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ons — Reid has been fighting

extradition. His case went all the

way to the U.S. Supreme Court

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Rockefeller Puts Willie Reid Back On Chain Gang

By George Lavan

Flouting the petitions of thousands of citizens and the requests of Negro, labor and civil-liberties organizations, Gov. Rockefeller on Nov. 23 ordered fugitive Willie Reid sent back to a Florida chain+ was denied an attorney and the

gang. right to plead not guilty. Fol-Reid, a Negro migrant farm lowing an investigation of corworker, was the victim back in ruption a mong chain-gang 1950 of Willis V. McCall, notorious racist sheriff of Lake guards in 1952, he was singled out by the guards for such tor-County, Fla. For an offense, which even under Florida law tures that he appeared doomed. would normally bring a maximum sentence of one year, Reid succeeded. Reid made his way got 15 years. In his "trial" he

Crisis Hits Ceylon Govt.

which early this month refused The ghost of Ceylon's Prime Minister Bandaranaike, assassito hear it. The court maintains nated two months ago, is haunt- the legal fiction that the only ing his party right out of power. avenue for redress of any in-All eight people arrested in con- justice in his case must be nection with his murder belong through the Florida courts to the ruling Sri Lanka Freedom not from another state. That party. Those arrested include Reid may not survive in Florida one member of Bandaranaike's long enough to prove he can't cabinet. They also include a get justice in that state is not brother of the finance minister considered pertinent by the Suof Bandaranaike's successor, the preme Court justices or by Gov. present Prime Minister Dahana- Rockefeller.

Rockefeller issued a statement yake. remarkable for its legal sophis-The finance minister, in question, Stanley de Soyza, resigned try and crocodile tears. He was Nov. 22. Another of his brothers, prevented by the Constitution, not in custody, is also suspected he said, from refusing to extration. He is a deputy chief of po- governors have in numerous lice and had been assigned by cases refused to extradite fugi-Premier Dehanayake to take tives to the South. Moreover,

part in investigating the case. The Opposition in Ceylon's himself, not long ago refused an Parliament, led by N. M. Perera of the revolutionary-socialist chusetts.

Then, as if to insult the pub-Lanka Sama Samaja party will seek to force the Dahanayake lic's intelligence, the suddenly government to resign shortly so strict-constitutionalist Rockefelthat new elections can take ler added: "The Constitution replace. The LSSP is hopeful of quires that Florida accord Mr. American people are paying a winning such elections. Last Reid due process and equal pro- half a billion dollars annually



Witch-Hunters, Go Home to Yankee-land!

Pickets outside the San Juan courthouse protest the House Un-American Activities Committee's "investigation" of "Communism" in Puerto Rico. Shocked Puerto Ricans learned that the witch-hunters do not scruple about ransacking private mail and using the contents to smear individuals. Sign in the foreground says: "Puerto Rican workers - we condemn congressional persecution of our leaders." Another sign, in English, says: "We know that decent Americans are ashamed."

Those Railroad "Featherbeds" Lined with Sharp Thorns

By Harry Ring

freight enginemen get more pay the size of train crews. per hour than railroad execuday and collects 41/2 days pay . . around \$100"? That diesel engines carry firemen "who tend

capitalists who run our rail-

roads, you and the rest of the

no fires"? A few isolated cases? No, sir. According to the public-minded

of complicity in the assassina- dite a fugitive. But Northern ives"? That "a Pennsylvania of the union work rules makes no pay differential for night engineer makes a 452-mile round quite clear that revisions are work; no pay for layover time trip between New York and needed-revisions that will give between runs; no pay for stand-Washington, D.C., in a single the men some of the benefits by time when they must remain long established in other indus- subject to call: no pay for expenses incurred for food and

The federal wage and hour

To cap their demands, the op- | law doesn't apply to the railerators are insisting on the road industry. Many road serger engine crews and road road industry. Many road serceive no premium pay for Sat-

A brief look at the real facts urdays, Sundays and holidays:

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bracket.

the lucky five!

Big Business Steps Up War Against Labor

Witch-Hunters **Find Hot Seat** In Puerto Rico

Shouting "Yankees, go home," hooting and jeering at its "disclosures," the Puerto Rican people gave the House **Un-American** Activities Committee the hottest reception of its infamous history. In fact, the witch-hunters concluded the hearings abruptly with four witnesses yet to go.

"The Committee's effort to produce sensations met with laughter on the part of the crowded hearing," reports the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee in a Nov. 20 release

"Pickets marched and chanted outside. Forty outstanding citizens signed a protest which was carried as an advertisement in papers. Sixty-nine members of the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico issued a concurring statement, joining the protest, and political demonstrations against the Committee's intrusion were held throughout the island . . .

"After the first witness, Mr. Cuesta, had refused for two hours to answer any questions, Cong. Scherer made a speech in which he accused Clark Foreman, the Director of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, of being responsible for the resistance to the Committee . .

"At this point the head of the committee of lawyers appointed by the Bar Associa-Replying to the rail magnates' charges of union "featherzales, rose and publicly shouted that the Congressman was lying. The whole audience applauded and for several minutes demonstrated against the tactics of the Committee. sums for travel, living expenses, Chairman Tuck then recessed the hearings." The subpoenaed witnesses at the hearings, Nov. 18, 19 Labor reports that in 1923 and 20, refused to answer all questions on the grounds that the House probers lacked jurisdiction. At the end of the hearings, Congressman Tuck (D-Va.) announced he would 000 executive officers. Last ask the House of Representayear 953 of these executives tives to cite all 13 witnesses were raking in salaries of \$20,for contempt. 000 or more. A decade ago there The committee appointed by were less than 500 in that wage the San Juan Bar Association announced that it would de-But the really big fry don't fend the witnesses all the way rely on generous salaries and to the U.S. Supreme Court if expense accounts alone. In 1958 necessary. Speaking for the the Louisville & Nashville Rail-Bar Association attorneys, Mr. road notified its shareholders Gonzales said that the Conthat it had established a "stock gressional group's "excesses in option" plan for its officials unabusing its powers caused a der which they could buy 50,000 sorry spectacle." The American Civil Liber-Five top officials of the line ties Union also protested the snapped up 10,400 shares at that hearings. On Nov. 11 the price. Each share is currently ACLU called on the House selling for \$82. A tidy profit for **Un-American Activities Com**mittee to drop the "investiga-The Chesapeake & Ohio worktion" into Puerto Rican "Comed out an even slicker deal for munism."

By Tom Kerry

Big business has declared total war against the American labor movement.

The government in Washington is aligned with the magnates of capital in conducting this war.

The capitalist press, radio and television have placed their facilities at the disposal of the war-makers.

The object is to undermine, weaken and destroy the ability of the unions to defend the living standards of the American working people.

It is, in the true sense of the word, a class war - the rich against the poor, the oppressors against the oppressed, the exploiters against the exploited.

That this is no exaggeration is attested to by some of the most conservative labor leaders in the country. Speaking at the recent Washington convention of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department, George Meany declared that the number one problem of the union movement "is the present-day war on organized labor by the reactionary forces who seem at the moment to control the entire American scene.'

Walter Reuther, IUD president, charged that "American big business is carrying on a total struggle against the American working people." He added, "The money changers have taken over the temple of government" and are using the power of government in a drive to enslave the workers.

Lesser union leaders at the IUD conference enlarged upon this theme, citing concrete examples of the employers banding together to fight the unions. The use of scabs, National Guard troops, court injunctions, anti-union legisation, government police power, on city, state and national level, is a constantly recurring pattern.

Taking note of these developments the top union eaders have sounded the alarm. In a letter to all officers of national and international unions, state and city central bodies, and directly affiliated unions, following the Supreme Court steel injunction, AFL-CIO president George Meany wrote:

"More than ever, the issue is now joined. More than ever, it is an issue, not just between the United Steelworkers of America and the steel industry, but between the American labor movement and the forces of reaction in big business . .

"Under the terms of the injunction, the workers must return to their jobs for a period of 80 days. In these 80 days the steel companies will be free to produce and to profit under the terms existing prior to the strike. The Steelworkers have no choice but to obey the injunction during this 80-day period. "But the rest of the trade union movement can - and will — use this period to become prepared for the battle that seems certain to begin again the day this injunction expires." Brave words! Prepare for battle - yes! But by what methods and through what means? If the Steelworkers had "no choice but to obey" a court injunction issued at the behest of an anti-labor administration, will that be the banner under which labor goes into battle following the (Continued on Page 4)

month, the Dahanayake cabinet tection of the laws. The Consti- for union "featherbedding beat back a no-confidence vote tution also mandates that New (That's a technical term, thought (which, if carried, would have York honor Florida's extradition up by the advertising agencies, bedding," the Nov. 7 issue of Labor, weekly paper of the forced it to resign) by the slim request. Under a government of for "work paid for but not per- Railroad Brotherhoods, offers a few timely reminders of (Continued on Page 4) margin of one vote.

Begin Operation Upturn In Socialist Fund Drive

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

"OPERATION UPTURN!" Those two words would certainly win if we had offered a prize for a slogan to express what's most needed to meet the December 15 deadline of our Socialist. Publiin large measure on what's cations Fund. done by New York and Los

I really am confident that both

cialist activity and what they

do in this campaign will be one

But this welcome slogan came without being asked for from Angeles. George Jones who didn't need cities will come through with pay, etc.) to have a house fall on him to colors flying. Both have long see that you can't stack up six demonstrated their capacity for leadership in every field of soweeks of contributions in three weeks unless you start an operation upturn.

more proof of it. George wasn't the only one Just bolstering my own courto face up to this. Five cities age? Not me. Here's the evidemonstrated this week that they realize the time has come dence. First the prize-winning for a change of pace. This is letter from George Jones: "The what I mean: To keep on sched- check enclosed is 'operation upwhat I mean. To keep on schede turn' for Los Angeles. You will men onto runs with longer over-made slightly under 8% of their see us quicken our pace on the night periods away from home. quota each week. But life sel- scoreboard. As you know, some dom follows that precise a sched- of our comrades and friends ule and it hasn't happened that were hit by the steel strike. way in our fund either. The way Those of us who were fortunate to close the gap, of course, is to enough to be working dug just drop that 8% weekly goal and a little deeper to make up for make it 10% or 20% or what- our comrades on strike. In adever you need for the rest of dition neighborhood house parties have brought in unexpected the campaign.

revenue. Comes December 15. The honor role of those who we will be right up there on started operation upturn going on their own initiative includes top.

Seattle which sent in 25% of Isn't that the kind of fighting its total quota this week; Philocialist spirit that assures sucadelphia which matched that cess?

And in New York, morale is percentage performance; De. troit which sent in 22% of its equally high. I can give eyewitness testimony to that, parquota; Connecticut 20%; and icularly after the fine Militant Milwaukee 13%.

But can we actually reach Labor Forum meeting where SWP National Secretary Farthat big goal in the short time vell Dobbs spoke. There were remaining before December 15? I, for one, am crossing my fing-95 people in attendance. Comrade Dobbs made an exers and saying positively that ellent speech that sparked a we can - if . . .

lively discussion period. Several nessmen and other applicants That familiar old "if" refers to the half dozen branches that veteran unionists long associatundertook the largest quotas in ed with the Communist party this drive and who are (with the and several associated for equalexception of the Twin Cities) ly long years with the SWP lagging behind. To narrow that made some instructive points "if" down even further, the suc- about current labor problems. (Continued on Page 2) cess of our campaign depends

formed.")

what might be called the Great Such distorted or completely Train Robbery among the op- McGinnis received substantial fabricated claims are part of a erators.

Last spring the Interstate entertainment and similar items, nationwide campaign designed Commerce Commission fined the as well as for undivulged purto roll back the railroad unions whose contracts came up for re-Southern Railroad \$20,000 after poses." newal Nov. 1. It's part of the investigation revealed that overall drive that big business funds charged up to "mainten- there were 1,800,000 railroad is waging against unionism in ance of way" had been used to workers and 16,000 executive a series of key industries. build a swank "rest and recrea- officers. Right now there are The established incentive pay tion" center for its executives less than 900,000 workers on the system on the railroads sets 100 at the Lincoln Green Forest in railroads but there are still 16,miles as the basic unit of work South Carolina. for passenger and freight-train

"This 16,000-acre plus resort," engine crews and 160 miles for reports Labor, "is equipped with conductors and brakemen on passenger trains. (If an engineer de luxe lodges, stables, kennels; covers 150 miles in one work with a special lake for fishing; shift he draws a day and a half with a forest preserve for hunting and other attractions, all for the comfort of Southern of-The companies now propose

that the 100-mile incentive unit ficials." be boosted to 150 miles and the Another case involved the president of Norfolk Southern

160-mile to 240 miles. They are also demanding an Joseph P. Kingsley and board end to the monthly mileage chairman P. B. McGinnis. Aclimit system which helps spread cording to an ICC examiner, shares at \$59.20 a share. the work. In addition they pro- these two men, in the five years pose elimination of rules bar- up to 1953, "collected total comring them from sending crews pensation of \$716,771 in the past established crew change form of salaries, bonuses and

points. This would force rail- fees from the railway and its men onto runs with longer over- subsidiaries. "In addition, Kingsley and



student loan program require- leges - CCNY, Brooklyn and ment that applicants sign a Hunter — asserted that they ment that applicants sign a found the oath personally dis-"non-Communist" o a th was tasteful; but, they claimed, their of this year, net operating profits dealt a heavy blow when Har- financial situation didn't permit vard and Yale universities anthem to withdraw from the pronounced Nov. 18 they were gram. The three colleges, in the 1958. withdrawing from the program richest city in the world, argue

in protest. Similar action against the Mcdrew under the program this Carthyite oath had been pre- year, \$141,000.

tion for singling out students.

Following the action by the

viously taken by Princeton, Am-Dr. Harry Gideonse, Brooklyn herst. Oberlin and other colleges. College heads have pointfrequently accused by students and net figures for the airlines unions. "There is always trouble of curbing civil liberties on the and truckers. ed out that farmers, small busicampus, gave a sterling example for federal grants are not reof intellectual "leadership" in quired to sign such "loyalty" his statement. affidavits. They see no justifica-

He said the affidavit was a vard and Yale, the presidents wet nurse them.'

its executives—a modern "installment plan" under which 24 officers were permitted to buy Kick in Teeth 112,500 shares at just over \$36 a share, the value at the time Costs 5 G's they put their names on the IOU's. Today the market price is over \$72 a share. Despite such give-aways, the

both the airlines and truckers in

rates.

Some people apparently like stockholders of this "sick" into pay for the privilege of being kicked in the teeth. On Nov. 16 the AFL-CIO gave /its annual community service award and a reached \$503 million, a 27% incheck for \$5,000 to former Presicrease over the same period in dent Harry Truman who still holds the record for Taft-Hartley During that year the rail that they can't raise what they barons actually outdistanced strike-breaking injunctions.

In accepting the money, Trurevenues and a net profit of reference to current charges by College president, who has been 6.3%, almost double both gross labor-baiters of corruption in the thatched huts.

when people get too much money or too much power," he Far from quenching their thirst for profits, however, this said. "The great thing about this record seems to have made the country," he continued, "is that and cattle ranches have been railroad barons still thirstier. we are able to correct these situ-"stupid thing" but that it was That's why they're out to worsen ations and I know you are going failed to dampen the spirits of gives farm workers a choice be-"the student's responsibility to job conditions, curtail services to do it yourself." "You know the peasants." heads of ultra-respectable Har- sign the oath or not. We can't and hike passenger and freight what I'm talking about," he added.

"Land, Work and Hope" Are Key Words in Cuba

The American press nowadays is filled with howls. lamentations and diatribes about the Cuban revolution and the Agrarian Reform Law which takes land from the rich and makes it available to the

boor. It is hard to find anything Cuba's fortunate combination eporting accurately the feel of rich soil and excellent clings of the Cuban people. But occasionally something does manage to get past the editor's blue pencil. A recent instance was an article by Henry N. Taylor, a Scripps-Howard correspondent, who indicates how the

nate which will produce anyhing, except wheat, abundantly. **Fiven** these conditions, it is incredible that Cuba should have o import 30% of her food sup-

f a peasant had land, he had to

bay exorbitant bribes to Batis-

'a's government to get permis-

sion to plant; finally seed was

controlled by "the same people

who made profits from imported

vegetables. Naturally, peasants

All this has been swept aside

by the revolutionary govern-

ment. "For the first time," re-

ports Taylor, "since the Spanish

first came to Cuba soon after

Columbus, soldiers are in the

countryside for other purposes

than to strut and steal and shoot.

Many work in full uniform, side

Despite these facts, however

ian Law as "drastic." The law

found seed 'unavailable.'

Up to the present, if a peasnorizon of the Cuban peasant ant wanted to buy land in order o plant his own beans he faced has lighted up. "The key words are land work and hope," he writes. "For enormous obstacles. Landlords with huge amounts of wasted and "kept land prices high";

generations these values have been denied to the gaunt, sunwrinkled, sugar-field workers. They were born beaten, lived hungry, died early. . ."

In glaring contrast to the profits cleaned up by the sugar barons, 450,000 sugar workers had an income of about \$120 a year According to Taylor, "a private American survey in 1957 estimated that 96 of every 100 Cuban farm workers never had eaten meat." It was found that profits with \$9.6 billion in gross man made a crudely obvious 14% had tuberculosis and over 60% lived in dirt-floored, palm-

> The U.S. government has threatened to curtail the sugar by side with peasants, to build quota, because thousands of new cooperative farms." acres of American-owned farms Taylor refers to Castro's Agrar-

taken over. But the threats have

They are immersed in the operatives or operating their task of making full use of own 67-acre plots of land.

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It is in the politics of the as-

Stalin in seeking Trotsky's mur-

Whole Damned System Is Rigged 77 BOOKS

NOTED EDUCATOR

labor.

ment.

ing workers?

By Joseph Keller

people were especially upset by described the moral foundations the fact that a member of a and effects of capitalism: family distinguished for intellectual achievements, a family of noted poets, scholars, historians and even a Pulitzer Prize winner, could lend his good name to a commercialized TV hoax. Many young people, especially among the students, have been stirred by this incident to inquiry and speculation on the nature of morality in our society. Professors, editors, politicians and propagandists have hastened to answer the questions

raised. Most commentators find in the incident little more than the kind of "excess" you might expect in a "raw new" industry. A few find a deeper and more symptomatic significance in the TV quiz exposure. In an article in the Nov. 15 New York Times Magazine, Charles Frankel, professor of philosophy at Columbia University, describes the uni-

versality of the use of deception. "... In politics and business. in education as well as entertainment, the arts of deception have clearly won an honored place," writes Prof. Frankel. "The very oddity of the events that have disturbed us, in fact, is symptomatic. Values are strangely askew, intelligent men lose their moorings, sophisticated men turn out to be strangely naive . . ."

The good professor concludes which work "to change the exist- university had lent itself to an ton School of Finance and Coming moral atmosphere."

nary" development in the years relations" campaign to "demili- period of the war; and he was



Working in the Militant busi- drive and some subs as well but portant many of our readers are and had publicly acknowledged their agents was his exposure of from a letter he received from ness office has compensations might be late.

Frankel states. This "moral at-Shock and dismay were wide- mosphere" has existed since caply expressed when Charles Van italism established itself as the Doren confessed that the TV dominant world system. In their quiz show on which he had won Communist Manifesto of 1848, \$129,000 had been rigged. Many Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels

"since World War II," as Prof.

"The bourgeoisie [the capitalist class], wherever it has got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations . . . and has left no other bond between man and man than naked selfinterest, then callous 'cash payment.' It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of religious fervor, of chivalrous enthusiasm, of philistine sentimentalism, in the icy water of egotistical calculation. It has resolved personal worth into exchange value . . .

"The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science. into its paid wage-laborers." It is not only in the mink tarize" Eisenhower and to create

coats, deep freezes and Persian a false image of him as a "civilrug hand-outs to White House ian" leader. Thus, in 1952, the aides, in the lying commercials and the fixed TV quiz shows, that we find the infection. It is bone deep. Its worst manifesta- as a "noted educator," no less. tions most frequently go unseen or, at least, unrecognized. Let us note a few examples.

Professor Eisenhower

strike. In preparation for invoking a Taft-Hartley injunction Within 24 hours of Van Doragainst the Steelworkers, Eisenn's confession, Columbia Uni- hower set up a "board of inversity fired him from his \$5,500- quiry" to provide him with the a-year instructorship because he "facts." The head of this board, that the government should es- had yielded to the temptation to which is still intervening in the tablish institutions "that embody | make twenty times that much in | steel struggle, is not unknown to public purposes and that exist to a few weeks through a public the steel workers. He is Prof. protect and advance them" and deception. Yet this same great George W. Taylor of the Whar-

infinitely more insidious public merce of the University of Penn-But can we change the moral hoax when it named General sylvania. (The Wharton School atmosphere without changing Dwight D. Eisenhower as Co- trains business executives.) Prof. the social system which creates lumbia's president in 1948, a post Taylor was chairman of the War it? For Charles Van Doren is he held only until he took over Labor Board during World War mind. Truman snapped: both a product and a victim of a command of the NATO forces in II under the late Pres. Roosesocial order whose very essence 1950. The selection of Eisenhow- velt. He was the author of the is corruption. He is not sympto- er as Columbia University's notorious "Little Steel Formula" matic simply of an "extraordi- president was part of a "public, which froze wages for the entire

government board to aid profiteer corporations against strik- eral suit: But do you know how Eisenhower, of course, has no nonopoly on this type of capfamily? italist morality in American There are three classes of presidents. His predecessor in

B shares.

office Harry S. Truman was at east as notable in this regard. He even made "quiz show" appearances before the House Banking and Currency committee on April 14, 1958, when he expounded on the failures of the Republican administration to meet the challenge of unemploypany so long as these shares ex-

"Healthy Unemployment"

Representative Henry O. Talle, f Iowa, read to Truman a statement the latter had made eight years before as quoted in an exclusive personal interview with Arthur Krock which was published in the Feb. 15, 1950, New

York Times. The interview took place during the peak of the 1949-50 recession when even the professional militarist Eisenhowloaded government figures shower was palmed off on the voters ed unemployment approaching five million. Truman, who was then seeking to minimize the Now, take some of Eisenhowserious economic situation, had er's more recent acts — his

told Krock: moves to help break the steel "A certain amount of unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job-seeking should go on at all times; this is healthy for the economic body.'

> Rep. Talle reminded Truman he had made this statement at a time when unemployment amounted to 8.1% of the labor force, whereas currently (in April 1958) the percentage was 7.7. Talle asked the former President what had changed his

"That exclusive interview never happened. It came out of the air.'

By denying he had even given

effect was accusing Arthur Krock. who is known as the "Dean of Washington Correspondents," of being a falsifier and forger. Krock replied in defense of his professional and personal integrity. He answered Truman in the April 15, 1958, New York Times with crushing documentary proof that Truman had given the 1950 interview, appropriated as profit. had carefully checked Krock's

bitterly denounced by organized | control of the dominating corporations is widely spread. There Naturally, Eisenhower could has been publicity recently about depend on Taylor to make an the Du Pont's control of 23%

"impartial" inquiry. How does of General Motors stock and the compare with the rigging of a Du Pont family divest itself of this stock after a ten-year fedthe Ford Motor Company stock-

trol in the hands of the Ford the main facts known or sur-

to the public; class A stock owned exclusively by the Ford Foun- kind of mind fits into our times. dation which is controlled by the Unfortunately the handling of Ford family; and class B stock the material suffers injury from which is owned by the Ford the author's preoccupation with family. The family-held class B shares, however, retain 40% of communism is by nature totalithe voting power of the com- tarian and conspiratorial.

reed 2,700,000. The Ford family book is the new evidence it preholds 6,293,000 such class B sents on the identity of the asshares. The Ford Foundation sassin. It had been rumored in held, as of last March, 34,132,239 class A shares. Publicly held common stocks, which are converted class A shares, total only Mercader, a Stalinist participant 14,336,504 at this writing. The in the civil war in Spain who Ford company, of course, boasts had been recruited by his mothof its 260,000 "owners" or share- er Caridad into the NKVD, Stalholders. But the Ford family can outvote all the common share- Alfonso Quiroz, a Mexican psy-

It was inside-page news even it possible to confirm this in the New York Times when through the killer's fingerprints.

against the corporate defendants

Built-In "Fix"

The whole damned system is photos of his brothers Pablo and rigged. That is what Karl Marx Jorge and his sister Montserrat. revealed a century ago. He ex- A later photograph of his mothposed the exact way in which er, matched feature for feature such an interview, Truman in the capitalists rook the workers by the Mexican police, demonvinced they are getting a "fair between mother and son. day's pay." Marx uncovered the

article in advance of publication the eyes of the capitalists and book, Levine quotes extensively taking advantage of our com- it and approved its contents at a this built-in "fix" of capitalism Enrique Castro Delgado, a form-



On the Assassination of Trotsky

Straus and Cudahy, New York. 1959. 232 pp. \$4.50.

Isaac Don Levine has attemptholdings are rigged to keep con- ed in this book to assemble all mised about the assassin of

Ford stock: common stock sold these what the killer's mind is like and to suggest how this for among the Minneapolis de-

a propagandistic theme — that

Spanish refugee circles in Mexico that "Frank Jacson," or 'Jacques Mornard." was Ramon in's secret political police. Dr

holders with just 2,700,001 class chiatrist, discovered in Madrid a 1935 police record that made

From Family Album

Levine managed in the past year to locate further docunents in Barcelona. As illustrations in his book, he includes from the Mercader family album an early photo of the mother. taken in the 1920's; a teen-age photo of the assassin; a photo of the assassin at the age of about 19, wearing the uniform of a junior lieutenant in the Spanish Republican Army and standing

beside his grandmother; and Paper, \$1.25. ON THE LINE, by Harvey Swados. A moving portrayal of

even when the workers are con- strates the marked resemblance According to Levine, Caridad secret of surplus value, whereby Mercader is living in Paris with the worker sells his labor power her daughter and son-in-law, to the capitalist for a fixed wage having been seen there as reand this power to labor creates cently as March of this year. He surplus value above the value mentions that the assassin's fa-

of the wage received which is ther, Don Pablo, is still alive in Barcelona.

that cannot be measured in monetary terms. We look for-ward, for example, to each book [Notebook of an Agitator] in an approved its contents at a bination offers. From St. Paul we got the kind of complaint we like to

the rigging of a TV quiz show refusal of the courts to make the THE MIND OF AN ASSASSIN, Mercader at one point sought to, "the Kremlin's happy robot of by Isaac Don Levine. Farrar, utilize the Minneapolis case to the future"? Do only unhappy his advantage. infants of our capitalist world When leaders of the Socialist make happy Kremlin robots? (A

Workers party became the first robot that finally leaves, as Levictims of the Smith Act for the vine himself puts it, "the im-"crime" of opposing imperialist pression of a sedate bourgeois"!) war and advocating socialism, Leon Trotsky, to deduce from Mercader implied that this justi- sassination that Levine really fied his assassination of Trotsky, goes off tangent. He holds that fendants was Jake Cooper, one der had his eye on the future

world revolution. "To ride the of Trotsky's guards! coming revolutionary tide in tri-The attempt to probe the mind umph, he would have to elimiof the Stalinist killer is based nate his only potential post-war on a prolonged psychiatric ex-amination of the prisoner under

This absurd judgment stems court order. Some interesting from the reactionary view that facts concerning Mercader's Stalinism and Trotskyism are Spanish and Stalinist backsimply two wings of commuground were turned up but it seems far-fetched to seek the ulolutionary and equally bad in timate explanation of the as- the final analysis. One supposes sassin's crimes in his infant tribulations with wet nurses. The vine to see the struggle between that this is also what causes Leexplanation for a political crime Stalin and Trotsky as principally still lies in the field of politics. a struggle between two conspir-

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Who Owns America? NO LONGER JUST A THIRD

Leo Carlin, Mayor of Newark, There is no vital area to which N. J., reported Nov. 22 that 52% you can point, from the sumof the houses in the city have mits of government to the giants been found sub-standard. He of finance and industry, that is 25% torn down. A quarter of a Take the question of who owns century ago, Pres. Roosevelt said this country. We are told that one-third of the nation was ill- this is a "people's capitalism," inferring that the ownership and housed.

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agents of capitalism don't attack who held top posts at the front Marxism for its devastating an- in the fighting against Franco. From E.M. in Connecticut: month and a half since I sent in terview as the 1950 prize winner system is rigged. Marxism is knew for years in Moscow after framed up and assailed as a doc- the Spanish defeat, finally be-Krock attributed Truman's trine of the "overthrow of the came disillusioned with Stalinregret over the assassination of

The late Leon Trotsky once Trotsky, in which she as well as wrote that we are living in "the her son was involved.

Besides details of this kind my sub would be started." OK, a similar reply to a similar built upon a fraud, can be de- about the identity of Trotsky's J.C., and I hope this quote question before a Congressional fended only by more and great-assassin, Levine attempts to investigating committee, he er falsifications. Wherever you probe the wider ramifications of Bob P. of Seattle writes on would end up in prison as a touch it, corruption bursts forth. the murder plot. An important checking our sub figures with perjuror? The most significant It will take but one firm push part of this is information about theirs: "I guess you are not fact, however, is not that Tru- by the American working class Zborowski, an NKVD agent who crediting us with two subs I had man answered falsely on such a to make the whole capitalist succeeded in winning the concounted but that's all right, for crucial question of public import. structure crumble. The future fidence of Leon Sedov, Trotsky's we are already over the top on It is that virtually the entire socialist generations may well son, and who had a hand in his

the System of the Great Hoax. However, in his eagerness to list every detail touching Stalin's olot to kill Trotsky or to prove **Fund Drive** his central thesis about the conspiratorial nature of commu-

nism; Levine fails to draw the (Continued from Page 1) line on doubtful material. As My enthusiasm about the explanation for the expulsion of meeting, of course, was espec- Trotsky from Norway, for exally high because \$60 was con- ample, he cites testimony by tributed for our fund, some of Louis F. Budenz, former editor it from long-time friends and of the Daily Worker, that Mossome from people who reached cow used a report he made to into their pockets for the first the NKVD of an alleged contime to help the socialist cause. versation Trotsky had with the Speaking of money, I want to Rev. A. J. Muste on "plans for leave room for several "payola" the violent overthrow of the Soplugs. (According to the papers viet regime." The real reason for

that means accepting a bribe to Trotsky's expulsion was more boost someone's record.) I don't likely a hint from the Kremlin have any rock 'n' roll to push, that the Soviet government hapbut I want to get in a few words pened to be a good customer of about the coming New York and the Norwegian fishing industry. Los Angeles bazaars. My angle

is brazenly obvious — I hope.

Vivid Account

New York is collecting a mass For those unfamiliar with the of really wonderful items for its bazaar which will be held Sat- details of the actual murder of urday, Dec. 12, at 116 University | Trotsky, the book offers a com-Place. Be sure to attend for posite picture based on reports some spectacular Xmas bar- of eyewitnesses, including my gains. It's a painless way to own account. These are quoted to considerable extent. Statehelp a worthy cause. The "low-cost-of-living" baz- ments made by the assassin to aar in Los Angeles will be held the police are fitted in.

Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1702 East | Levine has conscientiously en-Fourth Street. According to the deavored here to be as accurate grapevine it will be the very as possible and he has succeeded well, in my opinion, in presentbest yet. A "good and welfare" note. ing these terrible scenes. I noted The scoreboard shows that our only a few minor errors; but Pittsburgh correspondent hit the these are not of a kind to affect 100% mark this week despite a the faithfulness of the account... siege of illness. Here's hoping Likewise good is the brief for a speedy recovery. history of Mercader's attempts to obtain parole. Obediently fol-

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Stinging Slap

The Algerian revolution served notice that it is by no means dead. On Nov. 20 it reached up and gave French President De Gaulle a stinging slap. Throughout Asia and Africa, the peoples must have cheered at the accuracy of the blow and laughed at the anger it provoked in De Gaulle, the self-inflated oracle of the "greatness of France."

De Gaulle has been behaving as if the struggle of the Algerian people for national liberation was as good as crushed. The terms he offered the Algerians on Sept. 16 were insulting. His offer of "self-determination" was a patent fraud.

The leaders of the Algerian National Liberation Front, however, agreed to talk the matter over with the French, and on Nov. 20 named five men to represent them. All five are prisoners of the French.

Four of them fell into French hands in October 1956 when a Moroccan plane carrying them from Morocco to Tunisia and flying over the Mediterranean Sea was forced by the French to land in Algeria. In short they were kidnaped in violation of international law. The Moroccan government protested vigorously against this gangsterism, but the French just brushed the protests aside.

Among the capitives is Mohammed Ben Bella, vice-premier of the Algerian government in exile. He is the most popular figure among the Algerian freedom fighters. It was under his command that the war of national liberation began five years ago. He was one of the four to be treacherously seized by the French.

By naming those who were kidnaped as its spokesmen, the National Liberation Front forcefully reminded De Gaulle that it hadn't forgotten about the perfidy of French imperialism and that it wasn't ready to cave in before his bluster or be suckered by his "self-determination' scheme.

Furthermore, by naming Ben Bella instead of a prominent moderate as negotiator, the Algerian government in exile served notice on De Gaulle that it considered itself to be negotiating from strength and not from weakness.

Finally, the Algerians rebuffed De Gaulle's arrogant stand that no political settlement of the Algerian problem could be discussed until four years after fighting stops. The government in exile directed its five envoys to take up "conditions and guarantees of the application of self-determination"-that is, to concentrate on the terms whereby Algeria will obtain its independence. The Algerians insist that agreement on this question must precede any talk about a cease fire.

De Gaulle has angrily refused to accept Ben Bella and the other four capitives as negotiators for the Algerian freedom fighters and again threatened the Algerian National Liberation Army with annihilation. But the Algerian people are determined to end French imperialist rule. They will not readily stop fighting without guarantees that independence will ensue.



"Please, Fifi! Maybe his thumb was big and greasy; but it was on the scale, not the meat!"

De Gaulle Pours Sand 'Coexistence' Works In

pects of a U.S.-Soviet agreement | closely watching CP policy is By Daniel Roberts Since Khrushchev's visit to to ban nuclear tests.

THE MILITANT

the United States last September, the U.S. and Soviet governments have taken further megalomaniac concern with re- says Harsch, Secretary of State time they will have been expectmeasures - such as broadening storing the country's "great- Dulles, after "one of his most ing the development of science the cultural-exchange program ness," it is part of a larger prob- unpublicized agonizing reap- near the sun. We shall assume lem confronting U.S. imperial- praisals," developed the concept - to relax international tensions. But Khrushchev's attempt ism and the Kremlin. Because that "it was already too late to channel of communication that instance, if we got an answer to conclude a two-power deal of the thaw, Washington has attempt to exclude the Soviets between Moscow and Washing- been forced to loosen the reins from the Middle East, and that us, and that they look forward ton, aimed at preserving the it holds on its Western allies. perhaps the time had come to patiently to the answering sigworld status quo indefinitely, Economic and political rivalries conduct an experiment in in- nals from the sun which would evidently keeps running into among England, West Germany viting them into world coun- make known to them that a new and France consequently be- cils.

First, U.S. imperialism appears come more prominent and so as yet reluctant to enter into have the respective rivalries of experimented from time to time such a deal. Not that the ruling these countries and Japan with with consulting Moscow about class of this country has any the United States.

De Gaulle's course in partic- ment had a "factual interest," in scruples about forcing people at home or abroad to accept the ular has seriously weakened the the hope that eventually Moscapitalist status quo. But Amer- military structure of the NATO cow "might become responsible ican big-business policy makers alliance. Since American imper- in the exercise of responsibilevidently fear to accept, even lialism is determined to preserve ity." for a few years, a pact such as the alliance, De Gaulle's inde-Mao Tse-tung is absolutely opposed to Khrushchev proposes lest it pendent course presents Wash- ton is pleased with Khrushhaving Khrushchev negotiate for China at swerve them too far off their ington with a first-class head- chev's Oct. 31 speech, especially a summit meeting. (This was revealed by main course, which is to pre- ache and cuts down its freedom his support for De Gaulle's pare for war against the Soviet to maneuver with the USSR.

> Second, the thaw itself has delusions of grandeur mean that belonged consciously to a conpointed up the fact that even he has to supplement his ap- cert of great powers linked to partial agreements between the proaches to Washington for a gether in a common effort to U.S. and the Soviet Union are two-power deal with an ap- maintain peace, stability, and not easily arrived at because proach to De Gaulle. And he order in the world," "third powers" constantly in- also will have to make special Harsch. tervene and complicate the pro- approaches to the West Germans and the British.

Take the cessation of nuclearbomb testing, for instance. An agreement to cease contaminat-

The American Way of Life

Life on Other Planets

William L. Laurence, science expert of the New York Times, wrote a column Nov. 22 that I am sure every scienceloving American will appreciate. It is about life on other planets and how near we are to

communicating with whatever of comparable sensitivity! If we reasoning beings may be on

Leaving out of account the galactic community of intellimillion or so other galaxies withgence.

in telescopic range, he estimates that if every one of the hundred billion suns in our own galaxy had a solar system like ours, as now seems likely, there are 100,-000 trillion planets capable of supporting life as we know it on earth. Even if only one in a billion stars had a single planet like ours, we would still have 100,000,000 habitable neighbors in our galaxy.

them.

"Near Some Star"

It therefore stands to reason that many planets may have highly developed societies. As two Cornell University professors put it, "near some star rather like the sun there are civilizations with scientific interests and with technical possibilities much greater than those available to

"To the beings of such a soindicated by Joseph C. Harsch must appear as a likely site for of galactic scope. That's imagi-Though France's go-it-alone writing in the Nov. 4 Christian the evolution of a new society. nation with an American sweep! policy stems from De Gaulle's Science Monitor. Back in 1956, It is probable that for a long that long ago they established a society has entered the com-Since then Washington has munity of intelligence."

Thus it may be that civilizations much older and more adareas where the Soviet governvanced than ours have been be glad to talk with you again. signalling for decades or cen- Over." turies. True, it takes years for

the signals to cross space; but in the case of stars like Tau Ceti and Epsilon Eridani the lag is Harsch reports that Washingonly 12 years. They undoubtedly have receivers sensitive enough to "sift artificial signals from the jumble of radio noises coming proposals on Algeria. "Moscow from the earth and outer space.'

India's Prime Minister Nehru

has given the People's Republic

termine the final border.

Here is what is really exciting.

could decode the mathematical sequences which they might use as keys we could soon enter the Dr. Frank D. Drake, a prominent radio astronomer, has indicated the first questions he

would ask (even though / it might take 12 years because of the distance to get the answers). These would be "how to prevent cancer and heart disease; how to prolong life; how to control the energy of the fusion process in the hydrogen bomb for industrial power; how to develop man's creative potential; and, above all, whether - and if so how — the planetary society had managed to build a culture at peace, in which each indi-

vidual lived a full physical and spiritual life." Isn't that a prospect to stir

the imagination! Far from being an isolated smear of protoplasm on a dust speck in an odd crevice of the universe, we may be part of a community waiting to welciety," they continue, "our sun come us and share knowledge But would we be prepared to act on the information and advice we might receive from older and wiser planetary communities? What would we do, for would one day become known to like the following to that important question about how to build a culture at peace:

"Fools! Read the accumulated wisdom in your libraries. Read Marx and Engels and Lenin and Trotsky. Follow their advice. And when you have learned to heed your own wise men, we'll

-Paul Abbott

IS IT WORTH IT?

One gauge of technological progress is the ailments that go with it. In grandpa's day, for instance, you might get kicked by an iron-shod horse. A few weeks ago a Kentucky doctor

reported something new to the International College of Surgeons. It's "television bottom," a

Tito and Mao on "Summit"

Though at loggerheads, the Yugoslav and Chinese Communist party leaders agree on one thing: any "peaceful coexistence" agreement that Moscow and Washington might conclude will not necessarily be binding on them.

For the Yugoslavs, Marshal Tito, addressing 100,000 persons near the Bulgarian border on Nov. 22, warned of "a constant danger" that any East-West agreement would be made at the expense of the small and less powerful nations. "I never could fall in with a policy which ignored the small countries and those outside both blocs and in which the big again became the tutors of the small," he said.

Tito speaks from experience. Once before the Yugoslavs had to challenge an arrangement between the Soviet bureaucracy and Western imperialism because it violated Yugoslav national rights. That was during World War II, when Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt agreed to divide Eastern Europe into spheres of influence. According to the terms of the secret deal, Yugoslavia was to be shared 50-50 between Anglo-American imperialism and the Soviet Union. The monarchy was to be restored and capitalism guaranteed. Fortunately, the Yugoslav CP, which stood at the head of a revolutionary partisan movement, ignored the arrangements, defied Stalin's orders and went on to create an independent workers' state.

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chev's current "peaceful coexistence" man-

euvers. But leading Polish Communist party officials who participated in the Peking celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the Chinese revolution report that A. M. Rosenthal, New York Times correspondent, who was recently expelled from

> According to the Poles, "During the discussions between Premier Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung . . . the Chinese leader said that Far Eastern issues of concern to Peiping could not be negotiated without

. . . China's participation." (N.Y. Times, Nov. 24.) For our part, we believe that what Tito and Mao say about no deals at the highly beneficial to mankind. expense of Yugoslavia's and China's in- Because it fits in with its cur- American big business and with terests goes double for the interests of the rent diplomatic objectives of its junior partners as well. The international working class. We think that negotiations between the Soviet and U.S. governments covering such matters as American military bases abroad, nuclear tests, trade and similar questions are completely in order and can prove highly beneficial. But we too warn that Khrushchev's 'peaceful coexistence" policy aims at settling more than these questions. It aims at a world status-quo deal that would sacrifice the working-class struggle for socialism in every land. And to that we are dead opposed.

Union. Poland because he had "probed too deeply" into Communist party matters.)

Our Receivers

Our own radio astronomy has painful muscular affliction says now advanced so far that we are plaguing TV addicts with bad close to perfecting instruments sitting posture.

Page Three

As for the Chinese, they have not publicly expressed themselves against Khrush-

Propaganda designed to discredit the Cuban people and their government has been increasing lately. The State Department has encouraged this by its own protests over what it terms "anti-American" expressions in Cuba.

The gist of the propaganda is that Cubans who agree with Premier Fidel Castro's "outbursts of anti-Americanism" are "ungrateful." That the U.S. has for 50 years played the role of "good neighbor;" in fact the U.S. has been "generous" to a fault.

After all, we are told, America has always given preferential treatment to Cuba. Isn't it true that this year, under the sugar quota, established by Congress, we are buying 64% of Cuba's sugar crop at six cents a pound or double the world market price? The wind-up usually carries an implied threat that Congress might cut the sugar quota if Cubans refuse to listen to reason.

In a note, Nov. 13, rejecting official U.S. protests, the Cuban government pointed out that "Cuba has actually given more than she has received." The note called attention to an agreement signed between the two countries in 1903, when Cuba has barely won freedom from Spain, which granted the U.S. "preferential duties ranging from 20-40 per cent below those charged to other countries . . . " while the U.S. "reserved the right to raise, unilaterally their import tariff, without detriment to those preferential duties."

Fair Demand

Cuba was forced to take the bulk of her imports from America. "The only reciprocity derived . . . from that treaty was the preferential treatment of the imports of Cuban sugar, tobacco and certain minor products into the United States."

In 1934 another trade agreement allowed the U.S. preferential duty reduction ranging from 20% to 60%. This, the Cuban government declares, "coincided with the adoption of the sugar import quota system." Under that system Cuba lost "the single reciprocal concession we ever had in our trade with the United States," and "the American Government is free to change at will, disregarding our historical rights, the size of the Cuban sugar quota."

Cuba is now asking for a bilateral agreement that cannot be "modified by any unilateral decision" of the State Department. Considering the exploitation that the Cuban people have been subjected to, this demand is not only justified it is very mild.

The one-sided trade "agreement" now existing between the U.S. and Cuba is a vestige of the Batista days when American capital ruled the Cuban economy as a semicolonial source of super profits.

The next move is up to the State Department. It will be watched by millions of people throughout Latin America who, like the Cubans, have good and sound reason to suspect Washington's much touted "generosity."

ing the atmosphere by explod- volved, Khrushchev persevere ing atomic bombs would be in his attempts to achieve

seemingly promoting peace, policy pursued by Communist Washington has indicated that it might be willing to conclude have been tied to these attempts. such an agreement with Moscow.

French Plan Test

But it turns out that even if the U.S., Britain and the Soviet Union agree to end nuclear De Gaulle's plans for Algeria. testing. Pres. de Gaulle of These plans are designed to re-France will go ahead with atom- tain French imperialist control ic explosions on his own. France over the country while offering has not yet tested a bomb, but the Algerian people the semit plans to defonate one in a blance of "self-determination."

African nations. 16, the United Nations General, his Oct. 31 speech on foreign

urging France not to conduct preme Soviet in Moscow. this test. But the French government has announced that it will council on Nov. 14 adopted a give up nuclear testing only if resolution stating that Prime the other nuclear powers begin Minister Nehru had taken the dismantling their atomic stockpiles. This is something U.S. king's claims in the border disimperialism simply will not do. pute between India and China.

So De Gaulle — unless the White House buys him off - supported President Sukarno in can be expected to carry on the establishment of a semi-dicwith atomic explosions, and if tatorship that leans heavily on he does, this may kill the pros- the military.

Soviet Scientists Hit Cheap Boasts

Three leading Soviet physicists came down hard on irres- essity of a long coexistence" ponsible boasting in the Soviet theories. They charged that faction by Pravda in Moscow, "cheap sensations" in the scien- according to the Aug. 21 Christtific field would discredit all Soviet science.

In an article they co-authored for Pravda, Nov. 22, the three rejected as "vague," "uncon- Moscow will help contain the vincing." and "unscientific" a theory by one of their colleagues within bounds compatible with that the flow of time is a source of energy in the universe. They condemned widespread propaganda about the theory as sensationalism.

The three physicists are Igor east, he offers to help stabilize Sciences.

Despite the complexities in-

Yugoslavs Report "peaceful coexistence" with **Big Economic Rise**

parties outside the Soviet bloc Yugoslavia increased an aver- from the Congress party.

This is made evident by recent actions taken by the CP in age of 11.9% a year and personal consumption 10.1%. This India and China was reported Nov. 18 to the Cen-France, India, Indonesia and Iraq.

Communist party by Mijalko In Border Dispute In France, the CP leadership Todorovic, vice president in decided on Nov. 3 to support

charge of economic affairs. In the last seven years, Todorovic said, national income more of China a set of interim counthan doubled, industrial produc- ter-proposals in the current tion rose almost two and a half boundary dispute.

times and farm output rose 51%. few months in the Sahara Des- Last September, the CP leaders The economic gains did not eliminate the imbalance between any more forward patrols along ert, despite the protest of all denounced De Gaulle's scheme. advanced and backward areas, But they reversed their stand On Nov. 20 by a vote of 51 to after Khrushchev praised it in however. In the advanced re-

gions in 1957 per capita income in the north-east and that the Assembly adopted a resolution policy delivered before the Suwas ten times that of the back- Chinese evacuate their post at ward areas. In India, the CP's national

Japanese Report Soviet Trade Bid

"correct stand" in rejecting Pe-A Soviet trade mission visiting Tokyo has offered to buy \$250 million worth of Japanese steel In Indonesia, the CP last July and machinery in 1960 from several Japanese companies.

The trade group offered to pay for these purchases on a long-In Iraq last August, the CP term contract basis, whereby the

Soviets would export iron ore, national leaders issued a stern warning to the membership that coking coal, crude oil and lumber to Japan. they had no intention of leading

a workers' bid for power against Gen. Abdel Kassem's Thus a five-year contract on ron ore would call for Soviet regime. The CP members were export of 3.2 million tons in told they must accept the "nec-965, 4 million tons in 1966 and not less than 4 million tons in with Kassem. The orders were each of the following three press about doubtful scientific reprinted with a show of satis- years.

The Soviet offer provides for more than seven times the ian Science Monitor. amount to be earned by Japan

Washington that a deal with **Growing in India**

upsurge of the colonial peoples imperialist rule. In France,

Khrushchev throws his weight behind De Gaulle to the detriment of the rights of the Alger-

Science Monitor. It is now in a from Tibet to the Sinkiang area Y. Tamm, Nobel Prizewinner, the rule of the colonial bour position to claim the status of of China goes through the con-Pyotr L. Kapista and Lev Art- geoisie and in this form to help opposition party in the lower tested Ladakh territory. The simovich. All three hold leading keep these areas within the house of Parliament. For this it area in dispute there is from country's farm acreage last sumposts in the Soviet Academy of framework of world capitalism, needs 50 votes in the House out 14,000 to 20,000 feet high and

has as yet been able to achieve Production Begins party, which claims to be so-In China's First cialist, holds the preponderance During the last three years, of seats. The Swatantra party **Tractor Factory** output of goods and services in has gained most of its strength

China's first tractor plant went into operation on Nov. 1 at Loyang, a completely new industrial center about 500 miles south of Peking.

Construction of the plant began five years ago. Heavy machinery in the factory is from the Soviet Union. Lighter machinery is Chinese made.

On Nov. 3, the official Hsinhua News Agency reported the first Nehru proposed Nov. 20 that consignment of 13 tractors arneither India nor China send out rived in the northernmost province of Heilungkiang, a wheatthe McMahon line, which India growing area. claims is the legitimate frontier

Peking Conducts

Longju just south of the Mc-**Drive to Reduce** Mahon line. The Chinese refuse to recognize the McMahon line Food Consumption and claim that the border should

The People's Republic of be fixed some 50 to 100 miles China is operating with a strinfurther south. Longju is the only post they have set up south of gent food supply this winter acthe McMahon line, but when cording to indications in the Chinese forward patrols penemainland press. "In recent trated south of the line last weeks newspapers have been August border clashes ensued. publicizing a campaign for econ-In Ladakh, west of Tibet, omy in consumption of food where Peking and New Delhi grains," says Tillman Durdin in dispute some 6,000 'square miles the Nov. 22 New York Times. of territory, Nehru proposed that | "Persons who resist the austerity the Indians withdraw west of the drive face being branded as line claimed by the Chinese, and 'rightists.'

the Chinese withdraw east of the "A recent copy of the Peiping line claimed by the Indians. In newspaper Ta Kung Pao . . the meantime negotiations reported nation-wide pressure should continue in order to deto have rural households and mess halls sign economy pacts.

Peking's interim proposals, set These are pledges to reduce food orth by Premier Chou En-lai on consumption, to mix coarse grain Nov. 7, call for Chinese and Inwith fine grain, to alternate dian troops to withdraw 121/2 liquid meals - gruel of rice milto 25 miles from their present let or some other grain - with positions both in Ladakh and solid meals and to trim rations along the north-east frontier. during slack working periods." Although Chou's proposals The economy pacts have folwould pull all Chinese troops lowed mass meetings called by local officials to impress on the well north of the McMahon line, the Indians reject these terms, masses the need of saving food. Wide compliance is reported, savs Durdin.

China suffered natural calami-A Chinese-constructed road ties this year on a scale reported to be the worst since before the 1949 revolution. According to official estimates, one-third of the mer was ravaged by floods, drought or insects.

India's avowedly pro-capitalist Swatantra (Freedom) party, because Chinese troops would formed last August, is making still be inside territory claimed rapid progress, says Sharokh Sa- by India in Ladakh. bavala in the Nov. 19 Christian

ian people. In Asia and the Mid-

That Washington has been of a total of 500. No other party has no native population.

in Soviet trade for this year. **Right-Wing Party**

All these readjustments of CP policy are designed to convince

Letters from Our Readers

Why Call Capitalists 'Managers' When They Are 'Bosses'? Editor:

caste journalists and other unity and collective action. spokesmen for capitalism, is a As said, the term "manage- from going back for the rest." pernicious fraud imposed on the ment" is a fraud; in fact. the working class, especially those whole economy based upon that workers not critically trained fraud is fraudulent. The action and on the watchout for such of the workers should make it trickery.

This illusory term is an invention of our monopolistic overlords as a cover up for their economic exploitation. Their A Boss Actually ruse is to confuse the minds of unwary workers and tie them Burns to Death to the servility of their rule. Their aim is to avoid acknow- Saving the Records ledgment of the struggle between capital and labor.

These so-called "managers" of our industrial capital, which upstairs and get my records." owners in the main have nothdends.

The real managers in industry I'm taking the time to write

|are hired employees, and thus | you because when I read this also are members of the work- story in the Nov. 20 Worlding class, with the common in- Telegram I was reminded of a terests of all the workers. Too similar one I read in the Milimany of these are now serving tant sometime this fall. It was the capitalists, instead of report- about an old man who dashed ing to the workers. Such ser- into his burning office to save The term "management," now vice also is a fraud that should "the records." He managed to so much exploited by high- be destroyed by working-class stagger out with one armful, but

honest and democratic.

Joseph Manlet Cleveland but to save "the records"!

Editor:

awful to contemplate the fact "My place is on fire, please that profit-making can so warp at most are the absentee owners pull the fire alarm box. I'm going a human mind that even the safety of life is obscured. It's These were the last words of hard for me to believe that "the ing to do with production, doing a boss in a Brooklyn dress com- records" — any records — are nothing but drawing the divi- pany as he ran back into the more important than life. burning building. D. B.

New York City

Notes in the News

YEAR IN JAIL FOR RENT GOUGER -David Zygelman, a New York landlord charged with violating rent laws, was sent to jail for a year by General Sessions Judge Mullen Nov. 18. The landlord had evaded the rent ceiling on rooming houses by calling his 100-family unit a "hotel" and charging more than the state limit of \$15 a week. Almost all of his tenants were on relief and many had to use food money to pay the rent. Zygelman pleaded guilty to five counts of a 105-count indictment and was sentenced to serve a year on each count. The judge tempered justice with some of the mercy usually extended to landlords by letting him serve the sentences concurrently.

NEVER FELT BETTER - United Auto Workers Vice President Richard Gosser of Toledo has been relieved of his duties and "requested" to take a six-months leave of absence. Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the union, said the action was taken because of Gosser's health. Gosser, however, seemed indignant about this concern for his health. He said he recently underwent a checkup and the doctors "tell me I'm in pretty good shape." Union President Reuther, who helped Gosser win his first election, is reported to have cooled toward him since Gosser was asked to testify in a union bribery case before a New York grand jury.

CRANBERRY SCARE WORRIES CHEMI-CAL MAKERS - The agricultural chemical manufacturers, who sold \$278 million worth of pesticides and similar products this year, are worried that public concern over the contamination of cranberries by a chemical weed killer. may lead to tighter government regulation of the use of their deadly products. "We believe (!) products now on the market are thoroughly safe and any further restrictions would make our research cost prohibitive," an industry spokesman said. That's a strong argument, all the stronger because of the involvement of the

spleens, anemia and other ailments. Lipsticks the dyes did not induce cancer in the 90-day test period. A long-term test is required to discover whether the coal-tar dyes are also cancerinducing. Spokesmen of the profitable industry argue that women don't swallow enough dye to suffer harm and anyway cosmetics are not sold as food and therefore should be exempted from the food and drug law.

NEW VOTING CURBS FOR ALABAMA **NEGROES** — Gov. Patterson of Alabama signed bills Nov. 20 to put more barriers in the way of Negro registration. The bills increase the time that registration boards spend on clerical work, thus cutting down the time available to register prospective voters. The boards are also now permitted to vary the time spent in each precinct. By staying longer in predominantly white precincts, the time available for Negro voters to register will be cut down even further.

CITY OF DISTINCTION — New York is "the world's most corrupt city," in the opinion of Ian Aiken, correspondent of the London Daily Express. "Good old-fashioned graft is New York's oldest and, if you judge by the well-heeled company it keeps, most prosperously respectable industry," he reported. New York's Police Department, "probably the world's most consistently corrupt law enforcement agency" outside of Latin America, he added, is "laughingly, called New York's finest."

VEXED VIEWERS — The American public (Continued from Page 1) is quite indignant about the current television 80-day period? If so, defeat is scandals, reports the Wall Street Journal after assured in advance. For the polling 300 people in different cities. Nearly twocourts are but one of the weathirds of those queried were "disturbed" by the pons in the arsenal of big busicurrent revelations and about 23% described ness in their war against labor. their reactions in stronger terms - "shocked." Can labor rely upon its "outraged," "disgusted." A Salem, Mass., seamstress said, "They made monkeys out of us. We its battles?

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"Remain Patient and Steadfast"

silent suffering.

Under the title, "Integration at Little Rock," we printed the above picture in our Aug. 24 issue. It shows Jefferson Thomas stand-

ing alone waiting transportation to his home now on the market were not confiscated because after finishing a morning session at Central High School, Aug. 17. The white students across the street jeer the only Negro student permitted in the school under token integration. The Militant observed that the "heroism of this youth has won world-wide admiration."

Last week the Militant received a letter about this photograph from Krishnanath, a contributor to Mankind, a magazine published n Hyderabad, India. Krishnanath, still in his twenties, has served several prison terms for his activities as a socialist and participant in political demonstrations.

The Indian socialist asked us to forward a letter, which he had enclosed, to Jefferson Thomas, and gave us permission to make it public. The letter is as follows:

Dear Jefferson,

A letter from a socialist from the other end of the world does not take you unawares. Does it? I hope it does not. For it is your due.

I write this to congratulate you on your courage with which you are facing the uneasy quiet and humiliating jeering, etc., from the white racists at your Central High School.

We have been receiving news of racial liscrimination at Little Rock and elsewhere with anger and sorrow for quite some time.



immediate measures to stem the man rights. legislative assault. Set up union (3) For the nationalization of Slusher, "Shoot 'em when they

demonstrations throughout the price-gougers and money chang- been drastically reduced. Crum-"friends" in Washington to fight country to rally public forces ers and place it under the con- mies mine dropped back from

Mine Machines Put Miners in Pits of Despair

By Flora Carpenter

What is happening to the 720,000 human beings who are listed, in federal IBM tabulating files, under the cold, statistical category of "long-term unemployed?" An answer can be found in Eastern coal-+

mining regions where pockets of | cent wage he ought to be out of hungry families exist whose business." However, some minbreadwinners have not worked ers, pressed by starvation, are working in non-union mines at for more than two years. less than half of the UMW scale Technological advances and

of \$24.25 a day.

the callousness of mine owners and government officials are the reasons for the miners' desperate situation. In a series entitled, "Moonlighting"

"Pits of Despair," Scripps-Howard writer, Dickson Preston, tells of the "long-term unemployed" Rises in Dallas who live in Harlan County in eastern Kentucky.

"The mine [Blue Diamond] losed down in June, 1957," said Jake Mays, 46-year-old miner, "Since then I've worked about a month . . . I've been everywhere . . But they won't give you a second look if you're over 35. I reckon I'm too old to work and

With seven children to feed, the Mays family is entitled to the maximum in federal surplus distribution. They get monthly allotments of three sacks of flour, four bags of corn meal, "pokeful" of rice, eight cans of powdered eggs and six boxes

the one boy."

"They are the group stabbed hardest by the cost-of-living hikes that have been averaging two to three percent a year.' James told the Dallas Morning

as a whole).

DALLAS, Texas - "Moon-

lighting" is on the rise here.

That's not romancing under the

stars, as it might have been in

the "good old days." It's hard

work on the double - one per-

According to F. E. James, dis-

trict director of the Texas Em-

ployment Commission, the in-

crease is due to a shortage of

unemployed and to the fact that

low-paid white-collar workers

make up 55% of the work force

(compared to 45% for the nation

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son holding down two jobs.

One executive of a large ofice said, "Seventy-five percent of our people have another job even this meager pittance. "I -selling autos and clothes, don't even get federal surplus," store-clerking . . . myself, I get says Carlos Skidmore, 35, "You \$25 to \$50 for platform gotta have more in the family speeches." around here — and we only have

HOUSING STARTS

Some of the younger men Home-building starts in Octave found jobs elsewhere or ober were at the lowest rate in have been rehired in the mines 15 months. but "older" men like Mays, and



CHICAGO Hear Farrell Dobbs, National

ual and collective, suffering will ultimately effect a change of heart even of the diehard racists at your school and elsewhere. Even now and from this distant land, I can very well too young to retire." visualize that there are at least a few of your class fellows, all white, who have all love and affection for you, besides many others who are just neutrals. Hope the number of your friends increases and also that the passive love or neu-

trality of others turns into active affection and real integration begins at your school as also all over the United States. This is also to invite you to write an intimate account of your experience at your of powdered milk. In recent school. Do write to us your true feelings of months the government cut out anger and sorrow and joy and also of the ten pounds of cheese and ten News. sources of courage, etc., that come you at pounds of butter formerly inschool and outside. You may arrange your cluded in the allotment. story date-wise, or even otherwise. But don't Many families do not receive generalize overmuch. Be personal, pointed and

Only recently I saw your photograph at Central

High Aug. 17 on the front page of the Militant

of New York. It struck me as a portrait of

fast and hope many more of your folk will

join your school immediately and your individ-

We wish you to remain patient and stead-

just sit down and do it in almost no time as soon as you have my letter? With heartiest greetings.

Yours affectionately,

sharp. And also do it at your earliest. Can't you

little hope.

consideration should be given to workers of their elementary hu-

committees to investigate every all monopoly industry and the get too old. Maybe that's the senator and congressman, es- introduction of workers control. answer." pecially their ties with the cor- Free the American economy porations. Plan meetings and from the stranglehold of the working in most of the mines has

profits of such giant corporations as Shell Oil and U.S. Rubber, now major producers of pesticides. To avoid stricter laws against chemical contamination of food, corporation spokesmen suggest that they and the government spend more money to "implore" farmers to read the directions before using the chemicals on the country's food. . . .

AS SAFE AS CRANBERRIES - When the furor dies down over poisoned cranberries, lipstick manufacturers intend to make a fight against a federal Food and Drug Administration ruling banning the use of certain coal-tar dyes in lipstick. After a 90-day test, the department found that the potent chemicals killed laboratory rats. Animals that survived showed retarded growth, liver and kidney damage, enlarged

sat there with our mouths open while the San Francisco furniture dealer "wasn't upset." to be part of the system."

tight money policies or labor uncertainties blind Congress? your eyes to the profit possibilities of the coming year. 1960 will bring many problems - yes but also exceptional profit opportunities." That's that passed the Landrum-Grif- in pay — the 30-hour week at capitalists. Break with the polthe enthusiastic word in an advertisement we fin Act will not move further to 40 hours pay. received from United Business Service, a Boston curb the democratic rights it so firm that sells advice on how to invest your capital. The tip off cheered us up but we can't help wondering who is going to have those If past experience is any criter-"many problems."

Chain Back on Gang

intervals.

lins' assurance, a political assist forced to crouch or stoop. Be-(Continued from Page 1) law we cannot champion some to Rockefeller in soft-soaping the tween his legs are two buckets constitutional responsi- New York public, is worthless. - one for water, the other his and industry chiefs to establish bilities and evade others."

the differences between Roman erates not only in his own counand U.S. law, Pontius Pilate did ty but wherever he wishes. Durnot word it much differently.

sures that Reid will not be ac- invaded the courtroom in Tal- camp it was the practice to ad- coexistence" pleas or honeyed corded the "due process and lahassee, the state capital, in an equal protection of the law" stipattempt to arrest Ted Poston, ulated in the Constitution. It is New York Post reporter. already established that Reid Should Reid succeed in winhas been denied both by Florida. ning a new trial in Florida, that weeks' incarceration he would turn back the anti-union offen-House.

Rockefeller further declared: But if Reid should escape sud-"I earnestly share the concern den death at the hands of Sheriff treatment convinced Reid his muster from its allies. Together of the many individuals and or- McCall, what then awaits him? ganizations who have communi- He has 13 years of his original escape. cated with me on behalf of Mr. sentence still to do. For escaping Reid that Mr. Reid receive the he will be sentenced to another corded by the U.S. Constitution dinary prisoner it would be a that I have received from Gov. years on the chain gang. But

this concern for the rights of ordinary prisoner. all persons . . . [Reid] . . . will In the probe of corruption with a Southern outlook) extra- moguls of industry and finance an engineer can make the entire The need for a second mar be in the custody of state and among guards, Reid was ques- dited fugitive slaves. Descend- are tooling up for an intensified round trip is 16 hours and more the engine cab was indica not local authorities, and safe tioned by the authorities in pri- ants of this breed are New assault on labor when Congress often it takes up to 20 hours. when both California and V custody to Florida and safe cus- vate. After eight guards had York's Democratic ex-Governor reconvenes in January. Against Quite a day's work! tody upon his return is assured." been fired, Reid could never con-

naming names is that Gov. Col- "talked." He was given the Reid's extradition papers, and issue a call for a Congress of it is reserved for men with top diesel cabs as a vital sa lins told Rockefeller .that Reid sweatbox "treatment."

diction of Sheriff McCall, whose to sit down in. It is adjusted at membership in the NAACP, or- controlled legislature. record includes the shooting of the top to make it too low to dered the extradition carried The Congress of Labor should this run. handcuffed prisoners. But Col-stand up in. The prisoner is out:

tainty," says a Nov. 14 AFL-CIO contestants struggled for the answers, and all News editorial, "that an adminthe time it was a bluff." On the other hand, a istration that is willing to use He said, "Payoffs, kickbacks, fixes almost seem | icans to work will not move

rights of workers and their A GREAT YEAR AHEAD - "Don't let trade unions." And what of

"There is no certainty," con-

the administration and Congress will gang up with the bosses to do a hatchet job on labor.

tion or Congress, what then? The proposals by George Meany

McCall has successfully defied toilet. Once a day he is given a harmonious relations is a piece With due allowance made for Collins repeatedly. McCall op- piece of bread and water. The of arrant nonsense. The jackals heat is intense. After a week's of industry are girded for war. incarceration, a doctor is sup- They have tasted blood and are ing the recent trial of the white posed to listen to the victim's straining for the kill. They will Southern white supremacy in- rapists of the Negro co-ed he heart every third day. At Reid's not be diverted by "peaceful minister doses of castor oil at words of appeasement. They understand only the language of Reid was repeatedly thrown power.

into the sweatbox. After two Does labor have the power to Rockefeller knows this well. But trial would have to be in Lake be immediately put back on the sive and vanquish the forces of Rocketener knows this well. Bui his presidential campaign stra-tegy makes useful at this point should be remembered that in strength — compounded by a for survival? It has — if it will sentence to the sweatbox. The upon its own independent death of a buddy from similar strength and the support it can

> whelming majority of the peo-To the old grudge of the white ple of this country. guards will now be added Reid's

dition and revelations about con-Collins confirm that he shares Reid will not be treated as an faced governors (the term then mobilize the organized power of the engine house.

Averell Harriman, who despite the Congress of capitalist reac- Despite the long hours this is

against the big-business attack. trol Then consider a longer-range workers committees. program such as this:

(1) For a sliding scale of party based on the trade unions. injunctions to coerce free Amer- wages and hours to protect the All important questions today working people against the rav- are political questions involving even further in curbing the ages of inflation and automation the control of government. So terms this means the incorpora- monopoly of big business, oper-

each labor contract and a reduc- system, working people will be inues the edit, "that a Congress tion of hours with no reduction at the mercy of the monopoly

ion, there is every certainty that and outlaw all punitive anti-la- abundance and security for all. bor measures. Labor is in no

If not the courts, administra-

of a summit conference by labor

only chance to survive lay in this force constitutes an over-

The main requirement is a

Republican Rockefeller, who de- Labor to convene in Washington seniority. Out of some 4,500 measure. would not be put in the juris- The sweatbox is too narrow spite his recently purchased life prior to the opening of the boss- Pennsylvania Railroad en-

(4) For an Independent labor from 1,000 to none. unemployment. In trade - union long as government remains the of United Mine Workers' District pices: Militant Labor Forum. 19, "Make no mistake about it —

tion of an escalator clause in ating through the two-party this is a real depression." Mine owners in Harlan County, where bloody battles were icy of supporting double-cross- 20 years ago, are taking advan-

(2) For the outright repeal of ing "friends" and fight for a tage of the misery they have impiously proclaims it is protect- all class legislation: Junk the Workers and Farmers govern- posed. They say: Cut the union ing." How delicately it is put. slave - labor Taft - Hartley and ment that can organize society wage scale. They claim that 1702 East 4th St. Doors open 10 Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Acts on a rational basis providing union wages force small operators out of business.

In answer to the scab merway obligated to "obey" class Why not pass this copy of the chants, UMW's Albert Pass said, legislation designed to deprive Militant on to a friend? "If an operator can't pay a de-



lodging while held away from per of the railroad brotherhoods, In computing the workers' hour- Auspices SWP. Contrib. 50%.

cites numerous cases where en- ly rate, all time "paid for but Train and engine crews in gine crews work 10 and 11 hours not worked" was excluded. That road freight service often work at straight time. A spot check covers paid vacations, holidays, well beyond an eight-hour day on the Southern Railway show- sick leave, time paid when men or 40-hour week before draw- ed an engine crew working a are on call or waiting to pick up ing time and a half. Road op- total of 89 hours and 10 minutes an engine at the out-of-town wishing Bill well in his new job erating, employees in freight at straight time and four hours terminal, etc.

service can be worked up to 96 and 15 minutes overtime. hours at straight time. They were away from home But what about some of those three nights, with all food and lished by the Interstate Com- freshments, gourmet buffet "featherbedding" charges? Let's lodging at their own expense. take a look at that "juicy" New About that fireman who an hour, substantially lower p.m., Dec. 13, at The Weissmans, an indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su- the "Little Scottsboro" frame, back injury sustained in a beat-indication to the white su-York-Washington run. To begin "tends no fires" on the diesel. than in most basic industries. 325 East 17 St. \$2.50 at the door. premacists of how he can be up. McCall shot the Negro pris- ing — was called shirking and war, which is an acknowledged the highly skilled engineer who on a pillow as depicted in curexpected to act in the White oners who had won a new trial, became the pretext for another class war, labor can rely only handles that crack train is rent railroad advertiseme

\$19.65, making the pay for that The fireman is the "co-pilot" run \$90.30, not \$100. Moreover, the engineer, undergoing ext the engine crew reports for sive training and charged v duty one hour and 45 minutes essential duties.

before departure time in New He must know locomo York and one hour and 15 min- operations, air brakes, in full measure of protection ac- five years at least. For an or- escape, his fight against extra- militant leadership and a fight- Washington. After each run, it nals, grade and safety requirement ing program of action. The re- takes an average of one hour at ments and have a thorow to all persons. The assurances feat of endurance to survive 18 ditions in Florida's chain gangs. maining days of the steel in- each end to dispose of the train knowledge of the diesel eng Before the Civil War, dough- junction period can be used to and deliver the locomotive to If anything happens to the gineer he must be prepared used for Northern politicians the working people. Already the The very best time in which take over the throttle.

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