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# John L. Lewis Urges Defeat of Anti-Labor Bills Negroes Press for Action In Mississippi Lynching

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, called for defeat last week of anti-labor bills introduced in Congress under guise of "reform" legislation Jockey at Geneva Meet

union democracy. The idea of government reform of the unions, Lewis said, comes from "people with axes to grind, people with motives, sinister or otherwise" who "represent support by the rich, the wealthy and the powerful against the poor.'

The 79-year-old Mine Workers leader spoke May 13 before an overflow audience at the House labor subcommittee. He timed his blistering attack at the labor "reform" bills to counter an administration drive to get the House of Representatives to add new union-crippling clauses to the Kennedy-Ervin bill which was greased through the Senate last month by the Democratic and Republican anti-labor coali

Referring to the policy of AFL-CIO officials, who supported the original Kennedy-Ervin ion, after making a close study bill as a "compromise" measure, of the final Senate version of the Lewis described this as "trying Kennedy-Ervin bill has written to compromise with the head- Teamsters locals throughout the man's axe."

He credited this phrase to National Maritime Union President convert the American labor and Bonn hope capitalism would Joseph Curran and added, "I movement into one large comwish to associate myself with pany-dominated union that will and all Germany integrated into that statement. . . . It is terse, it make it an adjunct of the govis expressive, it is brutal and ernment to be run by an allpowerful labor czar." it's to the point.'

The International Teamster The Kennedy-Ervin bill in its original form opened the door magazine draws sharp attention it contains clauses such as creafor government control of the to the "hot cargo" clause of the tion of a mixed commission of unions. Before the Senate got bill which invalidates union con- 25 members from West Germany through with it, however, the tract provisions that permit and ten from East Germany to bill had been beefed up by labor- truck drivers to refuse to cross baiter Sen. McClellan with even more onerous measures to stifle the independence of the unions. The "'hot cargo' ban would make every teamster an invol-

"The McClellan committee," untary strike-breaker," declares Lewis charged, "is a re-estab- the May issue. "The fact is, the **Passes Law to** lishment of the principle of the 'hot cargo' amendment represtar chamber of the Tudor and sents the attainment of the ma-Stuart kings, with a slight touch jor goal of the worst anti-labor Divide Estates elements in the country. It unof the Spanish Inquisition."

The legislation promoted by masks the true motives of most this committee would fasten "a of the sponsors of the bill — t



JOHN L. LEWIS

Meanwhile the Teamsters Un Western powers recognize only while the USSR recognizes both regimes.) It calls for reunificacountry sounding the alarm: If tion of Germany through "free be restored in East Germany -

> the NATO alliance. Thus the Western "package" remains geared to U.S. big business' long-term objectives. But

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A revolutionary agrarian re-

Mother's Day on Picketline For Diplomatic Position COLUMN 1 Mount Sinci WORKERS CAN'T LIVE ON 32 WEEK

PLEASE HELP US W

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NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, MAY 25, 1959

Taking a moment out from picket duty at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Mrs. Irma Colon pins a corsage on her mother, Mrs. Mercedes Gardner, as they celebrated Mother's Day by fighting for a wage sufficient to support a family. With pay checks of \$32 a week for kitchen, laundry and housekeeping workers, many have to get supplementary relief from the city. The struck hospitals claim they can't pay a living wage because they are "non-profit." But hospital directors draw up to \$30,000 a year."

# **Hospital Strikers Veto** disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union and a West Furgean settlement. The Bri-

NEW YORK, May 21-Striking employes of six pri- nothing but reporters in the ment and confronts stiff German vate hospitals last night rejected, by a near-unanimous lynch town, watching the 40 vote, Democratic Mayor Wagner's proposal that they

contest against the Labor Party proposition was voted down ped up support to the strike That such a reversal of the protection continues. For ex-in which the anti-war sentiment 1,784 to 14. Announcement of which has the backing of the British working people it. AFT CTO is for the first of the strike the first sector of "inability"

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## By George Lavan

Determined that the lynching of Mack C. Parker in Poplarville, Mississippi, remain the number one issue before the country, the Negro people are demanding action. Expressive of this mass mood

was the call by Martin Luther **Defense Squadrons** King and 80 Southern Negro leaders for President Eisenhow-**Urged in London** er to go personally to Mississippi to spur the hunt for the The Socialist Labour Lealynchers. Rejection of this regue, a newly formed Marxist quest, the message informed group within the British Lathe White House, might bring

bour Party, has called for the an appeal to the United Nations formation of Negro-white deto do something about lynchings fense groups to put an end to in the U.S. anti-Negro attacks in the Rev. King's call was issued Notting Hill and North Kenweek.

their car, have pleaded not guilty. Their trial scheduled for May 27 has just been put off until June 10.

From Mississippi rumor that the FBI is about to make some arrests. The FBI has said FBI agents' activities, deduce

that they are about to arrest Meanwhile, other unions step- possibly seven local men.

at the conference of the Southsington sections of London. ern Christian Leadership Con-The League charged that ference in Tallahassee, Florida. fascist elements were behind The conference also congratuthe attacks that ended in lated students of the Negro unikilling of a Negro there last versity there for their militancy in striking and demonstrating Peter Fryer, editor of the to force the indictment of four SLL paper, the Newsletter, white men who raped a Negro told the press that failure of co-ed. All four of the rapists, the police to act made such who were arrested with the defensive action necessary. bound and gagged Negro girl in

The May 19 Daily Telegraph editorially castigated the League's plan as "disastrous" but conceded that "There is something in the complaint that the police were slow to take notice of warnings of trouble brewing.'



Divisions among the Western fusal to recognize the East Gerpowers at the conference reflect man regime (the U.S. and other the contradiction in U.S. big the West German government business policy. The French and West German governments favor no further concessions as long as the Soviet government "this bill is passed . . . if will elections" in which Washington refuses to accept the principles of the Western plan. They would especially bar recognition of the East German government. (France and West Germany are linked economically by the

Common Market plan, and big business is firmly in the saddle politically in both countries for the time being.)

The British government favors

tish capitalist class is excluded from the Common Market agreeousiness competition. Furthernore, the Tory government will return to work without union+

oon be facing a close election

of the British working people the result of the secret ballot was greeted with a roar of ap-will come fully into play. the Cu- will come fully into play. made yesterday by residents of South may occur, is further ina Negro physician takin Washington mediates between proval. ban government May 17 strip-Electchester, a housing develop- dicated by the sharp change in NAACP Executive Secretary the Franco-German and British The strike, now in its four ment of Local 3, International the attitude of Mississippi of- Roy Wilkins to task for sus-He called Rep. Graham A. "the AFL-CIO top leadership" mills in Cuba of their cane plan- positions. It appears that the teenth day, includes all' groups Brotherhood of Electrical Work- ficials. Originally Mississippi pending Williams. A lengthy Barden's bill "eighty-eight pages which "chose to sell the Ameri- tations. The announcement has Eisenhower administration now of employes except doctors and ers. Other unions are contribut- Governor Coleman thanked editorial concludes: "This is not of misery; weird mutterings and can labor movement down the been met by consternation favors a "summit," heads-of- nurses in the six hospitals. The ing food and cash and their Eisenhower for the "coopera- violence. This is self-preservaamong American capitalists with state meeting, such as Premier settlement plan, put forward members are joining the picket- tion" of the FBI agents with tion." In a column in the same large investments in Cuba. Khrushchev has proposed dur- by the hospitals and pushed by the State Police and District paper. Jimmy Booker predicts lines. The new law prohibits the op- ing the past year and a half. the "pro-labor" mayor, would Yesterday at scab at Mount Attorney W. E. Stewart opened that the NAACP National Board eration of a cane plantation un- Washington hopes that it would have raised the present outwill not uphold the suspension Sinai Hospital claimed he had his office to them. ess every stockholder is a Cu-|ease the Tories' position in Eng- rageous minimum wage of \$32 been beaten up and two strikers SOUTHERN JUSTICE of Williams because "many ban citizen. It also provides that lend and also help the Republi- up to \$40 and permitted union board members inwardly bewere arrested on charges of only citizens can purchase land cans in the 1960 elections. Thus representation to workers only felonious assault. They were Now he calls them "the enlieve some sort of violence is and forbids foreigners from in- Eisenhower declared at his May in the final stage of grievance held in \$10,000 and \$5,000 bail. emy" and boasts that no one necessary to defend oneself in 5 press conference that the for- arbitration. At Beth Israel Hospital a scab in town will help them. In 'an the South." The U.S.-owned sugar mills eign ministers' conference had With announcement of the told cops she had been struck interview with the Scrippswere given 90 days to comply only to hold out a ray of hope workers' vote, spokesmen for by a picket and the woman Howard newspapers (May 20), Afro-American shows a huswith the law. After that their for a summit parley to take the struck hospitals declared who allegedly hit her was ar- Stewart averred that his case band and wife in conversation: antations will be expropriated place. To that end some mini- the situation would now "get rested on a simple assault against the lynched man was so Mary - "That 'meet violence if they have not met its pro- mum agreement may emerge nasty" and indicated they would charge. Ten other strikers had "air-tight" that he would have with violence' remark of a Building Fund over the top, I thought that Johnny Tabor of the New York Local had made a unique contribution with his a uniq above this amount will be ex- eign ministers' conference or at Union officials replied that mands by police to cut down that's what we would have have too many enemies to be proposal for a BOOK FAIR. and I like the beautiful way she propriated and divided among a summit gathering if it is held. the strike may spread to other the size of the picketline. done right here in Poplarville. wasting time fighting each you've accumulated so that puts it — "We will definitely the landless. Thus the law is In Europe, the first steps to last-voluntary hospitals where a The strikers are presenting a Then we would have sent his other." you've accumulated so that you've accumulated so that judge and we will dealline of aimed at both the imperialist in-students of socialism get an op-portunity to pick up some rare presenting a Then we would have sent his other." nent plus diplomatic recognition Retail Drug Employes, AFL- have also proposed that addi- could. This is your fault." Negro people by Williams is Compensation for the expro- of East Germany so as to leave CIO. Strike votes have already tional pay and other improve- The great debate over suspen- shown by the letters in the priations will be based on valua- the question of how Germany is been taken at Flower and ments offered them since the sion of North Carolina NAACP Negro papers and the phone e more unique than that: But the financiers out in the genial host to a graduating tions which the press claims is to be reunited up the the Ger- Fifth Avenue Hospital and strike be included in the settle- leader Robert F. Williams for calls to radio stations serving advocating that Negroes arm the Negro communities. mans themselves. Polyclinic Hospital. ment.

cast-iron chastity belt around cripple the labor movement." the waists of 16,000,000 men." In an editorial, Hoffa scores ping United States-owned sugar

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Socialists Step Up Pace In \$16,000 Fund Drive

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

As I mentioned in last week's column when I reported some of the ideas that seasoned socialist financiers were coming up with to put the \$16,000 Socialist Workers Party proposal for a BOOK FAIR. what short of the mark;" butitems, and then the proceeds or rather, I should say, one way class.

help build socialism. What could and another. be more unique than that?

old Northwest, namely, the group of Marxist students last far below the real value. Twin Cities, came up with an Saturday. It's for sure that idea just as unique-if not iden- somebody had a good time betically unique. This is a RE- sides me listening to those in-DISTRIBUTION THROUGH spiring talks about the power of SALE of books contributed socialist ideas and how certain from socialist libraries, pro- it is that socialism will finally ceeds to help build socialism, win out. When Hedda M., in How's that for proving how a charge of the social, counted up the net proceeds, they amounted

certain kind of mind runs?



of \$198.85 toward the goal. paying go to?" Boston made news this week with \$55, the largest single conribution in their campaign.

Sally Conti reports that the comrades are "digging in deeper and will keep plugging." That means a lot because these seasoned veterans appreciate how much the success of so-

cialism can depend at times on what is sacrificed in the way of noney.

I don't know if the New Eng- socialism? A brief look at the land inspiration reaches down socialized medical plan estabas far as **Connecticut**, but that lished in Great Britain in 1948 the scoreboard was the Nutmeg Under the British National State pushing into first place Health Service, hospitals, docwith 109%. The representative tors, and a variety of services of the aromatic area told me are available to everyone withpersonally: "We're not going to out charge and the cost of the stop at that!" He believes that plan is a fraction of the annual those who made up the \$217 American medical bill.

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A cartoon in the May 23



By Alex Harte

"I get paid \$32 a week," the plans. But these plans are ex- Lack of cash means lack of not required for patients need- prescribe . . . If a serious ill- the preceding 12 months." nurse's aide told the patient. pensive and barely scratch the care for many people. Thirteen ing privacy on medical grounds, ness develops or diagnosis is While I'm on these two lo-While I'm on these two lo-\$76.85 contributed earlier in the tient exploded. "Then where vey published by a group of ered by insurance went into tients desiring it . . . In such sultant and secure hospital examinations. Glasses are furweek, gave New York a boost the devil does all the money I'm drug firms in 1955 showed that hospitals during the year. But cases the hospital makes a treatment without reference to nished at running from approx-

This conversation, which took place in New York's Beth Israel Hospital just before the strike there, epitomizes America's medical care problem. We comes under \$3,000 a year from need more operations than unpay staggering medical and participating in any plan. hospital fees and the bulk of

#### the hospital workers are among AVERAGE IS \$207 the worst paid in the country.

Can anything be done to im-Only 15% of all medical vice operates, as described in a prove the situation this side of by the various insurance plans. pamphlet: The average family had a medical bill of \$207 for the year. services provide all forms of big commotion at the top of shows that a lot can be done. Half the families in the U.S. medical care and treatment, for spent 4% of their incomes on both in-patients and out-patiillness. A million families lost ents, in every kind of hospital half a year's pay on such bills |... All these services are availand a half million had expenses able to every member of the that equalled or exceeded their public without any insurance ncome. At the end of the year qualification whatsoever . . .

7½ million families had medic-

the spread of health insurance most \$200.

57% of American families had only ten of every 100 uninsured charge representing the addi- any outside authority ... some kind of hospital insurance did. Seven of every 100 insured tional cost over the cost of

ments to cover surgical and against four of every 100 un- but the patient pays nothing doctor's fees. Stiff premiums insured. Since no reason exists toward the cost of treatment nor barred 59% of those with in- to believe that insured people

> insured, the conclusion is obvious.

"The hospital and specialist

available to everyone. Patients mality . . .

Other services described in imately \$3.50 to \$6. There is no charge for children's glasses.

Each drug prescribed costs 14 cents. As with other charges under the health plan, hardship

forms of treatment necessary ment.

vate rooms or wings, which, if drugs or treatments he may who have had a child during

for the restoration of dental fit-Each employed man contribear clinics have been establish- ness . . . Patients are not reutes about 30 cents a week and ed and hearing aids . . . are quired to register with dentists, each employed woman about 22 is how the National Health Ser- supplied to patients referred and the ordinary practice of cents to the National Insurance from the clinics . . . These aids visiting by appointment is fund for this care. The entire charges incurred were covered British Information Service are serviced and maintained maintained . . . In May 1951 cost of the program will run charges were introduced for to less than 13/4 billion for the dentures whereby the patient current fiscal year. With a "... the professional atten- has to pay an amount corres- population of 50 million that

tion of a family doctor is made ponding to about half the cost comes to about \$35 a person. . . In June 1952 a charge of In this country, the total 1953 may choose the doctor they wish f1 (\$2.80) was introduced. No medical bill was \$10 billion, an . They may also change their charge is made for the clinical average of \$65 per person. The doctor with a minimum of for- examination of a patient's increase in fees since then mouth at six-monthly intervals. means that the cost today is at

"The doctor . . . is free to Charges for dental treatment least double the \$35 figure for "The majority of patients are treat his patients exactly as he |... are not made for anyone Great Britain. Clearly, socialized The situation in this country al debts averaging \$125 each accommodated in general wards, treated them in the past. There under 21 years of age, or to ex- medicine is a sound proposition.

and that 48% made added pay- persons underwent operations as maintenance in a general ward, DENTISTRY. TOO "Through the Dental Service towards the normal cost of patients are provided with all cases may apply for reimburse-

maintenance . . . "A number of new diagnostic

Contrast this to Britain, Here

without charge.

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Among fink agencies, "hooking" is a technical term meaning transforming an honest worker into a spy.

How is it done? The FBI technique is money, threats, blackmail. This can be seen in some instructive cases in which the technique failed:

In April, 1954, John Lupa, a member of UAW-CIO Local 1200 was fired from his job at the Detroit Arsenal on "security" grounds. He was told to see a Mr. Clifford at the Detroit FBI office.

The FBI agent, according to Lupa's affidavit, threatened: "If you don't help us, you will have trouble getting a job in the future, and your children, when they grow up, also will have trouble finding jobs."

Lupa was further told in the presence of his wife: "What we would like for John to do is go into the shop and get some information on subversives. I can get him into either Packard's or Ford's immediately. He could help us get some information . . . As it is, John is in quite a jam and it will be quite difficult for him to clear himself." Lupa replied: "I don't like the idea of spying on people. I just want to make a good living ...

and go my own way.' Among Lupa's attorneys was **UAW** counsel Harold Cranefield who declared: "We want to know, and we think the American people want to know, if the FBI makes a practice of falsely accusing loyal Americans in order to force them to act as stoolpigeons." With the UAW's aid, Lupa was reinstated after 15 "hellish" months.

## **REINTHALER CASE**

Eric Reinthaler, a Cleveland factory worker, reported that in 1956 after the local in which he was a shop steward left the United Electrical Workers and joined the Machinists union, "I was approached by FBI agents. The gist of their remarks to me was: 'We know you're OK, but we'd like to know about some of your friends in the labor movement.' " After repeatedly refusing to stool for the FBI, he was indicted for "conspiracy."

Bernard Horwatt told the press in July 1954 that he had been questioned four times by the FBI, but persistently re- hid a microphone. The union fused to turn informer. Then made a recording of the converthe FBI asked him to rejoin sation and played it on an the Communist Party and pro- island-wide hookup. vide them with information. "I'm not the person who can mouths off. If Jack Hall, top play a two-life personality," is ILWU man in Hawaii, who was

# Gitano Needle Draws Yelp **From Cultist**

Another FBI cultist, who considers it sacrilege to look at America's chief cop from any other position than. down on all fours, has, in his own way, indicated what sting there is to Henry Gitano's series in the Militant exposing J. Edgar Hoover and his political police. James C. G. Conniff, writ-

disturbingly large."

ing in Columbia, a Knights of Columbus publication which claims to be the "largest Catholic magazine in the world" (whether in circulation or number of pages is not specified), had this to say in the May issue:

"The anti-FBI barrage continued with increasing savagery via a six-part series which began early in De-cember, 1958, in **The Mili**plant of GE. tant — official weekly publication of the Socialist Workers' Party-and ran through mid-February, 1959. A sampling of titles ('J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Thought 'FBI's Files: 75 Mil Police,' lion Under Watch,' 'J. Edgar Hoover's Flock of Stool Pigeons,' 'The FBI Is Persecut ed') will give some faint idea of the devotional tone tion. adopted by writer Henry

Gitano.' Writer James C. G. Conniff links Gitano with "robots" like Cyrus Eaton, Fred Cook, and James A. Wechsler, who are also critical of

the FBI's role, and he ends up with the following spinechilling thought: "For every Special Agent of the FBI, however, a re-

cent count shows there are at least five Communist Party members in the United States, and an estimated 50 fellow travelers. How about that, Cyrus? Fred? Henry? James? Get rid of Hoover and the FBI and who do you think will be taking over who?"

imate child.

The snoopers had shot their the labor spy can't get unhook- member the great depression of how Horwatt explained his re-fusals, "I just couldn't do it." Denaturalization proceedings

tradictions.

reports."

• By Murry Weiss "It's amazing how fast even the memory of recession has faded . . . At the moment, there really are no clouds on the economic horizon." So write the editors of U.S. News and World ings against longshore union president Harry Bridges, has

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Report May 11. given an affidavit indicating However, for 3,627,000 unemthat he had repeatedly been inoloyed, the figures officially adduced to give false testimony concerning Bridges "under the mitted by the government, the recession is not a fading memthreat that proceedings would ory; it is a painful fact. As one otherwise be taken against me." unemployed packinghouse work-Frank Donner in the Nation er put it in the May issue of (April 10, 1954) notes: "While Butcher Workman, "Having six it is obvious that political independents and collecting \$42 formers, like other types of ina week Unemployment Comformers, are not likely to be pensation, the maximum weekparagons of virtue, the number ly benefit in Wisconsin, isn't a who have good reason to fear problem; it's a catastrophe. It's the law or ingratiate themselves even worse when sickness with law-enforcement officers is strikes as it did in my family." Taking into account the de-A Boston dispatch to the New pendents of the 3,627,000 cur-

York Times (Nov. 19, 1953) tells rently jobless, New York Post of a man who stooled for 12 columnist Sylvia Porter is abyears: "William H. Teto testified solutely right in observing that today that he was an FBI under-"at least 10.000.000 of your cover agent who had been neighbors and mine are finding counterspying on Communist today's talk of prosperity a cells in General Electric Comcruel mockery."

pany plants since 1941. . . Teto It's a cruel mockery, too, for identified two GE workers. . millions who have finally got Mr. Teto said he had joined the back on the payroll. Even the CP at the request of the FBI. . . boom-happy U.S. News, con-He said he had been employed cerned' about the "spending" at the time in the Fitchburg pattern, quotes a factory work-"According to District Court darn right people are watching er in Holyoke, Mass.: "You're records in Fitchburg . . he their spending. They're worried had been absent without leave about their jobs. A lot of us about their jobs. A lot of us from the army  $\ldots$  he had been arrested several times for found out what it's like to be out of work."

larceny by checks, and that in And an appliance dealer in 1938 a three months jail sen-Hamilton, Ohio, where unemtence had been suspended . . ployment is running 10% of the GE sent telegrams to Mr. Mills labor force says, "People are more cautious about buying. and Mr. Goodwin informing them they were suspended Some are consolidating their pending our further investigadebts and paying off faster than they add new obligations.'

## Fred L. Gardner, a Hod Carriers Union organizer in the HAPPY DAYS AGAIN?

Western States who was chief Another important fact is the government witness in the re-

length of unemployment among cent Cleveland Taft-Hartley those who are jobless today. "conspiracy" case, deserted More than 38% of the jobless from Fort Riley in May 1926. have been out of work for at Desertion, which carries a 20year penalty, is not subject to least 15 weeks. And of these the statute of limitations. Dur- about half have been looking for work for more than 26 ing cross-examination. Gardner weeks. said he was never in the Armed

Still another reason why Forces. FBI agents swore they workers with jobs are not singdid not know about these coning "happy days are here again" but are occupied instead Dewey Price, another informer, has a record that includes with paying off debts and worrying about the next economic three criminal convictions. Joseph Mazzey was jailed on disaster, is the fact that they remember two previous recescharges of failing to meet payments for support of an illegi- sions - 1953-54 and 1949-50. That's for the younger genera-

The La Follette hearings were tion. A slightly older age group told by an operative with 14 remember the mass unemployyears experience that if a ment immediately following 'hooking" prospect "is financi- World War II during the soally hard up . . . you offer him called reconversion crisis. And this extra money." And then the age group of 40 and up re-

> 1929-39. In other words, unemployment has shaken the w

# Why Workers Aren't Dazzled by the Boom

selves to death.

nemployment.

can working class?

They Camped on the Street



During the 1953 recession these men camped for five days to apply for low-paying New York City laborers jobs. The experience of three recessions since the post-World War II "reconversion" layoffs has become deeply etched in the minds of American workers who don't want a perpetual threat to their security.

since mid-March, in these areas chemical production now is 6 ten out of every one hundred percent above the pre-recession workers are looking for jobs. high early in 1957, employment In another 17 areas, which in- of production workers is down a radicalization of the Ameri- time since 1945, a setback in clude cities like Pittsburgh and 71/2 percent-a drop of 41 thou-Bridgeport, Conn., between 9 sand." Further: "Currently, peand 12 workers were unable to troleum refining output is above find jobs in mid-March. pre-recession levels. Neverthe-From these figures Miss Por- less, we find production worker

ter draws a significant conclu- employment 11 percent under sion: "A first vital point they the high of 1957. Fourteen thoudramatize is the extent to which sand jobs have been eliminjoblessness has been and still ated." is centered in basic industries.

### HITS KEY SECTOR This is not just a hangover of

the 1957-58 recession. The con-The concentration of unemcentration of unemployment ployment in the heavy indusemphasizes it also as a result trial areas has hit a key secof machines replacing men and tion of the unionized working wiping out some jobs forever." class. These workers have also setting. This can be confirmed from been watching automation wipe numerous sources. For instance out their jobs. They listen to

the Oil, Chemical and Atomic the capitalist sermons about been amassed by economists ating capitalist depression have Workers paper, Union News, automation eventually produc-reports April 27: "Although ing even more jobs. But they the 1957-58 recession produced litical consciousness and reor-



few more dollars for socialism. In Bay Area sent in \$73; Los An- "the world's second best cook" light of what they've accom-plished, I think "willing" is an **big of the second best cook geles** chalked up \$134 and **San** for the project. I couldn't figure **Diego** made \$35. Not much was that out until I remembered

don't see the capitalists relin- | a larger number of unemployed quishing their profits until these at its low point and a larger obs. appear. number of long-term unemploy-

Auto workers have this kind ed. The evidence also reveals a f close-up picture of the rela- greater lag of re-employment in ion between increased produc- relation to other indices of retivity and jobs. Every time a covery. And indications are that technological change is intro- a larger number of unemployduced, the line is reevaluated. ed will remain after the re-The company, in addition to at- covery has levelled off. The tempting to squeeze workers off main bearing these fluctuations the job with labor-saving ma- have is on the political reaction chinery, uses every change in of the working class.

production to step up speed and Marxists have completely reintensity. The workers fight jected the capitalist claim that back. They don't want to work they have discovered ways of themselves out of a job and ameliorating the anarchy of they don't want to work them- capitalism and stabilizing its ups and downs. American Marx-

Thus unemployment has ists have insisted that the prosaroused special bitterness among perity we are living under is key sections of mass production not a sign of organic capitalist workers in basic industry. This health but the very opposite: sector of the working class is capitalism never recovered from far more powerful than even the 1929-39 depression. Prosperthe great size of its forces ity since then has hinged on would indicate. These are the plunging into World War II, workers who put so much pres- then into the Korean conflict, sure on union officials that and in preparing for World War AFL-CIO Vice-President Walter III. Marxists hold, therefore, Reuther felt compelled to at that the contradictions of capileast voice the idea of a March talism which manifested themon Washington and the AFL- selves in the great depression CIO Executive Board felt forc- have not been eliminated but ed, for the first time in the his- have temporarily found differtory of the American union ent forms of expression. The movement, to actually call a potentiality of another catasconference in Washington on trophic economic crash is built into the system.

The issue now is the signific-Three questions require close examination: (1) Did the reces- ance of the successive recessions sion of 1957-58 show greater in the capitalist boom to the orsigns than the two previous ganic illness manifested in postwar recessions of a break 1929-39. Marxists hold that each in the over-all capitalist boom? of these sags are manifestations (2) What lies ahead for the of irrepressible crisis factors economy? A fourth recession that come to the surface. The after a short-lived upswing? capitalist view is expressed in (3) How do these economic os- the May 4 U.S. News and cillations affect the prospects of World Report: "For the third business has been checked be-

The economic specialists of fore it turned into a real dethe capitalist class are concen- pression. This fact is leading trating their attention on those Government economists to confeatures of the economic recov- clude that major depressions ery that tend to show a new can be avoided in the future, upswing in the over-all boom, a that they are things of the boom that is based on astron- past. Built-in stabilizers appear omic government expenditures to work."

for military purposes. This This debate will not be settled boom is real. There is no doubt by economic statistics alone. about that. But Marxists take Behind the statistics are living the whole reality, in all its class forces in struggle. U.S. facets and connections and in News may find its prediction its international and historical about depressions fulfilled in an unexpected way; namely, that

We must begin by carefully the working class, before the studying the evidence that has full consequences of a debilitganize society so as to remove the threat of unemployment

and war forever.

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Denaturalization proceedings followed. It was alleged that 23 for his naturalization papers watt, a Falls Church, Va., electrical contractor, told re- THE JUDAS TRADITION porters that he had been a Socialist and then a Communist in the 1930's, leaving the CP in cuse Law Review, fall 1956) that 1938. (Reported in I. F. Stone's the "confidential informant is

Weekly, which has provided invaluable documentation and modern-day law enforcement series.)

own medicine in January 1952 ter to trace the use of inforafter two FBI agents, James mants back through the Ameri-Condon and Richard Burrus approached David Thompson, edu- cal times. . ." The tradition cational director in Hawaii for from Benedict Arnold back to the Longshoremens Union and asked to talk to him. Thompson arranged a meeting at his home, where the union officials

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move at the island convention, and break away from Bridges, years previously in 1931, he the agents would put him in failed to mention in applying touch with the person who could "lay it on the line" and that he was a Communist. Hor-have the indictments dismissed.

J. Edgar Hoover wrote (Syramore than a valued ally of the munist infiltration in the Mine, Mill and Smelter Union, receivleads for material used in this agency. He is an institution, an ed \$9,198 for helping the FBI.

indispensable part of all walks Louis Budenz has cleared \$10.-The FBI got a taste of its of life. While it is a simple mat-000 a year as a professional expert on "subversives." Matthew Cvetic ("I was a can Revolution and into Bibli-Communist for the FBI.") earned between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually from his "anti-com-Judas Iscariot is being carried munist" activities. David Brown forward by Hoover. of Los Angeles ranged between In the same article, Hoover \$65 and \$250 a month from the notes that informers "frequent- FBI for spying. Mary Marky are men and women with ex-

tensive records of past offenses who have come to respect the FBI because of fair and courtetween 1943 and 1952.

ous treatment accorded them and members of their families between 1946 and 1952. Daisy by Special Agents." That is Van Dorn was given \$125 a somewhat delicate phrasing for month for two years, simply to what others call "official blackceep herself in readiness as a mail."

witness. John Lauther squealed During the Hawaiian Smith for \$4,000 a year plus per diem Act trial, Henry S. Toyama, expenses.

who previously had sworn he was not a member of the CP, conceded from the witness stand that he was making a "reasonable assumption" that he would

the prosecution.

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where he wrote in his original class repeatedly for 30 years. Harvey Matusow, a man in That's why it can't be removed the know, told reporters: "This as a political issue with a stat-

is a good racket, being a pro- istical whitewash. Moreover, since the great defessional witness." The late Paul Crouch, who was regarded as pression of the thirties, the that has kept them successfully the Dean of "Witnesses for American workers have begun

Hire," and Manning Johnson to recognize themselves as averaged \$4,500 a year in tax- workers and not as potential payers' money. Rowena Paumi, capitalists. They have learned who testified about alleged com- that they can improve their lot through unions and through struggle. The scourge of unemployment is no longer taken as natural and uncontrollable ohenomenon-like bad weather. Even a little increase in unemployment goes a long way now

to arouse indignation and heat. There is something comic about the way the big capitalist press sputters over the fuss undespite the fact that the figure is "almost" down to the "norward, was employed by both mal" level. They can't seem to

the CP and the FBI; her FBI understand why it remains a hot political issue. wages were over \$24,000 be-.

The answer is simple. Unemployment vitally affects millions Lloyd Hamlin earned \$13,182 of working people. Even if unemployment were down to the arbitrarily declared "normal" of three million, this would still be

Despite the recovery, however, unemployment will aver-

When Paul Crouch was exyear-a million above the soposed as a liar, he fought back, called "normal." This is the complaining that he was hired considered opinion of the auth-"as a fulltime consultant with oritative University of Michia guarantee of 18 days a month gan professor of economics. Dr.

and maybe more," at \$25 a day William Harber. Dr. Harber also points to a "hard core" of

The Department of Justice permanently unemployed in ma has a cynical attitude toward jor industrial centers. the use of stool pigeons. Assist-

#### WHERE ARE THEY? ant Attorney General Tompkins

put it like this in commenting New York Post columnist about the FBI's stable of in-Sylvia Porter has asked a quesformers for hire: "You use the tion of considerable interest: best you have." 'Where are America's 3,627,000

unemployed today?" Her an-The Ugly Senator swer helps to explain why the issue has made such a sharp

Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark.), chair- impact in politics. man of the Senate Foreign Re-Using the bi-monthly surveys lations Committee, takes issue made by the Labor Department, with fellow congressmen who she shows that 74 out of 149 acclaim the novel "The Ugly top industrial centers reported American." The book depicts the more than 6% of their labor arrogance, callousness and in- force unemployed at mid-March. eptitude of U.S. diplomatic per- This, she observes, is far above sonnel in Asia. Fulbright re- the "normal" level. Further, in minded the legislators that a 11 of these areas, which inbook could be written entitled cludes Detroit, unemployment is "The Ugly Senator." Congress running at 12%. She points out that even granting improvement has its misfits, too, he said.

The Chicago comrades, old in any of the letters. I can ap- fier. The advance notice came for socialism even if some of

understatement.

down comes. on schedule. This week Ray Follet wrote of many things in his "catch-all" letter; and—most important of all-he "enclosed" the weekly contribution-\$50. Wayne Leverenz was tempted to just write "enclosed find check for \$52" which would

bring Milwaukee's total to \$124.50. But he decided not to 'let it go at that." By waiting until Monday, he would have time to think up something good. "It's usually late in the evening," he explained, "before get a chance to send the employment is still stirring up money off, after our work is through; it's usually a hurry-up thing." Came Monday and what happened? You know what happened; it's that way in your town, too, isn't it? In the rush he could only say, "You would probably be interested in know-

ing that \$19 came in from socials and the rest from pledges and donations." We ARE interested and I hope personally that I can someday enjoy an

evening at one of Milwaukee's socials where they always make age at least four million this sure to put a few dollars in the kitty for socialist party building. On the West Coast the four main socialist centers between Puget Sound and Tijuana all

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hands at financing the struggle preciate that, being from the from L. Morris, who sent in a West myself. The strong, silent "modest"-that's his word not them are pretty young, hit a type is likely to be the fastest mine-money order for \$79. stride early in the campaign on the trigger when the show-And here's the slogan for

the week which came from

In Philadelphia the wraps are Gene F. along with \$93 for now being taken off Project Cleveland: "The scoreboard Chicken Dinner. I left this to really started the comrades almost last because even think- here. 'Are we that far behind? ing about southern fried makes Let's get going!'" Repeat: me so hungry I have to get an- LET'S GET GOING!

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# **Five Years Later**

May 17 marked the fifth anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision against school segregation. Where do things stand today?

There are 2,970,344 Negro children in the public schools of the South, border states and the District of Columbia. Of these 2,830,344 are still in Jim Crow schools, while 140,000 are in integrated schools. Thus 95% of the Negro children, to whom the 1954 desegregation decision was supposed to apply, still remain in Jim Crow schools.

But the figures reveal more. School desegregation has virtually ground to a halt. By the end of the 1956 school year, 450 school districts had desegregated to one extent or another, in 1957 another 270, in 1958 only 60, this present school year merely 22.

Practically all this desegregation has been in the border states and the District of Columbia. In the South only 19 school districts have begun any desegregation whatsoever - and none of these districts is in the Deep South. The 19 districts are as follows: Arkansas - 8; North Carolina — 4; Tennessee — 3; Virginia - 4.

Proof that this integration is not sincere but "token" is seen in the fact that in all 19 "desegregated" school districts in these four Mid-South states a total of only 165 Negro children are involved.

This is the actual number of Negro children in schools with white children, not those in "integrated situations." Such phony figures, widely quoted in the Big Business press, are but a statistical device for falsifying the actual situation. For example, in Fort Smith, Ark., only two Negro school children are actually in mixed schools, but 1,200 are listed as being in an "integrated situation," because "some measure" of desegregation has been taken in that district. The same applies for North Carolina where 25,595 in Jim Crow schools are listed as in "integrated situations" because 11 Negro children are in mixed schools; or Tennessee, where the figures are 11,674 and 44, and Virginia where they are 18,801 and 30.

Was the Supreme Court's decision worthless then? No, it was a great legal and moral victory for the Negro people --a victory wrung from the government by decades of struggle. But after five years it is clear that too much dependence has been placed on the Supreme Court and not first retreat was in the 1955 "implementing" decision. By setting no time limit for ending Jim Crow schools, procrastination was given legal status. This reflected the fact that the Negro organizations had not campaigned for immediate enforcement, but placed their trust in the Court.

The racists announced they intended to fight, they mobilized Democratic officials of the South into a disciplined segregationist team, and they organized the White Citizens Councils. Supreme Court justices noted the political realities. They retreated.

The recent upholding of the Alabama Pupil Placement Law marks another retreat. Under the 1955 ruling Negroes had to fight school segregation by separate law suits in each of the 2,909 Jim Crow school districts. Under the Pupil Placement Laws, they now have to file suit student by student. Moreover the burden of proof is on each Negro pupil to show that he has not been rejected for psychological, sociological, moral, geographical, etc., etc., rea-

The legal and political tide is running so obviously against school desegregation in the South that Negro organizations There are the the sessions. The fight over Chavez Ravine was a major turning point in the fife of Frank Wilkinson. There are the the sessions of the sessions of the sessions. The session of the session in the South that Negro organizations There aren't too many people which put all their hope in court action who are aware of the role that comber. His conviction is being last year, open hearings on the lore hearing alone are beginning to lose heart. At pre- witch-hunting played in paving sent only 25 desegregation lawsuits are the way for Los Angeles politi-cians to convert that area into pending and these may take years for a ball park for the Dodgers. final decision. For Wilkinson, the connection

How can the Negro people forge an is real and intimate. effective counterweapon to the political For the past seven years he has been a tireless, full-time power of the racists?

campaigner for civil liberties. They will do well to study the lessons Right now he is visiting 20 maof militant unionism. Back in the thirties jor cities, touring the country the working class won a big legal victory to help build up the forces necin getting Section 7a of the NRA — au- essary to block passage of pendthorizing unions and collective bargaining. overthrow recent favorable al, church and labor figures, But the unions won genuine collective civil-liberties decisions by the with Dorothy Marshall as chairbargaining and built the CIO only through Supreme Court. While visiting man, has the abolition of the the power of their own picket lines. So it groups and individuals in New Un-American Activities Comis with the struggle for a democratic office and we managed to pry 1952 alone, the Congressional school system. Success depends in the final some interesting facts out of inquisitors have paid some 15 analysis on the battle the Negro people him. Wilkinson was a member of

put up. Some practical political lessons can the Los Angeles Housing Auth-people. also be drawn. The Democratic Party has ority for 14 years. As assistant Last month the Los Angeles proved its worth to the Southern racists. of site selection. He picked suspend its abolition campaign It's their party and can't be torn from Chavez Ravine for a low-cost for 90 days to concentrate it their vise-like grip. The blatantly anti- housing project. "It was never energies on mustering opposi labor Republican Party is just as bad, supposed to be a ball park," he tion to the planned Congressionfor it is in a coalition with the racists.

Like labor, the Negro movement for that homes would be made soring the Wilkinson tour as school desegregation and full equality available to them in the new part of that effort. needs to break with both capitalist parties. project." It needs to build a political machine that But powerful real-estate in- rulings, Wilkinson explained, "is aging dictator came up with a should be supported by the boarding schools, nurseries, kin



"Excellent editorial this morning, Grimes, on how wages have got to be pegged to productivity."

# Frank Wilkinson Campaigning **On New Civil Liberties Danger**

appealed by the American Civil bills have been ruled out by Liberties Union. After his discharge by the Housing Authority in 1952, Wil-

kinson plunged into the work of a newly formed Los Angeles group, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. He also became a member of the National Council of the Emergency Civil Liberties Com-

mittee. The Los Angeles body, comprised of prominent profession-York he stopped at the Militant mittee as it's main target. Since

visits to Los Angeles and vic-

timized hundreds of innocent

to the director he was in charge civil liberties group decided to said. "Hundreds of families were al reversal of the Supreme displaced there on the promise Court. The committee is spon-

The attack on the high court

# And It Isn't **Science Fiction**

"Then came a strange generation whose minds remain an impenetrable mystery to us despite all the research of our historians and the profoundest probings of our depth

figures of that generation appear from fallout is estimated to be about one half that from nato have followed a leader named tural sources." Jesus Christ, an advocate of

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"A striking example [of covpeace, whose teachings were obered over danger] are the new served in rituals of periodic mass results and anxieties reported murder called World War. It was by two researchers in the field. this generation that decided to of iodine 131, which Dr. E. B. poison our planet's atmosphere. Lewis, professor of biology at an act from which we are still Caltech, called 'a serious fallout hazard whose importance had not been fully appreciated at the

Does that sound like a paragraph from a history text of the time of the 1957 hearings.' Dr. year 10,000 A.D.? The raw ma-Lewis reported that 'for the last terial for that book is being few years testing' the thyroid compiled right now. glands of infants and children Here is how some of it apin the United States have been

suffering.'

pears in I. F. Stone's Weekly for exposed to 'average annual May 18 as digested from a heardeses' from this short-lived isoing this month held by the ratope which are one to two times diation subcommittee of the as great as natural radiation and Jcint Congressional Committee 'could produce some cases of on Atomic Energy: thyroid cancer in the exposed

"The contamination of man's population.' atmosphere and food by fallout s increasing at a much faster ate than was expected two years ago. Should testing be re- have reached the point where sumed it will soon become a the public health service has inhealth hazard . . . "When the first Kulp studies of veillance program."

term for contempt of Congress. | Northerners, Keating (R-N.Y.) human bone appeared . . . he estimated that strontium 90 Argonne National Laboratories would reach a peak of one or series of measures were voted two micromicrocuries per gram produced by radiation is conbills have been ruled out by 1970. Now the Fallout Prediction segment of our population ap-Rep. Emanuel Celler, the New Panel . . . expects five to ten pears to be the unborn child.' 1962-65 . . . In this session, the House has

already voted unanimously reversing the Nelson decision.

Stone reports that Holifield adand Keating, insisting that none sphere during 1957 and 1958, Dr. fornia Democrat complained of the Supreme Court's civil Martell told the subcommittee, that the facts were put "into dis-liberties decisions be modified. "the external gamma radiation proportion."

"Dr. Arthur H. Wolff of the

. . U.S. Public Health Service.

reported that levels of iodine 131

cluded it . . . 'in its milk sur-

". . . Dr. Jack Shubert, of

. . . said that insofar as cancer

# Headlines in Other Lands

ing U.S. officials were displeas- | that economists there are greatly ed with the British decision to concerned with proper accountsell arms to Iraq, although ing methods.)

formally Washington announced (3) Collectives should not pay it had no objections. "In this high individual earnings to American view," says the Moni- their members. These payments Ten years after some 600,000,- tor, "the concept of Arab na- should assure decent living con-000 Chinese threw Chiang Kai- tionalism as exemplified by ditions to the peasants and their shek off the mainland in the President Nasser will prove the families but no more than that, greatest revolution since the dominant current of Arab The rest should go into a fund Russian overturn of 1917, the thought as time moves on," and to be used to build club houses,

York Democrat who heads the micromicrocuries in the peoples He said that studies of the efof the Northern Hemisphere by fects of radiation on the human fetus indicate 'that radiation "The Star quoted [Rep. Chet] doses so low as to approach the without debate to approve a bill Holifield as saying that radiation radiation levels from fallout and from fallout was 'roughly ten natural background cause a sig-In Wilkinson's opinion, there per cent of the natural back- nificant increase in childhood is little chance that the legisla- ground radiation that has al- cancer deaths." tion can be blocked in the ways existed.' But E. A. Martell, As a final gruesome touch. House and he is urging organi- Geophysics Research Director,

zations and individuals to con- Air Force Cambridge Reserach mitted the accuracy of a report centrate their pressure on the Center . . . had less reassuring that white bread, sold in a New Senate. New Yorkers should figures to offer. In areas of high York supermarket, was loaded write or wire Senators Javits fallout in the northern hemi- with strontium 90. But the Cali-

enough on independent struggle.

Since 1954 the Court's decisions have registered a course of battle that has been going in favor of the segregationists. The

New York's Sootfall

over Long Island.

even be disastrous.'

"President Eisenhower wasn't exaggerating last week when he warned of the 'impending disaster in wheat' unless Congress does something about it promptly." That's the opening sentence in an editorial in the May 18 Wall Street Journal.

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Here's the disaster: "The wheat surplus is already two and one-half times annual domestic consumption. Despite production controls, the last wheat crop was the biggest in history." Still more wheat is expected in the coming year.

The Journal ascribes the disastrous

The New York Post has been assum-

"It's the sirens that are being tested,

ing a somewhat cynical posture toward

the air-raid sirens upon which the world's

largest city relies for warning in case

notice arrives of an impending H-bomb

not us," says the editorial writer assigned

to the subject. "We know this is no trivial

matter; but the way these rehearsals are

conducted we have the ghoulish feeling

that we'll absent-mindedly run, not walk,

to the nearest exit if and when doomsday

report, leaked by the Department of Air

Pollution to the World-Telegram, it could

turn out that the "enemy" might not need

to waste any H-bombs on the city. A little

more patience and the city's inhabitants

will suffocate themselves in their own

saved the city from serious trouble in a

"sootfall." The acid gases, particles of

carbon and fly ash irritated people's

throats, stung their eyes and smudged

their faces and clothes. The precipitation

was so heavy that automobiles left tracks

in it like black snow. "If there had been

just a little more than the usual amount

On April 30, for instance, only "luck"

If we are to believe a forthcoming

attack.

smog.

really arrives."

## will serve its own interests - a labor terests had different ideas. In being led by Southern segregaparty. Such a party, committed to fighting buying up parcels of land in tionists and security-mad Northfor the working people, can win abolition mended a price of \$90,000 for the American Bar Association of second-class citizenship in all its forms. one particular section. The real and its 'Committee on Commun-

**Capitalist Disaster** 

learn under cross-examination quantity of wheat to two causes: (1) "adthat the only information the vancing technology" which enables farmreal-estate lawyers wanted from ers to produce more despite "sharply rehim was the organizations he stricted" acreage; and (2) government belonged to. Since the question was obprice supports which encourage farmers

viously irrelevant, Wilkinson to grow bumper crops. refused to answer. The year

was 1952 and McCarthyism was Naturally the simple solution of giving the wheat to hungry people is not at its peak. The Housing Authproposed by the Journal. That would be the Tenney committee, a state an even worse "disaster" from the capital- witch-hunting group, came in high court decisions on these ist point of view. Their solution is Con- at once to fish for possible "subgressional action to lay the law down version" in the agency. Behind

admitting thereby that what was usual American actively concerned

"the average pollution of the atmosphere is now facing a one-year prison

was the amount of pollution and what was with social progress."

somewhat unusual its not being dissipated FACES PRISON

The report is expected to explain that

The World-Telegram cited as an ex-

We would suggest to the Post's editors

of New York City can become dangerous"

and that "if the 'average' pollution is in-

creased in intensity, the situation might

ample of what can happen the case of

Donora, Pa., where 20 died in the small

town and more than 6,000 became ill when

that in the light of this report they might

campaign for a more realistic use of the

air-raid sirens. Each time the smog level

nears a critical level, let the sirens become

the signal for evacuation of New York.

This would give New Yorkers a better ap-

preciation of the insanity of this scheme

better appreciation of the insanity of an

economic system that converts even the

air we breathe into a dangerous cesspool.

And it might give the liberal Post a

to save them from an H-bomb.

smog in 1949 passed the critical level.

the smokescreen of red-baiting about farmers growing wheat like that. that followed, the Chavez Ravine housing project was torpedoed.

**Recalling the experience**, Wilkinson said, "I learned about civil liberties the hard way. It of soot and gaseous pollution in the air, became crystal clear to me that we'd really have been in trouble," an exdefense of the Bill of Rights bership" in such groups so as pert of the Air Pollution department said, must come first for every

The record demonstrates that

this wasn't idle talk. Wilkinson

FRANK WILKINSON

Wilkinson was astonished to

tang, a party of big capitalists and landlords, and had them Call Fourth General estate firm involved demanded ist Tactics' as the screen for \$1.000,000 and the issue went to their violent purposes." court. Taking the stand to tes-The Bar Association subcomland. tify on the value of the land.

vital issues:

lition" laws.

tion

• The Steve Nelson case

where it was ruled that federal

egislation supersedes state "se-

• Amend the Smith Act to

broaden the legal definition of

"organizing" a "s u b versive '

movement and redefine "mem-

to widen the basis for prosecu-

the ravine, Wilkinson recom- ern politicians. They are using

mittee issued a lengthy report It is doubtful that the brutal calling for the overturn of 24 generalissimo could last two days on Taiwan without a revowere quickly introduced into of his military dictatorship.

ippi acted in the Senate and Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) introduced companion bills in the House.

**Tibetan Refugees** Among other things, the pro

Judiciary Committee.

**Chiang Casts Vote** 

For "Revolution"

**Against Chinese** 

trick way of regaining power.

He called together his hench-

men at the head of the Kuomin-

the walkout. lacking" about Tibetans who fled

Tillman Durdin from New Delhi in the May 19 New York Times. But of the nearly 1,000 refugees at the big reception center near Tezpur, "a large proportion support.

. . are lamas [Buddhist monks] who fled their monasteries when Khrushchev Urges they heard that the Dalai Lama had left Tibet." A total of 12,000 Improved Quality Tibetans are reported to have fled their country and are slowly

making their way down the Himalayas.

• Make mandatory the summary discharge of federal em-**British to Sell** ployes who refuse to answer

#### any question put to them by a Arms to Iraqi government body. This would

reduce government workers to The British government anthe status of second-class citi-

Supreme Court civil-liberties decisions. The parent body approved seven of these and bills Congress covering their recom See High Proportion mendations. Eastland of Mississ-

**Of Lamas Among** 

posed laws would cancel out "Full information is still.

Argentine labor has conducted to India in recent weeks, writes four general strikes since Presi-

dent Arturo Frondizi took office cluding the Communist Party's

In Farm Products A general improvement in So-

of Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Addressing collective farmers in Kiev and Kishinev (May 11 and

14), Khrushchev stressed the following (1) Collective farms must pay greater attention to quality of crops than heretofore. Quantity about a year. British policy is alone does not count. If qualities designed to bolster Premier Ab- are not up to the requirements, del Karim Kassim and the Iraqi the state will pay a lower price. ". . . a commission will be ap-

ment led by the Communist pointed to suggest prices likely to stimulate a struggle for high quality production."

(2) Administrative distribution Jordan, Iran and Turkey have of mineral fertilizers should

endorsed the British arms sales. while Cairo radio and newspapers have denounced it as an imperialist machination against Arab nationalism. Supporters of of British arms sales to Kassim similar to those in the West has dependence. The three leaders

cease. Instead, commercial agen- Kanza and Simon Nzeza, three cies should sell to the collective leaders of the outlawed Abako or state farms what they need. Congolese Nationalist Associa-(According to Paul Wohl, tion, were allowed to return to writing in the May 19 Christian Leopoldville, capital city of the Science Monitor, emphasis on Belgian Congo. The Abako 'commercial-efficiency methods group favors the country's in-

is to keep Iraq and if possible become characteristic of Mr. were arrested last January after Kuwait separated from other Khrushchev's statements," in protest demonstrations against cluding his concept of prices. Belgian rule. At first imprison-Again, an American economist, ed in the Congo, they were

several years ago.

However, on May 13, a government spokesman announced be suspended from duty, individual blame could not be ap-

On May 19, the Kenya government announced that compensa-(\$336) each would be paid to de-

prisoners. The Hola detention camp is used for political prisoners who fought British rule

**Abako Leaders** 

nounced a decision May 11 to sell arms to Iraq including tanks and jet bombers. Deliveries, however, will not begin for

• Extend the "security" screening program to "non-sen-

State to deny passports on the basis of political beliefs and refusing to inform on past

• Tighten Immigration Department control of aliens ordered deported but still in this

Hearings have already been held on these reactionary mea-Arab countries. Both are exsures by the Internal Security tremely rich oil producers. Subcommittee of the Senate According to the May 13 Dr. Wassily Leontief, noted on a taken to Belgium. They returned Judiciary Committee, with two Christian Science Monitor, lead- 'recent trip to the Soviet Union by plane on May 13.

process of law. sitive" areas of government.

political associates.

country by compelling such aliens to answer all questions

United Arab Republic President about current associations at the Nasser fear that the real motive risk of imprisonment without trial.

army against the mass move-Party, and to free Kassim from having to depend on the Soviet Union for arms.

• Empower the Secretary of

zens, depriving them of constitutional rights including due



lution of the islanders if the U.S. were to withdraw support

cast a unanimous vote May 17 for a "revolution" on the main- Strike in Year

West.

Hundreds of factories, mills and other enterprises under union contract in the greater Buenos Aires industrial belt farms. Thus in a question-and-

**Argentine Unions** 

closed May 15 when Argentina answer period during one of his labor called a 24-hour general speeches, one collective-farm strike in support of striking national bank workers. However, military control of railroads, oil fields and Buenos Aires munici-

as "a rich, a very rich man." **British Suspend** pal transportation, established in Kenya Prison-Camp previous strikes, kept workers n these industries from joining

## **Chief Over Deaths**

dergartens, homes for the aged,

women from domestic chores.

bakeries and restaurants to free

The income of collective farm-

ers still lags considerably behind

that of skilled industrial work-

ers, though in recent years their

living standards have improved.

Furthermore, inequities abound

between rich and poor collective

chairman referred to another

The British government will not institute prosecutions against officials at the Hola Detention on May 1 last year. Frondizi was Camp in Kenya after all. Eleven elected with labor backing, in- prisoners died of beatings administered by guards last March. A coroner found that the beat-

ings had been "entirely unjustified and illegal," and British Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd said the government would consider prosecution.

viet agricultural conditions was that although the commandant reflected in two recent speeches and deputy commandant would portioned.

> tion in the amount of about  $\pm 120$ pendents of the eleven dead

**Return to Congo** Joseph Kasavubu, Daniel

# **Letters from Our Readers**

## **Our Thanks**

Editor:

for the honor of receiving the Militant each week. Words cannot express how I look forward each week for the Militant. J. J. O.

Columbus, Ohio

## **Suggests Greater Stress on Need to Organize the South** Editor:

I should like to make a suggestion regarding material presented in the Militant. The paper has been featuring events and slogans and programs concerning the Negro struggle and the unemployed movement recently and it occurred to me that perhaps more emphasis and attention could be paid to the slogan. "Organize the South."

out the correctness of this slo- well interest a great many more gan or how it relates to both who are not now too familiar the problems of the Negro and with our press and our ideas. the unemployed. In addition to

Sidney Bechet, a clarinet player, died of

cancer last week. Next to Louis Armstrong, he

was probably the best known of the New

Orleans jazz musicians. The noted conductor,

Ernest Ansermet, described him as an "artist

of genius." He was much more than a talented

virtuoso. One of the "originals" of New Orleans

jazz, he helped create a music that is considered

the only uniquely American contribution to

was far more widely known and acclaimed

abroad than he ever was in his own country.

He had played in Europe during much of his

long career and settled permanently in Paris

ten years ago. He said he loved the city, de-

scribing it as "heaven with sidewalk cafes." I

don't know if he ever publicly expressed his

feelings about his native land. But it isn't hard

to figure out why he and a whole number of

other top Negro jazzmen made Paris their home.

ple who deeply love the kind of music they

played, these men were double pariahs in

America. As musicians, they paid a stiff price

for their stubborn refusal to play the vapid

canned product that Tin Pan Alley has palmed

off as jazz. There were many lean years for

them; audiences for the music that was the be-

ginning and end of their lives were not sufficient

problem of Jim Crow. One of Bechet's fellow ex-

patriates in Paris - "Big Bill" Broonzy, a folk-

blues singer - observed just before his recent

death that in America a Negro could live his

entire life without ever being called a man.

They keep on calling you "boy," he said wryly,

until you get to the age where you might con-

As Negroes, of course, they had the added

to give them a good livelihood.

Except for a relatively small group of peo-

Yet Bechet died an expatriate in Paris. He

world culture.

plants, uniting the white and union movement in opposition Negro workers, low-wage con- to the present bureaucratic class ditions in the South affecting collaborators such a caucus will Enclosed is a donation of \$5 labor in the North, etc., added have to present a program to infor your outstanding work and emphasis on a program to or-spire and organize other work-

Evelyn Sell

eaucracy with the Democratic by a really forceful drive to organize the South; the fact that Steel Price Boost? Operation Dixie has become transformed into Operation-For-

wo capitalist parties.

get-We-Ever-Said-It points up very clearly that labor is stopped dead in its tracks and forced to move back from previously won gains in order to maintain "good relations" with the Dixiedominated Democratic Party.

It seems to me that a propaganda offensive on the slogan "Organize the South" would be well received by present readers I'm sure I don't have to point of the Militant and could very

When a left-wing caucus bethe problems of run-away gins to grow and flourish in the

**Farewell to Bechet** 

ganize the South also directly ers about them. underlines our propaganda for Organize the South is a point a labor party and helps us in which belongs in a program of pushing for independent politi- such a group and our press cal action and a break with the should be the first and foremost promoters of a real "Operation

Dixie." The alliance of the labor bur-Party would certainly be broken How Can You Stop

Editor: Last week one of your readers wrote that the steel companies don't have to increase prices when they increase

wages; so more pay for the steel workers is not inflationary. I agree that the companies are making enough money so that they could give an increase

Detroit, Mich.

without raising their prices. But the fact is that every time they give more money they always do add it onto the price and the cost of living goes up. What can the union do to beat

this set up? H. K. Pennsylvania

calling you "uncle."

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boring.'

means it.'

New York City Parks Commissioner Robert Moses is doing his utmost to ring down the curtain on scenes like this from Shakespeare's Othello. Moses is defending the grass, which he claims becomes so badly trampled, what with the goings and comings of the actors and the crowds of New Yorkers who are attracted to the free shows, that "erosion" sets in. But irritation among Shakespeare fans has grown to such an extent that not even Democratic Mayor Wagner has been able to get that curtain down.

# Moses' Heroic Battle to Keep York just before he packed his bags permanent-ly. The hall was jammed with fans who knew they might be hearing him "live" for the last Bill Shakespeare Off the Grass

American Committee last June

Carthyism" Constable replied:

'What's wrong with McCarthy?"

This red-baiting attempt fail-

First and Fifth Amendment.

By Lillian Kiezel the Fifth Amendment before Full of sound and fury, yet Congress, didn't he? If they Brooks Atkinson, drama critic signifying much more than nothing, the fight to maintain weiren't [Communist] why of the N.Y. Times, corrected a wouldn't they say so?" This statement he made April 16 that

when New Orleans jazz enjoyed its big revival. the New York Shakespeare Fes. pearance before the House Un-He liked the music and organized his own band tival at Central Park continues to play it. He showed real talent and soon Bechet despite the latest edict of Robwas giving him lessons. As they stood together ert Moses, Czar of the Parks on the bandstand at that farewell performance Department, that there will be it was clear that Bechet was telling his audi- no Festival this year "with or the letter smacked of "Mc-Moses began his campaign to

music. People who know something about it tions on April 15. He decreed ed miserably and the curtain he said: "Mr. Moses has contell me that it doesn't have a future — that New that admission be charged and rose on Act II. Commenting ed-Orleans jazz will be replaced by the music of the that the city get 10% of the itorially on this the N.Y. Post himself to be correct and ruled young modern jazzmen now fighting for recog- gross-or no Shakespeare. The declared: "The lively battle of against it. Mayor Wagner, boss nition and acceptance of their art.

Those who hold this view are probably right and I wouldn't argue the point. But one thing I know for sure. Regardless of the form of their music, jazz artists who refuse to compromise with the captains of America's dollar culture will always find a shining example in men like Sidney Bechet.

Keep Curtain from Coming Down



By Flora Carpenter

William Reid's seven-year battle to escape a Florida chain gang and almost certain death reached a climax this week when the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York turned down a plea to pre-

vent his extradition. Only action by Governor Rockefeller can now save his life.

Urging Acting Governor Wilson to revoke an extradition writ agned by former Governor Harriman in 1956, Milton H. Friedman, Reid's attorney, stressed the fact that if returned to Florida, Reid would be turned over to Willis V. McCall, sheriff of Lake County, Fla. Friedman explained that McCall "is notorious all over the country as a killer of Negroes," being "credited with having killed 11 Negroes

already." Sheriff McCall personifies Southern law-enforcement officers. When rich whites and the Ku Klux Klan launched a reign of terror against the Negro people in Groveland, who had begun voicing discontent in 1949 ----McCall did his share in the "legal" end of things. An accusation by a young white woman that she had been "raped" by four Negroes was all the excuse needed. The reprisals were so terrible that 400 families (the To round out the discussion, entire Negro population of Lake County) had to be evacuated.

In the "Little Scottsboro Case" Negro was shot dead by a posse, "Famous last words!" Atkin-19 at which time he took the son admitted May 16. "Moses is life imprisonment, two (Samuel boring. When he decides that Shepherd and Walter Lee Irv-When asked if he thought the public is to be damned he ing) were sentenced to death. When the Supreme Court order-Commenting on Moses' deed a new trial for the two concision to kill free Shakespeare demned men Sheriff McCall shot in Central Park this summer,

them in cold blood, murdering Shepherd and leaving Irvin for sulted with himself, discovered dead. It appears certain that William Reid will receive similar, treatment from McCall. He was sentenced to 15 years on the chain gang in 1950 for cutting another

fought on a fairly lofty level. the 110,000 persons who thought Negro on the hand following a Joseph Papp, who has pro- Now it appears that Moses, to they were having a grand time card game. He escaped to New duced the Festival for the past win his argument with produc- in their own park last summer York in 1952 where he was taken hree summers, explained that er Joseph Papp, has decided to can sit home this summer and into custody and extradition prof admission were charged, the impersonate the late Sen. Mc- watch 'Restless Gun' and 'Dragceedings were begun in 1955.

Reid was granted a writ of habeas corpus and released on bail

Send a Letter **To Front Royal** 

The April issue of Southern Patriot, published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, carries an arresting photograph bearing the caption, "Alone but eager in their pursuit of knowledge." It pictures five Negro students in class.

They are part of a group of 21 — the only students now enrolled in the previously all-white high school in Front Royal, Va. The SCEF recently wrote to 1,500 persons in Virginia suggesting that they send letters of encouragement to these 21 blazing the integration trail. How about people around the country joining in on this? Letters and post cards may be sent care of J. A. Dombrowski, SCEF, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans 12, La. He will forward them to the Front Royal students.

# In the "Little Scottsboro Case" that followed the "rape," one Group in South three others were almost lynch-ed; of these three, one was given Opposes Curbs On High Court

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ATLANTA, May 18 - Congressional proposals to revive state sedition laws or otherwise curb the U.S. Supreme Court were opposed in a policy statement adopted here yesterday by the board of the Southern

Conference Educational Fund. The SCEF, a Southwide organization working for integration, pointed out that state sedition laws would probably be used against Southerners advo-

cating integration. The board declared: "We are especially distressed over such legislation because, while it is ostensibly aimed at subvers He was sentenced by Florida tack against liberals in the Circuit Court Judge Truman G. South who are speaking out in Futch — the same official who support of Supreme Court dedoomed the Negro youths in the cisions on segregation and for "The country should be aware tence is illegal because the pris- of the fact that to many peooner was not permitted to have ple in power in the South the a lawyer. In addition Futch definition of subversion is intemade Reid's plea "guilty" to a gration. charge of "assault with premedi-tated attempt to murder" al-the effect of giving local definithough he could only have been tion to the offenses of sedition. guilty of aggravated assault for and subversion. It would clothe which he would have received local prosecuting attorneys with a maximum one-year sentence. powers of censorship that would Reid's life would be further limit the freedom of all opinendangered because he testified, ion-making bodies - church. The board also voted to supwhich it said would strengthen the federal government's power to enforce the civil rights of all, ored by the board would extend the life of the Federal Civil Rights Commission; reman," he said, "and the kind of quire records of voting and man we should keep in this registration to be kept for three years and require that they be In an editorial entitled "Jus-tice for a Fugitive" the N.Y. private property against bomb-Post says that New York State ing and other violence, and "doesn't seem to care enough to forbid discrimination against save him." The fact that McCall uniformed military personnel s the law enforcement officer in public places. in this case plus the fact that Board members were present Reid testified against "thieving from Virginia, West Virginia, prison guards, makes utterly Kentucky, Tennessee, South gruesome the prospect of his re- Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana.

For a man like Bechet, this surely must have been hard to take. The jazz world is unusually free of race prejudice and Bechet was the star of many top-flight mixed groups. What counted in his world was the quality of a man's music, not the color of his skin. I heard him at a farewell concert in New

time. But by his own decision, Bechet was only the co-star that night. Sharing the feature spot and joining him in wonderful clarinet duos was Bob Wilber, a young white musician just out

sider the word a compliment. Then they start

of his teens. Wilber was in high school in the late forties free summer performances of was in reference to Papps' ap- Commissioner Moses "is never ence, "Here's one of the young generation that's without paid admission."

going to keep my kind of music alive." I'm one of those who like Bechet's kind of end the Shakespeare producshakedown was to pay for Central Park, featuring Com- of the city and the people's 'erosion" suffered by the grass missioner Moses vs. Shake- choice, has unselfishly accepted

plus other damage to the park speare, has heretofore been his commisioner's verdict. And caused by the audiences.

#### Notos in the Now ILGMP IIIE **C**3

KILROY THERE AGAIN - According to Washington columnist Robert S. Allen, when the House Appropriations Committee had the type set up on the transcript of one of its recent secret proceedings, committee members were astounded at what they found when page proofs came back from the printer. First was Lt. Gen. Clarence Irvine's testimony: "Several thousand ICBMs will be required to knock out all of Russia's numerous and widely dispersed missile sites." Next the disturbed query from Rep. Minshall (R-Ohio): "After exchanging such massive barrages of thermonuclear-armed ICBMs, what's going to happen to the civilian populations? And who is going to pay for all this after the shooting is over and everyone and everything has been knocked out?" Then came in bold type some testimony none of the committee members could remember or explain: "Kilroy: Why worry about it? If that happens, it won't matter."

WARM RECEPTION FOR ICE SHOW -The Russians are an "incredibly warm people," Dick Button, the Olympic champion figure skater, told newsmen on returning from an engagement in the Soviet Union. He said that his visits in the Moscow and Leningrad areas left him with the feeling that the system and its development is the kind "that you can't have a proper perspective on without seeing it it's phenomenal." The "biggest fear" of the Russian people, he reported, is that the U.S. wants war.

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RELAX THEM OR SHAKE THEM UP? -"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak," Congreve said. And Shakespeare put it like this: "The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treasons, strategems, and spoils . . . Let no such man be trusted." Did Louis Armstrong, jazz's hottest trumpet, want to apply some such test when he blew into Geneva and offered to provide the foreign ministers conference with music? "I don't know nothin' about politics," Satchmo was reported to have said, "but if I could get them cats to sit still and listen, well then, Daddy, maybe I can relax them a little."

\* \* \* YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT TROUBLES -Clare Booth Luce, wife of the millionaire publisher of Time, Life and Fortune, suffered another ordeal after having to resign as ambassador to Brazil because of accusations in the Senate that the assignment was a political payoff. She had closed up her homes in Connecticut and Arizona and fired nine servants. Two new cars — a station wagon and an air-conditioned limousine - were at the dock waiting to be shipped, as were crateloads of her finest linen and silverware. Several air-conditioning units and a trunkload of hot-weather clothes were also packed. It was reported that she felt that

she could use the new clothes but the press did not indicate how she solved her servant problem.

HEROES WEREN'T HORSES - The Dallas Morning News published a complaint from a reader about the westerns on TV. The complaint wasn't about the amount of violence and gore. "Many television programs erroneously depict the period from 1872 to 1890," said William E. Wells of Crowell, Texas. "'Wagon Train' is not a true program. In those days 95 per cent of the wagons were pulled by ox teams. In all the western scenes being presented today, no ox teams can be seen anywhere. This will not majority of New Yorkers have give an accurate account of earlier conditions to our younger generation."

PLIGHT OF MEXICANS IN U.S. - A Shakespeare . . . Commissioner group of prominent Americans has urged the Moses' arbitrary dictum would consideration" to a petition calling for investi- the reach of those whom it best gation of the treatment of Mexican immigrants serves." in the United States. The petition was submit- The controversy between of Foreign Born. The supporting group includes by the press. The N.Y. World James Aronson, Reuben W. Borough, Hugh De- Telegram said: "It seems to us Lacy, Waldo Frank, Rockwell Kent, Dr. Corliss the erosion is in the thinking Lamont, Rev. William H. Melish, Dr. Otto Na- at the Parks Department, and than, Scott Nearing, Rev. George L. Paine, Dr. that Mr. Moses is being not Moses did was all right with CIO officials have decided that state." Linus Pauling, and Prof. Arthur L. Swift, Jr. | merely inconsistent but capri-

IN FOR LIFE? - The government will now him.

have to decide if it is going to keep. the Rev. Maurice F. McCrackin imprisoned indefinitely not for people, what are they for refusing to pay a \$250 fine imposed along for-birds? with a six-months jail term for refusing to pay income taxes which the Cincinnati clergyman "Perhaps the erosion is in Mr. felt the government would use for war prep- Moses' earlier appreciation of arations. Now finishing his sentence, McCrackin the 'exciting and stimulating' says he doesn't intend to pay the fine. Reporting interest in these 'gateless, outthis, the American Civil Liberties Union re- door free shows,' up to this called the McCarthy-like statement of the fed- point a matter of pride and eral judge who sentenced him. The judge at- fascination to this community." tacked the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Peacemakers as "notorious pacifist organizations with overwhelming Soviet sympathies," and called the pacifist clergyman a "traitor."

FORGOTTEN REFUGEES - Some 115,000 culated a mimeographed repro-

refugees from fascist Spain are living in difficult duction of an unsigned letter atconditions in France. Among them are 4,000 tacking Papp for an alleged over the age of 65, 3,000 chronically ill, 3,500 "communist" and "socialist" survivors of German concentration camps and background. 5,000 disabled in World War II. Some of them are surviving on as little as \$10 a month. Spanish Refugee Aid, Inc., is appealing for funds to help these forgotten refugees, particularly the unsigned letter, Stuart Conolder ones and those in desperate need of medi- stable, top assistant to Moses, cal attention. The organization has 1,600 active cases of whom Mme. Chatelet, Perpignan rep- red-baiting chief: "We believe resentative, writes: "They are dying of hunger, badly housed without enough heat, and in great don't think we have to reveal solitude . . . Their bitterness and despair is im- the basis of our decision that it Citizens Union has asked the Lewis right in Congress where mense." The address for contributions is Span-St., New York 3.

stable. "The man [Papp] took fair.

FACELESS INFORMATION

When questioned about the

the letter is reliable . . . We

swung a mace in defense of his been played.

Festival would be placed on a Carthy . . . How low may a net.' There is plenty of mass "show business" footing. The high official go before the May-salaries of actors and other per-or's voice is heard in protest?" masses . . . " sonnel would have to meet show A climax appeared near last business standards. As free enweek when Moses and Wagner tertainment the theatrical finally met face to face. But if unions have made it possible for Wagner came there with a actors to contribute their sersword, he swallowed it when vices for very nominal wages. Moses growled at him. After the was given a medal by the Muni-

Papp and those who work encounter, Wagner told the with him put New York's cul- press: "Although I can't approve tural interests above a few of all the ways this has been square yards of lawn. "The handled, the only alternative precept upon which the Festival would be to get a new Park was founded is that there ex-Commissioner. I wouldn't conisted a gaping void in the cul- sider that for a moment. He is tural life of our city," Papp too valuable a public servant." said. "Despite the tremendous

NEW GEM accomplishments of the Broad-

way theatre, the overwhelming The Post has long been counted in the lists of the House of "the time to read" the labor bill rarely been exposed to live Wagner, but it decided this was theatre and seldom, if ever, to insupportable. The scion of the the incomparable magic of late liberal senator had demon-

mous non-mayors. It came when | since the 1930's." he was asked if whatever ciously unreasonable, even for have to get his reasons."

"If the parks and grass are Shakespeare, since Moses has Ervin measure. The N.Y. Times declared not made them public. (Unless keeping the grass safe from communism rates as a reason.) Papp then went to see Constable to find out how much tax on admissions the city wanted and to see if other means could Faced with growing opposimoney.

tion, Moses played his trump Moses' squire-at-arms ordered card. From a "sick bed," whence Papp out of his office after tellhe could not be reached even by ing him: "We're not interested the mayor himself, Moses cirin the money. We're not interested in licensing people like

vou.' Commissioner Moses then never have supported it in the sought to ring down the cur- first place, this would be a weltain by telling the press this is come turn.

A still more welcome turn "closed incident." However, the thousands who want to see Shakespeare at Central Park movement's entire political pol are shouting at the management icy

(Shakespeare) Committee" has must have thought, "Isn't it 9238. been organized. In addition the about time to get a John L. is reliable . . Why should we Board of Estimate to hold a he could do a far more effective ish Refugee Aid, Inc., Room 421, 80 East 11th embarrass him?" asked Con-public hearing on the whole af- job of defending labor's political interests?"

October 1956 ARE YOU KIDDING?

Robert Moses, who banned free Shakespeare in New York's Central Park to save the grass, "Little Scottsboro Case." Reid's law and order." attorney maintains that the sen-

charge of "assault with premedi-(Continued from Page 1) river to save their own hides.' They made a "deal," Hoffa charges, and didn't even take

in its final form. "Throwing in with the labor in a Florida state investigation, press, schools, labor unions, haters who spout 'corruption' that prison guards had illegally civic clubs." strated a deplorable lack of from their mouths while they cut down and sold timber from courage - even granting that write union-busting provisions private property. Several of the port the Celler-Douglas bill United Nations to give "immediate and serious remove the productions from Moses has a frightening growl. with their hands, these AFL- accused guards were subse-"Having announced that Moses CIO leaders put their stamp of quently fired.

Among those who have tried was a bigger man than he," approval on a bill which could said the Post bitterly, "Mr. open the way to injunctions, to help Reid, an itinerant farm citizens. Other legislation favted by the American Committee for Protection Papp and Moses was picked up Wagner contributed a new gem lawsuits, and government har- laborer, is his employer William to the collection of historic ut- assment the likes of which Frank. Frank appealed to Fedterances from Our Town's fa- American labor has not seen eral Judge Murphy. "This is a

him. 'Yes,' he said, 'but we the turn of events calls for re-

consideration of their attitude. To this day neither the Post They had hoped to appease the nor anyone else knows what the anti-labor legislation drive by 'reasons" were for sinking supporting the "mild" Kennedy-

As always happens in such cases, the whip handle was taken by the extreme reactionaries and they utilized the drive for the turn to Lake County.' Kennedy-Ervin bill to carry the

anti-labor program further than and to see if other means could not be found for raising the The current meeting of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO

> is reported to be considering shifting to opposition to the Kennedy-Ervin bill.

For those who were strongly convinced that they should

would be a review of the labor

that the last act has not yet | More than one union militant reading about Lewis's testimony

A "Citizens We Want .Will at the congressional committee,

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