## Rockefeller, Brown Put Bite **On Working Man**

#### By Carl Goodman

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

(So now here's a riddle: How

do you tell the difference be-

Brown of California — both dug into the pockets of the Rockefeller last fall (although after Nov. 4, AFL-CIO Presiworking people for new taxes.

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In New York, Rockefeller has feels too sorry he got elected.") already, succeeded in passing a However, they did back Govergasoline tax-increase bill. It raises the levy from four cents wants a five-cent increase in the a gallon to six cents. In addi-tax on a gallon of beer and a tion he is proposing to up cig- three-cent increase in the tax arette taxes from three cents to on a pack of cigarettes. He also five cents a pack. However, he calls for a hike in the income aims to make his biggest haul tax. from changes in the state in-

come tax. Rockefeller's proposals call tween labor's foe and labor's

"for an average increase of 23 "friend"? Give up? The foe per cent; for 400,000 low-wage taxes your gasoline and the earners to pay taxes for the friend taxes your beer.) first time and for the tax to be Brown's tax proposals were

withheld" by the employers. Ex- | called "shocking"' by C. J. Hagemptions will be lowered. In- gerty, secretary-treasurer of the stead of the present deductions California Federation of Labor. of \$1,000 a year for a single This is not the only complaint person, \$2,500 for married the unions have against the govcouples and \$400 for each de- ornor since he took office a pendent, the governor proposes month ago. The labor leaders a flat \$600 deduction per per- are described as "skeptical" of son. There are compensating Brown's program for labor "refeatures. But when the juggling form," which the Republican is all over, a married couple (no Assembly leader said was the children) earning \$3,500 will pay same as William F. Knowland's. \$26 more a year, or \$39 instead (In the last elections the union of the present \$13. A married tops all got behind Brown to couple (two children) earning stop Knowland.) \$5,000 a year will pay \$17 more According to the Jan. 24 Peoper year, or \$43. On the other ple's World, so alarmed are Haghand, on an income of \$25,000, gerty and his fellow labor ofthe tax will go up only \$230 ficials that the CFL is calling a for a married couple with two statewide conference on Feb. 11.

children. Three brackets will be added that the purpose of the parley above the present maximum of is to discuss "the provisions of 7% on income over \$9,000. This the Brown measure, and to will bring the new maximum analyze its effect upon the funtax to 10% on income over ctions of our trade union move-\$15,000. As can be seen the tax ment in California." rates themselves favor the rich. All in all, says People's But that isn't the only break World, "An alarmed California they get. Because the amount labor movement is preparing to paid for state tax is deductible take a long second look" at in calculating federal income Brown's program. Why the labtax, the 10% rate would really or leaders (and People's World

add only 1% to the amount of too) did not take their long federal and state taxes com-bined on an income of \$100,000. elections is not explained.

## **Congressmen Consider** Three Anti-Labor Bills

In a Congress dominated by the biggest Democratic majority since 1936, three stiff anti-labor bills are vying for passage. Senator Kennedy's "mild" version is given the best chance. The bill drawnt anti-labor measures in a prewas mainly - was carried over from last top AFL-CIO officialdom.

# No Hope of Jobs for All, **Experts Tell Congress**

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## Start Token Integration Virginia

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

White pupils, deprived of education since last September by Governor Almond's "massive resistance" school shutdown, appeared far more relieved to be back in school than concerned

about the attendance of the few Negro children. Meanwhile Virginia's Demo-PW quotes Haggerty as stating cratic machine continued work-

ing on plans to hold integration to the barest minimum. Having switched from all-out resistance to a tactic of subterfuge and delay, they were given a fresh assist Jan. 29 by a federal appeals court decision to postpone until next September the entry

of 12 Negro children into two public schools in Charlottesville.

Last week an emergency session of the state legislature enacted proposals by Governor Almond to evade genuine inte-

gration. A compulsory school attendance statute was repealed, leaving white children free to stay home from integrated schools. Funds were appropriated for \$250 yearly grants for those wishing to attend private segregated schools.

Attendance at the newly inteaue



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



NEW YORK, Feb. 3-A pick-|rally of 750 in New Rochelle. ing an abortion on a white and later denounced as a memgrated Norfolk and Arlington et-line demonstration will be Sponsored by the Interdenom- woman. Previous to the abor- ber of the "anti-party group," about pulling out of the slump. schools was below normal yes- held at the United Nations Fri- inational Negro Ministerial Al- tion indictment, which is still Bulganin "sang" at the party Record profits are again rolling terday but officials said this day, Feb. 20, opening day of the liance, the meeting also heard in the courts, Dr. Perry's home central committee meeting in into bank accounts. So Wash-The UN current session. counse. was the scene of a Ku Klux December. He then praised ington has decided that no furcrat — a top contender for election year. But they are keeping children home for fear urged to consider the violation to the CCRI. The Mayor of Klan attack that was effectively Khrushchev's "genius" and the ther anti-recession measures are Presidential nomination in 1960 counting on the support of the of trouble on opening day. At of human rights involved in the New Rochelle and a member of beaten off by an armed Negro "genius and wisdom" of party necessary. In fact the White the same time several hundred case of James Hanover Thomp- the city council took the platcommunity. policy. Meany and Reuther have gone children who had enrolled in son, 10, and David Simpson, 8, form to express their indigna-"I know I'm innocent," Dr. GHOST-PLOTTER private schools returned to the the two Negro children of tion at the treatment of the Perry said. "They did this to Monroe, N.C., incarcerated by boys. Besides live "co-conspirators." try to stop me from fighting for The new Negro pupils in both state authorities because one of Williams will be featured the "anti-party group" was my people and for my conviccities were reported treated them had been kissed by a speaker at another rally here given a posthumous partner-intions. courteously by nearly all of white playmate. The march will Friday evening, Feb. 20, sponcrime — namely Beria, who RELIEF ROLLS GROW The fight against run-away their fellow pupils. In Norfolk continue from 2:30 to 5 p.m. sored by the Labor Committee was executed in 1953 when shops, which he termed "Dixie-The action is sponsored by of the Brooklyn NAACP. Rev. Malenkov was still premier. mation," was described by Wilthrough an anticipated "delicate the Youth Committee to Free Milton Galamison, president of liams as a central reason for moment" when they ate in the Thompson and Simpson—youth the Brooklyn NAACP, will also Northern labor supporting the school cafeteria. But four of section of the Committee to speak. Warren Bunn, an organ-North Carolina rights fight, Bebut as yet no Republican vene in internal union affairs the Negro girls joined white Combat Racial Injustice. An- izer for the Oil, Chemical and has offered his support. To and to curb their organizing girls at a dining table without nouncement of the demonstra- Atomic Workers Union, will sides the unemployment and vileness of these splintering podepressed wages bred by autotion was made Sunday by chair the rally to be held at mation, he said, the problem of One of the white students James Lambert, chairman of Silom Presbyterian Church, shops moving to the unorganizquizzed by reporters, Stephen the youth committee, at a re- Marcy St. and Jefferson Ave. ed South is acute for the unions, ception for Robert F. Williams Almost 100 young people at-Last year almost 200 induspresident of the NAACP in tended the Sunday reception tries moved to North Carolina. Asked what they talked about, Monroe, and Dr. A. E. Perry, its and many of them offered to "They say they've boosted procratic power fight, the same city relief. he replied: "I don't remember, vice president. Williams is join in the activity of the comduction 18 per cent since they He just talked like a kid." In chairman of the Committee to mittee. Every one present was choice language, we may supcame down there," Williams As late as last November they the South this was considered Combat Racial Injustice. Dr. deeply moved by the speeches said. "What they mean is that Perry, also the victim of a of Williams and Dr. Perry. there aren't any unions and racist frameup, is a member of Speaking in an easy, humorthey can speed up the workers ous way that belied the sternness to their maximum capacity. The two rights fighters are of the struggle in Monroe. Dr. "We can't do much about auyour money today won't buy as movement against imprison-cipation in the local fight for tomation," he added, "but 'Dixmuch as during the depression ment of the two boys. Last equal rights led to the frameup iemation' can be stamped out to the level of contributions to troit and one-third of them have when you didn't have any." | night they addressed a spirited charge against him of commit-lif we act together." (Continued on Page 2)

## **National Survey Shows Growing Jobless Army** In Key Industrial Areas

#### By Harry Ring

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

Sticky praise for Khrushchev

New Purge Call Heard at

Soviet Parley And things won't be too good for the employed, according to their findings. They expect some wage rises but predict alternated with threats against that these will be offset by new

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the "anti-party" group of Molo- price hikes. More than four million are tov - Kaganovich - Malenkov now officially classified as job-Shepilov throughout recent sesless. This is over a million and sions of the 21st Congress of a half more than were out of the Soviet Communist Party. work during the prosperity Meanwhile, Mikhael Pervuknin, added on Jan. 29 to the month of December 1956. Only list of the "foul anti-party 30 per cent of the non-farm workers who were jobless at group," confessed to "mistakes" the bottom of the recession last in having supported the eco-

nomic views of Khrushchev's April are now back at work. The long duration of unemopponents. Delegate after delegate ridiculed Pervukhin, in- ployment is already bringing demanding more breast-beating unemployment insurance beneand more self-abasement. fits and another 655,000 used up A similar response met Bul-ganin's "confession." Deposed fits made available by the fedas Soviet premier last spring eral government.

But big business is boasting

do with the growing army of permanently jobless will be further "complicated" by the anticipated addition of one million more workers to the labor force this year, one expert add-

session. Presented then as a bipartisan measure by Kennedy along with McClellan's unionand the now retired New York smearing "rackets" probe -Republican, Ives. The bill sailed even after loss of a whole series through the Senate. It was de- of NLRB elections due to the feated in the House by a small slanted committee revelations. bloc that wanted something The McClellan committee helpwith even more "teeth."

The current version, signed phere favoring the introduction by 12 Democratic Senators, is of new laws giving the governstill represented as bi-partisan, ment further power to interattract a Republican sponsor, capacity. Kennedy and his liberal Democratic colleagues have added ed Congress passed the Taftenough teeth to meet the com- Hartley act, the top union brass petition of a bill sponsored by vowed to seek every means to Republican Senator Goldwater. repeal this "slave labor" law. the rabid labor-baiter from Ari- Instead they gave up the fight. zona. Goldwater's version includes recommendations cooked demanded the repeal of the pro-

up by Eisenhower. visions favoring "right to work" In addition McClellan, chief laws. But this too was dropped Democratic union - prober, is when the Democrats made their drawing up a bill of his own. sweeping 1958 victory with the This, according to Goldwater, is support of the labor bureaucintended to incorporate the "best racv. portions" of the measures proposed by Kennedy and Goldchine instead of building an inwater. dependent labor party pays off.

The Goldwater-McClellan proit is clear, in a tighter and posals will probably spur the jighter strait jacket for the top brass of the AFL-CIO to unions. lobby for quick passage of the Kennedy measure. The argument is that this will block passage of an even worse measure.

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

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

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

the Negro students passed ed establish the current atmosany special notice."

When a Republican-dominat-Thorne, said he sat next to one of the Negro pupils all day. news.

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the committee.

Comedian Milton Berle's definition of inflation: "That means here to help build the protest Perry explained how his parti-

House has requested Congress to let the temporary program of supplementary federal unemployment compensation expire on schedule on April Fool's Day.

This contemptuous disregard Choice language was used to for the needs of the unemploydescribe the ousted bureaucrats' ed coincided with an announceopposition to Khrushchev — "It ment that in Pittsburgh 3,000 is known how it ended. The new applications were filed for home relief last December litical double-crossers and the the greatest number since World evil of the road they took be- War II. Most of these were peocomes clearer," etc., etc. (If Molotov, Malenkov, Shepi- ple who had used up their un-employment compensation and lov and Kaganovich had won out exhausted all personal savings. in the June 1957 inner bureau- thus meeting qualifications for

Michigan now has 322,000 idle. pose, would have been applied yet 1959 car models are already to Khrushchev - and he would at peak production. The most have been linked with Beria.) optimistic prediction is that no In a procedure reminiscent of more' than 22,000 of these will the "personality cult" under be called back to work this Stalin, Khrushchev's sayings year. Almost 200,000 of these were for the first time elevated jobless are concentrated in De-(Continued on Page 4)

Let's Accept the Challenge of Soviet Competition

| tition with them should spur us | rate in the U.S.-in terms, of

**Argentina's President Arthur** Frondizi just completed a 'good-will" visit to U.S. seeking credits and expanded investment of American capital in Argentina. As he orated about the similarity of the "democratic" system in the two countries, U.S. guns and tanks were being used to smash a general strike in Ar-



| justing for rising prices.) By Daniel Roberts Khrushchev also presented in our own domestic struggles Unlike editorial writers in the big-business press, I am not control figures for raising real for better conditions. a bit dismayed that the Soviet wages, lowering working hours, Union is catching up with the building homes and hospitals United States economically. And and improving the position of standards, let's make it a hanam glad Khrushchev has women workers.

#### challenged this country to a WE CAN STAND race. He proposes that the So- THE GAINS vet Union and the U.S. com-

Of course, present American

pete to determine who will prove faster. We should accept They are the highest in the already have the 40-hour week, match population growth and the challenge and get our side world. Because of that, some so let's make it tough on our- overcome slum blight. Only one going right away. For the So- might argue, what's the sense selves. Let's move at a faster million units at best are conviet Union is already off to a of racing? Let the Soviets pace than the Soviet Union. structed yearly. Who will offer fast start-their plans are all catch up first. But I don't hold Through the union movement, made.

with that view. After all, what let's aim at getting the 30-hour construction here in the next At the 21st Congress of the we have in this country isn't week at 40 hours pay by no seven years? Soviet Communist Party, yet heaven on earth. The work- later, say, than 1962. (We can In the Soviet plan, the num-Khrushchev presented the mas- ing people can stand plenty of set other goals later.) ber of beds in hospitals is to double by 1965; "the producter plan. Called "Control Fig- new gains - what with unem-'Again, Khrushchev has promures for the Economic Develop- ployment, inflation, taxes, and ised to nearly double the mini- tion of anti-biotics will increase ment of the USSR, 1959-1965," one-third of the nation illmum wage in the Soviet Union by 3.7 times, vitamins-6 times, his figures project an 8.6% av- housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. in the next seven years, (It now medical instruments and apparerage yearly growth of industry Furthermore, the way we have varies from \$67.50 to \$85 a atus-2-2.5 times." In this counand agriculture for the next been going lately, we are sure month at the official rate of try, medical care is a scandal seven years. (Increase of the to fall back from our present monetary exchange.) How about The number of medical-school U.S. gross national product in standards. We need to make the labor movement here set- graduates is at the level it was the past seven years is esti- new gains regardless of what ting \$2.50 an hour by 1968 as at the turn of the century. The mated at 1.6% yearly after ad- the Soviet workers get. Compe- the nation-wide minimum wage (Continued on Page 2)



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



a "control figure" for housing



Backing the Democratic ma-

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#### By Murry Weiss

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Some of the Heroes

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

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

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

The modern movement, in which the Jimmy Higgins of today live, is more advanced, far more sophisticated in its politics and theory. Still, in "my opinion, the modern with its more precise analysis and its necessary concentration on the struggle, would do well to infuse its propaganda with more of the old emphasis on the ultimate meaning of the struggle: speak out, as the old pioneers did, for human rights and human dignity, for freedom and equality and abundance for all. That is what we are really fighting for when we fight for socialism." Sacco and Vanzetti were especially dear to Cannon; and he was influential in guiding the International Labor Defense in its handling of the case so that the names of these class-war prisoners became household words to the masses on every continent. "The Notebook of an Agitator" begins with the struggle to save the lives of these two victims and the need for class solidarity and militant struggle as the only hope for success.

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

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

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

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

to Cannon's concept of the model revolution- Fulbright: "When he has some- on Cubans by Batista, add up to But those of us who love freeary was Vincent St. John, the most influential thing to say about the gross in- one of history's great crimes of dom can only hope that in so ment eliminate all forms of disleader of the IWW. In an article aimed at the justices committed by Governor man's inhumanity to man." young, left-wing socialists of California in 1936, Cannon said:

first joined the I.W.W. in 1911 and, soon after- armed soldiers to keep little out speaking a word to each ward became one of the 'voluntary organizers' children out of school, he cer- other, have decided that Batista who got their training in Vincent St. John's tainly should have no com- and his leaders must never school of learning by doing. . . The 'Saint,' of plaints about military trials in again rise to power. They beaffectionate memory, was a wonderful man to Cuba where confessed assassing lieve that death — and only learn from. He was short on palaver and had are being dealt with justly." some gaps in his theory, but he was long on action and he was firmly convinced that the ializing on the hysteria around least, in their time. water is the only place where a man can learn the Cuban trials, pointed to the BLAMES U.S. to swim. His way of testing, and also develop- contrast in the North Carolina ing the young militants who grew up under his case involving James Simpson, tutelage was to give them responsibility and eight, and David Hanover persecutions suffered by the shove them into action and see what happened. | Thompson, ten. It is un-Ameri- Cubans squarely on the United Those who acquired self confidence and the can. they declare, to hold two States, Young said: "We Amercapacity to make decisions under fire on the children and deny them the icans, including the people of the population, unemployed in tinctive quality of leaders and organizers, incensed over the executions of tro's responsibility. Until a short that "the bigger proportion of eventually received credentials as voluntary Batista followers in Cuba, but time ago — we allowed our these inhibits and the state of t organizers."

#### Some of the Villains

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

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

### End Crow Jim By Lillian Kiezel

The Negro press has been following the revolutionary upheaval in Cuba with close at-The newspapers of America's the charges of "blood purge" levelled by such senators as bright of Arkansas; and also He also reported the reaction

Faubus, perhaps we can give him more respectful attention.

our land." John Young III, correspon-



Negro Press Backs Castro in Cuban Trials

Cubans of all colors danced in the streets together celebrating the victory they had won through united effort over the hated Batista dictatorship. On taking power, Castro promised to do away with discriminatory practices. The American Negro press is asking him to deliver on that promise without delay through Fair Employment Practices legislation.

vitation, declared "Even perse-| However, Young hopes that | better-paying posts, as a teller cuted Negro Americans will find the executions will not go too in a bank or clerking in a deit difficult to comprehend this far: "Castro and the people of partment store." uffering. The tortures, wanton Cuba have prescribed a violent

killings, humiliations and de- remedy for a sick Cuba. They Perhaps the American who came closest of another Castro spokesman to privation of liberties inflicted are certain to cure the ailment. Young believes that "The

> If he can approve Faubus using whole population of Cuba, with death - of the leaders can The Kansas City Call, editor- make this certain, certain, at

Placing responsibility for the sit by unconcerned when the Government to aid Batista by ans." constitutional rights of two in- selling him arms with which to nocent children are violated in murder and bomb innocent peo- he said, "I am convinced Cuba

dent of the Amsterdam News, no excuse. Equipped with vast jobs, at least in Havana, are who along with Mackay was intelligence and information held by Cubans of lighter hue

### . Purge Call

(Continued from Page 1) the "philosophy of Marxism-Leninism" of "extremely great importance." That is how Susov described one of his chief's emarks at the 21st Congress.

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

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

Parallel with the purge method is the elevation by the bureaucracy of the winner in the inner power-struggle to the In response to Castro's dec-

laration — "We will see in position of supreme arbiter of all further disputes. That was Cuba our revolutionary move-Stalin's role, and it is now Khrushchev's.

One of the crimes laid at the speed in delivering on the promdoor of Molotov et al when ise to end the hangovers of they were removed from power in June 1957 was that they

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

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for a Fair Employment Prac-

When Cuba's Minister of Labor, Fernandez, indicated that to be seen." unemployment remains one of

ple fighting for their freedom."



tices law in Cuba.

Cuba's major problems, with about 600,000, or one-tenth of

After three days on the scene, needs an FEPC. From what I "But the U.S. Government has have seen the better paying

#### Socialist Leaders

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

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

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

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

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(Continued from Page 1) new projects in the federal budget. amounts allocated by federal

and state governments to hospital construction are piddling. and few private hospitals are and few private hospitals are being built. The production of too many plans—and each can-er prices and a wage freeze. drug monopolists. As a modest cels the other out. Soviet rates of growth in the field of medical care.

starter, let's adopt the projected Babel "planning" — which reflects the anarchy of capitalist ahead industrially-and to proproduction—as reported by Ed-

Now, somebody is sure to ar- win L. Dale in the Jan. 29 New gue that Khrushchev's promises York Times.

are just campaign oratory, that "Some say far greater Federhe won't keep them, and that al spending is essential to speed it's no race because we'll win up the rate of growth. Others end the capitalist mode of prono matter how little we do. say the exact opposite: that the duction and replace it with Don't be so sure about that, best prescription for growth is public ownership of industry, The control figures dealing with lower spending and hence low-transportation and the banks. improved living standards were er taxes, which would supply put in the Soviet seven-year more investment capital. plan by the pressure of the "Some think the present sitworking people on the ruling uation calls for budget deficits; bureaucracy. Khrushchev made others believe large surpluses those promises to decrease the are the right medicine.

danger of workers' uprisings to "Some say high interest rates his regime. For the same reason and 'tight' money greatly deter he will have to deliver on a growth .... Others say high ingood part of the promises—the terest rates . . . help growth. pressure of the working class is "Some say a little inflation getting stronger not weaker in . Others say that [there can' the Soviet Union. If he doesn't, be] toleration of even a 'creepout he'll go, and the workers ing' inflation "Some say that growth can

will take over.

best be stimulated by tax relief In the U.S., the labor move-Others say the reverse . . ment hasn't been able to exact "Some say higher wages are even a promise from the powessential to spur the rate of ers-that-be about 30-for-40, growth. Others, with equal conminimum wages or medical viction, say that greater profits care. The union officials have are the key.' no "control figures," and the

workers lack an independent labor party to make any goals they set come true. In the field of civil rights, the NAACP's 'control figure"- "Free by Sixty-three" - faces dim prospects of realization at present, because the labor movement hasn't swung its weight behind the fight.

Where competition over respective rates of economic growth are concerned, I just don't think that the capitalist class can make the grade-except by using one device, which I will mention shortly. Why even in the field of water resources development, the capitalist class won't extend itself to meet the Soviet challenge The other day, Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) contrasted the Soviet plans in this field with the Eisenhower administration's determination to oppose any

In the end, the only sure-fire remedy the capitalist class

. It isn't that the big-business knows is to boost war spending policy makers have no plans to lunar heights and impose the for national economic growth. cost on the working people in Guns not butter; and tighten Just listen to this Tower of your belt-that's their plan. To keep the country moving

vide peace, abundance and freedom at the same time - the working people will have to do what the Soviet working class did in 1917. They will have to Then the country will be able to plan its economic growth. That's the true secret of the Soviet Union's swift economic development.

#### New York Debate

Murry Weiss, national committee member of the Socialist Workers Party, and David McReynolds, 1958 Congressional candidate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation, will debate socialist electoral policy Friday evening, Feb. 27 at the Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place, New York City.

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## O'Hara and the Page Boy

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

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

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

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

His mother helped make up the expense for the trip and went with him to

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Washington to take the job in accordance with O'Hara's invitation.

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

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

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

the House's page boys will be acceptable to the Southerners remains to be seen. Washington experts think that the bill will most likely encounter "massive resistance."

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

## Where to Get the Money

pockets."

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

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

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

lower-income brackets. But it cries: "Who tal history, Black Reconstruc- Negroes contributed \$785,000 has an alternative plan? Do the political tion, 1860-1880. mourners favor a steep rise in corporate taxes? What other sources of revenue do they urge? So far the answer is silence."

It is true that big business politicians, mands led the Union Army in Republican, Democrat, or Liberal, offer the Civil War and later the no different solution — even if they yell Freedman's Bureau (a federal about the tax gouge. At bottom they favor government agency, to establish them. circumstance. In Savannah, socking the worker.

have a solution. First, tax all the profits Beginning in 1868, they estab- old slave mart into a school. New Party Says from armaments production. Second, impose a 100% tax on all incomes over \$25,- South These governments in the slave stalls were knocked down It Opposes Franco 000. Third, nationalize the holdings of cluded a high proportion of To this and other places flockbillionaires like Rockefeller. This ought Negro legislators, who pushed ed the freed people of every former Falangists, the Union to be enough to balance the budget and vigorously for free public edu- age and shade, eager for that Espanola (Spanish Union), anbegin to provide some of the social sercation. vices we're entitled to.

#### THE MILITANT



DAVID AND GOLIATH, Laura Gray's commentary on the struggle for integration of the schools in the South, published in the Militant Oct. 11, 1954.

Negro History Week -How the Colored People Brought Schools to South

#### By Alex Harte

The Post "concedes," for argument's Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, the great churches and societies gave \$1.5 schools shut. sake, that the tax program will affect the Negro scholar, in his monumen- million from 1868 to 1870, and

The Negroes created their reveal the transformation in own community-supported schooling that the freedmen schools in many areas follow- wrought in the South. ing emancipation. Their de-NEW FUNCTION FOR SLAVE MART

ought to be trumpeted North, their advance." South, East and West during The former rulers incited Franco's Falange. Negro History Week (Feb. 8-14) mob actions against the Negro

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

> between 1866-70. These figures the Negro people in their fight

Their passion for learning knew no obstacle of place or The Southern reconstruction Georgia, the ex-slaves, for want But why stick with them? Socialists governments then took over. of other space, converted an lished the free, compulsory, "The bars which marked the South. These governments in- to make more space for seating.

book learning which really nounced its formation Feb. 1 That's the record. And it seemed to them the key to in defiance of the law banning

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for integration.

## The American Way of Life

#### San Francisco Incident

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

Liberties Union of Northern↔ California which published her waiting for him to come home etter of protest to Mayor George to celebrate his thirty-second birthday. Christopher in the January Napier's identification and ex-

ssue of its News. planation were readily accepted Around nine o'clock in the by the Shore Patrol when they evening of Dec. 20, Samuel B. showed up, but the police still Napier, brother of Gloria and refused to let the Negro sailor a member of the United States go unless he would agree to be Navy, was walking along Misfingerprinted. It was one a.m. sion street in civilian clothes. pefore he was finally released. His arm bore a small needle puncture, for he had just underinconvenience to an innocent gone a Navy physical examinaperson walking along the street tion, which included a blood is entirely uncalled for," Miss test, in preparation for his dis-Napier wrote. "If the police are charge three days later after 14 going to function in this man, ears of service. ner, it would appear unsafe for

The police came along at that any person to walk along the noment and ordered everyone street. I realize there are ceron the sidewalk to line up, face tain police procedures that are the building, put their feet carried out for the protection apart, keep their hands up and of the public, but in so doing heir heads down. An officer it seems to me the public is earched the group. entitled to a certain amount of respect.

HAUL THEM TO JAIL.

Then without the least ex- my brother through the 'third planation, the cops called the degree' so to speak, was a waste wagon and hauled their victims of the San Francisco taxpayers' money. The humiliation to my off to jail.

There they were questioned brother and the possibility of inder bright lights and some having a police record is imvere released. But Samuel B. measurable in terms of the Napier was not turned loose. harm done to him. "All of this could have been He had a needle mark on his arm. And he was a Negro. avoided with a single telephone The police forced him to strip call to Naval Authorities to naked so that they could study verify his statement, or if the

his skin for other needle marks. officers had been intelligent They grilled him, trying to enough to read his identification make him "confess" his "guilt" card. as a narcotics addict. "How would you like to have

They paid no attention to his this happen to a member of protests. They did not even your family? It is unlikely that bother to look over his identifi- it could happen to you, but I cation papers. They told him to certainly would not like to have But their sabotage of learn- give them his fingerprints and it happen to me.

"As mayor of this city you ing will be defeated. They can't when he refused, as was his block progress forever. And legal right, they talked about should be aware of this beprogress in education in the giving him a working over with havior on the part of police officers, which is the real purpose South lies with the victory of a hose. Naturally they refused to let of this letter. I hope you will him call his family, who were do something about it."



Soviet Union which leads the

world in employment of wom-

en engineers. Of the country's total force, 233,000 or about A new party of liberals and 29%, are women.

**Swiss Women Still Denied Vote** all parties (in Spain) except

dum.

make any difference?"

In ICBM Race

**Noted in France** The Wall Street Journal, which is sensitive to such things, reported Feb. 2 that signs of "growing labor unrest emerged in France over the weekend." The unrest is due to the slash in the standard of

Switzerland has the reputa- living recently ordered by De tion of being one of the most Gaulle. Among the signs: "The heavy machinery maker, democratic countries in the world, but it remains the only Fives-Lille-Vail, fired 867 workers Friday and cut the work nation in Europe that still deweek for the rest of its force." nies women their right to vote. When news spread, 4,000 work-In a nationwide referendum ers occupied the plants at Fives, on the issue Feb. 1 male voters a Lille suburb, and held the turned down the advocates of plant management and 1,600 suffrage for women 654,924 to white-collar employes in cus-323,307. But the women did tody. When a company of tough succeed in winning in three security guards broke up the cantons for the first time. strike, 3,000 workers in another Since 1919 there had been 25 Fives-Lille-Vail plant at neighnegative votes on women's sufboring Denain struck in protest. frage in various cantons. This Government labor inspectors

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"This kind of humiliation and

"This time wasted on putting



### Why Not Here?

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

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

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

Congressmen, quite comfortable on tion period, and crippled and \$22,500 a year, explain they don't want to stunted it when they regained "encourage idleness" by extending com- power after 1876. The pall of pensation to cover the full period of un- public-school system helped deemployment.

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

### "The Slump Was a Godsend"

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We're charging three to five per cent whites prior to the Civil War more for major appliances, but our costs is revealed in the following have gone up only two to three per cent," figures. Among poor whites in said a buyer for a big Chicago discount children attended school in house. A competitor added, "We're charg- 1851 and they had only 11 ing about \$10 more — and getting it for some new television sets that are cost- year. In Georgia, in 1865, the ing us only three to five dollars more at whole state fund for schools wholesale."

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

He fired 26 of his 191 employees during the slump and hasn't rehired a single educational system, properly tially succeeded. To this day speaking, in the Southern as a result, Southern school one despite the fact that his sales for the states, except perhaps, in North are far inferior to those in the last half of 1958 topped the same period Carolina. . . . Emerging from North. the year before by 15 per cent.

It's a time-tested formula. Use a the utmost eagerness for inup the remaining workers; take over your met by a corresponding readiary" consequences of wage increases.

this year, as Negro communities schools. down heroic battle for school intehave any schools.' the South.

The other half of the record constitutional conventions to create full-fledged modern public-school systems. (These are fought it during the reconstructions that racist historians say brought ruin to the South.) bilitate education for the white working people as well as for

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

ard P. Hallowell: "The whites had always regarded the public The state of education among school system of the North with contempt. The freedman introduced and established it, and Virginia, less than half of the it stands today a living testinony.

pulsory.

#### NEGROES BETRAYED

weeks schooling during the Then came the betrayal in 876 of the freedman by Northwas \$23,335. A number of states ern Big Business to the former' carried free public-school legisslave - owners. Reconstruction came to an end, as federal Here is how a report publish-South. The Democrats took ed shortly after the Civil War over again. Their governments tried to reverse the process of

to the abolition of slavery, ing ante-bellum and they par there was no general public tially succeeded. To this day,

their bondage, the Negroes in Today, the racists threaten to

destroy the public-school systhe very beginning manifested

tem altogether rather than perslump to cut down the payroll and speed struction, and their hunger was mit integration. That is in line dice and obstacles in their way with their conduct over the in the engineering profession, competitors' markets; boost prices; and ness on the part of the people last 175 years. They have al- the field is beginning to open of the North to make provisions ready a bolished compulsory up for them, a survey conductthen holler like hell about the "inflation- or it." (Quoted by Du Bois.) school attendance in Virginia ed by the United Nations re-The first mass educational in order to incite further re- veals.

"Nigger teacher" beat a dinner held publicly in South continue their came the most opprobrious epi- the heart of Madrid. It was thet in their vocabulary. They attended by nearly 100 bankvowed that the Negro "shall ers, lawyers, university profesnot own an acre of land or sors, members of the officer caste and others. The party in-Despite white opposition, the cludes Roman Catholic monar-

Negro schools grew, and their chists such as Jose Maria Gil success paved the way for re- Robles. construction legislatures and

Socialists, Anarchists, Social Democrats and Left-Wing Christian Democrats did not particithe legislatures and conven- pate.

The success of the Cuban revolution has alarmed ruling F. J. Moses, governor of circles in Spain, particularly in South Carolina, commented that view of the growing popular whereas once "it was a statu- restiveness noted in recent tory offense . . . to impart even months. The new party may be the rudiments of a common insurance aimed at keeping the school education to a South explosive sentiments from find-Carolinian, because, forsooth, ing revolutionary socialist exhe was black, . . . the recon- pression. structed government has made

#### it a statutory offense to hinder or prevent any schild in the Calls Haitian State, of whatever color, from **Dictator's Hand** obtaining a common school edu-

cation. Nay, we have even gone Former President Daniel Figfurther, and demanded, by our nole of Haiti said Feb. 1 that Constitution, that their attenhe had twice asked President deserved, militant tactics that dance at school shall be com-Francois Duvalier for permis- finally brought victory in the sion to return to Haiti from struggle for electoral equality. Du Bois quotes Colonel Richexile in New York after the

dictator - impressed by what Soviet Union Ahead nappened to Batista - promsed to end his dictatorial pracices and restore democracy.

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

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

The State Department recenty admitted that it had sent a Marine Corps mission to help dictator Duyalier rebuild his

#### Women Engineers **Find Best Chances** In Soviet Union

Although women find preju-

was the first national referen- Saturday cooled workers off by getting the company to agree to two months' severance pay, Reactionary arguments heard efforts to find new places for n America before women won the fired men, and to let the the vote at the end of World workers remain in company-War I were used in the Swiss owned apartments for as long

referendum, particularly in as two years.' Roman Catholic areas. A typi-"What's most significant about cal anti-feminist poster read: this particular flareup," con-"If a woman is happy, what tinues the Journal, "is that does politics mean to her? If members of non-Communist she is unhappy, will politics unions acted in solidarity with

the Communists. Some labor In the USA and Britain, such specialists report that the nongems aroused the answer they Communist union leadership is rapidly losing its hold over members. 'In many plants,' says a labor expert, 'there's a swift

underground movement toward unity with the Communists'."

**De Gaulle Readies** 

Government space experts **Nuclear Bomb** have told Congress that the Informed Paris sources report Soviet Union is ahead of the that the De Gaulle government United States by 12 to 20

may be able to deliver by next months in rocket and space technology. They believe that year on its announced intention of exploding a test nuclear the Soviet armed forces could bomb. now pinpoint an American city

France should have sufficient with a ballistic missile fired plutonium for this by summer. more than 5,000 miles away. All present defenses against such a missile have been outmoded, for it would arrive on target with its atomic head within 15 minutes from firing

It would require about five ears to catch up with Soviet developments in this field and then only if present plans and schedules were radically revised and the Soviet Union did

not step up its side of the race. Rocket expert Dr. von Braun told Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) next decade."

time.

The technical problems of readying it for explosion should be solved by the following year. Why De Gaulle wants to join those polluting the earth's atmosphere with radioactive fallout was not revealed. U.S. planes are at present "protecting" France as well as other

NATO nations by flying live nuclear weapons within striking distance of the Soviet Union.

GROWTH OF MONOPOLY

In 1947, the 30 leading manufacturing corporations in the that the U.S. position would be U.S. collected 17.5% of all manmilitarily "hopeless" within "the ufacturing profits before taxes. In 1957 they took 31.1%.

education to conditions prevail- army.

## Letters from Our Readers

#### Labor Is Real

#### Target, Not Hoffa Editor:

Washington today is a nest of political police and paid stool pigeons helping us along the road to a police state in America. The press and politicians at-

tack labor, making Jimmy Hoffa A Little Chinese the scapegoat. Yet he stands unconvicted in any court of Helps Socialist Talk law. Editor:

Can't the public see that all this is aimed at organized labor and that until there is a labor party, with its own daily press, that the predatory interests can get away with murder? without half trying.

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

after reading it. Paul Dennis Texas

#### **Place for Salvation** Is Here on Earth

Editor: Pope John XXIII is pleading Communism. That's a lot of and could reconquer it only for the unity of Christians in lies. They just want to protect their power.' the world.

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

and illiterate Christian coun-| town is a jungle of FBI investitries, the secularists make a gators and informers, that mail better appeal than the Pope. is opened before it is delivered. Ever more humans want a that homes are searched and better life on this earth and that he has to be careful. less of the promise of something | But he 'invited the socialists to pay him a visit and he gave better after death.

Cleveland

me his name and address. Joseph Manlet Talking Socialist New York

#### **One of Brecht's** Last Poems

I like to talk socialism at Editor: every opportunity. Sometimes it When the noted communist happens naturally and some- poet Berthold Brecht died in times you can bring up the sub- East Berlin, it was evident that ject from any starting point he had turned increasingly away from the Stalinist bureau-The other day I tried out my crats. For he left instructions

that he did not want them to Chinese on a Chinese worker. He politely asked me if I spoke take over the funeral services. the language and I admitted Now we have additional evidence of Brecht's disgust with the Ulbricht regime - a poem, rather a kind of rhythmic he prose, which he wrote after the I asked him what his kind East German revolt of 1953.

was and he said scoffingly that Here is a translation: The Solution After the 17th of June revolt

the Secretary of the Writers Those were not my sentiments, I told him. Whereupon Association he opened up on American big had leaflets distributed on Stalin business and their real reasons Alley

which said the people had forfor supporting Chiang. "They feited the government's trust children from the same family. don't want to save people from through doubling their amount

of work. Would it not be easier if the government dissolved the people and elected another one?

**Trent Hutter** New York City

## **Book-A-Month Choice**

"Not my kind of songs,

all Americans like Chiang Kai-

responded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1959

**Bad News for Jobless in Pittsburgh** 

## Buddy, Can You Spare a Quarter? Top Steel Output Will Leave 30,000 Idle

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

employment even if production measures up to company predictions. Fifty thousand workers -

over 11 per cent of the available labor force in this area are now jobless. Steel production is at slightly more than 71 per cent of capacity as compared with 76 per cent nationally. Company officials anticipate

CHICAGO Two Negro children, eight that production will rise to 90 and ten years old, jailed by No. per cent of capacity during the Carolina authorities for being months of April, May and June. kissed by a white playmate. But researchers for the United Hear Robert F. Williams, presi-Steel Workers of America esti- dent of the Committee to Commate that no more than 30,000 bat Racial Injustice and presiof the 50,000 now idle will be dent of the Monroe, N.C., alled back to work. Speedup and improved tech-NAACP, on this shocking case. Wed., Feb. 18, 8 p.m. Room 420, called back to work.

nology now make it possible to Roosevelt University, 430 So. turn out 11 million tons of steel Michigan.

a month while operating at 90 Sergi Eisenstein's "Ten Days per cent of capacity. In 1957 the That Shook the World." Also mills were running at 96 per Don Bas coal miners in "Ruscent of capacity to reach that sian Ballet and Folk Dances." figure. During that period about Social affair following. 8:30 p.m., 530,000 men were working. If Sat., Feb. 14. Donation 90c. production hits capacity this Militant Labor Forum, 777 W. spring the figure is expected to Adams. be around 500,000.

Even this figure may be too optimistic. Many of those now

in the plants are on a short "with mixed surprise work week. "You can bring these men up lot more production without

pects is the fact that most of Party.

produce than stainless steel.

Centennial Tribute." Robert Verney on the latest developments in the No. Carolina children's case. Fri., Feb. 13; 8 p.m, Militant Labor Forum, 116 University, Pl. (near Union Square). Contribution 50 cents. As a result of the recession

Laura Gray Fund

Some of the parents are threatening to keep their children home if the Mayor's plan is carried out. Teachers

vandal-proof it wouldn't have

Next day 300 mothers were

told that the Board intends to

put 400 displaced students in

Waller High, and the remainder

in five different grade schools

Seek Wage Hike in N.Y.

New York's 800 evening high school teachers voted last week

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



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

## No Jobs

(Continued from Page 1) president of one industrial exhausted all unemployment concern. A Birmingham manufacturer

benefits. In New York, the week of found Jan. 9 saw record compensation and delight" that "we could get claims of over half a million. as much production in 32 hours to 40 hours a week and get a Another 85,000 were stricken as we had in 40 previously." from the rolls, having used up Across the river in New Jersey, jobless figures for last December climbed to 188,000, the itself on not having compulsory highest December figure since the big 1945 plant shutdowns. And in Bridgeport, Conn., nine per cent of the work force is

on the streets. state employment offices are in

than evening high school teach-ers earned 27 years ago in 1932. But there's no need to get agement either. The head of a glum about the situation. The major Western appliance out-than evening high school teach-glum about the situation. The major Western appliance out-than evening high school teach-ers earned 27 years ago in 1932. State of the situation of

"Permanent cuts in work adding a single man," one both state and federal benefits. force took various forms," the union spokesman said last magazine found. "A Pittsburgh week. metal company - which prides Rounding out the dim pros-

retirement-got plant managers the anticipated new orders will and union officials to pressure be for plain auto sheet steel over-65s into 'voluntary' retire- which takes less man hours to

ment. With a line of applicants out- A significant side effect of the union negotiations too. A Hart- James A. Harvey, assistant to ployment figures are double ford plant manager reports: USW secretary-treasurer I. W. ing another increase to bring ployment ingues are doubted for plant manager reports. Obv. Secretary determined that the 1958 their wages up to \$26.94 per third of those registered at get the union to accept an in- increase in union membership centive pay plan, and failed. was the smallest in six years.

the 25- to 34-year age bracket. But it's in the contract this vear."

last year the union chartered However, the situation isn't only 125 new locals and orall beer and skittles for man- ganized 12,517 new members.

speak on his campaign. Fri., Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m. 1702 E. 4th

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Negro History Week Meeting – Arthur Loebman on "John Brown at Harper's Ferry - A

LOS ANGELES **Celebrate Negro History Week** with us! Walter Farrar, veteran trade unionist, will speak on "A 2.

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**Of Events** 

Socialist Looks at Negro Integration." Also Peter Buch, can-

didate for Los Angeles Board of Education, Office No. 3, will

## Notes in the News

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

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

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

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

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

SUBWAY OF THE FUTURE - New York's 725 miles of subways may be crewless in the not distant future. The Transit Authority is exploring automation to eliminate 90% of its motormen and 75% of its conductors and platform men. The subways may also be passengerless. Because of a decline in income due to a decline in passengers due to boosting the fare from a nickel to a dime and then 15 cents, city officials are now exploring raising fares to 20 cents and possibly 25 cents. \* \* \*

**CONVENIENCE FOR RICH** — Although

American Motors, which makes the Rambler, chalked up a profit of \$26,000,000 for 1958, the automobile company need pay no income taxes on this amount. The law provides that in filling out income-tax forms, deficits of previous years can be offset against current of Education of a wage increase profits. \* \* \*

CIVIL LIBERTIES AWARD - The 1959 Florina Lasker Civil Liberties Award will go to five Negro high school students from Little Rock. Of the nine Negro students who first entered Central High School, one graduated and three accepted scholarships in other states. The other five remained so as to return to school when it reopens. The five are Elizabeth Eckford, Thelma Mothershed, Melba Pattillo. Carlotta Walls and Jefferson Thomas.

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

Leslie A. White's book "The Science of Culture." By "suitable quotations the reviewer sought to show that the book was of better scientific value because of the impact of Marx's views on White's thinking.

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

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

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

Despite this astounding fact, Jan. 31 Business Week has a fit explained: "Riding herd all and 23,791 new workers brought John. J. Theobald, school super- cheering report on the hand- the time to get efficiency takes into the union. ers could not expect a raise last year's recessions. until the new fiscal year begins better.'

But the teachers apparently aren't interested in any more excuses. On Friday night, Jan. 30, 800 of them voted (with only six dissenting) to turn down the proposal of the Board to \$18 per night beginning in September. Their motion declared: "The evening high school teachers reject the offer of the Board of Education as testing against the slum condi- Edith Evans Asbury found that to 1937."

term begins)." Emil H. Tron, president of tenement at 422 W. 53rd St. the Association announced: "We

if necessary — this is not a something is done immediately," of the party." one-night stand." He explained he told them. 'placard-bearers'' outside each been here — from the Fire Deof the high schools to explain partment, the Health Depart- tour with Father Coll: "He

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Most of the teachers work and still these people are freez-

intendent, said that the teach- some benefits resulting from a lot out of the top man." "The recession gave us the MOONLIGHTING

February. I don't make it. The would have been hard to get were moonlighting. What's the question of the 30-hour program will include works by sooner they find that out, the rid of in more prosperous moonlighting? It's holding down week at 40 hours pay on the Mozart, Bach, Vivaldi and Detimes," explained the vice two jobs at the same time. negotiating agenda.



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

totally inadequate. We hereby tions under which 16 families "In the rear of the first floor Haddad reported that "An resign our positions in the were living, the Rev. George of the building windows were earlier inspection of the build- work that has won acclaim in evening high schools effective Coll recently invited reporters broken, 'a loosened metal ceil- ing had so stunned Assistant Feb. 2, 1959 (the day the spring and photographers to join him ing hung down and had to be Fire Chief Richard Denahan . .

in a survey of a five-story dodged. Broken and rotting that he recommended it to be floor boards, weakened by vacated immediately. Denahan "I believe the building will water dripping from broken had said, "There's nothing holdmust plan to stay out all term collapse within a week, unless pipes, sagged under the weight ing this building up.' He had

pointed to rotting main beams, warped supports and floors that slanted like ski slopes.'

She went on to describe the ONE HOUR'S NOTICE

ment, the Buildings Department, conducted the party up a stair-Two days after the reporters case from which the banister had visited the building and full time in day school which ing. They have no water in the was missing, past walls from publicized their findings, the PURITY REGAINED - The Dec. 27 is not affected by their decision. toilets, the pipes are leaking, which so much plaster had Fire Dept. ordered the building Weekly People carried an interesting review, However, their resignation will the plaster is falling. The ten- fallen that the bare bricks were vacated immediately as a "hazapparently written by editor Eric Hass, of effect 30,000 night students. lants don't know what to do. I visible in places. A hall toilet ard to life." The 16 families -

used by several families was 59 adults and children - were without water. Its window was forced to leave within an hour. missing, and the window frame This surprise order caught was dislodged." the families unprepared. For In a second-floor 'apartment years they had complained of she saw "broken walls and the bad conditions but no one windows patched with card- had listened to them.

board, a ceiling pipe leaking One of the hardest hit was into a small tub in the kitchen, the Morales family. "We don't a missing water faucet and its know where we are going to crude pipe substitute." go," Morales told a reporter. The tenant said that "the After fruitless searching, the wall had been broken through two adults and seven children by firemen when the apartment ended up a week later living under it burned six months with relatives in a two-room ago. Repeated requests to the apartment already occupied by superintendent that it be re- a family of five. The landlord it was noted,

New York Post reporter Wil- had been fined only twice last liam Haddad said that "Five year — \$25 each time. Despite Buildings Dept. inspectors in the numerous violations he had seven separate inspections . been granted a rent increase consistently failed to report the almost doubling his take from obvious imminent hazards . . the tenants.

Last inspection of the . . . slum | The empty building, it was came on Dec. 1 when two vio- also noted, is more valuable lations were found, making a than before. With a new set of total of 27 minor violations for tenants, rents are no longer subject to control.

NEW YORK - A distinguish-

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

> bussy. The concert will be held at 3:30 P.M. at 46 West 21st

Street in Manhattan. Laura Gray, who died Jan. 11, 1958, was staff cartoonist for the Militant for almost 14 years. The memorial committee is raising funds for publication of a book of her cartoons; a project that will provide a 'Added to these were other vivid pictorial commentary on the major events of the 14-year

period of her work and a permanent selection of a body of art every major country of the world.

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

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#### Dobbs vs. Browder

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

Made in Mexico

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

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