. Upjohn reminded the Democratic law-maker.

Here's one small example of how a capitalist achieves such success: Upjohn spends 14 cents for the raw material in an ordinary prescription containing progesterone, a female hormone. The victim pays \$15 - roughly 10,000% on Upjohn's investment.

The big operators use the scalpel on anyone who thinks such profits are somewhat inhumane. A spokesman for the American Association of Retired Persons told the Senate investigators that Parke. Davis & Co. had cut off sales to a company through which' the organization distributed drugs to its members at a discount. A Parke, Davis official replied that his company did not approve of practices like discounts.

Last week a spokesman for the drug vampires, Dr. Austin Smith, president of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, charged that current criticisms of drug prices are motivated by "a desire to enter the back door of government-controlled medicine, or socialized medicine as it is commonly called."

Would that he were right! Consider this simple fact: Under the socialized medicine plan in Great Britain, a prescription is filled at a cost to the patient of just 14 cents. And hardship cases can apply for reimbursement.

U.S. and Japan

"Time to Act," Says Rev. King Take the Off Our Strikers Sorty after his polic vars the was perfected, Dr. Jonas Sak appeared on television." Throats! Meet Armed Scabs in Battle

Fixed Bayonets in Minnesota



National Guardsmen, in full battle dress, use fixed bayonets to disperse union members gathered around the strikebound Wilson & Co. meat-packing plant at Albert Lea Dec. 11. The town was placed under martial law by Gov. Freeman when the packinghouse workers responded with mass picket lines and militant action to violence initiated by armed scabs.

Steel Kings Use T-H 'Cool Off' For Pincers Attack on Union

time period to hammer out an tions are not entirely without By Tom Kerry After a brief pause, upon the agreement. But the steel bosses heart. imposition of the Taft-Hartley have other ideas. Their plan, injunction by the U.S. Supreme formulated long before the ac-Court, the steel corporations tual issuance of the injunction, have accelerated their propa- was to use the eighty-day period the steel workers into accepting drive to pressure the steel work-

panies. All bids to mediate or arbitrate full blast. the dispute have been summar- This multimillion dollar prop-

has been left to the steel cor- Wednesday." porations, the employing class as Thursday, the company again a whole has enlisted to press tried to run armed scabs through ganda barrage designed to soften for an intensive propaganda forward the war against labor the picket line. This drew a on a broader front. This is in- fresh shower of rocks from the the terms laid down by the com- ers into accepting their "last of- surance against the probability strikers. The next day martial fer." The campaign is now on that the steel workers will prove law was declared and the Na-

Troops Sent By Governor

Price 10c

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14 -Striking packinghouse workers, a thousand strong, have offered a magnificent demonstration of militant resistance to a scabherding operation at the Albert Lea plant of Wilson & Co., about 100 miles south of here. After two days of company-inspired violence, Gov. Freeman declared martial law in the area and the National Guard shut down the plant.

A major battle broke out at the struck plant last Wednesday when a mob of scabs, armed with guns, knives and blackjacks, tried to leave the plant by crashing through a mass picket line of the 1,100 striking members of the United Packinghouse Workers Union, Local 6, AFL-CIO.

Several strikers were almost run down and a scab car struck one of the pickets. The strikers returned the attack with a barrage of bricks and rocks. A number of the strikebreakers' cars were overturned. Windshields on many others were shattered. Union officials, patrolling the line, urged no violence. It was not until three hours later that police and deputy sheriffs were able to lead scabs out of the plant past the plant gate. A number of strikebreakers elected to spend the night

inside the plant. The brutality of Wilson's union-busting tactics and the fiercely militant response of the strikers was indicated by Sam Romer, Minneapolis Tribune staff writer. He opened his ac-the raw, bare-knuckled labor dispute of the '30's - returned While the paternal approach to Albert Lea for three hours

to be immune to the mealy- tional Guard shut down the mouthed "soft-sell" of the steel plant.

that's the reason my typewriter looks like a mailbox. That is, it's the closing date for the Socialist Make Workers branches and Militant supporters who made pledges to the fund. The closing date for

the final scoreboard.

Are we really going to make it seek to tell the new Cuban gov- capital" which Wall Street can in full and on time? My answer ernment which side it had best supply?

"Yes!" Well, to avoid getting bread. out on a limb, at least I think plus or minus a shade.

page 2 you'll see that ten cities Street alone can provide." have already made their goals. This means they actually fin: ing on the walls of the counting ished ahead of schedule. And the the big responsibility of raising Union Boys ten include three cities that took nearly half the national goal. Los Angeles, which had the honor of choosing the largest Make Good single target, and which only a week ago seemed seriously be-hind schedule, came through In Germany with a final dazzling spurt.

A note accompanying that imheaved a big sigh of relief at the good results - it was tough going." That's the way it is. But Pres. George Meany was decorrevolutionary socialists seem to ated by Chancellor Adenauer. thrive on licking tough prob- America's top union bureaucrat lems. That's why I was confident hit the jackpot, winning the Los Angeles would come through Grand Cross, Second Class, of the way it did.

And the same goes for our magnificent Twin Cities com- leader of the Communist party, rades who have been a pillar of now head of the AFL-CIO's strength in every fund drive that European and Eastern departhas been conducted since the ment, was almost as lucky, win-Militant was founded.

Meeting the third largest goal of time wasn't easy for them either. But fund director Bob W. It was not repo reports that at the eleventh hour any hecklers were present to record.

From Chicago director Ray under the worst attack in Castro "may have to do business al people. Follett came a jubilant letter "Chicago keeps its promise! Here is our check for the balance on our fund quota. Yesterday's pub-

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lecades.

Ihreat Castro Halt?

Dollar

By Lillian Kiezel

"The fate of Fidel Castro's houses or continue his indepenme will be the next issue of revolution may ultimately be de- dent course? "The big question the Militant, when we'll print cided in Wall Street," says Ed- remains," says this financial mour Germain, financial writer pundit. "Is Castro convertible?" Well and good, you say. But of the New York World-Tele- Will he recognize before it is what about the \$16,000 question? gram, in a series of articles that too late the need for "foreign

is an absolutely unequivocal, look to find the butter on its What really disturbs Germain is the way the Cuban revolution-

"Unless the Premier can main- ists have been laying profane and technical assistance to build we've got a good chance of com- tain his government's credit in hands on Wall Street's sacred up a strong army, navy and air ing within a hair's breadth of it, the world financial markets, pri- holdings in Cuba. There's the force, including aircraft carmarily New York, he faces even- agrarian reform law, the mining riers and at least one nuclear Meanwhile, we already have tual overthrow by left-wing or tax of 5% on all ores mined, the submarine." some accomplishments everyone right-wing elements," Germain 25% levy on all minerals exshould note. For example, if declares. "His underdeveloped ported, the cut in electric power

in the management of companies Will Castro read the handwritlike Cuban Telephone.

How does Castro dare touch Wall Street's interests in that

interests . . , The task of evaluating American interests should American troops from this \$1 wastes. not be difficult. Our businessmen billion base will rest with the go to Cuba to make a profit . . ." Taking an optimistic stance, this Wall Street propagandist

suggests that the Cubans will After issuing a long-winded "still want to stay in business." statement at Bonn, Dec. 7, on He softens this threat by insinupressive envelope said, "We Statement at Bonn, Dec. 1, We ating that money is available, man government, AFL-CIO points of difference can be "negotiated," if "Castro can see the Peking People's Daily, Japanlight of reason" and if he "pretrade . . . and meets Wall Street that under the new "security the barrels used by the AEC to on common ground."

Seeks Credit in Europe

And if Castro can't be bought? Soviet Union and that negoti-Germain notes that the Cuban ations were being held with government is desperately try- Washington on the introduction ing to "obtain sorely needed ning the same decoration, but credit from European financial minus the attractive sash and houses," in order to "avoid the in the country in full and ahead star which the German ruler necessity of negotiating fair set- against the new pact with the released in the upper surface recovery now known." tlements with Cuba's traditional U.S. The protest action was layers of the ocean instead of Present nuclear disposal

It was not reported whether friends." comrades increased their pledg- ask why Meany and Lovestone as stony as the Wall Street federation, and Zengakuren, a es by a total of \$125 to assure were in Germany sharing Aden- tribe, where else, can Cuba turn left-wing student organization. continuation of the Twin Citics auer's headaches while the for help? One possibility re- Demonstrations elsewhere in American labor movement is mains, according to Germain. Japan involved 200,000 addition-

> with Soviet Russia and Red China." In Wall Street's book

that's where the "growing peril BLOCK THAT KICKBACK! The International Fashion lies." If Castro doesn't make quart in New York to "cover" Pit. Christmas Gift Week." beginning of the end."

Agree on New **Military Pact**

The U.S. and Japanese governments have reached full the employers, federal media- radio and television broadcasts. agreement on the main provisions of a new military pact.

mediation sessions." Under the provisions of the agreement, say Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott in their syndi-

For the ten-year duration of the treaty, the U.S. can conyou'll turn to the scoreboard on island needs capital which Wall rates, government intervention tinue to occupy various military bases in Japan. But the U.S.

According to the Nov. 27

into Japan of nuclear weapons.

On Nov. 27, nearly 30,000 peo-

U.S.

must consult Japan before the grounds in the Pacific Ocean gerous. Besides, says the AEC forces on these bases can be through its nuclear testing, it the waste material consigned to employed in military operations, seems that the Atomic Energy sea is at a low level of radioway? He "gains nothing by de- Okinawa, however, is excluded Commission has further been activity. claring open season on American from this stipulation. The de- contaminating sca-food waters

cision for the deployment of by careless disposal of atomic this. She says that some atomic facilities describe their waste The Skipper, a monthly yacht- dumped at sea as high level.

The AEC's assumption is that ing magazine, has charged that

The military agreement is slated to be completed when tic and Pacific waters are being depth provides containment, or Premier Kishi arrives in this contaminated by radioactive at least isolation from man and country around Jan. 20 to sign wastes escaping from ruptured his sea food. disposal drums. the pact.

... some of the isotopes dumpits January issue (according to ed at sea are still very active

ese Foreign Minister Alichiro the Dec. 9 New York World- and some of them are very longfers to keep to familiar routes of Fujiyama stated in Parliament Telegram) that recent tests of lived. ...

treaty" with the U.S., the area dispose of radioactive wastes 90, cobalt-60 and cesium-137 are president of the big video chain, been recorded during the showof operations of the American showed that some ruptured be- also going into the sea - isoforces in Japan might extend fore being lowered to a depth topes taken up in large concen- From now on viewers will be comedy. Or the assorted yaks, to the interior of China or the of 1,000 fathoms (6,000 feet).

Reach Surface

to many "Unlike the wastes stored on The tests were made by the California Department of Fish land, the radioactive isotopes when the following warning apand Game and indicate that disappearing beneath the waters pears both audibly and visibly ple demonstrated in Tokyo "some of the wastes are being pass forever from any human on your screen: "Certain por-

called by the Socialist and Com- being stored on the bottom as grounds in the Atlantic Ocean lie a few miles offshore near

Boston and about 150 miles "The 'fertile' upper layers of away from New York and Northe ocean contain the plankton folk, Va. Future dumping grounds will

harvest of the sea," says the be even closer to shore accordauthor of the Skipper's article, ing to a chart prepared for the Grace Des Champs. The article AEC by the National Research is entitled "Atomic Garbage Council of the National Acad- with audience reaction techni-

emy of Sciences. Both the AEC cally augmented." lic meeting for Farrell helped Council designated the week of concessions to his kind "friends" a wage rise. The Borden dairy The AEC has admitted that and the National Academy con-

ily rejected by the steel tycoons. aganda offensive is a two-magnates. In which event, the Governor Freeman acted after Their answer to Eisenhower's pronged affair. It is directed, in broad campaign is relied upon to a plea for aid by city and county appeal for an agreement based the first instance, at influencing provide the "public support" for officials in Albert Lea. Their upon "free collective bargain- public opinion and in the second, pressure on Congress to enact letter to the governor confirmed ing" was a revival of their ulti- at the steel workers and their additional union-crippling legismatum to the union. Confronted families. Lavish sums are being lation. with the hard-boiled attitude of spent for newspaper spreads.

steel-union leadership has retor Joseph F. Finnegan an- direct mail, etc. Supervisory peatedly prostrated itself before the minions of Wall Street in public office, the steel barons feel themselves firmly ensconced in the driver's seat. The initiative is in their hands. They have literally nothing to lose by takng advantage of the Taft-Hart-President James D. Cooney ley requirement that a referendum vote be taken on their "last offer." Nor do they fear risking Eisenhower's displeasure by turning thumbs down on his

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were pre-recorded.

oldies.

Know Their Man

The steel corporations know to maintain law and order, he their Eisenhower. They have lit- called them out to shut down tle to fear from the man who the plant." has played their game from the

beginning. They are not im- that it would have taken 2,000 pressed by his fulminations guardsmen, instead of 200, to against "both sides" in the dis- keep the plant open. pute. Nor are they too much con-

CBS Decides to Try Out The New Honesty in TV

Fans of the CBS television towel in a morgue. So the technetwork are in for a pleasant nicians fixed it up with some surprise. Joseph H. Ream, vice- canned laughter. This may have announced a new policy Dec. 15. ing of a Charlie Chaplin trations by marine food and given fair warning on some of boffs, giggles, snorts and hoots highly hazardous, biologically, the entertainment fakes.

Another warning to wake up snap open and ears prick up to possible victimization runs: "Participants (or guests) on this program (or a portion of it) were tions of this recorded program selected (or interviewed) in advance.

Read that as fair notice that the person about to give forth with dazzling facts, or homespun shafts of wit, is no do-ityourself genius. He or she was

alert will go: "This program has done his or her homework was performed (or filmed or sufficiently well to pull it off

esty will undoubtedly be hailed That means live people were by the Vidiots. At least this part but the jokes dropped like a wet for sure, was not rigged.

and sea life which yield man's

considerably. The meeting in Dec. 28 as "Don't Return Her in Wall Street, it "could be the company will increase stock some disposal drums did rup- sider the 1,000-fathom depth to present during the performance of the program, they will know ture but claims that not enough be safe.

Grace Des Champs challenges

the upper layers of both Atlan- the sea bottom at a 1,000-fathom

But says the Skipper article, The magazine article states in

"Isotopes such as strontium-

After having poisoned fishing wastes were involved to be dan-

nounced he was "suspending the personnel have been briefed to provide the personal touch for a The theory behind the eighty- direct approach in the plants. day Taft-Hartley "cooling off" Some companies have even volcated column Dec. 11, "Japan injunction is that the parties to unteered to provide small loans , will be given U.S. financial the dispute would utilize the to demonstrate that the corpora-



mediators.

that the scabs were carrying "large numbers of weapons, in-Unfortunately, because the cluding guns, knives, black-

jacks, as well as other dangerous weapons." Company Asks Arms The letter also disclosed that 'The local management has requested tear gas and riot guns for use within the plant area.' When the militia shut the plant gates to scabs, Wilson's

promptly put the heat on the governor to reopen it with the bayonet-armed guard acting as scab-herders. In a press statement, Cooney charged that the governor's action was "completely arbitrary and capricious . . He didn't call out the guard

Governor Freeman replied

The strike, which covers the (Continued on Page 3)



may have been made on an For example, eyes should electronic device.

That means the regular broadcast was taped. But some additions were spliced in from real

Another signal to shift to the briefed well in advance and taped) before a live audience with a professional touch.

The CBS innovation in hon-

If the European bankers prove munist parties, the Sohyo labor intended."

THEY GET THE CREAM Milk went up a half-cent a dividends 20 cents a share.

the Order of Merit. Jay Lovestone, a one-time

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What the 'Times' Man Didn't See in Poland BOOKS

By Daniel Roberts

In a series of five articles, A. M. Rosenthal, New York Times correspondent recently ousted from Poland, paints the following dismal picture of political conditions in that country today (New York Times, Nov. 30-Dec. 4.)

Gomulka's liberal reforms, now being seriously curtailed, have not won the adherence of the Polish masses for his regime. The Communist party has forsworn the use of police terrorism but has found no substitute technique of ruling. The youth are hostile. The workers stay away in droves from party meetings. On the other hand, Catholic services are packed. The Polish people tolerate Gomulka's regime only because they view it as a lesser evil to the return of naked Soviet rule.

"Liberalization was successful in removing the edge of discontent and potential revolt," says Rosenthal. "But the Communists found that liberalization did not draw the Polish people closer to a system they detested; it simply permitted them to turn their backs on it.'

Thus Rosenthal implies that the October 1956 mass upsurge against Stalinism which placed of winning popular support - at nist party.

least in Poland. Rosenthal's description of the pendence and socialist democ- mate. ing class and youth rose up and the state.

against Stalinist tyranny. While struggle at that time.

Those who organized the Oc- organs of the anti-Stalinists. tober revolution were industrial

When the Polish Masses Moved in 1956



Polish youth are shown above as they excitedly look over the news of victory in Poland's defiance of the Kremlin in October, 1956. The working-class upsurge, which sought an end to bureaucratic abuses, brought Gomulka to power. Gomulka granted considerable concessions to the insurgent workers and students; but instead of going forward to workers' democracy, he gradually withdrew the concessions. Today workers and students are reported to be apathetic: however, a new upsurge may be in preparation that will carry the 1956 beginnings to a successful conclusion.

Gomulka in power, was really a workers - especially the work- representing himself as a 'Cath- the backing of the great-majority revolt against communism. Go- ers in the Zeran factory district olic.' He is not warmly received of the workers and of the youth. slower strangulation of the Po- Revolution. His best passages the claim that dishonesty is inmulka's liberalization policy was in Warsaw - and students ... Shouting over the noise, the In countless meetings through- lish political revolution. But describe the firm devotion of the volved in them. bound to fail because it, too, was grouped around the CP youth speaker's first words are: 'Poland out the country (the workers did neither Stalinism nor capitalist Soviet masses to their country a variant of "communist" rule. newspaper Po Prostu. Many of is a Catholic country.' Further not stay away in droves then) reaction can solve any of the and its planned non-capitalist Communism is simply incapable them belonged to the Commu- ... that because of this Cardinal the revolutionary vanguard set problems of the Soviet and East economy, to the steady growth Wyszinski should be freed and the tone.

They advocated national inde- restored to his function as pripolitical situation in Poland to- racy. They denounced Stalinism "The hall very energetically forcible collectivization and re- years and will engulf both the important and undoubtedly true. in Poland is based upon a distor- They advocated that a system of ment. 'Make it Poland is a so- communism. For the peasants tion of what happened in Octo- democratically-elected workers' cialist country.' Loud applause can be convinced that their selfber 1956 when the Polish work- councils should run the economy More amendments . . . 'Poland,

The attitude of these socialist- late the Cardinal's case in the vations as a reporter, he appears well illustrated by an incident at of spontaneous voting at a free collectively. to be singularly ill-informed one of the numerous mass meet- meeting of 20,000 workers, stuabout the October events - ings' held throughout the coun- dents, intellectuals and even just which took place before he ar- try on the eve of the October people 'from off the street.' rived in the country - and revolution. It was reported on The workers, students and inabout the motives that impelled Oct. 21, 1956, in Przeglad Kul- tellectuals who wanted neither a ficient in that they placed their the masses into revolutionary turalny, a CP publication that Catholic nor a Stalinist Poland confidence in Gomulka and the had become one of the principal but a regime of workers' democ-

"A speaker takes the floor And in October 1956 they had

sponsored by him was such an which he allowed the Church to

self-confidence of the anti-Stalinist workers and youth were dissipated. Supported on one side by the Stalinist machine and on the other side by the Church

Gomulka beat down the one tendency that had won genuine popular support for communism in the country. York. 1959. 226 pp. \$5. That's when the youth started to become cynical and the work-

ers began staying away from the Communist party in droves. The Soviet Union by the Moscow Catholic Church, traditionally correspondent of L'Unita, leadassociated with Poland's struging Italian Communist party gle for national independence newspaper. against Russia in Czarist days, Its theme is simple: Socialism gained rapidly among the powas built in the Soviet Union

litically backward sections of despite grave errors in the the masses, while the Stalinists Stalin era, all of which are now remained totally discredited. in the process of being overcome This is not the outcome of the by the Russian people under the October, 1956, revolution but of guidance of their "vanguard," Gomulka's piecemeal suppresthe Khrushchev group. sion of that revolution. It does Although Boffa's ingratiating not represent the failure of comstyle may be considered superior munism but the bankruptcy of to the nauseating apologetics Stalinism, whose blows, directed written under Stalin's influagainst the genuine communist ence, he makes no serious break vanguard, always aid bourgeois with that late unlamented school

reaction - represented in this of journalism. case by the Catholic Church. The method remains the same As for authentic communism, Where Khrushchev is bold, he is it will rise again in Poland and bold; where Khrushchev is critithroughout the Soviet orbit. The cal, he is critical; where Khrushstruggle for workers' democracy chev lies, he lies. has been checked for the time being by the bloody crushing of positive achievements of the commercials are really made, the Hungarian uprising and the Soviet Union since the 1917 offers some solid facts to refute

the October events to reverse will take place in the coming dramatic growth. All of this is with no gimmicks whatsoever." Bureaucratic "practices,"

WERE YOU TOOK?

"Dynamol," a vitamin tablet of Soviet development to anof the one-a-day type containing other. The "twentieth congress "an adequate cure and treatment men" understood that these for all vitamin and mineral bureaucratic clots obstructed deficiencies," was picked up by progress and that they could government agents. The 37,800 only be flushed out by attacking pills seized contained nothing the cult of Stalin. "Contradic-

SAFEWAY BOLOGNA Safeway Stores argue that mobilized behind the Khrush-

slices.



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the South and its participants the schools in return for the Congress. The so-called liberal In a very few instances and of the SCLC, King made his farewell speech to a mass meet-ing of the Montgomery Improve-ing of the Montgomery Improve-ing

The "Twentieth Congress Men" INSIDE THE KHRUSHCHEV | society having its own special | reporter could spend five years

ERA, by Giuseppe Boffa. material interests. Marzani & Munsell, New

regime.

rigged.

mercial art.

legitimate . . .

clav instead of ice cream?"

Well, what's your answer?

Advertising Age reports that

"most observers would say that

This book was written after a

five-year stint (1953-58) in the

to preserve its privileges and

between the need of this caste as much as most workers?

in the Soviet Union and not Boffa does not even ask notice that this "vanguard" enwhether there is any connection joyed incomes of 40 to 100 times

All things are possible for the political line of the Stalin those whose courage consists of regime. To do so would im- praising leaders in power and mediately raise embarrassing being "boldly" critical only of questions about the Khrushchev those that have been officially downgraded. Is it possible that an alert

- Bert Deck

To Avoid Crumbs, **Glue Your Cake**

By M. L. Stafford

It's good to know that someone has finally taken up the cudgels in defense of the men and women whose artistry and ingenuity are responsible for those sparkling and imaginative television com-

It isn't at all necessary. mercials that all of us were en-" . . . the 'after' shot is taken first. The model comes to the joying until the ugly charge of 'rigging" was made. studio with her hair nicely ar-

The Nov. 23 issue of Adverranged for the first shot. Then tising Age, which has a sound her coif is unruffled, sometimes Boffa leans heavily on the working knowledge of how TV with excessive hair sprays, and the 'before' picture is shot.

Watches "are 'made up' with heavy quantities of jewelers' rouge to give them a highly polished look.

Sure, there are tricks to any trade, including the preparation "Additional glitter may be addof commercials. But as the ed by shooting them in a 'tent' European working people. New of industrial productivity and magazine points out, "product which is an aluminum foil The peasants, it is true, used and far greater Polish Octobers the sure prospects of even more demonstration would be drab lined square .

Like all good craftsmen, TV Furthermore, Advertising Age commercial producers don't hesreports that most producers of itate to learn from others. TV commercials whom it has in- You've seen those commercials terviewed have said "they knew showing a speeding car that of no cases of deliberate rigging stops on a dime two inches from cultural lags from one period of commercials." Now I suppose a huge wall. Real breaking powthe anti-TV crowd will try to er. Or the man who swings that insinuate that the survey was huge sedan into a tiny parking space with no effort at all. Pow-But the detractors of televis- er steering.

ion will find it difficult to an-But the camera men leave swer Advertising Age's point- nothing to chance. The car that by-point defense of TV com- stops on a dime "is shot about an inch from the wall and then

"Is it wrong," the magazine quickly driven backward. The asks, "to show aerated shaving film is then shown in reverse. cream in place of whipped The reverse film technique also ream? Is it deceptive to drop is used to demonstrate parking an Alka Seltzer into a glass of ease."

beer to make it fizz? Is it fraud- And why not? Hollywood does ulent to use mashed potatoes or it all the time.



these practices are perfectly (Continued from Page 1) cluded many new faces and a And don't get the idea that number of old-timers we haven't

the magazine is out to do a seen recently." whitewash job. It candidly As reported previously, Farstates that a few minor practices could stand a second look. for the Socialist Workers party

rell Dobbs is on a national tour For example, "where commor- to help lay the groundwork for

lanta, and he will serve, along will undergo a Little Rock ex-In Atlanta a similar struggle action, it took place outside of conduct religious instruction in cerned about their hirelings in from above. Atlanta Struggle

"Time to Act," gomery in the courts there is tronize Negro businesses. Ebenezer Baptist Church in At- a double chance that Alabama

day is probably accurate enough. as a monstrous travesty of com- registers its disapproval. Whis- gain personal ownership of the Stalinist bureaucracy and such but in this context a little be-But his intimation that this sig- munism, and demanded that the tles and catcalls are heard. land. But this did not necessarily pillars of capitalist reaction as side the point. nifies the failure of communism CP return to genuine Leninism. Someone proposes an amend- represent a defeat for genuine interest lies in supporting the as a socialist country, must regu- workers' democratic rule, providing they are allowed to decide his conclusions about the pres- minded workers and students spirit of fair government.' Gen- without coercion whether to ent are based on his own obser- toward the Catholic Church is eral applause. Such is the course work the land individually or

> Though the demands of the revolutionary workers and youth met the needs of the masses, their tactics were seriously degroup of "liberal" CP bureau-

own.

traying the trust the revolu-Though King never renounced tionaries had placed in him. Over mass action, and though the their heads, he concluded a deal Youth March on Washington, with Cardinal Wyszinski, in

the Catholic Church.

more than "caffeine equal to two tions among the people" still cups of coffee."

Gomulka lost no time in be-

racy formed a sizable vanguard. crats associated with him. The they aren't making a false claim chev leadership will overcome revolutionary vanguard remain- to say that Slender-Way bread the many problems. ed tied to the bureaucratically contains fewer calories. It's dominated Communist party in- sliced thinner and so each slice analysis of the economically stead of building a party of its is less fattening than ordinary privileged bureaucratic caste as

ment Association, the organization which grew out of the bus boycott. Explaining his motives. for leaving Montgomery, King said: "The time is ripe for expanded militant action across the South . . . After prayerful consideration, I am convinced that the psychological moment has come when a concentrated drive against injustice can bring great tangible gains. We must not let the present strategic opportunity

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Five days before the meeting

of the SCLC, King made his

pastor of that church.

with his elderly father, as co- perience.

pass." Referring to the program which would come out of the SCLC meeting in Birmingham, King said: "Not only will it invoter registration, but a fullscale assault will be made upon discrimination and segregation in all forms . . . We must train our youth and adult leaders in high-water marks of the postwar the techniques of social change through non-violent resistance. We must employ new methods of struggle, involving the masses of our people."

The Negro leader assured his audience that he would fre- from Southern and federal auquently visit Montgomery and keep in close touch with the

Montgomery Improvement Association and its struggles. Three MIA had written to the school plan for desegregation, but had the courtesy of a reply. "It seents now that we have no alternative but to carry the issue into the federal courts," he added.

Alabama has a Pupil Placement Act, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, which could permit token desegregation of schools. At the same time Gov. licity role. It placed the onus in John Patterson has sworn to use the Alabama National Guard to white supremacists. But a boyprevent any school integration -no matter how token it may be.

Indeed, just such a situation of the boycotters. might arise next fall in Huntsville where the Army has indicated that it may move for the integration of nine children of cott of 1956, King and the MIA Negro servicemen at Redstone leaders refrained from further Missile Arsenal. The Huntsville employing this powerful weapon. school was built with federal The MIA began to emphasize funds on federal-donated land other activities - voter regisand receives part of its operating tration campaigns, the building expenses from the federal gov- of a Negro YMCA in Montgomernment. Over half of its stu- ery, founding of a co-operative dents are children of servicemen. grocery store, economic aid to If the MIA presses its fight for individuals suffering racist reschool desegregation in Mont- prisals, and exhortation to pa-

eral court to present a desegregation plan. Resting on a pupil placement act, it would limit integration to just a few Negro students. The Georgia legislature and Gov. Vandiver, however, are extreme white supremacists and have vowed repeatedly that they will never permit any mixing. however little, in Georgia

schools. If the SCLC's call for mass

clude a stepped-up campaign of freedom fighters who for the union leader who originally orpast few years have been fight- ganized the boycott was defeating on the defensive.

The Montgomery and Tallahassee bus boycotts were the enthusiasm and hopes of the Neof Jim Crow as nothing else has. They also wrung important con-

cessions, direct and indirect, thorities. Though the nation's press

played upon King's "Gandhism" or pacifism as the outstanding months earlier, he revealed, the characteristic of this movement, it was actually a secondary feaboard asking it to announce its ture. The salient feature was its mass character. The bus boycott not as yet been accorded even in Montgomery united some 50,-000 Negroes in common action. Their numbers and solidarity made them unbeatable as long as their leadership did not falter. The power of mass action and what it can achieve is what was

demonstrated in Montgomery and Tallahassee. King's pacifism served only an auxiliary, pubadvance for any violence on the cott by its very nature does not call for violent action on the part

Emphasize Other Activities After the successful bus boy-

SCLC leadership appear to have a state religion. shrunk from mass actions since the conclusion of the 1956 bus the side of bourgeois reacboycott.

The MIA mass meeting at which King made his farewell speech reflected this. Though it was a gala occasion and the audience enthusiastic, the attendance was only about a thousand.

(The white newspaper in Montactions and Rev. King's mili- gomery placed the figure sometant urging to defy unjust laws what below 1,000 and the Negro at the risk of jail are trans- press somewhat above 1,000.) In lated from words into actual the election of new officers of deeds, it will signify a passing the MIA which took place (in over to the offensive by Negro which E. D. Nixon, Negro trade-

ed) only 379 ballots were cast. During the boycott days, meetings of 5,000 were common. If, however, the SCLC's reso-Negro struggle. They stirred the lution for mass actions throughout the South is followed gro people and white opponents through, not only will the MIA flourish as of old, but it will be duplicated and surpassed in city after city in the South. Glorious

as was the victorious bus boycott of 1956, it will be overshadowed by even greater struggles and victories in Birmingham, Atlanta, Jacksonville and New Orleans. A series of mass actions by Southern Negroes for their

the whole political relationship they lacked a party of their own magnates are appealing to the of forces in the U.S.

SCOREBOARD FUND

Connecticut	\$ 100	\$ 105	105
Allentown	110	110	100
Boston	350	350	100
Chicago	1,000	1,000	100
Detroit	600	600	100
Los Angeles	4,400	4,400	100
Milwaukee	300	300	100
Pittsburgh	10	10	100
San Diego	245	245	100
Twin Cities	1,700	1,700	100
Cleveland	750	645	86
New York	4,200	3,523	84
Bay Area	800	637	80
Newark	265	212	80
Seattle	500	387	77
St. Louis	80	60	75
Philadelphia	400	228	57
Denver	40	20	50
General	150	143	95
Total through Dec. 15\$	16,000	\$14,675	92

Having bolstered himself on the master class. tu - to merge with a rump would amount to a repudiation propaganda. youth organization run by Stal-

inist hatchet men. As the youth In that event they could write lost their political independence. their own ticket. their ranks became demoralized. At worst, if their "last offer" lost in membership. Then in October, 1957, Gomulka banned Po would proceed on the basis of Prostu. This led to student demonstrations, which were crushed demands as embodied in the the Catholic Church, it should be tract is a poor thing indeed. It

Bans Workers' Councils

demonstrations.)

Gomulka also turned his guns on the workers' councils, first for revising work rules to the forbidding them to federate, then step by step curtailing their though he admitted they had been maneuvered by virtue of production) and finally liquidating them altogether in 1958.

Through these measures which the revolutionaries could constitutional rights can alter not adequately resist because insisting on a vote, the steel

- the enthusiasm, initiative and ranks over the heads of the

struggle went, King and the granted Catholicism the status of power in Congress, can be relied were published to provide inupon to defend the interests of formation, to offset the propa-

would appear, were nothing

more than the accumulation of

exist; in fact they will always

exist, according to the author.

But Boffa is confident that the

creativity of socialist democracy

What is lacking here is any

a crystallized stratum of Soviet-

ganda of the bosses, and to From the standpoint of the transmit instructions and guidtion, Gomulka then turned corporations they have little to ance. These were the exception. against the revolutionary van- lose by forcing a vote on their In the main, union members guard. In the spring of 1957, he contract proposals. At best, if were forced to get their inforordered the Union of Revolu- their propaganda campaign mation from the daily press, to roast a beef. What it might tionary Youth - the new mass proves successful, a majority radio, television and were conmovement organized by Po Pros- vote in favor of their terms stantly deluged with corporation a flame and then rub it with oil

of the union and its leadership. It is to the everlasting glory The natural juices, in fact do of the steel workers that despite not reflect the light very well. the glaring defects of the leadership they instinctively react-Coffee Time Tricks

The new, merged body rapidly proposal is voted down, negotia- ed in defense of their union tions, mediation or arbitration against the assault of the steel companies. It was their magthe union's present "maximum" nificent show of solidarity and determination that cracked Kaiby the police. (Wyszinski and Kaiser contract. The Kaiser con- ser and prevented the union leadership from capitulating to cup? noted, denounced the student grants only a piddling increase corporation-government pres-

in wage and fringe benefits and sure.

these only at the cost of im-The steel corporations have camera, so "a dye may be added portant union concessions - not once again flung a challenge into to give it a deeper, more natural the least of which is an opening the teeth of the McDonald leadcolor."

ership. The real strength of the And you certainly have had detriment of the men in the union lies in the consciousness the experience yourself of getmills. This is the unenviable poof its members, its sclidarity, its ting a lot of foam when you functions in the factories (al-sition into which the union has demonstrated deternination to pour hot water on instant coffee. preserve the union against em- That wouldn't be very appealing signally succeeded in raising the "mutual trusteeship" policy ployer attack. The worst course on a television demonstration, of the McDonald leadership. is to continue the policy of con- would it? So an analine dye may

However, the stand of the steel ducting the struggle as a "public corporations has made the main relations" duel between the ful looking foam. issue one of union survival. By steel heads and the union tops. Are the corporation money-

bags speculating on a possible

defection, by the steel-union union leadership. In rejecting members? What better way to the offer of mediation, steel disabuse them than to call upon corporation negotiator, R. Conthe members to meet in local. rad Cooper, casts himself in the district and area gatherings to role of defender of the democradiscuss and decide the great istic rights of the union members. sues confronting the steel union "One wonders," says Cooper, and the entire labor movement. "whether a major purpose of the Are the smart boys of Madison union, in seeking Governmentsponsored intervention, may not be to forestall the possibility of ganda, counting on influencing a secret ballot next month, in which the steel workers themselves would have their first -

and only - opportunity to express their wishes." Cooper scores a telling point against the McDonald leader-

ship. No attempt has been made by the union leadership to in- played a decisive role in strike ances. struggles. volve the ranks in direct par-

ticipation in the conduct of the The issue is joined. The destruggle. With rare exceptions cision rests with the ranks. The hibited in the handling of per- for sure! membership meetings during the victory is assured if the men and manent wave and shampoo comstrike were discouraged. The women of steel can break mercials. Take that girl who sincere thanks for a contribution original demands of the union through the bureaucratic crust does the "before" and "after" of \$2. were shrouded in secrecy. Ques- and assert their right to partici- shampoo scenes. Would you want To all of you, seasons' greet-

tions of strike policy and nego- pate actively in the determina- her to travel down to the studio ings. tiations were confined to the tops 'tion of all policy questions.

cates it's going to be a good Studios, Advertising Age arcampaign in Chicago.

gues, have many problems of From Milwaukee director time, money and technical lim-James Boulton came a check and itations which require that staff a similar report: "Final contriingenuity be brought into play. butions were received at the Dec. A busy studio, for example, 13 public meeting for Farrell "can't take three or four hours Dobbs."

Also enclosed was a copy of a very interesting interview with Farrell printed in the Dec. 14 to give it a nice juicy effect. Milwaukee Journal. It's entitled, "Dobbs Started Teamsters' Union on Road to Power in the '30's." Here are a few excerpts:

"The ways of history are some-Coffee is a big problem, too. times ironic. Take Farrell Dobbs The camera doesn't readily pick . . Dobbs cultivates his garden up the steam. So what's wrong on the far left fringe of Ameriwith dropping in a piece of dry can political life. He's a dreamer ice, or even more simple, to just and a radical. He wants to do put a lit cigarette behind the away with capitalism . . . It is unlikely that more than a hand-Sometimes the coffee doesn't

ful of the 1,670,000 members of show up dark enough under the the world's largest labor union - the International Brotherhood of Teamsters - ever have heard of Dobbs. Yet the fact is that

Dobbs had an irrevocable impact on their lives, their union and on the economics of the trucking industry."

The article recalls how Farrell came out of the Minneapolis coal yards to become a leader of the be dropped in to "kill" that awfamous 1934 Teamsters' strike

there and went on to lead the As in other fields of capitalist first organizing campaign of the endeavor, with the growth of over-the-road drivers. It then technology new hazards have to explains why Farrell turned be taken into account and apdown a \$15,000-a-year job with propriate safety measures dethe international union to bevised. "People around a telecome an officer of the Socialist vision studio," we are informed, Workers party. "are often warned not to eat the

But back to the business at products being used in the comhand which includes warm con-

gratulations to San Diego for its A luscious-looking gelatin desfinal payment and a note which sert, for example, "may have triumphantly declares: "We been sprayed with plastic bemade it!"

And our warmest thanks to our ever-loyal West Coast friend for a contribution of \$100 that the sloppy look, cakes are some- gave our "General" column a

Equally warm thanks goes to J. J. O'B. of Columbus, Ohio, cut in front of the camera too who wrote: "Enclosed is my donation of \$5 to help the General column achieve its quota. I only

A similar concern both for wish it could be more, but I tidiness and for people is exknow every bit helps." That's

To T. E. R. of Melrose, Mass.,

with her hair in a big mess? Next week - final scoreboard

Avenue, with their lying propacause gelatin reflects too much light. the wives of the steel workers to Simple tidiness is alos a matpressure their men into voting ter of major concern. To avoid a program and "glued" back together so that when they are

mercials."

which so often in the past has many crumbs won't mar appear-

company? What better way to straighten out these twisters times sliced well in advance of well-needed boost. than to initiate through rankand-file action a militant, fighting, women's union auxiliary -

Monday, December 21, 1959

The Albert Lea Strike

The strike of the AFL-CIO packinghouse workers at the Wilson plant in Albert Lea, Minn., is a clear example of how the employing class is currently seeking to revive strikebreaking on the scale of the 1930's.

In the Albert Lea strike, the company broke off negotiations. After the union called the strike, the company ordered all workers to return or be immediately fired. When only six workers out of some 1,100 returned, the company hired scabs.

In the battles of the 1930's over the right of unions to organize, the bosses frequently met the legitimate demands of the workers with violence. Company preparations for violence have been in evidence in the Wilson strike, too. Albert Lea city officials in their plea to Gov. Freeman for aid in handling the strike, stated that "The local plant management has requested tear gas and riot guns for use within the plant area."

Pickets discovered that scab cars carried blackjacks and firearms, and Albert Lea county officials referred to the "presence of firearms and other dangerous weapons within the plant on the person . . . of non-striking workers and their threatened use outside the plant."

The Albert Lea strike has also witnessed what was a common feature of the great strike battles of the 1930's - the intervention of the National Guard. On Dec. 11, Gov. Freeman, liberal Democrat, declared martial law throughout Freeborn County of which Albert Lea is the county seat.

One of the first acts of the troops was to disperse the mass picket line, which the workers had been forming every morning for several days prior to the governor's intervention. The outbreak of violence on the previous two days was the governor's pretext for declaring martial law.

But didn't Gov. Freeman also order the Wilson plant shut down? Doesn't this achieve the aim of the strikers? Doesn't his action add up to help for the packinghouse workers?

It is true that the National Guard on the governor's orders turned away the scabs on Dec. 11. But we believe just the same that the strikers would be well advised to keep a sharp eye on Gov. Freeman and not to trust him for a single minute --"friend of labor" though he is supposed to be. The following considerations, we believe should be kept in mind.

(1) Freeman's order closing down the plant is only temporary.

production on meat "already in process." (3) Company officials have filed a court

suit for the permanent reopening of the plant. Should they win it, the governor will be off the spot. He can reopen the plant under a court order without seeming to be on the bosses' side. Meanwhile, however, the troops will continue to keep the pickets away from the plant so as to "prevent violence." It should be recalled that this is the governor's stated reason for intervening.

(4) There is a notorious precedent in Minnesota for the kind of slick maneuvering that the Albert Lea strikers must watch out for. In the 1934 Minneapolis truck drivers' strike, following the murder of two pickets by the cops, Gov. Floyd Olson, supposedly a representative of labor, declared martial law and sent in the National Guard.

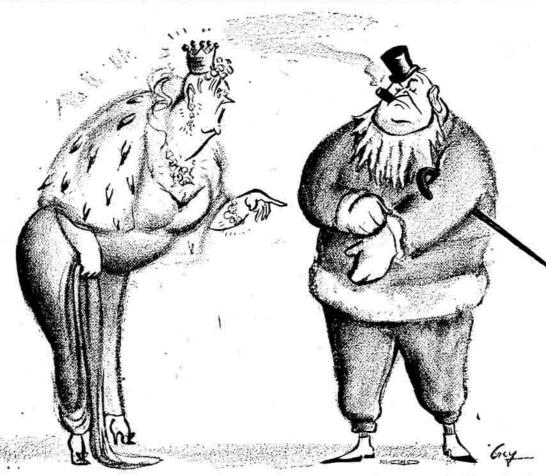
One participant in that strike subsequently wrote: "This is really one of the most fantastic things that ever happened in the history of American labor. A Farmer-Labor governor proclaimed martial law and stopped the trucks from running. That was supposed to be one on the side of labor. But then he allowed the trucks to run again under special permits. That was one for the bosses. Naturally the pickets undertook to stop the trucks, permit or no permit. Then, a few days later, the Farmer-Labor governor's militia raided the headquarters of the strike and arrested the leaders."

The truck drivers eventually won their lish monolithic control of the party's work can be attributed in the hope that Dennis might strike and through that victory Minneapo- badly shrunken party apparatus to shortcomings in the work of deliver where Gates had failed. lis became a union town. But this was no by those in its leadership who the national leadership. Among thanks to Gov. Olson and his double-deal- Khrushchev's line. ing maneuvers.

After Olson closed down the central moved to the front when Wilstrike headquarters, the strikers eluded the liam Z. Foster took over from militiamen and established numerous local picket stations. Though Olson had thrown many of the principal leaders into a stockade, the rank-and-file strikers knew how to continue on their own. In a short time, the new front man at the conthey forced Olson to withdraw from the vention and was assigned the situation, then defeated further company- post of general secretary. Ben instigated attempts at violence as well as the tricks of government mediators.

The militancy of the truck drivers and their reliance not on "friends of labor" among the politicians but solely on regained significant ground since their own strength and on the support of the group led by John Gates, exother workers won the epic Minneapolis Teamsters' battle.

means, the packinghouse workers will win their heroic strike in Albert Lea, despite 133 regular delegates, 27 alter-



"Newspaper publicity my eye. You can't show up at the stockholders' ball in that silly outfit! Besides, those ungrateful strikers don't believe in Santa Claus anyway."

Communist Party at New Low Convention Attendance Reveals

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 - The followed. national convention of the Communist party, which concluded

Eugene Dennis, who was Earl Browder in 1946, was converted into something of a scapegoat and "elevated" to the nominal post of national chairman. Gus Hall of Ohio emerged as Davis of New York was given the second spot, a newly created office of national secretary.

Claims by the party leadership that the organization has editor of the Daily Worker, walked out two years ago are belied by the convention figures We are confident that through similar in the Dec. 20 Worker. It reports

gates and the remaining 40 were | under Gates by lending lip serelected by state conventions that vice to his demand for ideological independence for the Ameri-

A resolution, apparently aimed can party. Many who sympaat Dennis and his supporters, thized with Gates on this issue, here Monday, was largely a was adopted which declared: but recognized he was on his mopping-up operation to estab- "Certain weaknesses in the way out of the party, stuck it out demand blind acceptance of these are a failure decisively to the 1957 convention when the end factionalism, a lag in tack-

ling important ideological prob- ly intervened on the side of fight for a united front policy, time Dennis declared: "Our deand inadequateness in collective cisions will be our own, made work and application of criticism by the collective judgment of Seattle and Portland. and self-criticism."

al targets seem to have little re- reality." lationship to the present limited size and influence and low morale of the organization.

edition of the Worker beginning when he felt for his head, found next May 1. The difficulties involved are

Nor is membership morale

Sudden Illness

heart attack last week.

indicated by the outcome of the just concluded fund drive for the

You Try a Diesel For a Featherbed

[As a contribution to the ex-| train that operates at high posure of the railroad corpora- speed.

Why must the eight-hour day tion's propaganda campaign about "featherbedding," we re- be mentioned? Many industries print excerpts from a letter by now have shorter hours in their Patrick H. Caven which appear- working days.

ed in the letters-to-the-editor Mr. Drummond mentions the column of the Seattle Times. - continued requirement of employing firemen who have no

on our highways.

My last trip east with six

1,700-horsepower diesels on the

man who never lit a fire, but

The brakeman tied down sev-

In your issue of Oct. 28, you fires to tend and brakemen who carried a column by Roscoe handle no brakes. Well we have Drummond, who certainly is teamsters who drive no teams, carrying on the propaganda ad- but who carry on a vital job in vanced by the American Asso- driving the large trucks now ciation of Railroads.

ed.1

As a locomotive engineer, I refute several of his statements. head end was made with a firewould like the opportunity to We are very far apart on wages, I will have to agree. We ed, called my attention to an asked for a 12% raise, and we oversight on my part in relawere asked to take a 15% cut. tion to train orders, spent a total In view of the high cost of liv-ing and taxes you will have to agree that a 15% cut would re-checking . . . and changed two sult in the loss of vital income bad-order fuses. to all communities where "rails"

Had I been alone and had to are employed, and it would do this work, the train would mean that many men would lose have been stopped five times, their homes and savings. and resulted in a delay of three In regard to our "outmoded" hours or more to the train.

work rules, yes we have many, such as: eral brakes on cars that we set (1) The five operating crafts

out, and was in a position to pass still have to pay their own ex- signals on a curve that I could penses away from home, which not see around. On a freight over a one-year period takes anywhere from \$500 to \$1,400 sity... rom one's take-home pay.

(2) There is no shift differential in pay from day to night, as in virtually all other industries. (3) Ninety per cent of the op-

erating employes do not have paid holidays. In regard to the mileage-day pay system: The railroads have that agreement which, by the

way, was an agreement the car-This illusion was bolstered at riers made themselves. top brass of the Soviet CP crude-I will agree there are a few runs where the employes make lems, and insufficient vigorous Foster against Gates. At that hay with the mileage-day pay system, but for example let us take a freight run between

this convention, and based on Reported plans of organization- OUR understanding of American

The Fosterites, headed by Hall, are out to make it clear to anyone who still isn't straight on experience that the run very to discuss a new contract. It was reported that the New the question, that such declara-York organization will aim to tions - no matter how demadouble its membership and to in- gogically intended - have no rease the circulation of the place now in a party that intends Worker by 50% in the next year. to go down the line with every At the same time the convention Kremlin ukase, no matter what voted to establish a midwest the cost. That's why Dennis,

> it on the other side of the block. OUR RATIONAL SOCIETY

The federal government ex-

Albert Lea (Continued from Page 1) Wilson plants at Cedar Rapids Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; Memphis, Tenn.; Kansas City, Mo.; and for years and still do profit by out at the Albert Lea plant Nov. Los Angeles, began as a lock-1. The union has been operating without a contract at Wilson's since Sept. 30. On Oct. 29 a group of Albert Lea workers vere ordered from the plant for refusing to work a nine-hour day. The next day they were refused readmission unless they igned a pledge to work com-

It is 192 miles by rail, and repany-dictated schedules. gardless of whether it takes The union responded to the eight hours or 15 hours and 40 lockout with a picket line and minutes, the pay is the same. the stoppage spread to the other Let me tell you from 20 years' plants, as the company refused

seldom is made in less than 12 Yesterday it was reported that hours. Most of the time it is 14 the company had finally agreed hours or better to negotiate. The basis for this I questioned Mr. Drummond's change in attitude was not disstatement regarding crew closed.

changes every two hours. Per-Meanwhile the governor's haps four to six hours is more military representatives have reasonable. Any engineer that given permission to the comhas been operating a passenger pany to finish processing meat train at speeds up to 100 miles on hand which is allegedly

an hour experiences a terrific threatened with spoilage. The union has appealed to the nervous tension that is very Worker. The aim was to raise pects to be stuck with two bil- tiring, and from experience, I public not to buy Wilson pro-\$60,000 between April 15 and lion tons of surplus corn at the say that a man should have re-July 1 to keep the paper going. end of this season. Say that a man should have re-lief in fairly short hours on a ing goods.

Page Three

(2) Three days after ordering the plant shut, he permitted the company to resume

spite Gov. Freeman's slick moves.

China Refuses to Buy the Tour

The Chinese Communist party leaders continue vigorously to denounce U.S. foreign policy despite the diplomatic "thaw" between Moscow and Washington.

Thus in a message of greeting to the national convention of the U.S. Communist party on Dec. 10, the Chinese leaders charged that reactionary forces in this country are preparing for a new war.

Previously Peking had charged that "United States imperialists are shameless and speak one thing while practicing another; they are rabid lovers of war."

Again, on Dec. 8, after Eisenhower had visited Turkey, Peking Radio said "The war bases set up by the United States in Turkey are all against the Soviet Union and Arab countries in the Middle and Near East . . . The transformation of Turkey into a United States atomic rocket. base has become a serious threat to the Soviet Union."

According to Joseph C. Harsch, special Washington correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor who, cited the last two statements, these "are not isolated excerpts from occasional broadcasts and newspaper articles but a steady drumbeat of allegations which have been pouring out of Peking daily and even hourly during the Eisenhower tour."

As we have indicated in previous issues, we believe that, in rejecting Khrushchev's policy of painting up Eisenhower as a partisan of peace, the Chinese CP leaders are in effect serving notice on both Washington and Moscow that they will not respect a summit agreement made in the absence of a Peking representative.

Moreover, judging from Walter Lippman's column in the Dec. 10 New York Herald Tribune, the Chinese leaders have good reason to suspect that a deal at their expense is in the making.

"In the years to come," Lippman says, "the main issue of global politics will be the containment of China.'

"Containment of China" — on the pretext that the Chinese People's Repuball company attempts at violence and de-

lic is constantly on the verge of committing "Communist aggression" - is the term employed by the State Department to express its mortal hostility to the Chinese revolution. Up to now "containment" has meant blockading the Chinese main- present party membership is land, recognizing Chiang Kai-shek's corrupt and tyrannical regime in Taiwan as the legal government of China, keeping of 5,000 is generous. Gates put it the Seventh Fleet cruising in the Taiwan at some 3,000 when he left, most Straits, and erecting the South East Asia of them past middle age. Treaty Organization — a military alliance - against the Chinese People's Republic.

Lippman, who expresses the views of an important current of opinion among big-business policy makers, advises that for the idea of independent so- World-Telegram accurately pre-Khrushchev's services now be enlisted against Peking. On the spurious ground But the leadership apparently that the Soviet Union faces "aggression" from the Chinese, he states that Moscow the convention within the frame-"has the principal interest in containing work of its long-standing policy China."

If Lippman's viewpoint prevails in the Democratic party. State Department, Washington may demand that Moscow assume responsibility for Peking's conduct as the price for the kind of world-status-quo deal that Khrush- major sections of labor function chev favors.

We believe that the Chinese leaders are right in resisting any such deal in advance. The Chinese People's Republic is view of the Khrushchev machine the product of one of the great revolutions in the Soviet Union was duti- when the actual decision was nesia for Hong Kong or main in history. The Chinese people are strug- fully echoed by Hall who paid gling heroically to overcome economic tribute to Eisenhower for play- the explanation that Dennis had backwardness, to industrialize, to abolish illiteracy and in general to become a modern nation. In their endeavors they have convention from the central achieved signal successes which demonstrate to the peoples of the economically underdeveloped areas what they can attain through a social revolution and a planned ing to prepare for war. economy. The Chinese people deserve not to be "contained" but to receive maximum convention went into the elecmay be fully and speedily realized.

If a single real step toward world peace is to be taken, it must be prefaced adopted for a 60-member comby the end of the "containment" policy and mittee, all to be elected by the endorsement of the crushing of (New York Times, Dec. 15.) Chinese People's Republic.

nate delegates, 20 fraternal dele-The goal was not reached until gates, and several score visitors" December 1, five months after from "16 states and district or- the scheduled closing date. And ganizations of the party . . . as of that time the New York At the opening of the last con- state organization had raised vention almost three years ago, only \$20,741, or 57% of its \$36,the Daily Worker of Feb. 11, 000 quota.

1957, declared: "A partial credentials committee report showed 299 delegates present from 34 Tammany-like operation states . . .'

through which Hall came to According to Arnold Johnson. power and Dennis was dumped. national legislative director, the around 10,000. Informed individuals who recently left the orapparatus. ganization say that an estimate At a press briefing session,

Johnson reported that there was no serious dispute over political issues at the convention. It is cialist political action among the party's remaining rank and file. was again successful in keeping would take over. of supporting capitalist politicians and "working within" the

A resolution on the 1960 elections declared the need for was never openly informed and cratic party through which the n the elections."

Praises Eisenhower

At the same time the current ing a positive role in the quest for peace.

A message of greeting to the committee of the Chinese Communist party expressed a different view. It warned that the rulers of America were continu-

Considerable jockeying at the mittee. A proposal to limit the party. new committee to 50 members

was defeated and another was

July 1 to keep the paper going. end of this season.

Headlines in Other Lands

Says Indonesia's likely to be heightened by the Anti-Chinese Laws Are Discriminatory "Minority victimization,"

It was rumored several months how Herbert Feith, author of ago that Hall was being groom- two books on Indonesia, deed for the top spot in the party scribes the current drive against Chinese people residing and do-On Nov. 7 the New York ing business in Indonesia. The World-Telegram reported he was charge is contained in a letter slated to dislodge Dennis and a published in the Dec. 15 New

week before the convention, the York Times. witch-hunting House Un-Ameri-Recently the Indonesian gov can Activities Committee hauled ernment banned aliens (mainly in Dennis and sought to grill him Chinese) from operating retail on his pending ouster. The day enterprises in rural areas as of known that there is still support the convention opened the Jan. 1, 1960. This, says Feith, "climaxes a series of earlier dicted that Dennis would be anti-Chinese measures, which "kicked upstairs" to the post of have included a head tax, severe national chairman and Hall restrictions on Chinese social and educational bodies, and in some

Clearly the decision had been areas outright confiscation." made in advance by party tops Though the ban applies officand someone had leaked the in- ially only to non-citizens, many formation. But the party mem- Chinese, who are Indonesian bership, which presumably decitizens, lack documentary evicides who the leadership will be, dence of the fact. They are also being victimized. Furthermore, "special attention to the Demo- no political motivation has been says Feith, "groups within the offered for the sudden switch. Indonesian administration are encouraging anti-Chinese sentiment.'

Party spokesmen and Hall All in all, it is possible that the himself were still denying on the fate of 200,000 Chinese has been very eve of the convention that placed in doubt. Already sev he would replace Dennis and eral thousand have left Indo-

Accused of Using reported it was motivated by land China. The drive against Chinese na-Torture on Foes

suffered a mild stroke or mild tionals has strained relations between Indonesia and the Peo-The unceremonious manner in ple's Republic of China, which which Dennis was dropped cer- has protested the measures taktainly confirms the adage that en against Chinese nationals as there is no gratitude in machine discrimination. (The Chiang Kaipolitics. During the 1956-57 fac- shek regime in Taiwan has taktion fight between the Foster en a similar stand. However, Inand Gates factions, Dennis donesia does not recognize Taiplayed a center role that was an wan.) An example of the grow-

important factor in keeping to- ing rift was a statement by unline with Foster on every basic "just another imperialist power political issue, beginning with with expansionist inclinations."

This is the extent of the inforconvention. At the last conven- the Hungarian workers' struggle The situation, however, says umns along a 125-mile stretch of by U.S. diplomatic recognition of the convention. At the last convent the rungarian workers struggic the alls for "active concern the river. They were led by Maj. mation available in this country about the reported strike. mittee were filled by the dele-sought to cut the ground from in the world outside China and Juan Jose Rotella.

One group of insurgents was Indonesia. Let it not be said that | he West is less interested in the able to entrench itself in the human rights of members of a small river-port city of Encarminority group, simply because nacion throughout the next day. a Communist power is attempt- The rebels apparently aim to keep guerrilla warfare going and ing to come to the group's deby this means to arouse popular fense.

support and encourage an up-

ising in the Paraguayan army.

Stroessner has decreed that no

quarter is to be given to the in-

surgents. Many rebels who fell

Police and troops fired into a

'Moneybags" Pick Candidates in U.S. Savs Soviet Paper

into army hands have already "At cocktail parties and in the been summarily executed. smoking rooms,' the Rockefellers, Morgans and du Ponts, the Troops Kill 8

magnates of Eastern so-called In S.W. Africa enlightened capital holding sway in the United States, are decidcrowd in South-West Africa Dec. ing which members of which party to nominate for the Presi- 10, killing eight and wounding

Union

at least 30. dency.' No, this was not said by any The Africans sought to enspokesman of the U.S. Commuforce a boycott of a municipal nist party. The leaders of that beer hall at Windhoek, capital party declare that the labor city of South-West Africa, a movement can influence the "mandated" territory held by the choice of a pro-labor, pro-peace Union of South Africa. The boycandidate. They deny that big cott was called after Daniel Vilbusiness will necessarily dictate joen, administrator for the terparty selections. ritory, refused to see tribes-The above quotation comes women who were protesting from the Soviet newspaper Iz- plans for their removal to new living areas. About 16,000 Afvestia. The paper believes that this year the Moneybags will ricans are affected by the plans. pick candidates favorable to im-In enforcing the boycott, the proved relations with the Soviet Africans set fire to the beer hall.

Afterward, they attacked the mayor's car and broke into the Paraguay Dictator municipal jail freeing prisoners.

Report Recent Strike in USSR

Opposition parties in Para-According to the Dec. 8 New guay denounced Alfredo Stroes-York Times, a strike is reported sner, dictator of the country, for to have taken place in the Sousing torture on political opviet Republic of Kazakhstan in ponents rounded up last week. Central Asia some time during They cited the case of two phy- the recent weeks.

sicians belonging to the opposi-"The strike was said to have tion who are currently being resulted from complaints about treated for torture injuries. consumer goods shortages, ac-The police round-up occurred cording to reliable reports. aid so that their progressive aspirations tion of a new national com- gether what little is left of the named Indonesian officials to in the wake of an invasion of Thousands of workers are employed in the project [construc-Western newspapermen that the Paraguay by armed groups of While Dennis went down the Chinese People's Republic is exiles who crossed the Parana tion of a steel plant], and there River from Argentina on Dec. has been official pressure to 12. The rebels, numbering from open the first blast furnace be-

1,000 to 3,000 crossed in five colfore Jan. 1."

Television Can Be Good

By Herman Chauka

Television programming doesn't have to be as bad as it usually is. The Show of the Week on New York station WNTA indicates how good it can be. All of the two-hour plays which this program has brought to 'television have been top notch. And this week it was not only up to the usual entertainment standard; it was as fine a work of social protest as I have seen in a long time. The production was "The World of Sholom Aleichem."

The program included one of the minor and one of the major works of the man so aptly described as the Yiddish Mark Twain. The major one was "The High School," the story of a Russian Jewish family determined to break through the school quota system on Jews so that the son may have a high-school education. It's a remarkably timely drama in the light of the South's segregated school system.

The son starts out knowing only that he wants to learn, and without realizing the kind of fight he is getting into. The father is well aware of what's involved and is hesitant. The mother is equally aware, but determined to go through with it, no matter what the cost.

As they meet defeats and humiliations, they become ever more determined to win. It isn't easy. For a Jew to be accepted under the quota system involves passing a stiff entrance examination, buying an expensive school uniform,

and bribing ultradignified principals (who also take a commission on the uniform).

They move from town to town, wherever a high school might be tried. Finally they find one where they break through and make it. Then there is a powerful ending. The son comes home with the news that the school is on strike. Rights Day, the 168th anniver-All of the students, gentile and Jew, are demanding an end to the quota system.

All of this may sound like pretty grim "entertainment." But it's alive with wonderfully warm and human people and the humor sparkles.

"Last year the quota was one Jew. This year it's two. They're becoming liberals," comments a sophisticated uncle.

"With Spinoza taking the test and Rothschild talking to the principal, you still couldn't get in there," says the son about one particularly tough school.

cause he is a stout adherent Another school has a system that beats the Southern pupil placement law - a 50% quota. of freedom of thought and To be admitted, a Jew need only find a gentile belief. to apply with him. If they both make the necessary payoffs, buy the uniforms, and pass haus, a 68-year-old Christian pacifist, who takes his religious the tests, the Jew is in. Simple. convictions and the Bill of

The cast was excellent, including Sam Levene, Gertrude Berg, Nancy Walker, Zero Mostel and, best of all, the brilliant actor Morris Carnovsky, who was kept from his profession for so long by the witch-hunters.

"Obscene" **Snooping for the** By Flora Carpenter

Eleazar Smith, 72-year-old Los Angeles book dealer, will not have to serve a 30-day sentence he received in 1956 for possession of "obscene" literature. The Supreme Court reversed Smith's sentence Dec. 14 and struck down a Los Angeles ordinance that made it a crime for a book dealer to have an "obscene" book in his shop even if he didn't know it was "obscene."

However, while the obscenity snoopers suffered a setback on that front, they chalked up some points in other fields. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, for instance, has appointed a committee of advisers to keep a lookout for "obscene" stuff in the mail bags. Summerfield insists, naturally, that the committee "will in no sense of the word be a censorship body.'

A staunch supporter of this "anti-smut" drive, Inez Robb, a Scripps Howard columnist, demands more than a severe sentence for the "moral hyenas" who send youngsters "filthy" literature. She suggests that a "touch of the lash" might be more effective.

On a second thought that followed this pleasurable sadistic fantasy, she wondered about Summerfield's body of snoopers. Does he "expect his committee to deal with an entirely different field," asks Miss Robb, "say that of 'Lady Chatterley's Lover'?" Summerfield is still trying to ban the D. H. Lawrence novel. "This will not do in a democratic society ... there are passages in the Bible and Will Shakespeare that are not for Little Pitchers."

Summerfield's committee is ominous because it has been set up on the federal level. Even more dangerous, however, is the network of "citizens" groups, working in collusion with the police, that spans the country.

That network includes Cincinnati's police chief, Stanley R. Schrotel, an honorary member of Citizens for Decent Literature. Together, he and the "citizens" conduct an "enlighten the public" campaign. Schrotel boastfully announced recently that eight dealers have been

local news dealers and distributors "about the evils of smut." Kinsella's "education" program involves a list of "objectionable" magazines, compiled by a number of the police department's youth bureau. Confronted with this list, news dealers don't argue. They dump the magazines. All "strictly voluntary" of course.

Malcolm McDonnell, police chief of San Mateo, Calif., lacks the finesse of his eastern colleagues. He "requested" that news dealers remove the November issue of "Playboy" magazine from the stands. This was the basis he gave for the censorship: "When in my opinion - and it's my opinion only - I find contents and/or pictures appearing in so-called 'girlie' magazines which I feel are objectionable, suggestive, or that might arouse immorality."

Ernest Besig, Executive Director of the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union protested McDonnell's ukase.

The Redwood City Tribune likewise de-nounced the scandal. "What is crucial here is the union to the verge of a signi-payroll of the FBI. that the police acted as self-appointed censors." McDonnell's action, said the Tribune, was by "implication" backed "by the power the public vested in the police . . . the people have not made the police their censors.'

While chiefs of police in Oakland and other East Bay cities followed McDonnell's lead. John Fixa, San Francisco postmaster, set himself up as censor of the main post-office newsstand. When he heard about "Playboy," he at once made a check. But he found no copies because they had been sold out due to the publicity.

Meanwhile a group of seventy San Franciscans, primarily Catholics, set up a Vigilante Committee for Decent Literature to seek a local ordinance "banning smutty literature."

ACLU's Besig commented on this development in a radio broadcast. The ACLU, he said, stands for any group's right to express its views on any subject. But "the so-called vigilante comerature can't tell us what they mean by ob-scene literature . . " This "sectarian" venture, in Besig's oninion "socks the sectarian" venture, The two were the charges dis-fendants for lack of evidence. mittee" formed to "stop the sale of obscene lit-

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December 15 was Bill of

sary of the first ten amendments to the Constitution of

the United States - amend-

ments that aimed to guaran-

tee freedom of thought and be-

On December 14 the state of

New Hampshire, acting with

the endorsement of the Su-

preme Court, prepared to ob-

serve Bill of Rights Day by

sending a man to prison be-

The man is Dr. Willard Up-

Rights seriously. He refused

to bear false witness or to be

an informer against his neigh-

Originally he was given an

indeterminate sentence that

would have meant life im-

prisonment. A flood of protests

forced the witch-hunting New

Hampshire authorities to spec-

Four years ago, New Hamp-

shire's attorney general, Louis

Wyman, ordered Dr. Uphaus

to hand over the guest list of

the World Fellowship Center,

an interracial resort devoted

to world peace and brother-

ify a sentence of one year.

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After 22 Years Innocent Man Is Given Parole

By Alex Harte

Justice must be served - but not too much. That appears to be the moral of Paul Dwyer's recent release from a Maine prison where he had been held behind bars 22 years for two murders commit-+

trial in 1937.

the same murders a year after 17-year-old Dwyer's conviction. For Survival Young Dwyer pleaded this fact repeatedly and continuously to authorities.

courts of Maine still do not admit a miscarriage of justice.

Dwyer's release, which climaxed a long campaign by the American Civil Liberties Union, came after ACLU-supported Attorney Harold Bennett presented to the State Superior Court evidence that Dwyer's confession and plea of guilty were obtained under duress by Deputy Sheriff Carroll, who was later convicted of the very murder Dwyer was supposed to have committed. A lower court had previously refused Dwyer a re-

trial Dwyer was arrested in Octopeal to Eisenhower Dec. 1 askber 1937. Arlington, N.J., police ing for the immediate release of found him asleep in his car with charter. the bodies of Dr. and Mrs. James "Convinced of the innocence Littlefield of South Paris, Maine. ed for more than eight years and Maine jail where he was placed

Carroll. tence on charges which to many legal authorities appear flimsy, For the first two days of his trial, Dwyer pleaded innocent. The third day he suddenly changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonyou to exercise your Presidenment.

tial prerogative of elemency and return Morton Sobell to his This appeal is the latest expression of growing public opinion in favor of freedom for then forced the youth to dispose . . . Highlander serves Negro Sobell, who was condemned in of the bodies under threat of and white students together. . 1950 at the time of the Rosen-Recently, the Methodist Fed-

ted by the very deputy sheriff assigned to guard him at his School Battles Deputy Sheriff Francis Car-roll was tried and convicted of In Tenn. Court

The persecution of Highlander Folk School in Monteagel, Tenn.

After more than 22 years, the is a national scandal. The 28-State of Maine finally conceded year-old integrated institution is that Dwyer might be released- fighting to retain its charter. The but under parole. It doesn't pay case will be decided in January to be incautious or hasty about when Circuit Judge, C. C. Chatsuch matters. Anyway, by the tin, rules on whether an intedevice of a parole, the august grated private school is "legal." Highlander has "violated the code of the South," as the Mil-

waukee Journal put it editorially Nov. 14. For this "crime" the state legislature has investigated it. "It has been charged with being Communist. It has been called a den of vice. But no charges could be proved - because they weren't true."

When these methods failed, the state troopers and sheriff's deputies raided Highlander last July. Septima Clark, its educational director, was arrested and the state padlocked the school's main building. The padlock was

removed on Nov. 3 when District Attorney A. F. Sloan petitioned to revoke the school's

Judge Chattin held aside the charge of integrating but subof Morton Sobell, now imprison- The youth was returned to a mitted to the Grundy County jury another of Sloan's charges: condemned to a thirty-year sen- under the custody of Deputy that Myles Horton, founder and president of the school, runs

Highlander for personal profit. The jury upheld Sloan although Horton drew no salary for years and now draws less than the amount paid for similar posts in other schools.

It is well recognized what the Shortly after beginning his real issues are. As the Milwauterm, Dwyer disclosed to prison kee Journal pointed out, "But officials that Deputy Carroll had nobody is fooled by the case. committed the murders and There is only one thing at issue murdering Dwyer's mother, too. Prominent people throughout Carroll had repeated the threat the country are protesting this while Dwyer was on trial, thus flagrant violation of civil rights. Among them are Eleanor Roose

velt, Jackie Robinson and the

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Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The independent Mine, Mill fered by the prosecution, which & Smelter Workers Union is rested its case Nov. 30, was the

standing solid against a heavy unsubstantiated testimony of a Bertrand Russell, noted writer, philosopher and mathematician, attack by employers, the federal parade of disgruntled former government and leaders of AFL- union officers. Some of them are and Dr. Martin Buber, professor emeritus of the Hebrew Univer-CIO unions. The solidarity of now on the payroll of other the Mine-Mill ranks has brought unions, others have been on the sity in Israel, sent a joint ap-

ficant victory in its four-month One prosecution witness was strike against Kennecott Copper James Peterson, an ex-officer of Co. and other major copper prothe union and now industrial ducers. A partial victory has al- relations director for the Utah ready been won against governdivision of Kennecott.

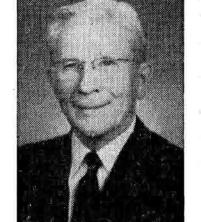
ment efforts to railroad leaders Defendants have had to of the union to prison on charges shuttle between the court room of filing false Taft-Hartley nonand negotiation meetings. According to current reports, the to say the least, we, the undercommunist affidavits.

copper magnates now are on the signed, of independent political Eleven present and former ofverge of signing a new contract views and in the interest of ficers of the union have been on including a good measure of the justice and humanity only, beg trial in Denver since Nov. 2.

The indictment was handed down three years ago, but they were suddenly brought to trial at the height of the current strike. The charge is that the

union officers filed non-communist oaths while members of and the Brotherhood of Railroad the Communist party.

On Dec. 2, Federal Judge Arraj ordered the charges dis- copper workers. When they were



DR. WILLARD UPHAUS

hood. Wyman made the de-

mand in the name of his au-

thority as a one-man state

committee empowered to "de-

termine whether subversive

persons . . . are presently lo-

Dr. Uphaus declared that he

would never surrender the list.

For this he was convicted of

cated in this state."

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reversing its stand in the case, the high court upheld the second conviction of Dr. Uphaus. The ruling struck down previous decisions declaring the activities of state "anti-subversive" committees to be unconstitutional.

THE MILITANT

This opened the way for widespread organization of such committees throughout the South - committees that openly seek to destroy the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for seeking to "subvert" the segregated "Southern Way of Life.'

The Supreme Court gave its verdict on Dr. Uphaus the same day that it approved the contempt-of-Congress conviction of Lloyd Barenblatt, the Vassar College instructor who courageously defended the First Amendment against the House Un-American Activities Committee. Barenblatt, too, is now in prison because he be-

lieved in the Bill of Rights. So two worthy men celebrate Bill of Rights Day behind bars in America. And perhaps some self-admitted perjurer and cheat like Charles Van Doren counts the dollars he made as a public hero under our free-enterprise sys-

Morton Sobell from prison.

family.

arrested so far.

In Stamford, Conn., Police Chief Joseph Kinsella proudly claims a victory over pornographic matter because "we have educated"

in Besig's opinion, "seeks by suppressive measures to impose its moral views upon the community" and it "is doomed to failure."

Notes in the News

ONLY THE SKIN, LIVER AND KIDNEYS?

- The poultry industry has agreed to halt the sale of chickens treated with "a synthetic sex hormone called stilbestrol" - a drug which has been found to induce cancer in test animals. The government has agreed to buy all treated birds now ready for market. However, if you can't resist buying chicken at the market - play it safe. Discard "the skin, liver and kidneys."

MORE OF THOSE CRANBERRIES - Government agents seized 59 cases of cranberry sauce in Baltimore recently. The shipment from Bridgeton, N. J., "was tainted with the cancer producing weed killer aminotriazole."

PAYOLA FOR JUNK - A former New York disc jockey, who left town several months ago and who, for his own reasons, wishes to remain anonymous, claims he pocketed \$41,000 a year from payola in addition to his regular income. It wasn't always like this. He said that in the beginning the small recording companies were "putting out the stinkingest sound in the world" and slipped "a guy \$50 or \$100"; if the record went big, "they'd give the disc jockey a penny each disc." When the big companies saw the possibilities, they moved in. Payola became big time. And now, "the monsters in this payola business . . . have people all over the country spreading payola like a cancer to get this junk sold."

"PROPER" PAYOLA - A group of six Negro singers got a real break when they appeared four different times on NBC's "Today" television show in 1957 and 1958. They were paid at the regular union scale - something more than \$170 each, or about \$1,000 for the group. For this privilege, however, the singers kicked back half of the fees paid them. And NBC insisted that the arrangement was perfectly proper and not unusual. . . .

DO YOU WANT TO BET? - Rank-and-file insurgents of New Jersey's biggest Teamsters' local nominated an anti-Hoffa slate of officers on Dec. 11. The accomplishment wasn't without incident. Their meeting was interrupted by two shotgun blasts through the garage door of Nicholas Ferra, 39-year-old insurgent, in whose home the session was being held. The shots were intended "to scare us off," Ferra said. A different theory came from Anthony Provenzano, head of Local 560 and hand-picked lieutenant of James R. Hoffa, Teamsters' international president. Provenzano said that the shotgun blasts

were an insurgent "frame-up" in a smear campaign against the Provenzano administration before the mid-January election which will decide control of the local and its eleven offices, each paying \$19,500 a year.

LONGSHOREMEN WIN CONTRACT -Dock workers in North Atlantic ports voted overwhelmingly on Dec. 10 for the agreement worked out by the International Longshoremen's Association and the New York Shipping Association. The final vote, covering all ports from Maine to Virginia, was 15,632 in favor of the contract to 4,530 against. Southern and Gulf ports have not yet reached an agreement. The dockers were working under an 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction.

BIRTH CONTROL A CIVIL LIBERTY -The American Civil Liberties Union in a recent policy statement asserted that state laws prohibiting the sale and use of birth control devices are a violation of civil liberties. Such laws, they declare, are contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution and also infringe upon the rights "reserved to the people under the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to live, enjoy liberty and pursue happiness free of unnecessary governmental restraint."

ONE OF. NEW YORK'S "FINEST" - A difficult case, but it has been solved. After an serted that the non-partisan eight-month investigation and the combined efforts of more than 100 men - uniformed police, precinct detective units, the Riverfront Squad, United States Post Office and Customs inspectors, and the rackets division of the Manhattan District Attorney's office - a huge burglary, stolen-property and pornography-selling ring has been arrested. The ring consisted of Buster, and your pompous, selfsix men and a cop with eleven years' depart- righteous, holier-than-thou title mental service.

. . .

business consultant I. D. Robbins on Dec. 10 in the Senator's letter were: enhower urging amnesty for Civic Association, the Southern urged the State Commission on Governmental Operation of the City of New York to "recom-" "puffed-up patriots," "loud-" The mend the ending of sweatshop conditions." He said there are about 300,000 heads of families in New York City earning around \$1 an hour. proclaimed, breast-beating pa-Robbins contends that if the state would raise triots." the minimum wage, sweatshop employers would have to pay their workers more money. This in turn would permit more workers to support to aid from the city. And this, Robbins claims, budget.

The two were Asbury Howard of Bessemer, Ala., a vice-presi-mate failed to reckon with the mate failed to reckon with the of sobell by Christmas and Dwyer's disclosures l determination of the strikers.

union's demands.

The companies made an

earlier settlement with the Uni-

ted Steelworkers, the Interna-

tional Association of Machinists

Firemen. The three unions rep-

resent a minority of organized

dent of the union, and Jack C. The strike and court fight have wise to the White House. Marcotti of Tuscon, Ariz., a rebeen a heavy drain on the union gional director. Howard recently finished a term on an Ala- treasury and a public appeal for funds has been made by John bama chain gang for the "crime" of having a poster made show-Clark, president of the union, ing a Negro praying for the who said: "Your financial help is urgently needed to defend right to vote.

The judge refused to dismiss the trade-union leaders on trial, the charges against the other our union, and the civil liberties defendants although the evi- of all Americans."

Clark asked that contributions dence offered against them was virtually the same as against be sent to the Mine-Mill Defense Committee, 941 East 17th Ave., Howard and Marcotti. The bulk of the evidence of- Denver 18, Colo.

Senator Slaps Down "Puffed Up Patriots"

It took a long time, but it to issue a press release gratuifinally happened. Someone in tously offering an expression of public office blew his stack over censure and making an urgent the bully boys of the American demand that I cancel a speak-Legion whose rantings have ing engagement previously Southern Rights

provided some of the loudest made. I'll make that speech in New York." Groups to Hold and ugliest voices in the witch- New York."

hunting chorus. It seems that the Cincinnati also speaks before such business Hearing in D.C. council of the Legion adopted a groups as the Chamber of Comresolution "censuring" Senator merce, "despite the fact that Stephen M. Young, an Ohio many of their directors are fas-Democrat, for accepting an in- cist-minded and, in reality, envitation to speak at the Dec. 15 emies of our American way of Bill of Rights dinner of the life and our free enterprise

Emergency Civil Liberties Com- system."

mouthed, publicity-seeking pro-

fessional veterans" and "self-

You don't have to agree with mittee at the Hotel New Yorker integration groups in the South. everything Senator Young in New York. The resolution asstands for to offer three cheers for his blow in support of elecivil liberties body was a "comregister and vote. mentary social hygiene. munist front."

Senator Young whipped back a reply Dec. 9 to the Legion's **Suggest Writing** 'Americanism" chairman, Neil Wetterman. The Senator said, **Political Prisoners** "I repudiate your resolution,

The Dec. 6 Worker urges that Christmas greetings be sent to of 'Americanism chairman.'" political prisoners besides let- last summer.

Among the colorful and high-SWEATSHOP SOLUTION - Housing and ly pertinent descriptive phrases ters and cards to President Eis-

The Worker urges that cards ence, the United Christian Movebe sent to three Smith Act vic- ment of northern Louisiana and Ohio. tims - Henry Winston, PMB the Southern Conference Educa-13318, Terre Haute, Ind.; Robert tional Fund.

Thompson, PMB 73236, Atlanta 15, Ga.; Gilbert Green, PMB

"So," the angry Senator wrote, UNION DUES "you self-appointed censors and 73335, Leavenworth, Kans. - as A typical AFL-CIO member self-proclaimed super-duper well as to Morton Sobell, Fedpays a \$7.50 initiation fee and themselves and their families without recourse 100% America Firsters censure eral Penitentiary. Atlanta 15, \$3.50 a month in dues. Initiation

me. You professional veterans Ga., and A. A. Fisher, Federal fees range from \$5 to \$250. One would save \$100,000,000 a year in the city who proclaim your vainglorious Penitentiary, McNeil Island, union charges as high as \$14 a chauvinism have the effrontery Wash. month in dues.

eration of Social Action appealurged readers to appeal like-

berg "atom-spy" hysteria.

Dwyer's disclosures led to the

investigation and arrest of Car-

roll, who was tried and convict-To sustain "aural interest" in ed a year later for the murders films of Eisenhower's trip to of the Littlefields. Carroll was Europe last August, some of the released after 12 years and subcrowd noises heard over telesequently died. Dwyer, who was vision were dubbed in by techinnocent of the murders, was kept in prison for 22 years. nicians in New York.

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Denied Legal Rights

Attorney Bennett argued before the State Superior Court not only that Dwyer had been coerced into a false plea of guilty but that he had been denied his legal rights on four other counts: (1) His right to a fair trial

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learned of the coercion and did p.m. at 3339-41 Descanso Drive. not tell the court; Donation \$1. (2) Dwyer was held incom-

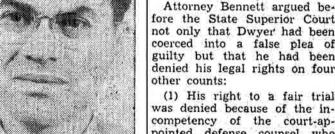
municado both in New Jersey and Maine, where even his mother, who had charge over Xmas Eve Social at 116 University Place. Join the "staff" in him as a minor, was denied pera celebration of the holiday. mission to confer with him. Thurs. Dec. 24, from 3 p.m. Xmas (3) Dwyer was kept in prison buffet at 6 p.m. Contribution \$1. after Carroll's conviction al-

Celebrate New Year's Eve in though the state never claimed or proved that an accessory to a congenial and friendly atmosthe crime was involved.

phere at 116 University Place. (4) The state subsequently Dancing and refreshments. The could not produce the transcript date? Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. until Washington, D. C., on Sunday, of Dwyer's 1937 trial, a de- the whistles blow. Contribution Jan. 31, by at least four leading nial of his constitutional rights. \$1.50.







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