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"Kissing Case"

By Herman Chauka

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 - Robert Carter, head of the NAACP's national legal department, will colloborate with Conrad Lynn, general counsel of the Committee to Combat

Racial Injustice, in legal moves to release James Hanover Thompson and David "Fuzzy" Simpson from a North Carolina reformatory. The two boys, officers yesterday.

Lynn will now move in the aged 10 and 8 respectively, North Carolina courts for a terminate sentence on Nov. 4, on a charge of "molesting a sentence" with the sentence on Simpwhite female" because one of son boys. If the writ is denied them had been kissed by a in the State Superior Court, Lynn will appeal to the State seven-year-old white girl. The new development in the Supreme Court. If necessary,

these moves will be followed case was announced at a press by action in the federal courts. conference here today by Lynn Pointing to the need for a and Robert F. Williams, presiwide protest on the "kissing NAACP, and chairman of the case" and other instances of dent of the Union County, N.C. racist persecution in Monroe, Committee to Combat Racial Injustice. They said the NAACP N.C., Robert Williams charged, "This whole thing is being decided to support the fight for

Ind.-Socialist Conference to Meet Jan. 24

whitewashed by the white officials, right up to the Governor. I was surprised when I got up here to learn he's considered one of the 'liberal' Southern governors. WHITE REPRISALS A soft-spoken man in his

early thirties, Williams explained that the incarceration NEW YORK, Dec. 24 - The of the boys was part of a cam-

Independent-Socialist Party, paign of reprisal against the which ran the only statewide Negro community of Monroe ticket in opposition to the Re- for its militant fight for equal publicans and Democrats in rights.

Under his leadership, the New York in the recent election, announced today that a local NAACP has pushed for conference to consider proposals integration on a series of fronts. for future activities has been He said the case of the boys was most directly linked to the scheduled for Jan. 24.

fact that just prior to their ar-As part of the preparations rest he had made application for the discussion, an assessment of the election results for his own two children to attend an all-white grammar will be mailed to supporters of the ticket. Place of meeting school.

will be announced later. Immediate action on two on speaking terms with us," he questions was requested:

(1) Write Senator Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating, up to tell me about it. He said Senate Office Bldg., Washing- the boys were being held beton, D.C., demanding that they cause they tried to rape the vote, when Congress convenes, little girl. I felt he was trying 2,091 to 537 to end a 19-day strike against the city's nine a long time to come. for an end to the anti-demo- to tell me what would happen daily newspapers. The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers cratic rule permitting filibusters. to my kids."

NAACP to Aid High Court Shifts Stand On Segregated Schools

Protests Nuclear Missile Base

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Will Warr, British pacifist, is being dragged away from site of proposed U.S. Thor missile base near Swaffham, England. Warr was part of group of demonstrators that invaded the site in an attempt to halt building of the supposedly secret base.



On Dec. 28, New York newspaper deliverers voted

(2) Write or phone your ongressman, demanding that ground of the Monroe fight. Union accepted a new contract which contains a \$7-a-week the deliverers settled for the This package, twice rejected simply distributed differently situation, however. Its tests drives the relief time was cut than when it was first offered. The publishers were assisted strontium 90 which New York's hour. Last January another bricks. by the union ranks, was acby the leaders of the other babies get with their milk has speed-up was instituted, and Their demands included the cepted on the grounds that it unions who refused the de- remained the same. The Com- the relief time was cut to 12 following: (1) Relief time of five now contains gains in the form liverers any support whatever. mission was puzzled over this minutes in the morning and 12 minutes at the end of each hour of better working conditions. Under the new contract news-The contracts of the Newspaper paper deliverers will receive a deliverers and seven other newsweekly cash increase of \$3.55 paper unions expired at the allocated to a newly won paid file of these unions, which inholiday this year. In 1960, \$1.25 clude the International • Typomore will be applied to meet the cost of three-day sick leaves. men, did support the strike by actual decline in the amount of Many workers in the trim shop luded in the contract is a reauction of the size of news-solidarity had been allowed to they drink. Although rain is was to show "militancy" by pounds, an expansion of the union's jurisdiction to include strike could have ended in a water supply for some unknown June through September during announced terms of the Memoradditional portions of New Jersignificant victory for all news- reason showed less contamina- which the company launched andum of Understanding besey, and three days paid leave in the event of a death in the paper workers. tion than previously.

Find More Strontium in N.Y. Smog

NEW YORK, N.Y., MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1959

New Yorkers who have been complaining about the throatcatching sulfurous compounds which have made their smog increasingly unpleasant to breathe in recent years can now worry about something still more serious.

In the first eight months of this year radioactive strontium 90, one of the fallout products of nuclear weapons tests, increased 25 per cent.

Strontium 90 cannot be detected by the ordinary human as he samples the chimney and exhaust pipe wastes that pollute the atmosphere of the world's largest and wealthiest city. The highly diluted poison is odorless. Deadly amounts can drift down undetected in air as sparkling as the world once enjoyed before the days of capitalism. Its effects show up later in the form of cancer of the bone or of the blood.

The Atomic Energy Commission, however, has officially adnitted that its surveys show hat New York's seven million inhabitants have been receiving a steadily increasing dose of with a sharp jump since the latest tests. Since it takes years for the

cancer-inciting chemical to drift down from the stratosphere where the tests place it, further increases can be expected for

CHEERS, FELLOWS!

The Atomic Energy Commis-tion took a cheerful view of the of the company's speed-up and the international officers



A few days after Chrysler office workers' strike was settled between company vice-president John D. Leary and United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther (shown shaking hands above), Dodge Main plant workers struck and again closed Chrysler system. (See story this page.)

Reuther Leadership Settles Dodge Strike with Few Gains

DETROIT - An agreement reached Dec. 19 ended the strike of 7,100 Dodge Main plant workers, members the nuclear poison since 1954. of Dodge Local 3, United Auto Workers. The strike lasted

It took place primarily over conditions in Department 76 — drives. The International of-ficers gave the local the same stay-on-the ich oth the body shop. Past practice The September contract with

workers.

Canham, editor of the Christian giant armaments trust. The Al-

RELIEF ISSUE

At a ratification meeting on

lies ordered Krupp "deconcen-

over some 20 years called for the lines to shut down ten Chrysler did not give Dodge minutes every hour because of Main workers their relief time fumes, heat, heavy labor and back. Nor did it restore mangenerally hazardous and dif- power to jobs that had been ficult jobs such as welding and speeded up. Dodge Local 3

Racists Get Tip Off on What to Do By Daniel Roberts Top Southern officials

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view a Nov. 24 Supreme Court decision - upholding the Alabama Pupil Placement Law — as a shift in the court's stand in the school integration fight. According to Arthur Krock's Dec. 30 column on the editorial page of the New York Times, these officials believe that the ruling shows them "a means whereby most all-white schools can be constitutionally preserved."

This is not a flash-in-the-pan show of enthusiasm over the court's decision, but calculated judgment of its political meaning. Krock's report is undoubtedly accurate. For many years head of the N.Y. Times' Washington Bureau (now semi-retired), he is on close personal terms with the nation's leading politicians, Supreme Court udges included.

Krock says: "Reports from private discussions now current in the inner councils of Southern states where school racial segregation is still mandatory by law are that officials there recognize, though their constituents as yet do not, that the constitutional crisis over these statutes has passed into history. The end of the legal phase of 'massive resistance' came so quietly . . . that the country at large also remains unaware of it." The Supreme Court ruling . . . supplanted the legal constitutional crisis with a new phase. . ." — the court showing the racists how constitutionally

Congressman, demanding that he vote against continuing the Williams said, "When the reactionary House Un-American NAACP started demanding some of our rights in Union Activities Committee.

Funds to help initiate the County, the first reaction of the work of the Jan. 24 conference bigots was to join the Klan and are urgently needed, Henry try to scare and terrorize us. Abrams, chairman of the com- But Negroes aren't frightened by hooded figures any more. mittee, said.

These can be sent to the We stood our ground, armed United Independent - Socialist ourselves for self-defense and in 1959 and \$1.75 in 1960. An Committee at 799 Broadway, when the Klan realized that additional 45c per week will be (Continued on Page 4) Room 238.

Best Strategy, Racist Holds, Is Stay in Democratic Party

Alabama's racist Democrats feel good about the electoral sweep their fellow party members made in northern states in the 1958 election. The victory, they think,

system in the South and Bour- cratic caucus votes to seat Dr. bon power in Congress.

An instructive example of NEW SCHEMES such opinion was provided Dec.

Meanwhile, at Montgomery 21 when Rep. Kenneth Roberts advised against a "third party Democratic Party leaders indirevolt" when interviewed on a cated some of the new strateprogram sponsored by the Bir- gems they are cooking up to increase the difficulties federal mingham News and stations WAPI-TV and WAPI. officials are running into in at-

tempting to gather evidence on "It is better to fight these civil rights violations in regithings out within the Democratic Party," the racist politistration of Negro voters. cian said.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, Rep. previously to make sure they strike was the demand for a Robinson is taking over. He re-Howard Smith of Virginia, meet racist specifications. If a committee, and in our senators federal investigators he will be take care of growing unemploy- owner couldn't seem to grasp from Alabama and other South- subject to instant dismissal. down these anti-South civil for passage protecting registrars drivers got was verbal assurfrom legal suit. rights measures."

of newly-won friends from other first available moment legislarule in the Senate.'

The Negro-hating Democratic of prospective Negro voters. leader also predicted that Faubus's lieutenant, Dr. Dale Alford of Little Rock, whose fore Congress reconvenes.

"I believe that if the Demo- the list.

family. MINIMAL GAINS Whatever gains were made committee assignments."

DISTRESS AREAS

from the strike were minimal in relation to the original demands of the deliverers. On Dec. 9, when the deliverers rejected the \$7-package the first time, they reaffirmed their de-

mand for a \$10-package in a

from 40 to 35 hours in order to may be trouble because the gorge the advantages it obtainment due to automation in that "just because he built the Additional laws are scheduled loading the trucks. All that the brewery he don't own it no

union attorney, that the con- evoked by the attitude expressthe Birmingham News reported, hood," according to the Bir- tract would protect them there- ed toward the German people "that Southerners, with the aid mingham News, "that at the after from this threat. They by John Foster Dulles in his also asked for three additional speech to the NATO Council of sections of the country, would tion will be introduced to give paid holidays, four weeks' va- Foreign Ministers when it met hold control of the powerful registrars the right to destroy cation instead of three, sick Dec. 16 on the Berlin crisis. House rules committee and be records of registration rejections leave, and reduction in weight Standing before a large map able to preserve the filibuster 30 days after the decision has of newspaper bundles from 53 of Germany that he had placed on the wall, Dulles pointed first been reached" on applications to 40 pounds.

The employers refused to budge from the \$7-package offer. Last month they signed a the East-West border that was During September and Octo- contract with the Newspaper

write-in victory has been chal- ber, despite the business up- Guild for the \$7 figure. The lenged as fraudulent, would be turn, 18 additional places were publishers were primarily con- 'WE ONLY GOT RUBBLE' seated. The decision would be classified as areas of substan- cerned with establishing this made, he said, at a caucus of tial labor surplus (high unem- contract as a pattern for the ment with the Soviet Union," Democratic Party members of ployment), while none of the ten unions in the industry. Dulles declared, "we fell back the West could hope to achieve. II proclamations about smash-Congress on Jan. 6, the day be- formerly classified areas of dis- They prevented the deliverers thousands of square miles from Recent testimony on how the ing Hitlerism and the big capi- uously placed at low levels, but tress has been removed from from breaking this pattern. All our advance line at war's end use the occupation of West The most notorious of them (Continued on Page 3) (Continued on Page 3)

favorable indication since the minutes in the afternoon. insidious poison, to which in- 'FIGHT' BY fant humans are especially vul- STAYING ON THE JOB That speed-up drive began long way off from actual mansame time. As reported in last nerable, has been steadily acweeks' Militant the rank and cumulating on the ground where Jan. 20, and because workers cows graze.

resisted new work quotas, they Still more comforting in the were sent home after one or graphical Union and the Press- Commission's view was an two hours of work per day. is unemployment among Dodge refusing to cross the picket strontium 90 that New Yorkers were fired at the time. The adlines. If this basic show of are dosed with in the water vice of the international officers develop into full support by the principal factor precipitat- staying on the job. Then came Dec. 19, union representatives the leadership of the unions the ing the poison, New York's the no-contract period from Jim Solomon and Jack Conway

more production - standard (Continued on Page 4)

authorized it. On Dec. 2 at 10 showed that the amount of in half to five minutes each A.M., Dodge workers hit the to maintain most all-white schools.

NATURE OF CRISIS

The crisis Krock refers to is the struggle of Southern racist officials to prevent public school for Department 76; (2) Two integration, following the Suhundred and nine people to be recalled to work at the Dodge preme Court's 1954 decision declaring segregation unconstitutional. Claiming violation of "states' rights," the racists depower lost in the past year clared that they would not through speed-up.) (3) No overrecognize the Supreme Court time on production while there ruling as law of the land.

Southern states passed more than 200 laws, some explicitly reaffirming segregation, others designed to uphold it by legal indirection. The Alabama school placement law was a measure for maintaining segregation indirectly. By upholding it, the Supreme Court says in effect that although it will not tolerate open defiance of its 1954 and 1955 rulings it will look the other way if racists subvert their intent through legal subterfuge.

The Alabama law, passed in 1955, empowers local school officials to assign students to schools on the basis of 17 standards. These include "psychological qualification of the pupil for the type of teaching and association involved; effect of admission of the pupil upon the "Krupp has not been totally academic progress of other students in a particular school or facility thereof; . . . the psymore with freedom for the Ger- benefiting now by Allied sup- chological effect upon the pupil of attendance at a particular to maintain an outpost deep in to the fore. . . . As designer pupils or others; the possibility Communist territory. Least of and supplier of heavy industrial of breaches of the peace or illwithin the community; . . . the Along with German war inmaintenance or severance of ligation. . . ," etc. The jumping- many's armed forces. A Dec. 18 pupils and with teachers; moral

The December issue of Southern School News states, "At Canham writes: "Dr. Eugene the time the act was passed, it Kogen, an authority on Hitler's was frankly discussed in the

of the criteria for assignment man Army. They are inconspic-Last year, Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth sued in Federal Court, in

U.S. Govt. Wants Divided Berlin Maintain Cold-War Base ceived a few square miles of Berlin is given by Erwin D. were the Krupps, owners of a

By Harry Ring rubble!'

Edward G. Robinson once "The Soviet Union does not two-year contract. Of this, \$9 starred in a film satirizing the would be an actual salary in- gang warfare of Prohibition crease and \$1 would go for days. In one scene a lieutenant pensions and other fringe bene- is dispatched to inform the "I have great faith in House ed even more carefully than fits. Another key issue in the owner of a local brewery that reduction in the work week turns with a report that there

The memory of that scene is

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to the Allied position at the close of World War II deep inside East Germany and then to

established. "By solemn written agree-

Germany, it appears, is but a up and swapped around by its lutely necessary for the West its old skills are coming again of friction or disorder among conquerors. This crassly expressed imper-

dom in West Germany.

Union does not intend to dispiece of real estate to be cut Dec. 23, "Not that it is abso- part of Western defense. And school; the possibility or threat

alism bears little relation, of all is it necessary for Berlin to plants, Krupp is riding the will or economic retaliation course, to the pious declarations be a jumping-off point for crest of a vast global wave." that the stand of the Western propaganda and espionage. . . . powers on Berlin is motivated Some of these things are very dustry, the U.S. government has established social and psychoby concern for preserving free- valuable. . . . But the real ob- also been building up Ger- logical relationships with other

Besides, Dulles doesn't really off point for propaganda and Associated Press dispatch speaks conduct, health and personal look upon West Berlin as "a espionage are valuable all right, of "West Germany's emergence standards of the pupil. few square miles of rubble" and they strongly shape the as the West's major continental that the West got stuck with. State Department's determina- military power."

West Germany is vital to the tion not to quit West Berlin. plans of U.S. imperialism for To provide an effective Euro-

eventual war against the Soviet pean base against the Soviet military formations, told me Legislature as a measure to Union. West Berlin, in the cen- Union, the U.S. has been in- that some hundreds of old SS keep Negroes out of white

ter of German territory occu- strumental in reviving the West officers — the very cream of schools, though race is not one pied by the Soviet Union, is as German productive machine. the Nazi system - are sprinkchoice a point of penetration as Long forgotten are World War led through the new West Ger- listed in the act."

offer to exchange this area in turned from a tour of Germany. trated" when the war ended. return for West Berlin," he con-He is writing a series of nine Thirteen years later, Canham tinued. "No indeed. It thinks articles about it for his paper." describes his trip "to the heart the West should simply surrenof the Krupp empire in Essen." SOMETHING OF VALUE der West Berlin. The Soviet In the course of arguing that deconcentrated, and it probably

Science Monitor, who just re-

the West should concern itself never will be," he writes. "It is man people, Canham writes, port of German industry as

Do You Lie To Your Boss?

Here I am sitting with a large rubber covered coil around my chest and a stethoscope attached to my arm. I am being given a lie detector test. Why am I here? This is the true story.

This morning the man came over and said: "We'll want to talk to you." An hour later he and a young girl came back and told me to follow them. Down two flights of dimly lit stairs a brightly lit bare room.

"Sit down."

I sat in a straight wooden chair with curved arms that my hands fit into. The woman asked if I knew what a polygram test was. I answered: "I don't."

"It is a lie detector test. It will give us the facts in your case." She read out a few sample questions."These are the questions you will be asked." She gave me a release to sign for any physical or mental harm that might come from the test. I signed it. She then strapped the large rubber-covered coil around my chest and the stethoscope around my arm. The man in the room didn't say anything but watched from behind the light. The light was turned on. It blinded me.

"Keep your feet on the floor, your hands flat and your eyes straight ahead."

The questions started. "Have you ever stolen? Is the information you gave us about yourself true? Is your name Neva? Do you object, in any way, to this test? Do you drink? Are Editor, the Militant: you loyal? Do you live up to our rules? Do you live in Buffalo?"

I answered the questions that kept coming. "Do you feel that you are being taken advantage of in any way on your job?" I clenched my fist and yelled: "You didn't read that question to me before." She snapped back that I had ruined the first part of the test, and we'd have to start over.

"This time keep your hands flat."

What's This All About?

Questions came at me again,

the right to discuss them. But ist Party urged anybody to vote run candidates in opposition to that any discussion among radi-I suppose the question about the job made you wonder what mistakes we have made, and And if he cannot give such a mate labor movement. And yet when some of those taking part this was all about. You see, I'm not a criminal. I'm not even quite another thing to attack source, then why did he make events prove that the Socialist in the discussion show a woeful in jail. I work for the largest dry cleaners in western New us for mistakes we have not such a charge? It is true that Party has retained its right to lack of information or, worse, York state as a silk presser for \$1.15 an hour. The plant is a made but which the Militant we did not support the I.S.P., choose who it will support and a complete disregard for facts two-story brick building. Inside, the paint is peeling, the plaster has invented all on its own. is falling, the second floor has been declared unsafe for more than twenty-four girls. There are at least thirty-six of us at work there now.

The union did organize the plant. Three years ago they were able to sign up all the employes and force an election. A contract providing for higher pay, better working conditions and fringe benefits was signed. Within a month all workers who favored the union were fired and the employer refused to live up to the contract. The case went to the State Labor Relations Board. After twenty-six months the Board ruled for the union, have interpreted Murry Weiss labor or avowedly progressive lean: "What is not, unfortunate- greetings in the September is- U.S. News and World Report, stating that the signed contract must be observed by the company

The following day a notice was posted in the plant. It said that the plant would be closed before they would recognize the dates of the ruling class. But quired, it appears to us, to in- port to a Democratic candidate There he was mistakenly listed Carolina act on which the Alaunion, and that the union representatives are thugs and gang-Murry Weiss did not say that. terpret this language. Out of without exerting a demand for as a candidate in the "10th bama law, in turn, was pattern-sters. Like the other members of our deference to those who think a program which would serve C.D." Or was the Call right and ed], will be upheld if some in-

The man behind the light was my boss. The young woman staff, he is aware that **SOME** it a betrayal of socialist prin-had a conference with him. She then returned to the machine Social Democrats are against ciples to aid in the election of more emphatically." In straight running in the 19th C.D.?" and asked me the same questions as before plus some new ones. voting for candidates of the Democrats or Republicans, the English, it would have been While we are at it, if Mc- signed to permit some integra-

"Are you in favor of unions in large shops? Are you in ruling class. favor of unions in small shops? Are you in favor of craft unions? Have you ever participated in any union activities? Have you the election the Reading Labor accordance with the policy of movement "more emphatically," refused to publish his letter of standards involved would tend been contacted by the AFL Dry Cleaners and Dyers Union?" Advocate, official organ of the supporting labor-endorsed or but emphatically or not, it does protest, we would be pleased to reduce the amount of inte-Then she gave me some inti-union literature to read and told Local Berks County (Pa.) Social- avowedly me that I'd be talking to her again in a short time. ist Party, called for opposition dates of the Democratic or Re-

Advice to all good unionists who might confront this latest to both Republican and Demo- publican machines, "we" (Social discreetly silent about the state- tion of the radical public. union busting method — take two tranquilizers and beat the cratic parties. "Both of these Democrats) as individuals can ment of the Reading Labor Ad- This does not complete the able future." lie detector.



P.M. "Revolutionary socialists ment of policy and added: "We principles can peacefully co- sider it a betrayal of principles in the name of the party. SEATTLE Reconvened Convention of and election campaigns: Should like to call this editorial exist in the same party. Clever, to vote for candidates of the United Liberals and Socialists. they participate? If so, to what to the attention of members of isn't it? Sat., Jan. 10, 2:30 P.M. Banquet extent?" Betty Lux and Bert the Socialist Party-Social Demo-at 6 P.M. At 7:30 P.M., Dis- Deck. 116 University Place, cratic Federation in New York, This policy, as Murr cussion of Cleveland Conference near Union Square. Ausp.: Miliand Socialist Political Action. tant Labor Forum. Contribution Reporter, Dr. Holland Roberts 50 cents. of San Francisco. Chairman, Terry Pettus. Dinner \$1.25. CHICAGO Washington Hall, 14th and East Fri., Jan. 16, 8:15 P.M. — Advocate on this question. He Fir. Ausp.: United Liberals and James Nash Sr. reviews "Black holds that for Socialists to aid Socialists. Reconstruction" by W. E. B. DuBois. Also a report by Clif- either the Republican or Demo-NEW YORK ton DeBerry on the Carolina Debate! Fri., Jan. 9 - 8:30 Cases of Racial Injustice.

.High Court Shifts on Integration

(Continued from Page 1) | act of the legislature of a sov-| tion rulings ". . . can neither pect that, in many Southern | But "deliberate speed" and not have the Alabama law declared ereign state, we cannot lightly be nullified openly and directly areas, generations, not years delay were to be the norm of unconstitutional. He argued that reach such a conclusion, nor, by State legislators . . , nor will elapse before Negro pupils desegregation. The school place-it was designed to evade the indeed, are we permitted to do nullified indirectly by them in general can no longer con- ment ruling changes the time Supreme Court integration de- so except upon the most weighty through evasive schemes for stitutionally be excluded from and compelling of reasons."

cisions On Nov. 24, the Supreme 'ingeniously or ingenuously.'" On May 9, a three-judge federal court, convened specially Court, affirmed the three-judge HOW MUCH SHIFT? to rule on the suit, decided that lower court ruling, without giv- Now the court sanctions an cision the Supreme Court had ed on Southern officials. Of the school placement law is not ing reasons of its own. The "ingenious and ingenuous" eva- qualified its order that school course, federal judges were into the basement through a long corridor with low pipes, into unconstitutional "on its face" high court thus upheld the low- sion. What is the extent of the boards make a "prompt start" lenient with the racists, but last although it might later be "de- er court's reasoning. As late as shift? How much has the Su- toward integration. It allowed September, in the Little Rock clared unconstitutional in its last September, when the Su- preme Court conceded, to the federal district courts to grant decision, the high court refused application." In rejecting Rev. preme Court refused to allow a racists? First, the supposed time all kinds of delays in supervis- to sanction a delay on grounds Shuttlesworth's contention that two-and-a-half year suspension element. As Krock says, "By ing integration. In effect only now validated in Alabama's stuthe law was designed to main- of integration at Little Rock validating the Alabama admis- token desegregation has taken dent placement law. Instead of tain school segregation, the High School, the judges declared sion criteria, [the court] accept- place in the border states and Southern officials having to

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Socialist Party makes mistakes

Militant Editor's Reply:

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Democrats advised the radical June 1958.)

Unions Are You On?" — is in- terrible breach of elementary publican in my district.

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the Communist Party, the Social recall the Militant giving any here in the 19th District was

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It is true that in its 1955 decourt ruled, "In dealing with an unanimously that their integra- ed by plain inference the pros- none at all in the deep South.

Sincerely,

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Second, under its 1955 de-

cision, the burden of proof for holding up integration was placprove that a proposed delay is warranted, Negroes will have to McReynolds Challenges Militant On What It Says About SP-SDF prove that they are being discriminated against because of race, in contesting individual exclusions from white schools under the placement law. According to Krock, the same rule as in jury cases will obtain. 'This was that the exclusion of Negroes from a jury did not in workers to vote for the candi-| for Congress in the 19th District | equally clear that the Socialist itself sustain a charge that racdates of the ruling class rather and I assume that is because of Party ran a candidate against The story by Murry Weiss in than the only socialist ticket on political disagreements and not him. Murry Weiss should not ial discrimination was the real the December 15th issue of the the ballot. We cite these known because the Militant was sup- quote- sources two years old

reason. What had to be proved was an enduring and deliberate pattern of exclusion. Finally, the goal itself has

tion it carries. Certainly the darity. . . ." back to January 1957—almost cuss the fundamental material back to January 1957—almost cuss the fundamental back to January 1957—almost cuss to January 1957—almost cuss to January 1957—almost cuss to January 1957— There is no time here to disbeen changed. The high court had ordered school boards and and these mistakes should be Murry Weiss please give the of- statement from Louis P. Gold- Party and how to achieve it. federal judges to proceed with discussed and the Militant has ficial source in which the Social- berg stating we would 'never But it is worth pointing out all "deliberate speed" to integration — and led the Negro t is one thing to attack us for for Harriman or Rockefeller? those endorsed by the legiti- cals is infinitely more difficult people to believe that this meant nothing short of total integration. As Krock says, the Alabama school placement decision "Amounted to notice by the because we have political dis- who it will not support. Cer- when they do not fit a pre-de-Supreme Court that it will not strike down any state school law, which 'it is possible to apply so as to admit qualified David McReynolds Negroes to non-segregated schools.

> Anticipating the court's school placement decision Ralph Odum,

Militant Editor's Reply: David McReynolds appears to by individuals in support of Democratic "flexibility" should tisement among the Labor Day Florida, wrote in the Nov. 28 as stating that ALL Social candidates." (The Socialist Call, ly, unusual is that the Liberal sue, two months before the "I think it is clear that the Party and the trade unions in election, where the name of Florida pupil-placement act, workers to vote for the candi- No great legal talent is re- the area have given their sup- David McReynolds appeared. which is similar [to the North says further, "This law was de-SP-SDF Party "as such" will better had millionaire Harri- Reynolds protested this over- tion, but the various scholastic, For instance, a month before not support them. However, in man's program served the labor sight in the Call and the Call psychological and sociological

to print a copy in the columns gration which would take place The editors of the Call kept of the Militant for the informa- in its operation to a bare min-

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from the Call above indicates, the school-placement decision, vice versa.

law a means whereby they can legally circumvent the court's 1954 decision.

Supremo Court's Nov. 24 decision. The Dec. 6 Pittsburgh imum — at least for a forsee. Courier sounds the alarm editorially, however.

"Instead of segregation being a matter of race or class." says white schools in three cities. making or refusing a transfer, in North Carolina still attending when only colored pupils are all-Negro public schools. Yet assigned to certain schools where And, as the paragraph quoted racists are confident that under there are no white pupils, and





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The Oct. 27 Militant took note can primaries.

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How the policy operated in However, the policy was codithe 1958 elections can be judged fied as follows at the May 1958 from the role played by the National Convention of the Socialist Call, official publica-Socialist Party-Social Democration of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation. "We must encourage a flexi-The October issue devoted a bility of electoral approach three-paragraph editorial to the which, while not committing New York contest. That's right the Party as such to support - the Call participated in the for old-party candidates, can election to the extent of just consider socialists or other inthree paragraphs in one issue! dependent candidates, entrance The first paragraph took up

> the two millionaires running on the Democratic and Republican tickets. The second paragraph reads as follows:

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formula of no endorsement from the SP-SDF "as such" but of

As for McReynolds' campaign "Stalinoid." pointed out in his article, supported by a single sentence, "Vote for McReynolds" in any ticket, whom did these actions issue of the Call that crossed help if not the candidates of the ruling class?

ruling class.

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'For a United States of Africa'

The All-African Peoples Conference, the first such gathering to be held on African soil, marks an important new development in the colonial revolution.

Meeting in Accra, Ghana, from Dec. 8 to Dec. 13, the 200 delegates, representing 62 political and trade-union organizations from 25 countries, celebrated the union of newly freed French-speaking Guinea with the former British colony Ghana and projected the eventual union of the entire continent in a United States of Africa.

"This assembly," said Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, who delivered the keynote speech, "marks the . beginning of a new epoch." Paraphrasing the famous closing words of the Communist Manifesto, he declared: "Most of our people live in serfdom and helotry. Peoples of Africa unite; we have nothing to lose but our chains.'

Pointing to the unification of Ghana and Guinea, Nkrumah expressed the hope that it would constitute the nucleus for a united West Africa and an eventual wider union. "It is only within this context of interdependence and cooperation, regardless of the constitutional framework in which it will ultimately find expression, that we shall be able to solve the disastrous legacies of imperialism."

The Ghanian leader called for continental solidarity in the struggle against imperialism and voiced the conviction that victory is in sight. "This is our last and final notice to colonialism and imperialism. Our notice is: Scram! The next All-African Conference will, I am certain, celebrate the imperialist retreat from Africa."

Ursula Wasserman, staff correspondent of the National Guardian, reported from Accra that Nkrumáh listed three main demands of the freedom movement:

(1) National independence, for only through independence can the related evils of tribalism and religious fanaticism be combatted.

(2) The possibility of establishing an African community which will eventually lead to a United States of Africa-a road on which the first step was taken through the union of Ghana and Guinea.

(3) The opportunity of building socialism on African soil.

A detailed report on the proceedings is not yet available. We are therefore unable to express an opinion on the their attitude will determine all future relations between them and us. We have decided to be free-not in a year's time, not tomorrow, but now."

This is a formulation of the classic alternative that appears in every struggle to that of the U.S. of the masses against reactionary forces: By peaceful means and measures, if possible; revolutionary resistance if necessary.

Nkrumah voiced the same sentiment in his opening speech: "We are determined to be free and no power on earth Argentina from its economic will again be able to deprive us of our freedom.'

Guinea's Prime Minister Sekou Toure put up a slogan that might have been taken from the American Revolution of class and to the imperialist 1776: "We prefer independence with poverty to servitude with plenty."

And Mboya closed the conference with a stirring declaration: "This conference is not only of importance to Africa but to all nations the world over. For if Europe is the continent of yesterday, Africa is the continent of tomorrow. Africa must not only be recognized and accepted but be reckoned with as a voice and power. We are giving notice to the Colonial Powers and the world at large: Hands Off Africa-Africa Must Be Free."

These were not just the views of the outstanding leaders at the conference, important as that fact alone would be. They expressed the opinion of the entire body. Even more significant—they undoubtedly registered the revolutionary sentiments of the overwhelming majority of Africa's masses.

Thus the conference reflected the rise of a mighty new force in world politics. The colonial revolution that began at the end of World War II in Indochina, Indonesia, China and Korea, and then swept into the Middle East and Arab North Africa, is now gathering strength throughout Negro Africa. The struggle of the Arab masses is coalescing with that of the blacks from the Sudan to Capetown.

The raising of the slogan of a United States of Africa shows how advanced the He arrested thousands of workthinking is among the African freedom fighters. At the very outset of their the strike. struggle for national independence they have already transcended the narrow nationalism which refuses to see that nations are mutually dependent.

In fact the conference even looked beyond the continent of Africa. "It is our

The recent explosive manifes tations of economic and political contradictions in Argentine na tional life (strike wave, student demonstrations, etc.) aren't limited to Argentina. They are, with variations in degree, a general expression of economic ills afflicting all Latin America. They began shortly after World War II and took on even sharper form as a result of last year's economic crisis in the United States. The Latin American economy is subordinated

By J. Gomez

THE MILITANT

Confronted by crisis, Argentine President Frondizi, a middle-class nationalist, cut short his honeymoon with the popular masses that elected him During the election campaign he had promised to liberate and political ills. But in the few months that he has been in power, he chose the road of capitulation to the reactionary forces of the Argentine ruling master to the north. (In reality

as a defender of the system of private ownership of the means of production, he had no alternative but to capitulate.) Frondizi's turnabout didn't bring any relief to the country's ills Rather it accelerated the politthe shoulders of the working ical crisis. A principal peculiarpeople. This is what Washingity of Argentina is the presence ton's representatives have been of an active nationalistic-mindadvising him to do. ed population and a militant, socially and politically-minded on in petroleum matters as working class.

STRIKEBREAKER

well. This is indicated by the Under the impact of the soagreement he made with varicial crisis Frondizi had to forous oil companies to come to get his nationalistic past and Argentina to exploit the oil had to start acting not as defields. The petroleum workers fender of the popular masses but as promoter of the aims and answered Frondizi's surrender to the foreign oil companies by aspirations of the reactionary striking in Mendoza province. ruling class.

This strike, too, was broken by the government. In the field of labor, Frondizi

ises to bring economic relief to FROM REACTION the workers. The situation of

SEEKS SUPPORT didn't fulfill any of his prom-Having turned his back on the forces that brought him to politicians. Last month, in Venethe working masses is worse power, Frondizi is now seeking now than before because inflation is running ahead of wage

Frondizi listens to Washing-

such reactionary forces as the raises. The recent violent raildent. military clique and the Catholic road strike is a case in point. Frondizi did not live up to his hierarchy. He tried to enact an VENEZUELA education "reform" bill, allowcommitments to pay the rail-There the Communist Party road workers a retroactive wage ing private universities to issue certificates and degrees. The goes even further in its classincrease in full. He offered instead to fill their stomachs on answer to the measure was collaborationist politics than in gained 30 out of 42 Senate Otis Elevator plant in London

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the installment plan and clubelectrifying: students from one other Latin-American countries. seats. bed them into submission by end of the country to the other, They don't even support candimobilizing them into the army. together with the bulk of the dates of popular movements. working class and the intellec- They tend to get mixed up with poor people voted for Betan- ing the management's late-toers and used the army to break tuals (to which Frondizi once dark horses of the ambitious court and Democratic Action work rule. Carter lost his leg belonged), filled the streets of military type, such as Larraza- because they hoped the party when the plant was bombed

Nor has Frondizi yet fulfilled big cities with protest demon- bal. In 1945, the Stalinists call- would alleviate their present during the war,



his promise to turn the General strations against the bill. The ed upon the masses to take up Confederation of Labor over to crisis was so sharp-and Fron- arms in support of the Medina a democratically elected leader- dizi's betrayal was so repugnant regime when Raoul Betancourt economic system, he has no tives in parliament belonging to officers, organized a successful other solution but to put the his own Intransigent Radical revolt against it.

burden of its contradictions on Party voted against the bill. A reason for the CP's reactionary politics is that Betan-There is no room for middleclass liberalism in the world today, least of all in the economically backward countries. When middle-class liberals come to power they must sooner or

Church. later capitulate to the ruling One would think, that in economic forces. Frondizi in view of their "popular-front" Argentina, the MNR in Bolivia, Ibanez in Chile, the Apra in support a mass movement such a penny. Peru and the Vargaists in Braas the Democratic Action Party zil—all are Latin-American examples of this historic tendency. The Stalinists, however, are blind to this law. In Argentina, the Communist Party supported

Frondizi. Communist Parties in other Latin-American countries are also supporting capitalist zuela, the CP supported Rear

Roof Fall

support for his regime from Admiral Larrazabal for presi-

ilar events at home. But Washington will give very little help,

Democratic Action enjoys the if any. The U.S. ruling class is backing of the popular forces. In the December elections Be- incapable of meeting the basic tancourt polled over 49% of the requirements of mankind.

DEFEND AMPUTEE

more than '70 out of 150 seats Three hundred strikers at the in the Chamber of Deputies and have forced the company to

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Big sections of the working negotiate the firing of Frank class and of the countryside Carter, an amputee, for break-

Comments on Latin American Events difficult economic conditions.

They saw the other two parties as strictly capitalist. But Democratic Action will

Page Three

not fulfill the aspirations of the popular masses. Although it has socialist-minded left wing, the party is committed to private property in the means of production. You cannot solve the problems of the masses under such a system of property relations. Betancourt seems to have forgotten all that he learned in the brief time he spent in the school of the class struggle.

BRAZIL

The contradictions in Brazil's conomic life bear close similarity to those in Argentina's. Here, too, we have a big country (the biggest in Latin Amerca) rich in natural resources but so undeveloped that it is going through a crisis of unbalanced growth. As in Argentina, nflation is running high. It rises from restricted markets for Brazil's coffee, cocoa, etc. On the one hand, the price for these products has dropped on the world market; on the other hand, the country has to pay much higher prices for all fin-

ished goods imported from abroad.

Present grievances added to an historic accumulation of grievances has brought the popular masses to a state of court once belonged to the nervousness and desperation. party. Stalinists, as a rule, nev- This is transformed on the er forgive a person who break slightest provocation into tofrom them. They act in this re- lent political acts as exemplified spect just like the Catholic by the recent burning of a railroad station because the train didn't arrive on time and by

the burning of street cars and program, the CP leaders would buses because the fare went up

It is not surprising that right headed by Betancourt. There is after the anti-Nixon demonstrano question that the Democratic tions in Peru and Venezuela, Action group is today more Brazil's President Kubitschek country's economic crisis. Kubitschek knew the meaning of the demonstrations because of sim-

progressive than either Larra- begged President Eisenhower to zabal's Republican Democratic do something to help solve the Union, representing the upper middle class, or the COPEI, epresenting the upper class. POPULAR VOTE

popular vote. His party won

olitical shadings and their significance. The general tone, however, appears to have been militant.

Even in going on record in support of a policy of non-violence, the conference indicated that "non-violence" must not be interpreted as passivity — which is its meaning in the Ghandi tradition-but as "positive action."

Tom Mboya, member of the Kenya Legislative Council and chairman of the Accra /Conference, said in his closing speech: "The circumstances and the attitude of the colonial power in question will determine whether or not a people is driven to violence; if it is, then it is surely acting in retaliation. We ask the Colonial Powers to cooperate from now on, for

belief," Nkrumah said, "that with all Africa free, the peace of the world will be better guaranteed, for the elimination of imperialism and colonialism will remove those jealousies and antagonisms audience in 1940: "Your FBI which have led to two world wars and is respected by the good citi- critic of the FBI, recalled: ed 22 alleged communists. These are keeping up now in a constant state of zens of America as much as it ed my offices; they broke into in a dossier. Lowenthal laughed Cyrus Eaton, 74, a Cleveland and the Post on November 30 tension with the threat of nuclear wea- is leared, naled and villed by my offices . . . they stationed at the heresy-hunters: "But I industrialist who has built up over the Mutual Broadcasting pons."

The first All-African conference will be greeted with enthusiasm, we are sure, and stooges." Last July, Hoover by every militant. Fresh forces by the branded as "slanderous, violent my house, and shadowed my ber 20, one day before Lowen- said: "The FBI is just one of "the attack continues. Elinot millions are joining in the struggle for a and hateful" criticism of the there is addressing better world! The news from Africa FBI, warning that "these reckshould help inspire us to redoubled ef- less charges give grist to the forts in building a powerful socialist propaganda mills of our Commovement here in America.

Berlin

By Henry Gitano (Fourth of a series) J. Edgar Hoover told a radio

fellow travellers, mouthpieces munist enemies." As a New York Post editorial on May 20, said, "The issue is whether public criticism of FBI director Hoover is to be considered evidence of treason."

(Continued from Page 1) into key posts when opportunity opens.

These ominous developments in West Germany and West Berlin have not gone unnoticed by either the Kremlin or the East German regime that it placed in power. But their reaction to the Western build-up many.

is typically that of spokesmen for a self-seeking, privileged Kremlin, the needs of the German people are of no consequence. Khrushchev's moves are made to force or to cajole the making a readjustment of the German map.

RETURN TO MEDIEVALISM

Kremlin participation in carving up Germany helped establish that country as a focal point of the cold war. For form's sake Moscow declares for reunification. But its pro- Western-Soviet agreement fix- the core. ing with the outlook that Ger-

quered territory.

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Max Lowenthal made a prime tion." SOCIALIST CONSCIOUSNESS dicals, come themselves under ment counsel. Herbert Hoover looper lashed out at Rauh for Despite their opposition to Hoover's surveillance. When a appointed him executive secre-

there is no blue print. But this demonstrated their devotion to died of influenza while detain- Then Lowenthal wrote The much is certain: throughout the Soviet property forms. The ed, the clergyman was blasted FBI, which the New York history, wherever the key to a West German workers, through as a "radical." A Presbyterian Times review (Nov. 26, 1950) divided nation has been two militant actions, have opposed minister was publicly accused called "a thoughtful book be- Senatorial immunity, described State Department into conflicting social systems, that rearming their country. Work- of "unreliability and disloyalty" cause of the immense research system which is viable and pro- ers on both sides of the division after he testified to the good and the careful documentation. Red master of stealth." gressive ultimately provides the line in Germny are strongly character of Thomas Truss, a It is important because it dares,

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stopped in what he was doing." an executive session on Septem- sensational headlines as back- spiracy" to discredit the FBL In 1940 Senator Burton ber 15. The inquisitors charged ground for the release of a re- Hearst columnists George So-Wheeler of Montana, a leading that Lowenthal had encounter- port criticizing the FBI. A bold frontal attack on the thundered at the Nation. John "Agents of the Department raid- names were carefully compiled political police was made by T. Flynn attacked the Nation men at my house, surrounded have seen in the course of 38 a \$150,000,000 coal, steel, iron System in a rehash of the Ocgoose-stepping bundsmen, their my house, watched persons who years public life, tens of thous- ore, utilities and transportation tober 31 issue of Counterattack, went in and came out, con- ands of people." The secret tes- empire. Interviewed on TV by published by former FBI agents Mike Wallace (May 4), Eaton there were in the Department Committee published the tran- U.S. engaged in investigating, meeting at the Trotskyite Mili of Justice . . . Burns and script under the title "Hearings in snooping, in informing, in tant Labor Forum . . . The Hoover . . . who have attacked Regarding Communism in the creeping up on people. This has title of her address is 'The FBI On November 26, 1950 the ing . . . we have even praised On December 7 Walter Win-

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The next day witnessed the no right to speak his mind. unprecedented scene on the maligning the FBI and "revealed" the "damaging fact" that "character assasination job of comings, the roof falls in." Rauh was a leader of Ameri-Mr. Hoover." Moore's bombast

cans for Democratic Action. exploded even before the re-On March 29, 1954 Senator search for the Post series had Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) with been completed. The Post countered editorially: "The FBI pub-Lowenthal as "the insidious lic relations machine has frequently exhibited its intoler-

ance toward anyone who questioned Mr. Hoover's infalli-In January 1950, Clifford J.

Moore's pronunciamento tional Lawyers Guild notified means necessary to a united turned to the West German ment of his clients. Hoover did In an effort to suppress or the press that in two days he charged that a "deliberate Social Democratic Party, whose not deny the charges, but at- discredit the book, Rep. George would release a 40-page Guild smear campaign" had been or-But it will be said, only a top brass is pro-capitalist to tacked the lawyer: "He is re- Dondero of Michigan, told the report "concerning wiretapping ganized against Hoover and the garded as a Bolshevist leader House on September 1, 1950 and other illegal and offensive FBI by the Post, the Nation, . . His associates are persons that Lowenthal was "a menace practices carried on by the and Rights magazine. The Nation had devoted a special 64-The night before the press page issue on October 18 to an A former agent discussed the "agents of destruction in our conference, Rep. Richard Nixon, objective evaluation of the

case of Senator LaFollette who government agencies," and that then a leading member of the FBI by Fred J. Cook, a crime conflict of interest between the treacherous social democracy. Teapot Dome scandal (1921) were thwarted, we would lose Committee phoned the wire ser- In November, Moore's charges There can be no progressive aspirations of the German That's the key to a united so- which involved friends of the "our war with Russia." This vices, and dictated a letter he were echoed by Boston Cardi-

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The Nation's December 6 editorial aptly notes that "hardly fy his attack — as if he had if they criticized the President or the Supreme Court "but In Washington on October 27, when the Nation has the fem-Preston J. Moore, national com- erity to suggest that despite an mander of the American Legion over-all record of satisfactory charged that the liberal daily performance, the FBI and its New York Post is plotting a director may have certain short-

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Sweet Mountains

Editor: urge every so often to follow its viewpoint and win us over the wild geese in their flight, to your logic. In the meantime, or as they say out here "to hit the co-operative tone of Harry for the tall and uncut." I have Ring's article and your editorhad a terrific yen to go to the ial indicates you are not going mountains up in Idaho and do to adopt the rule-or-ruin tactics a bit of prospecting, to catch of the CP and you are to be some fish and shoot me a deer highly commended for this at--in other words to go back to titude. nature for a spell. But after mulling this over for several months and after discussing it with the comrades and realizing the general shortage of active Blames CP socialists, I have got the bug out of my bonnet. The rhyme that follows expresses the sentiment.

Good-by sweet mountains No more from your clear fountains

Will I drink the elixir Of your sparkling wine, The lot of the struggle is mine. I had worked and I had slaved But the money I saved For a grub stake and gas -Spent in the battles of my class. No more will I partake Of your cool mountain dew But I'll drink to fond memories In a bottle of brew.

Jack Wright Seattle

Praises Mild Tone

Editor: I wish to commend you on

Quill Talks For Labor Party

Editor:

Ben S.

San Francisco

The CP is therefore guilty

once again of scuttling the

cause of labor and socialism.

the mild tone used by Harry Editor: Ring on the Guardian's elec- Mike Quill, well-known tion policy at the Cleveland Transport Workers' Union pres- nation and harmful to the indiconference and the similar tone ident, last month proposed a vidual.

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in your editorial. I support the Labor Party to fight the Demo Guardian view that the policy cratic and Republican machines. must be flexible, but I hope Interviewed on WABC-TV's offthat your disagreement with beat Ben Hecht show, Quill the view will not prevent you pointed out that the 65 million Like all of the older genera- from co-operation. The SWP working men and women in tion born in the West, I get the has a perfect right to work for this country need a party of their own to represent their interests. He did not, however, submit any program or procedure for bringing such a party

into being. Talking out of the left side of his famous brogue, Quill denounced the McClellan commit-

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Boston

tee, noting that it was unfashionable to investigate big business like General Motors or General Electric. Quill also discussed the effect of giant new passenger jet-liners on the em-

oloyes of the airlines and explained that a reduction in the If the CP instead of placing work week is the only way that its main emphasis on the defeat workers can share in the beneof Rockefeller (and its sneaky fits of progress.

support of Harriman) had Notably not mentioned were thrown its resources behind the Independent-Socialist ticket last Quill's own troubles with dissatisfied sections of Transit Nov. 4, there is a good possibil-Authority workers, nor was ity that the coveted 50,000 votes there any discussion of the prowould have been secured, givposed sale of power stations ing the ISP a permanent place owned by the Transit Authoron the ballot and eliminating ity—a public body—to the Conthe necessity for the backsolidated Edison Company. breaking petition campaigns.

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minutes at the end of the

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would be speeded up to make

up for the shutdown. If the

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iation that every child should nave at least one quart of milk a day, and adults should drink three glasses. Thus the average family needs about four quarts of milk per day. But they also need a home, clothing, food, nedical attention, and many other just as necessary items. Many families just don't have the income to secure all these necessities. They are forced to placed salesmen, drivers, etc., It is high time that this syseliminate something from their budgets, and often choose to During the period of adjust- should be scientifically planned cut down on milk. Of course this is a false economy. A lack of the money saved through the people. It should be admini of milk in one's diet eventually leads to poor health with resultant medical and dental bills. It is therefore imperative that something be done to assure everyone an adequate supply of sion. Who knows, there may serve the people. Pay rates can milk

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sufficient cows could be raised. In order to get the milk from tives, the few who have real programs and other measures the farm to the consumers, it must be processed, bottled, and istrators. Those who know only our burdens, our basic aim is distributed. Because of the importance of milk, this should be done with the maximum of ef-

"meet proper work quality requirements, the extra relief to the consumer at the lowest which to play their "games." time will continue through the possible cost. The farmer, the 1959 model run." The Dec. 20 employes of the processing dustry because it is one where making it really "of the people, Times quotes Gervid Atkinson, plant, as well as the milkmen. Chrysler labor relations man- or distributors, must be paid

line would shut down for five ager, as saying that after the fair wages for their labor. And of course, we must also 1959 model "the extra 20 minutes will be canceled and the have well-paid administrators, whose only task should be to see that the milk moves from farm to consumer by the most The significance of the agreeeconomical and efficient means ment goes beyond its applica- possible. If this were done, all

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cept Ford Motor Company pro- executives and an expensive was maintained for the entire newal. I had to go and have a duction standards on the jobs sales campaign to deceive the period. Congratulations to all I am to be late with my re-

Let Them Drink Milk

By Don Harrison

A few capable administrators | milk is so vital to the health of should be sufficient to divide our people. But the same is up the city into districts, and true of most other industries. assign one distributor to each This is the effect of so-called district. By eliminating over- free enterprise. The executives lapping routes and sales or- of big corporations are free to ganizations, a substantial wage compete or cooperate with each increase could be provided for other according to the method farmers, processors, and distri- which best serves to increase butors. There could be a sub- their profits. They maneuver to stantial reduction in price for squeeze the farmer and their the consumer at the same time, employes, as well as the con-Of course, there is the prob- sumers, for as much as the lem of what happens to the dis- traffic will bear. whom I have not forgotten. tem is changed. All industry ment, possibly six months, part to best serve the interests of this more efficient method of istered and operated by the distribution and/or a govern- elected representatives of the

ment subsidy should be pro- people, whose jobs and rate of vided to support them and train pay will depend only on their them for a new trade or profes- efficiency and how well they even be some potential scient- be made attractive enough to ists or teachers among these provide the necessary incentive. This is what we mean by socialism. It is how we socialists

such as the milk problem which I used as an example. While we presently support lower taxes,

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As for the displaced execu- public housing programs, health ability can be used as admin- that will help relieve some of how to manipulate stocks to scientifically plan all indusshould be forced to either learn try to serve the people efficienta more useful trade, or find ly and economically. Socialism ficiency in order to get the milk some less vital industry in is the only way of taking our government and industry out of I have chosen the milk in- the hands of the financiers and inefficient distribution is so ob- by the people, and for the peovious, and because low-price ple." Socialism is democracy.

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