The Dobbs-Weiss supporters in Utah formed the Socialist Workers and Farmers party, circulated petitions, got well above the required number of signers, and gathered in convention July 1 in the Public Utilities auditorium in Provo.

E. A. Mitchell of Provo, dean of Utah socialists, was elected chairman and A. C. Gregersen of Fillmore, who also has a life-long record of socialist activity and writing, was elected secretary. Both are also serving as presidential electors.

Besides taking up all matters required to comply with the election law, the convention spent approximately half its time discussing the aims and perspectives of the socialist campaign this year.

Comrade Lavan reports that his visit in Utah was an educational and fruitful experience and that he met many new prospective socialists in the brief time he was there.

Montana supporters of the Dobbs-Weiss ticket held a nominating convention July 13 at the City Auditorium in Plenty-

The gathering was chaired by John Boulds, one of the state's leading socialists. Ray Miller of Poplar served as recording secretary. Delegations from Sheridan, McCone and Roosevelt counties attended.

Vincent R. Dunne, who at- new-born republic. tended the convention as a the ballot in their state.

Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss The agreements will also allow soldiers' demands for raises in are tooling up for the big job Belgium to maintain army and pay and rank, dismissed the Belof getting enough signatures on independent nominating petitions to put them on the balindependent nominating petilot. Canvassing begins August

Help will be welcomed. Anyone wishing to join in the effort to put socialists on the New York ballot should get in touch with the Campaign Committee at 116 University Place, New York 3.

Send a financial contribution to help get the work off to the best possible start. It's one of the best investments you can make for a socialist future.

We are so accustomed to hearing capitalist politicians lie these nominations were subject of white men and the "rape" of that a word of truth from any to ratification at a special con- white women by Congolese solof them sounds startling. For vention to be held later in the diers. example, Harry S. Truman said year. in advance that the Democratic (Continued on Page 4)

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Independence Day



Congolese celebrating on the eve of Belgian King Baudouin's official proclamation, June 30, that the Congo had become an independent republic. Demonstrators such as those shown above filled the streets of Leopoldville, hopeful that Belgium's "shameful regime of oppression," as Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba designated it, had come to an end.

Belgian Rulers Seek To Re-enslave Congo

By Lillian Kiezel

tions in the Congo June 30 public." turned into general strikes and The Plentywood Herald sent battalion of paratroopers into ier, "seemingly was being used down a reporter and cameraman. the country and are conspiring by its cadre of [about 1,000] Bel-The Great Falls Tribune gave to detach the Congo's richest gian officers as the vehicle to

The Belgians began their camvisitor from Minneapolis, re-paign to deprive the Congolese ported that he was much im-of their independence when they pressed by the enthusiasm of forced the Congo Republic to the Montana socialists and their sign a "mutual cooperation" determination to make sure that pact which was designed, acsocialist candidates appear on cording to a UPI report to the Chicago Defender of July 9, "to troops in many areas turned on preserve Belgium's economic and their Belgian officers. Premier New York backers of Farrell military interests in the Congo. Patrice Lumumba granted the

Convention in

The 1960 nominating conven-July 23, in New York.

Farrell Dobbs was nominated

The decision to contest the Reconvention was "taking on the publicans and Democrats in Thus George Sibera of the UPI aspects of a prearranged affair." 1960 was made last year in July wrote in the July 16 Chicago He added, "A convention at the eighteenth national con- Defender that thousands of raise and elimination of the which is controlled in advance vention of the party. No nomi- white men, women and children escalator clause. The 2 per cent engines, to eliminate a brakenations were made at the time.

7 Charlotte, N.C., Stores Integrate Lunch Counters

counters in Charlotte, N.C., were halted for a week while down on the decks to escape were opened to Negroes last agreement was sought with bullets from Congolese troops. week after three months' nego- store representatives and stutiations between a mayor's dent leaders. The demonstracommittee and Negro demonstration leaders.

announce desegregation of the time of the formation of announce desegregation of the time of the formation of lunch counters since demonstrations by Negro students began called off their picketing, rein Greensboro last February, suming protests June 22 when Other places where food counters have been desegregated are fused to meet with the mayor's Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Nashville, northern Virginia, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Galveston, Texas.

The plan approved by the is known as the Nashville plan. to all concerned.' Only lunch counters have been taurants will not be.

tions, largely by Johnson C. Smith college students, began unverified report came that at This is the seventh area to in Charlotte in February. At least one white woman was they heard merchants had recommittee.

The downtown marches were coupled with a boycott of pur- are designed to cover up their cent raise amounted to somechases from the seven stores. own eighty-year bestial rule, thing. But as the cost of liv-

It remains to be seen whether desegregated; cafeterias and res- they will all be permanently dates back to 1885. From 1885 satisfied with the compromise.

Independence Day celebra- air bases in the Congo Re-

The Belgians next sought to a struggle of the Congolese army use the Congolese army against against its white officers as Bel- the aspirations of the people to gian imperialists launched a genuinely exercise the indedrive to reassert their domina- pendence the Belgians had tion of the country. Covering "granted" on paper. The Contheir operation by a poisonous go army, said Latousse LeClerc smog of racist slander, the Bel- in a dispatch from Leopoldville gians have flown battalion after to the July 16 Pittsburgh Courthe convention good coverage. province, Katanga, from the sneak a Belgian camel into the new Congo's tent."

Troops were ordered by these officers on July 4, says LeClerc, "to fire into a political demonstration in Coquilhatville, and did so - killing 10 persons, and wounding 20."

Two days later the Congolese gian officers and appointed President Joseph Kasavubu commander-in-chief of the Con-

The Belgians then resorted to their paratroopers as well as white air and ground forces. Simultaneously, they filled the air with charges of "atrocities" allegedly committed by Congolese soldiers and civilians tion of the Socialist Workers against whites. The U.S. big party is scheduled for Saturday, business press has spread these charges in an exhibition of anti-At a meeting of the national Negro hate propaganda of a committee of the party March 6, virulence generally unknown in this country outside of the for president and Myra Tanner South. Headlines and stories Weiss for vice-president; but screamed about the "massacre"

> The truth about this slander is to be found in the Negro press. fled Leopoldville "more in panic than in actual danger from mutinous native African soldiers.

... I watched them driven on by rumors. I watched while terror exploded. . . . Aboard the steamer on which I crossed, excited young men kept yelling Seven downtown lunch | Demonstrations by Negroes to the women and children to lie But I didn't hear a shot."

> From the Thysville area, says the July 16 Afro-American, "the and based on rumor and panic.'

Mass Slaughter

against Congolese "atrocities"

Belgium's rape of the Congo clause, inadequate as it was, (Continued on Page 2)

Kennedy's Choice of Johnson Appeases Southern Racists

Hate-Cuba Campaign Flops in Many Lands

By Alex Harte

tween Havana and Washington tion to Eisenhower's policy.

Jobless Total Rose in June To 4.5 Million

Unemployment rose by about government reports. The total U.S. "to stop trying to overthrow

students have flooded the labor market. The inability of stu-

cording to Steel Labor, jobs are vening in the affairs of Latin near the lowest level in the last America."

At the same time U.S. Steel \$419 million profit in 1951.

"It is increasingly evident," president McDonald, "that even at a fifty per cent operating rate, the industry can realize dependence on the U.S. highly satisfactory profits."

Number 1.6 Million

work in May and 250,000 more lem created by the oil companies than a year ago.

million had jobs. (This was 1.4 moral obligation.' million more than in May and 440,000 more than the year be- dents staged an anti-United

The press and the people of ican peoples in particular have countries outside the U.S. have expressed strong sympathy and manifested a very different at- support for the aims of the titude toward the conflict be- Cuban revolution and opposi-

from that displayed in the offi- Following are some typical cial hate-Cuba campaign in- opinions and actions reported by spired by the State Department. United Press and Revolucion, The colonial and Latin-Amer- newspaper of the July 26 Move-

> COLOMBIA — The daily El Espectador of Bogota pointed out that Esso corporation is currently refining Soviet oil in Iceland. "This evidently means," says its commentator, "it is bad to refine Soviet oil in Cuba but all right to refine it in Iceland."

ENGLAND - The Observer 1,000,000 in June, according to (London) editorially advises the jobless figure is near 4,500,000. the present Cuban government This June's rise in unemploy- because times have changed." ment is greater than usual. Ex- It cites the example of the illceptionally large numbers of fated aggression by Anglodents and school graduates to find jobs is itself a symptom of slackening in the economy.

Unemployment is especially bad in the steel industry. According to Steel Labor, jobs are left in the affairs of Latin.

The paper draws attention to the "friendly attitude of the profits reached near-record U.S. towards the reactionary heights. The steel trust showed and dictatorial regimes of net profits of \$112.6 million for Jimenez in Venezuela, Pinilla the first quarter of 1960, an an- in Colombia, Trujillo in the tion for action on civil rights. nual rate of \$450 million. This Dominican Republic and Batista would top the prior record of in Cuba, not to mention the support to Franco and to the regime in South Korea, Japan, observed United Steel Workers Turkey and Formosa. It warns Washington that any attempt to "restore by force Cuba's colonial would not be in the interest of the West or the U.S. since such behavior would result in in-Teenage Unemployed creased hostility toward the U.S., not only in Latin America but throughout the world."

MEXICO - Moreno Sanchez, early 1.6 million in June. This declared: "Mexicans cannot rewas double the number out of main indifferent to the proboperating in Cuba, and even Out of 16.1 million in the 14-19 though Mexico does not have on age bracket, 7.8 million were in hand sufficient crude oil . . . we the labor market in June and 6.2 can send some fuel as an act of tee. On July 16, some 20,000 stu-

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Railroad Unions Get 2%, **Escalator**

By George Gustafson

After fourteen months of ne-| "featherbedding" Firemen and Enginemen have protect working conditions. accepted the deal that the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-This resolved the wage quesis not retroactive but takes effect only July 1. Another 2 per cent will be added next March 1

The majority of the rail workers, the non-operating workers, comprising roughly 800,000 workers left in the industry, are not involved in these settlements. As of now their organizations have turned down offers similar to those made to the operating crafts. At this writing, the Switchmen's Union of North America, which represents a small minority of the yardmen, has not settled either

The rail unions were slow to get the escalator, or cost-ofliving-bonus clause, but it did result in a total of 17 cents per hour in increases. This was The outcries of the Belgians incorporated into the "firm rate" to make it appear as if the 2 per

railroad corporations against

apparently gotiations, the top officials of had its effects on the union dential hopefuls were reprethe Order of Railway Conduc- bureaucrats. They made no sented at the rally of 6,000 held tors and Brakemen, the Brother- plans to fight the companies so tonight at the Shrine Audihood of Railroad Trainmen and as to force them to grant an torium. the Brotherhood of Locomotive adequate wage increase and to The demands of the carriers

to tear apart working condigineers got out of arbitration. tions and job protection have not yet been met. The carriers' tion on the basis of a 2 per cent demand to eliminate firemen from diesel, freight and switch man on most trains, etc., are still in negotiations.

The obvious strategy of the carriers - to get an agreement with the BLE first so as to set two-thirds of the approximately for the best paid workers, then apply it right down the line didn't get a word of criticism from the BRT paper, Trainman News, but the settlement of the BLE and the ORC&B was reported without comment. The BRT then went ahead and settled on the same terms.

> The negotiations were carried out without consultation with the membership and with practically no reports on 'progress." The membership does not get to vote on the agreements.

There has been very little indication of the kind of rebellious mood among the ranks Friends Service Committee. Nu- peace walk and in the NAACP Student leaders said that the which Belgian imperialists do ing continues to climb, railroad that punctuated the negotiations merous other organizations parchain store managers involved solution arrived at is "palatable not want to bring to an end even workers can ill afford to lose the in 1946 and 1950. An official ticipated, carrying their own day in connection with the protection of the escalator strike tied up the carriers for banners. These included the So- Democratic party convention. two days in 1946. "Wildcat" cialist Workers party, Young

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FARRELL DOBBS

For Civil Rights In Los Angeles

By William E. Hathaway

LOS ANGELES, July 10 -Close to 5,000 people marched

the Shrine Auditorium to the Sports Arena, site of the Demo-Martin Luther King led a short youth picketers was set up.

Many Students

West Coast colleges ranging affairs. from San Bernardino College in Unemployed teenagers totaled leader of the Mexican Senate, College in Oregon participated in the march. Many had pre-

> "The older people of the South have grown weary and a bit brain-washed," one young colored marcher told "It's up to the Negro youth to carry on the struggle for civil rights. We cannot wait for the older people to show us the way."

and Adam Clayton Powell pointed to them was through the Democratic party. All the presi-

Senator Kennedy was given a cool reception and boos mingled with cheers as he was introduced. He did not give the audience any of the specific pledges on civil rights they demanded. Loud boos and catcalls rang out when Lyndon Johnson's name was mentioned.

Dixiecrats, Big City Bosses Win at Los Angeles Convention

By Farrell Dobbs

Presidential Candidate of the Socialist Workers Party

By designating Lyndon Johnson as running mate in his first act after nomination, Senator Kennedy has tipped off the country on the kind of administration to expect if he is elected. Johnson was chosen with cold calculation as a pledge to the Southern wing of the party that the civil rights provisions in the platform which so disturbed them would be trimmed to their liking. The convention's almost unanimous acceptance of the ticket shows that the most unbending segregationists among the delegates were satisfied with this guarantee.

Kennedy's team-up with Johnson shocked and alarmed many liberal and labor leaders who had been busily sowing the illusion that the party would adopt a suitable platform and name candidates who could be relied upon to see it

"We have been double-crossed!" exclaimed Joseph Rauh, leader of the Americans for Democratic Action and seconder of Kennedy's nomination. They had looked to Kennedy, who didn't dare stand up against the witchhunting Senator McCarthy, to lead a fight to the finish against the defenders of Jim Crow in the Democratic party.

But the rich man's son from Massachusetts is not guided by any such principles or aims; he is eager to gain the presidency. He practiced the same slick manipulations that every capitalist politician uses in running for office. Having already taken the labor leaders and the liberals into tow, he set about to solidify his ties with the most reactionary and conservative forces in his own party leader-

Johnson has loyally served the Southern Bourbons and today in the NAACP-sponsored oil and natural-gas millionaires in the House and Senate. plea to the Democratic conven- Elevated to preside over the Senate, he can be an even better watchdog to insure that administration policies and The march proceeded from Congressional legislation is processed to their advantage.

The Kennedy-Johnson ticket shatters the pretensions of ratic convention, where Rev. union leaders like Walter Reuther that it is "practical politics" to seek a realignment of forces in national politics rally and a 24-hour vigil of where all conservative elements would be grouped around the Republicans while the liberal-labor contingents would be ranged under the banner of a reformed Democratic Large groups of white and party. This required, first of all, eliminating the strangle-Negro students from local and hold of the Southern bloc upon the direction of party

Southern California to Reed Consolidate Machine

Instead, the working people now confront a consoliviously demonstrated against dated machine in which the Southern wing through Johnthe Chessman execution, sup- son and Rayburn has again been given veto power over the ported the Southern sit-ins, and legislative program and policies of the party. The Texas House Un-American Commit-oil and cattle barons remain in the saddle. They were given the vice-presidency and power; labor and the Negro people were given phrases and promises.

Despite the liberal rhetoric of the platform, the Democratic party did not become transformed into a party of social progress at Los Angeles. What happened is quite different. The "new generation" of aspiring politicos under Kennedy has reconstituted, reunited and resurfaced the old Democratic organization so much in need of repair and rejuvenation. They resealed the alliance between the big The way the older leaders city bosses and the Southern conservatives upon which the from Rev. King to Roy Wilkins national Democratic machine has traditionally rested.

> Numerous radicals have been awaiting the outcome of the Democratic convention before deciding how to vote in 1960. They have hoped against experience that a new leadership might arise there which would throw off its commitments to the cold war and the witch-hunt, break with the segregationists, and give up its subservience to the rich and the reactionary. These illusions can no longer

> The only effective way of registering protest against what the Democrats did at Los Angeles — and against what the two capitalist parties have done in the past four years is to support the campaign of the Socialist Workers party. (Editorials on the convention, see page 3.)

Ihousands

By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES, July 9 for Disarmament.

Starting at MacArthur Park, the placard-carrying, singing Students Union, and others. demonstrators walked four miles to Exposition Park where haps half of the walkers. There they gave a long ovation to were also some family groups Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize- with young children in strollers. winning chemist and outspoken Another large group of walkers foe of nuclear testing and nu- consisted of people in their clear stockpiling. The rally also fifties and older. Persons in heard Gen. Hugh B. Hester and their thirties or forties were Robert S. Vogel, coordinator of least in number.

ganized by the American at Berkeley to participate in the The national campaign of the strikes of switchmen in 1950 Socialist Alliance, Socialist Party-Social Democratic Feder- ture of the various participat-

the peace walk.

ation, Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Club, Women for Legislative Action, Women's Inter-About 5,000 people participated national League for Peace and here today in a Walk and Rally Freedom, San Diego Peace Fellowship, Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Independent

Young people made up per-

Carloads of students came The peace march was or- from the University of California

> Slogans carried by the marchers - over the signa

ing organizations - said: "Remove All U.S. Troops from Foreign Lands," "Ban the Bomb," "We Salute the Japanese Students' Drive for Peace," "End Colonialism, End War," "Arms Equals Fear," "Hands Off Cuba," "Peace in the World or the World in Pieces."

The march took place in two contingents. One column walked behind Dr. Linus Pauling, and the other behind the Quaker sponsors. About 1,000 people started in each column, but marchers who joined along the way brought the total of participants to about 5,000.

The high spirits of the marchers was evidenced especially whenever the two columns met. The youth of one contingent would chant, "Hey, hey, wadda ya say?" to be answered from across the street with "Take that bomb and throw it away!"

Of Other Revolutions

By Joseph Hansen

Eleventh in a series of articles.

In observance of France's national holiday commemor- two different sets of internaating the fall of the Bastille, July 14, 1789, Revolucion, the tional relations which crisscross newspaper of Cuba's July 26 Movement, paid high tribute to the great social upheaval that sounded the death knell United States; the other beof European feudalism. A columnist, "El Jacobino," recalled the role of the Jacobins in leading the French Rev- the USSR. olution and praised the thorough way in which Desmoulins, Danton and "above all Robespierre, Saint-Just, Hebert and Marat" carried out the historic mission of their epoch.

El Jacobino describes the major stages of the revolution - the popular one in which the feudal rubbish was Washington and Havana? In swept away; and then the stage of reaction:

"With the fall of Robespierre on the ninth of Thermidor (July 27, 1794), the glorious, Jacobin, popular stage of the great French Revolution closes. Power passed into the hands of the industrial and commercial bourgeoisie, who hastened to elevate to the level of eternal categories the new relations of economic production, forgetting that the feudal regime which had just been overthrown was also convinced of the eternalness of its supremacy and of its despotism over the

The Cuban Revolution, in El Jacobino's opinion, is not only analogous to the French Revolution; it is in its tradition:

"If the French Revolution did not resolve all the problems, other revolutions followed in the heritage, such as the victorious revolution of the Negro slaves of Haiti, the Revolution of 1848 in Europe, the Paris Commune. But it fell to the great revolutions of the twentieth century, those in which the proletariat, the peasants, and other national layers played a decisive role, to bring into the life of the peoples the revolutionary principles of the Jacobins of 1792. This is the case with the Cuban Revolution, brilliant inheritor of the first French movement of emancipation."

El Jacobino follows this observation with some thought-provoking remarks on the contrast between the problems of 1789 and those which the Cuban Revolution

"The mission of the Cuban Revolution is more profound than that of Jacobinism at the end of the eighteenth century. The conditions in which it is developing, in an epoch of general crisis for Yankee imperialism, lessens the possibility of a ninth of Thermidor, the possibility of a victory of the counter-revolution. The Cuban Revolution goes beyond the simple formal equality of citizens before the law, since with the support of the great majority of the people, it is carrying out in depth political and social transformations which will give an intense impulse to new relations of production serving the interests of the nation as a whole. The Cuban Revolution takes on the political and moral characteristics which were the glory of the French Revolution during the Jacobin period: revolutionary audacity, unbreakable firmness in defense of principles, creative energy, incorruptibility, shining faith in the creative forces of the popular masses. The Jacobins of Cuba, the Robespierres, the Marats, the Babeufs of our epoch, sharing with the people strong national roots, face vigorously the emigres of the new Coblenzes [places where counterrevolutionaries mobilize abroad], the threats and aggressions of American imperialism."

Three Interrelated Problems

Three great, closely interrelated problems of the example. Cuban Revolution are indicated in El Jacobino's article: (1) How to defend democracy and extend it. (2) How to as other revolutions, were well aware from the very beavoid a "Thermidorian" overturn. (3) How to assure ginning that "Thermidorian" reaction threatened their the U.S. has cut from this year's to Cuba. definitive victory to a revolution in a country as small as revolution. They did not foresee its exact form and im-Cuba against a hostile power as colossal as the United agined that if it occurred, it would be through a violent States.

tionary leaders can be deduced from many indications. But | tion. Their policy, consequently, was to do their utmost to as men inclined more to action than to theory, whose in- break the imperialist encirclement by extending the revstinctive reaction to a blow is a counterblow in kind, they olution; that is, encouraging revolutionary movements like have not clearly articulated the large-scale problems they their own in other lands. As we know today, the political

In this they are different from the leaders of the 1905 form of Stalinist degeneration. theory to bear as a most powerful means of advancing and The Danger of "Thermidor" defending the revolution and mobilizing support for it. Through theory, the Bolsheviks sought to think problems "Thermidor" in Cuba, whatever its form, are rather rethrough to the end, the better to mold action and direct it mote? A lot depends on the course followed by the Cuban in the most fruitful way. As the first great leaders of the revolutionary leadership. The causes of "Thermidor" in revolutions of the twentieth century, the Bolsheviks the Soviet Union were quite complex but included the thereby demonstrated that they stood on the shoulders of exhaustion of the proletariat, the decline in revolutionary the leaders of the French Revolution, the Revolution of ardor among the peasantry and the isolation of the rev-1848 and the Paris Commune.

Because of this, it would seem that the theories and perialist powers. experiences of such men as Lenin and Trotsky would hold unusual attraction for the Cuban revolutionaries. Yet not guaranteed against an analogous fate. The peasant, they did not turn in that direction in the beginning and it having won a plot of land, wants to enjoy it; workers can remains to be seen to what degree they will search the be worn out by too prolonged sacrifices, especially if writings of these great leaders for deeper insight into their privilege-seeking among official circles should develop to own revolution and its future course in this epoch of world any significant extent; and Wall Street is obviously followupheaval.

On the problem of democracy, for instance, Castro has economically and put another puppet government in power. put up a sturdy defense against the attack of American imperialism and its spokesmen. The imperialists who world situation than that faced by the Bolsheviks in backed dictator Batista have no right to talk about democracy in Cuba, Castro points out; nor have they any right establishment of planned economy and eventually the rise to talk about defects of democracy in other countries while of the Soviet Union to world power. Assistance — as the Negroes in the South, among other minorities in already demonstrated — is available today from the Soviet America, are denied the most elementary civil rights. bloc, and the Cubans have done well to seek it. In addi-public. In this nefarious oper-Moreover, the Cuban government has put into effect a most | tion, colonial uprisings during the past fifteen years have ation, they are using Moishe radical measure of democracy — it has armed the popula- helped alter world relations enormously to the disadvantion. Right now, a firm base for democracy in Cuba is being prepared through sweeping economic and social reforms, including a nationwide effort to eliminate illiteracy. moral aid from the People's Republic of China is proof Excellent as Castro's stand is, it still remains a defense.

The Bolsheviks went much further. They established a new type of democracy — proletarian democracy. Against seething in Africa, it will not be easy for the big corporathe charge of Western imperialism that they had ended tions and their political agents in Washington to isolate parliamentary democracy, the Bolsheviks responded, "Quite true!" Then they analyzed parliamentary democracy, showed how narrow it was and how in fact it was is the inspiration provided by these fresh revolutions, which are held by a Special Committee Lumumba and Kasavubu turnbased on the denial of democracy to the great mass of counteracts the tendency to relax or to become discouraged of Katanga, in which the na- ed to the Soviet government. people. In contrast, the soviets — councils set up by the workers and peasants and soldiers — extended democracy on an unheard of scale; and this new democracy was far superior to the limited democracy practiced by the capitalist powers.

The living example of a proletarian form of democracy was a most powerful means of winning support for the end, are highly encouraging auguries. But it remains to

out Europe but in the United States. That the democratic councils of workers, peasants and their action and theory to that logic.

The Great Heritage Khrushchev's Offer to Help Cuba

By William F. Warde

The exchange of warnings over Cuba between President Eisenhower and Premier Khrushchev raises issues of the utmost gravity for every American and every socialist.

It is necessary to disentangle in this complicated situation: one between Cuba and the tween the United States and

Who Is Right?

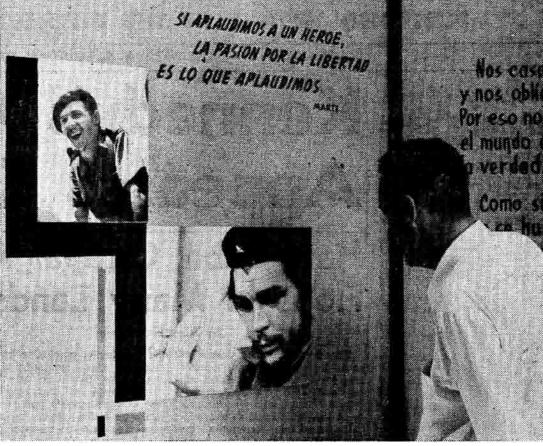
The first point to be determined is, who is right and who is wrong in the conflict between our opinion, the Cuban people and their government are defending their national independence, their right to exist as a free people, the progressive neasures, program and aims of their political and social revolution against the American im-

For sixty years the government, business and banking interests of the U.S. treated Cuba like a private preserve, keeping it illiterate, impoverished, undeveloped through dictators like Batista.

The Cubans have resolved to end all that. However, the Eisenhower administration, prodded by the oil and sugar barons who are unwilling to give up their profitable exploitation and domnation in Cuba, has declared economic war on the country, refusing to refine its oil and buy its sugar.

In this contest justice wholly on the side of Cuba, not the political executives of big business in Washington for whom the profits, markets and properties of the monopolies are far more important than observing the rights and sovreignty of a newly emancipated mall nation.

Moscow's attitude and actions should be appraised within this to a beleaguered island suffering



Militant photo by J. H.

world would sink if someone told us the truth. As if it were not preferable for the world to sink rather than to live with a lie."

The two portraits on this display in Havana's public library are of Raul Castro and Che Guevara, Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, in the foreground.

alliance are ready to "help their Cuba deserves such solidarity, that the economic blockade an- be guided by socialist principles. nounced by the United States but from all genuine democrats these declarations and deeds win new bargaining points. against Cuba will be a failure." who support the equality and constitute impermissible and in- Moscow is thus preparing to

Cuba's current revolution draws inspira-

tion from the freedom fighters of the past

century. "If we applaud a hero, the passion for

liberty is what we applaud," reads the quota-

tion from Jose Marti, outstanding leader of the

independence struggle from 1878 to 1898. On

an adjoining panel, Fidel Castro is quoted:

"We were married to a lie and obliged to live

with it. Because of this it appeared that the

Fully Justified

This proclamation of support perialist giant. framework. Khrushchev said in from economic aggression is

soldiers were later smashed by Stalin in the "Thermidor" that befell the Bolsheviks does not invalidate their accomplishments in this field. It simply shows that the domestic and international forces of reaction were so strong that and simple nowadays to use not even proletarian democracy, in the conditions of the gunboat diplomacy as it was time, could overcome them.

A rebirth of proletarian democracy on Cuban soil would add powerfully to the defense of the revolution. Few things would prove more convincing to the American workers that this revolution opens new, attractive perspectives. Elsewhere in the world it would give incomparable impulsion to the tendency to emulate the Cuban

The Bolsheviks, ardent students of the French as well overturn in a brief time. In their opinion this would prove That these problems occupy the minds of the revolu- inevitable if imperialism succeeded in isolating the revolureaction in the Soviet Union was stretched out, taking the

Is El Jacobino correct in judging that the chances of olution through the "cordon sanitaire" set up by the im-

It would seem apparent that Cuba, taken by itself, is ing the policy of seeking to isolate Cuba, suffocate it

But the Cubans of 1960 do enjoy a much more favorable 1917-21. The Bolshevik Revolution made possible the tage of the old imperialist powers, including the United States. The possibility of Cuba obtaining economic and enough of that.

With new revolutions breaking out, such as those now and destroy the Cuban revolution at their leisure. One of the most favorable conditions for the Castro government 25 per cent of outstanding shares go set no date for compliance, over the difficulties imposed by American imperialism,

Despite these pluses, the Cuban Revolution still remains in great danger. The Cuban revolutionary leaders realize this, as is clear from virtually everything they do and say. This realization, coupled with their repeated declarations that they intend to carry things through to the Soviet Union in the difficult early days, not only through be seen how well they understand the ultimate logic of the Cuban Revolution and how well they will succeed in fitting

Moscow July 9 that the Soviet | fully justified. By every stand- | the latest spy-flight incident, the Union and the entire Communist and of decency and fair play, Soviet premier told reporters seeking a deal with U.S. imbrothers, the Cuban people, to not only from all movements died a natural death and "now uphold their independence so and governments that claim to it will be buried . . .

> The Soviet premier also isand the Pentagon brass hats aid to the Castro government. who are preparing for it. He emphasized that it is not so easy when McKinley and Wilson were in the White House.

against the oppression of an im-

He reminded the plotters of intervention that "Figuratively speaking, in case of necessity, Soviet artillerymen can support the Cuban people with their rocket fire if aggressive forces dare to start an intervention against Cuba."

The next day he offered to buy the 700,000 tons of sugar Cuban quota if the government finds difficulty in selling it.

that the Monroe Doctrine had

obviously trying to divert at- tiations. sued a warning to those con- tention from its own intervengressmen who are openly urg- tion against Cuba by a hue and ing armed intervention in Cuba cry over the Kremlin's offer of But the main point at is-

sue should not be lost sight of in the tough exchanges between Washington and Moscow. The Cuban people are entitled to seek and accept help from any source to defend themselves against economic reprisals or armed intervention from abroad. This is the mark of the independence they have made such sacrifices to win.

By the same tests the Soviet Union has the right to offer and send whatever aid is acceptable

stituting for its current hos- | Gaulle, he did not hesitate to loward the Cuban people.

Focal Point

today the focal point in the U.S. imperialism in Cuba and struggle between the U.S. and Latin America should be the Soviet Union to win world weighed accordingly. public opinion. This rivalry has taken a much sharper form Soviet leader could dare chal-May. The exchange of warnings through which the U.S. has over Cuba and the new spyplane incident two months to over the Western hemisphere, downed has brought this to a regarded as the private domain new peak.

Moscow's harsh rejoinders borders, shows two things. have been provoked by Washington's belligerent course of action which torpedoed Khrushchev's efforts to relax tensions between the two major powers detriment of the U.S. And it through summit negotiations.

Since Wall Street's long-range preparations for war against the Soviet Union came to dramatic public attention in the U-2 incident, Khrushchev had little choice but to give Eisenhower the brush-off. The report that further reconnaissance flights were made over Soviet territory Canadian Union were made over Soviet territory despite the President's assurance at Paris that they would be Writes Castro stopped has not helped any inclination Khrushchev might have to alter this course.

Seek Deal

double talk of secret diplomacy this is a way of indicating that he and his associates have not given up their basic aim of perialism.

Meanwhile they are taking advantage of every possible of job insecurity. Eisenhower has replied that opening to influence opinion and freedom of a small nation pitted tolerable interference in the af- place itself in a stronger posture fairs of the Western Hemis- either for still worse relations phere. His administration is or for another round of nego-Khrushchev's offers to aid

Cuba and his strong stand in its jobs." defense must be viewed in this context. At present the Kremlin's policy facilitates anti-imperialist struggle. But it is not primarily or predominantly motivated either by socialist principles of solidarity with the struggles of small nations One in every 14 men and womagainst great-power oppression or by considerations of the rights of Cuba and the needs of its revolution. The Kremlin's actions and attitudes are directed by the opportunistic requirements of the maneuvers of the Soviet bureaucracy.

Khrushchev will subordinate the welfare of Cuba and the interests of its revolution to these Washington can easily eli-diplomatic aims. When he minate Cuba's need for mili- wanted to curry favor with the On July 12, in connection with tary aid from anywhere by sub- French capitalists and De

tility a policy of friendship turn his back upon the Algerian independence fighters, and unlike Peking, has refused to recognize their government. His Cuba and Latin America are public challenge of the role of

However, the fact that the since the summit blowup last lenge the Monroe Doctrine claimed undisputed hegemony the day after the U-2 was and back up a country so long of the U.S. and so near its

> It indicates how much the ascending revolution in Latin America has tilted the balance of forces in the world to the proves how vulnerable Washington has become, and how much its reckless course of opposition to the demands of the Cuban people has alienated and isolated the United States.

About Oil Jobs

The Vancouver, British Co-Khrushchev has nevertheless lumbia, local of the Oil, Chemicontinued to indicate that he cal and Atomic Workers' Unhas not dropped his policy of ion, has written Cuba's Premier "peaceful coexistence." In the Castro asking about job opportunities in the three refineries taken over by his government.

The local said it has lost 150 members in the past eighteen months. Many of them had been laid off from local refineries and others left because

The letter accused the oil companies of making increasing profits while laying off employees. The secretary of the local said that "as trade unionists it is our duty to explore every means of helping our members who have lost their

His letter promised that if Castro sent enough literature on wages, living conditions, etc., the union "will distribute every bit of it.'

Canada's jobless for May set a postwar high of 399,000, some en in the labor force is unemployed.

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Should we designate race

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(Continued from Page 1) to 1908, as the Afro-American commented editorially July 16, sion of Katanga." The Congo measures" against the Belgians.

and sorrow that Hitler killed six Belgian imperialists and a small millions Jews. But King Leopold murdered eight million Afri- overwhelming majority of the cans in the Congo. His greed for Katanga population is opposed ivory and rubber was so in- to secession, which means the satiable that every African boy disguised perpetuation of the or girl who could not furnish his colonialist regime." daily quota, had a foot or hand cut off. The right hand was preferable.

Belgium's bloody methods have been continued down to the present. In the Leopoldville demonstrations for independence in January 1959 and again in the Congo's current struggle for independence, it is estimated that Belgian paratroopers and cops as well as armed European civilians have murdered many thousand Congolese.

The Belgians' principal move to retain their clutches on the wealth of the Congo has been nounced that "friendly relations an attempt to separate Katanga Tshombe, wealthy plantation owner, businessman and premier of Katanga province, as their front man.

U.S. Holdings

The province is dominated by the Union Miniere of Katanga (UMK), a mining company with stockholders in the U.S., Belgium and Britain. In addition, tional Congolese government The Soviet representative to the owns a two-third interest.

UMK reports sales of about \$200 million a year. Its mines at of Belgian troops. produce 10 per cent of the world's copper supply, 60 per and Kasavubu told the Soviets cent of its cobalt, most of its that their intervention might be radium, and important quanti- requested "should the Western ties of zinc, industrial diamonds, germanium, uranium, etc.

In a message to the United Congo.

President Kasavubu have ac- call for help, Soviet Premier cused the Belgians of having Khrushchev stated that the UN accept a fait accompli result-"The Jews recall with anger ing from a conspiracy between to curb the aggression . . . group of Katanga leaders. The

> Charging imperialist aggression against the new republic, the Lumumba government demanded that Belgium withdraw all troops from Congo soil at once and that the Congo's right to determine its internal affairs not be interfered with. UN forces, flown into the Con-

go in line with a Security Council resolution July 14, have refused to compel the Belgians to depart from the country. Instead, Major General Harry Templer Alexander, temporarily in command of UN troops, anwould . . . be established" with the Belgians.

State of War

In reply, Lumumba told parliament on July 16 that the Congo "is in a state of war" with Belgium and that if UN troops cooperated with the Belgians, they, too, would be asked to leave.

Fearful of double-dealing by the UN, whose resolution urging Belgian troops to leave the Con-UN voted for the resolution but advocated immediate withdraw-In a July 15 note, Lumumba

camp not stop its aggression against the sovereignty" of the

Nations, Premier Lumumba and Acknowledging the Congo's

must take the "most effective Belgium's 'King Leopold "gave Republic, they said, refuses "to Failing this "the USSR will not shrink from resolute measures

"The demand of the Soviet Union is simple," said Khrushchev, "hands off the Republic of the Congo."

Expressions of support for the Congo's freedom fight have also come from Ghana, the United Arab Republic, India and the People's Republic of China. Guinea has suspended diplomatic relations with Belgium in solidarity with the Congo and has asked all other African nations to do the same

In Belgium, 2,000 marched through the streets of Brussels on July 16 in protest over the government's imperialist policy.

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Republicans and Civil Rights

Many Negroes, disquieted and disgusted by Kennedy's embrace of the Southern old guard at Los Angeles and his vagueness on civil rights action, are turning their gaze toward the Republican convention in Chicago this week. Perhaps, they hope, the Republicans may do more for our people than the party of the Dixie-

Prominent among these is Jackie Robinson. In the July 18 New York Post he expressed bitter disillusionment over the Kennedy-Johnson lineup. He condemned Kennedy for wiring Arkansas Governor Faubus to be his guest on the platform during his acceptance speech. "For sake of a 'winning team,' Kennedy is willing to embrace not only a Johnson but a Faubus as well," he remarked.

"Power, not principle, is his motivating drive, and obviously he doesn't care whose rights he must trample on in order to get it. If the politics of the moment call for a declaration in behalf of equal opportunity for all, Kennedy does it. And if at the very next moment the 'smart' thing to do is to reassure the white South that he doesn't really mean it, by teaming up with those who have openly indicated their intention of keeping the Negro 'in his place,' Kennedy doesn't hesitate one second. He does it."

Even their own Negro supporters among the delegates showed they don't trust Kennedy and Johnson, declares Robinson, so "you can figure out for your-

self how difficult it will be to convince the rank and file that the Democratic ticket is out to protect their interests."

Robinson announced that he was meeting with other Negro leaders to consider what to do in the 1960 elections and stated that what the Republicans come up with in Chicago this week will greatly influence their decision.

For the past eight years that the Republicans have ruled in Washington they have shown as little concern for the civil rights struggles of the Southern Negroes as they have for the independence movements and rights of the colored peoples in the rest of the world. The administration has been all "deliberation" and no "speed" in implementing the Supreme Court ruling on school desegregation. No matter what Nixon says, they can't be depended upon to do much better in the next eight

Instead of getting burned all over again by the Republicans or Democrats, Jackie Robinson and other spokesmen for the Negro people would do better to urge the union leaders to join them in preparations for a new independent party based on the unions and including the minorities and small farmers.

Meanwhile, in 1960, they and all opponents of Jim Crow can effectively cast a vote against Democratic double-dealing and Republican do-nothingism by supporting the Socialist Workers party ticket of Dobbs and Weiss.

'New Frontier' in Arms Spending

Senator Kennedy says that he foresees the possibility of a new recession soon. There are already four-and-a-half million jobless.

However, he is against cutting the average work-week on the ground that this would reduce productivity and slow down the annual rate of growth of the national

How, then, does the Democratic candidate figure on dealing with the threat of another slump and more unemployment?

A few days before his nomination' Kennedy proposed to hike military spending by as much as \$3 billion. He said the increase should be voted when Congress reconvenes next month. The administration contends that the \$40 billion appropriated to date for military purposes this year is enough.

The unemployed steel workers of Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Gary will doubtless be glad to hear that the only way they can return to the mills is the Socialist and Communist by making steel for tanks and war planes. Their families will likewise be reassured because the Democratic candidate aims to increase their "security" by providing deadlier missiles instead of building more schools and low-cost housing.

Much has been said about the bold new measures that the new generation coming to the fore in the capitalist parties can be expected to take. Yet, when it comes to the test, Kennedy has no better plans for handling the problems of unemployment generated by the anarchy of private enterprise than the present Republican office-holders.

Indeed, he wants to waste more of the people's money on armaments for the cold war - and tax us more heavily - than Eisenhower. This is the "New Frontier" he envisages.

Grateful for Crumbs

The union leaders are reported to be highly pleased with both the Democratic platform and the party's presidential candidate. Said President Meany of the AFL-CIO: "This is a sound, liberal platformthe most progressive and most constructive in my memory."

The platform calls for "the repeal of the anti-labor excesses which have been written into our labor laws." Specifically, this includes an end to the state "right-towork" laws and a criticism of the way the Taft-Hartley Law has been administered and of certain clauses in the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Bill.

Meany's memory conveniently forgets that this 1960 platform represents a retreat from the Democratic platform of 1948 which demanded repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. The labor leaders have not only dropped this demand but did not even urge the elimination of the latest addition to anti-labor legislation tied up with the name of the Democratic presidential nominee.

They likewise disregard the significance of the fact that thirteen of the states with "right-to-work" laws are Democrat-dominated and that both the Taft-Hartley and Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin laws were put over with the votes of Democratic congressmen.

Never have the heads of a movement representing such immense actual and potential power been satisfied with so little. Just before the convention Arthur Krock, the pundit of the New York Times, pointed out that "organized labor . . . is rated as the third political force in the bare existence. country."

force" behave like beggars, thankful for any handouts they get from the capitalist belong to the Mitsui Coal Mine parties. Between national elections the Democratic party bosses neglect, ignore and abuse labor and its just demands in by the Mitsui Mining Company. their anxiety to care for big business. The union leaders grumble and complain about this mistreatment and once in a while, as when Reuther declared the Democrats could not have him and Eastland too, they even threaten divorce.

Then with election year the Democratic politicians turn a smiling face toward labor, promise to reform, and insert a few things that the unions want in week. The crowds punctuated their platform. This is a cheap price for the speeches with chants of getting the votes they need to win office.

"As somebody once said, a platform is to get in on, not necessarily to stand on," observed Senator Ervin of North Carolina, Democratic, Socialist and Coma Dixiecrat spokesman.

The truth of this cynical remark will be brought home to labor's ranks after the 1960 honeymoon is over, just as the said: "If imperialism lays hands expectations raised by the Democratic on Cuba, we shall call on the newspaper directed against the sweep in 1958 was followed by bitter disappointment in 1959.

Instead of reenacting this tragicomedy at every election, the labor movement would be far better off to get a per- Cuban revolution. Cuba is Presbyterian Hospital where Inmanent divorce from the capitalist parties showing the way toward a new ternal Security agents prevented and realize its potential as an independent political force in this country, as the Canadian unions, who are launching their own party, are doing.

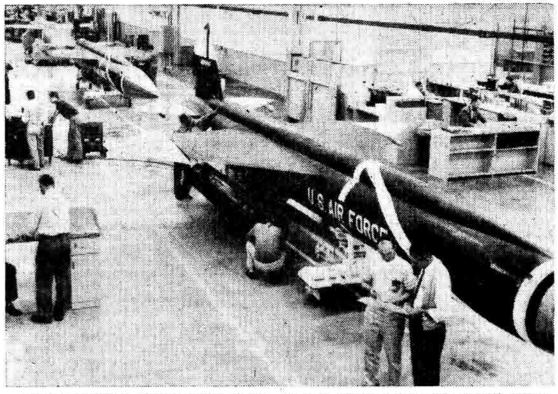
That Liberal Platform

Both the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union called upon the Democratic Platform Committee in Los Angeles to include planks for the abolition of House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In addition, the ECLC urged the platform committee to adopt "a plank calling for the repeal of the Internal Security Act, the Communist Control Act, the Smith Act and other statutes . . . undermining our civil liberties." The group also asked the Democrats to declare themselves for free- their two big allies, Britain and Puerto Rican migratory work- cluded such influential bodies as it possible to learn what charges opportunities than women in the dom for those who have invoked the First France, then they need only egg er, on a morals charge. He was Amendment.

The Democratic platform is silent on all these questions.

Kennedy's Remedy for Recession



Bomarc I M-99 A-missiles rolling off the assembly line at the Boeing Pilotless Aircraft Division Plant in Seattle. The Bomarc program cost over \$71/2 billion. It has been scored in Congress as a "billion dollar boondoggle" put over by high pressure salesmanship.

Senator Kennedy says that the U.S. should spend up to \$3 billion more on such instruments of destruction which are obsolete before manufacture. His deadly antidote for recession will please the merchants and manufacturers of death but bring no benefits to the American people.

The Socialist Workers Party program urges an immediate end to the insane preparations for nuclear suicide. It advocates transforming "the armaments budget into a peace budget for homes, schools, hospitals, medical research, nurseries, playgrounds, highways, transportation and public parks." In that way our industrial plant can provide plenty of work by turning from war production toward an economy of abundance.

100,000 Japanese Confront **Government Strikebreakers**

A showdown struggle between the Coal Mine Workers Union Labor Relations Board then pro-Japanese labor and the employ- of Japan (Tanro). ers and between the new procapitalist Ikeda government and he Socialist-Communist opposition is imminent over a threemonth miners' strike in Kyushu province. According to latest dispatches from Japan, the leading union federation, Sohyo, and parties have sent in massive reinforcements to aid the empattled 6,000 miners who began he strike.

Up to 100,000 strikers, students and sympathizers have backed by the management, dug a six-foot trench and government officials and police thrown up barbed wire around Union No. 1 has the support of he coal mine. They face helmeted police, drilled in riot tac- party. ics, who have been moving in for two days on orders from the government to enforce a court order to clear the mines. A clash between the two forces is expected momentarily.

to this crucial conflict.

TOKYO, July 11 - Economic conditions in the coal industry hurt and one was killed. have caused the owners to disilies of former coal miners now and preparing to intervene. depend upon charity for their

The principal struggle is tak-Yet the leaders of this "third political ing place at the Miike Coal Mines in the southern island of Japan. The workers there Workers Union which represents collieries owned and operated This union and five others form

At this writing the Miike workers have been on strike for over 100 days in protest against the company's plan to fire 1,200 workers. This

would open the door to the

eventual dismissal of 110,000 Some right-wing opportunists in the union who were opposed to the strike organized a splinter union known as Union No. 2 to start a back-to-work movement as soon as possible. It was

Bosses Hire Gangsters

Tanro, Sohyo and the Socialist

Police attempts to lead the splinter members into the colliery caused bloody clashes in which hundreds of unionists A Militant correspondent in were injured and hospitalized. Japan has sent the following ac- When the employers hired ar count of the events leading up organization of gangsters and hoodlums to attack and terrorize members of Union No. 1 many more unionists were seriously

The government did nothing to prevent this strike-breaking have been unable to find other despite Socialist party warnings defeat in many years when its the Trade Union Congress and bers and friends of its movement employment. Over 50,000 fam- that the gangster's were arming

> The Socialists also vainly protested the use of government vehicles to transport the scabbing Union No. 2 members to the mines. The police arrested the leaders of the striking workers while taking only token action against the leaders of the other union.

The government's Central

. . . Hate-Cuba Campaign

(Continued from Page 1) States, pro-Cuba demonstration in front of the National Palace in Mexico City. It was the second such demonstration that 'Cuba yes, Yankees no."

CHILE - Over 7,000 supporters of the Frente de Accion Popular constituted by the dockworkers, copper metal future for all of Latin America."

The formation of a brigade of Chilean guerrilla fighters was announced, ready to go "to fight for Cuba and its Revolution whenever Fidel Castro asks

EGYPT - Al Ahram of Cairo, leading organ of the United Arab Republic, warned United States congressmen not to forget the lessons of Suez. "If what these congressmen desire is to expose their country to disaster on their country to plunge into a repetition of the experiment against Cuba.

GUATEMALA - Many signs for lack of evidence.

that the U.S. keep hands off private enterprise and restrictwalls in the crowded "La Pal- dustry. mita" slums of the capital city. The signs state in large letters: "Viva Fidel Castro,", "Gringos get out of Cuba," and "Cuba will win.'

Nilda Nunez, who had been the Labor party and maintainchosen Queen of the newspaper munist parties, demonstrated La Prensa of New York, de-July 18 in support of the Cuban clined the title and was elected revolution. The principal speak- Queen of the 26 of July Moveer, Senator Salvator Allende, ment. Her declination was motivated by "the attacks of the Revolutionary Cuban Governworkers, iron workers, saltpeter ment" and by criticisms leveled workers, teachers, white-collar at her for having "visited the workers and all wage earners Puerto Rican nationalist leader of the country to defend the Pedro Albizu Campos in the her from seeing him.

BOLIVIA - The newly elected president of Bolivia told July 18 that the "Cuban Revolunomic, social and political liberst.uggle."

Welcome, Neighbor

Authorities in York County, such as that experienced by Pa., arrested Aurelio Ramos, a defenders of nationalization inout a hearing and then released

posed a mediation formula which would allow the 1,200 workers who were to be fired to resign "voluntarily" with a small bonus. This ridiculously unfair proposal was turned down by the Milke workers whose decision was supported by Tanro and Sohyo. However, the opportunistic leadership of the Mitsui Mine Workers Union voted to accept a similar mediation proposal for the other mines which meant that 3,200 miners elsewhere would lose their jobs. The courageous Milke workers

bolted the union after this be trayal to carry forward the fight on their own.

The American Way of Life

Too Many Restrictions on the Rich

On June 5 President Eisenhower, speaking at the commencement exercises at Notre Dame, decried the lack of 'qualified Americans" willing to sacrifice their own personal

financial ambitions to go into the deal, however — a longthe "conflict of interest restrictions" which make it necessary for wealthy men to dispose of their stocks and bonds in any ured thus: The new building corporation with which they might do business as government servants, and he deplored how long the strike would last. he "unendurable financial dif- So the thing to do was fly the iculties. .

Secretary of Commerce Mueller. ful new building would stand When he took office one of the idle. (It turned out they had things he had to give up was a to pay rent on the old building very lucrative steel office fur- anyway because the lease didn't niture plant. He "gave" it to run out until November 30.) his son, Frederick.

Secretary Mueller is a member erick Mueller, flew to Caracas of the Foreign Service Buildings from Grand Rapids, Mich., via Commission. This commission Flying Tiger Airfreight - for is charged with the responsi- \$30,000. bility of buying and furnishing government buildings abroad. It is true that the commission has not met for ten years and that its function (but not its authority) was recently transferred niture deal did not make the to the State Department. But newspapers - except for a tiny Secretary Mueller is still a member of it.

Last summer the State Department contracted to rentwith an option to buy - a very grand new embassy office building in Caracas, Venezuela, State agreed to pay \$11,000 a month Humphrey (D-Minn.) debated rental for the new building. They had been paying \$3,796 for the "morality" of the case but the old ramshackle quarters they had been occupying.

New Furniture, Too

A new office building means new office furniture. So State bought new furniture - from Frederick Mueller. They bought \$60,000 worth for Caracas and, while they were at it, about \$30,000 for other places.

It is the normal procedure to open competitive bidding for such contracts. But State didn't bother with this formality. 'They just "checked" a few items on the Mueller price list and found them "cheaper."

There was a complication to of Mines spokesman.

shore strike. So the mathematical wizards in State started up their electronic brains and figwould be ready for occupancy by November 1. Nobody knew furniture to Caracas, along with They do give up a lot, these to supervise its installation. If they didn't do this, the beauti-

So thirty-five tons of steel fur-Now, among his other tasks, niture, along with Mr. Fred-

The longshore strike was settled on October 9. The furniture was shipped, via air, on October 15.

The story of the Mueller Furitem in which Secretary Mueller said he "didn't see anything wrong in it."

It did make the Congressional Record for several days in mid-June, however. Senator Proxmire (D-Wis.) and Senator Senator Dirksen (R-Ill.) over to date no one has heard any rumors of Secretary of Commerce Mueller resigning. Nor has the White House expressed any "shock."

Could it be that Eisenhower and his advisers are quietly ignoring "conflict of interest restrictions" so more "good" Americans can find their place in government?

-Marvel Scholl

Blood-Soaked Profits

About half of the 87,837 mine deaths from cave-ins in the past fifty years could have been prevented by installing adequate supports, says a Federal Bureau

In Other Lands

Gaitskell Defeated on Clause 4

Socialist Plank Stays in Program

of the means of production, distribution and exchange.

This compromise motion submitted by the national executive was rightly regarded by the anti-Gaitskell coalition as PUERTO RICO - Senorita doning the socialist objectives of ing a "mixed economy" dominated by capitalist profiteers.

of opposition, not only from the constituency parties, but from the trade unions both in the nationalized and unnationalized industries. Last month at the Scottish conference of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union, its Secretary Frank Cousins denounced the compromise on Clause Four as watered down Tory policy."

By mid-June an overwhelming majority of the national newspapermen at Buenos Aires unions that registered their positions had decided in favor tion is the revolution of eco- of leaving the constitution in its original form. Unions with ation of a people engaged in 2,352,000 votes were for keeping Clause 4 while the Gaitskellites could count on only 1, 355,000 union votes for the amendments.

In addition to the TGWU, the held for seventy-one days with- workers, plumbers and public ternational Secretariat of the little to relieve the burden of

Gaitskell on this issue. Faced with this solid reaffirm-

Labor party suffered its greatest the prospect of certain defeat at national executive voted July 13 Labor party conference this fall, to resist the provocation." national executive voted July 13 Gaitskell and his lieutenants have been forced to back down.

All U-2 Aircraft amendment or addition to This rejection of his anti-social-Clause Four. This is the section ist course is bound to further To Leave Japan in the party constitution com- undermine his already seriously mitting it to public ownership weakened position as party leader.

the right wing assault upon The action is a crushing re- Clause Four in Great Britain buke to Hugh Gaitskell, leader stands in sharp contrast with the of the Labor party who headed major trends at work in the Sothe forces which, since the last cial Democratic parties of West- tion was taken by the U.S. on elections, have campaigned to ern Europe. Last year the right cut the socialist heart from the wing leadership of the Social party program. They proposed Democratic party of West to replace Clause Four with an- Germany was able to erase from hailing Castro and demanding other reserving a large place for its program all references to the class struggle and Marxism as Cuba have been painted on ing the scope of nationalized in- well as any allegiance to nationalization as the economic basis for socialism.

Gaitskell's failure to duplicate this trick indicates that the disposition of forces is quite differ the entering wedge for aban- The salvation of Clause Four i ent in the British Labor party. a signal political victory for the union militants and the left wing in the Labor party, notably for the Tribune, Victory for So-The effort to remove Clause cialism and the Socialist Labor Four ran up against a stone wall League. The latter, despite its victimization by the official leadership, carried on the most vigorous and persistent fight to retain Clause Four as the key consider that to cook dinner, to character of the Labor party.

Trotskyist Leaders Arrested in Holland

According to a report in the

July 1960 La Verite des Travailleurs, two leading European Trotskyists, S. Santen and M. Raptis, have been arrested in Holland allegedly in connection tub or in the hot kitchen, then with a matter of assistance to the Algerian revolution.

"The prosecution is taking place under conditions which have not up to the present made miners and railwaymen were case the press reports contain all on women's shoulders.

getting ready to line up against | sorts of lying and provocative allegations."

The International Secretariat's The right wing of the British of public ownership and with against the arrests and provocaation of support for the principle declaration protests vigorously ions and calls upon all mem-

All American U-2 aircraft will be removed from Japan, its The victorious resistance to Foreign Office announced July

> The Japanese Foreign Minister diplomatically said the acits own initiative. But it was clearly a by-product of the immense pressures exerted upon the government by the mass anti-treaty struggles which blocked Eisenhower's visit to Japan in June.

Men Should Help Wives in Kitchen, Admonishes Pravda

"Children bind a woman to he home and replace all her beloved occupations as well as her free time. She receives all her 'esthetic pleasure' in the kitchen, at the laundry tub, etc. . . ? An absolute majority of men issue in preserving the socialist wash laundry, to bathe children, to iron, to mend, to clean pots is work for women's hands.

> This complaint, common to working mothers the world over, s also being raised in the Soviet Union, judging from the above quoted article by Mme. E. Grintskevich, a librarian in the city of Zhitomir, which was recently printed in Pravda.

"If after the workday they the men] stood at the laundry . . their wives would be freed somewhat for hobbies . . . and would become more even tempered, good and compliant.'

While Soviet women have achieved a greater range of job the engineers, the electrical have been brought against them," West, the government under workers, boilermakers, wood- declares a statement by the In- Stalin and Khrushchev has done employees. The majority of the Fourth International. "In any household drudgery, which falls

Hansen. He'd missed that one and said Editor: the other parts he'd read were copies to pass out.

Paul Williams

Out of a Job For Ten Months

The marriage with capitalism and myself is irreconcilably This has been caused my eyes until my last heart baiting. beat.

almost ten and a half months. parties in a state where both are I have been waiting for my on the ballot the SLP's Social- brought to the rotten legal sysgrievance with the steel mill to ist industrial Unionism plan be settled and you can be sure may seen more radical than the the jailing of a man for ten they are not trying to rush to SWP's call for a Labor party. years for stealing food. That

served to strengthen and fortify phatic in its stand for workers' top of the world. If you don't, me and to give me a new in-control of industry through the world is on top of you. sight into how rotten capital- workers' councils, through fac-

future and to try and do something about it.

A Beginner Chicago

Be Stressed More

In this year's election camexcellent. When I mentioned paign closer attention should be come out in pamphlet form, he party's rivalry with the Socialsaid he'd want a number of ist Labor party for the socialist protest vote, now that the Sorialist Party-Social Democratic Federation has bowed out and is openly supporting the Democratic candidate.

In spite of the SLP's rejection socialist at all familiar with the two socialist groups, the SWP has by far the more revolutionary reputation. The SLP is too anxious to appear respectby conditions that have opened able and does too much red-

I have been out of work for voter choosing between the two yours. This grievance has only the SWP should be more em-

ism is with all the flunkies run- tory committees elected by the rank and file. This will take Your paper is food that gives away the edge the SLP appears me courage to understand the to have with its programs while enabling the SWP to be less dogmatic and formalistic than

the SLP is.

New York

People Unhappy In the World's Richest Nation

Here in the richest nation in the world the people are not that the series might possibly paid to the Socialist Workers happy. Why? I don't know ington, by the Kennedy steamyou do not either, or at least man isn't running for office. not the full answer.

I live near the city of San Diego, California, where both papers are owned by conservalive Republicans and very much slanted toward that line. Alof "immediate demands," to any though I am a liberal Democrat, mediocrity of the candidates.

Nevertheless, to the protest in our papers I get to see in the Elks, but unworthy of a

Some tem in California which permits the Therefore, in order to offset this, was done here a short time ago. If you have money, you're on of assets and liabilities."

Never Had It So Good

By Joyce Cowley

Almost every day I read an advertisement, a magazine article or a newspaper that tells me how well I am doing and what a remarkable standard of living I enjoy. Some writers even feel that I am so surfeited with material goods that I have grown soft. Does it really make us happy, they ask, to own all these homes, cars, TV sets, automatic washer-dryers, floor polishers and dishwashing machines? For me, as for many of us, this is a theoretical question.

But generally the approach is optimistic. The current issue of Goodall News starts off with a typical article, "Longing For the Good Old Days?" Goodall is a manufacturer of natural and synthetic rubber products. ("If It's Goodall, It's Got To Be Good.")

At the start, the article asks if I get upset about Russia, atomic bombs, missiles, etc., and proceeds to reassure me that we have a "GOOD THING GOING in the Dynamic Sixties." Then I learn about an "average" worker who makes \$100 a week. Nothing is said as to how they got their average nor is there any mention of ugly realities like deductions. This lucky worker, I am told, makes all his money in only 40 hours, while the work week in 1900 was 60 hours.

"The average man had to work 42 hours to earn enough to buy a suit of clothes which he now labors 27 hours to acquire. To purchase 2 lbs. of pork chops a wage earner literally sweated one full hour, while today . . . he only has to work 40 minutes to pay the butcher."

From this, by some mathematical computation that I can't follow, they conclude:

"The cold fact is that by doing 1/3 as much work the average American enjoys a standard of living more than twice as high as his grand-

Not only does the worker himself have more leisure, so does his wife, as she has evidently purchased all the labor saving devices I listed above, on \$100 a week gross pay. They can put this leisure to good use, too, as science has made a whole new world of entertainment available - radio, movies, TV - and in their "moderately priced car" they can take long trips over the weekend "with little fatigue." (!)

But that's not all. They are healthier, too, because "from the spiritual and psychological side, our lives are better balanced." This is a happy picture which I am sure would be as much of a surprise to traffic engineers and psychiatrists as to the "average" worker. I remember a full-page ad which an insurance airplane with a crew of three. company ran in the recent issue of a popular He could buy air and newspaper magazine. "I never had it so good," the ad be- time and space, finance research gins. "WHY AM I SO BROKE?"

If a worker makes \$100 — or about \$80 take- hire staffs to address invitations home - and he is supporting a family on that by the thousands to his rallies, amount, can he buy a home, car, TV set, dish- to push doorbell buttons and washing machine and similar gadgets? He may ring his telephone bells." have these things (although the chances are that the real title is in the hands of a bank), but the old days these decisions if he does, he is not paying for them on \$80 take- were traditionally made in the home, nor is he working 40 hours a week. A smoked-filled room. In this elecsecond job may stretch the work week to 70 tronic age we tend to think of hours, more than grandfather put in. His wife's those stuffy hotel rooms as salary goes in the kitty, too, and his teenage somewhat demode; but the children probably have summer jobs.

What really puzzles me is the connection ever." between his wages, the number of hours he works, the number of pork chops he can buy, NICS - On his way to the and the questions raised at the beginning of Democratic convention to seek the article — are you upset about Russia, atomic the presidential nomination, bombs, missiles? True, it's better to be comfort- Johnson was asked whether it able while you worry, but even those who most was true that Kennedy had cut fervently admire the American standard of liv- and dried everything in ading have never claimed that it would protect us vance. "There are countries in from missiles and bombs. Apparently there is the world where such pure arno answer. All we can do is count our blessings, rogance is customary in poliour dishwashing machines and our TV sets, as tics," orated Kennedy's opponwe wait for annihilation.

But there are millions of voices giving us an answer. Instead of just waiting and mumbling pep talks, we can join the people who are changing our world and making a real peace possible. Negro youth who sit in at lunch-counters in the South, the students in San Francisco who linked arms as the police hosed them down the steps of City Hall, the Koreans who overthrew Syngman Rhee, the Japanese workers and students who victoriously demonstrated against a policy of war - they certainly have got a good thing going in 1960!

Notes in the News

BESIDES, THE MEAT DIDN'T JUMP -

A Pennsylvania meat distributor has taken court action to win reversal of a recent state order barring him from distributing "beef" products made from imported kangaroo meat. The state insisted the meat had a high bacteria count. The distributor replied that this was not his responsibility since the meat was two years old and in the hands of dealers for several months at the time of inspection.

CONSISTENT - New Hampshire Attorney General Louis Wyman, the man who jailed Dr. Willard Uphaus for refusing to be a stool pigeon, declared July 6 that economic warfare against Cuba is not enough. He said he assumed "that force would be involved" if "lives and property" are to be "protected" there.

COEXISTENCE, U.S. STYLE - "RAND," the Air Force's "think factory" has submitted a report to Congress suggesting that armaments spending be stepped up as a means of preventing the USSR from developing its production of consumer goods. If the U.S. increased its arms budget by about \$10 billion a year, a RAND specialist said, "it would be difficult for the Soviet Union to match, and the upward pressure on the Soviet defense budget would disrupt its rapid growth." This might throw the present Soviet seven-year plan out of kilter, he added, and perhaps cause social unrest and disorder.

DOG'S LIFE - A San Jose, Calif., rancher allocated \$110,000 in his will for the care of his two pet dogs.

SIGNAL FROM THE GRAVE - One hundred population centers across the country are being wired for an Automatic Bomb Alarm System. The system is being installed for the Air Force by Western Electric. It will give instantaneous notification of the nuclear bombing of any city so that a retaliatory attack can be launched immediately. When a bomb explodes,

signals will flash simultaneously at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters near Omaha, and the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs. Western Electric experts say they have licked the problem of the system sending out a false alarm.

EDUCATION IN PITTSBURGH - The Pittsburgh Board of Education plans to eliminate a number of text books from the public schools for being too "liberal." One book was singled out for attack because it contains photographs of U.S. slums. Said one board member: "I can just imagine a guy like Khrushchev showing this thing to Russian students and telling them: 'This is what it's like in America.'"

"ERROR" - A nineteen-year-old Negro youth with a severe skull fracture was examined in an all-white hospital at Charlotte, N.C., then ordered removed without treatment to an all-Negro hospital where he died shortly afterward. Officials of the white hospital said have any set work week, and later that the "employee" who ordered the in most cases yard engineers are youth's removal was "in error."

JUST LIKE INDUSTRY - The Army have mileage limitations, in should now be more fussy about the quality of other places they don't. Road its recruits, says Lt.-Colonel George Hutchin- crews get paid on the basis of son, retired recruiting officer. In the good old mileage or hours, whichever days a recruit got \$21 a month. Now it's \$75. produces the higher scale. "That's a lot of money - and not bad for a kid just out of high school," the colonel points out. For this kind of pay, he adds, a recruit should month (forty days' pay), their not only be big and healthy, but should also checks look pretty good, and the "have it upstairs." The Army's requirements, 2 per cent raise doesn't look so the colonel said, "are like industry's in that outrageous. Basing themselves

HOLLOW HAPPINESS? - "Happy Hollow pretty convincing arguments to Homes," a housing development in Grand present to the mediators and ar-Prairie, Texas, offers split level homes and fall- bitrators. out shelters. The builder says: "The fallout shelters offer Happy Hollow families protection applied to workers who are on from harsh weather and radiation fallout, in a 40-hour week, it's a different Book Store, 704 Hennepin Ave., Hall the event of nuclear war."

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... Campaigning Jailed for Upholding Two Aircraft

(Continued from Page 1) by one group and its candidate leaves the delegates no opportunity for a democratic choice and reduces the convention to a mockery."

As former head of the Democratic party, Truman should know all about rigging. However, we note that his urge to speak the truth coincided with the flattening of his man, Symthe answer and I suppose that roller. We note, too, that Tru-

> The New York Times also had its moments of truth during the Los Angeles stage play.

Columnist James Reston in cluded this item among the statements of his "electronic can find no interest in this truth-detector, Uniquack": "To year's campaign because of the begin with, this convention is obviously an opulent bore. It is Although I do not agree with without dignity; it is vulgar, everything your paper says, I theatrical, ill-mannered, wasteam quite happy that many of ful, ostentatious: a setting for a the things we do not get to see prize fight, or a convention of great nation nominating a attention should be President.

Columnist Arthur Krock said Democratic convention "now rather resembles a group of bank directors coldly examining the bank's statement

Reporter Russell Baker wrote that "all the battles were sham and all the hullabaloo synthe-The demonstrations were "false displays of enthusiasm for the benefit of the television audience.'

"In many of the demonstrations," he noted, "the same faces appeared again and again, mechanically contorted in masks of joy first for one contender, then for another."

A Times biographer observed: "The Kennedy wealth was an advantage. He had his own staffs, pay for meeting halls,

Editorialized the Times: "In smoke remains as thick as

FAMOUS LAST HISTRIO-

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some very long drawn out negotiations with a substantial raise. The high point of the "wildcat" strikes was the "sick" strike railroads nationally for a week after the agreement was signed.

This was in February 1951, in the midst of the Korean War. But the effects of that militant action have worn off. Resentment against the union leadership takes the form of cynicism now, though it will undoubtedly develop a militant expression in the future. The age level of the men and the fact that so many of the younger men are working a second job

contribute to the conservatism of the rail workers. Present wage scales on the roads are as follows: under the new scale the pay for switchmen (yard brakemen and conductors) will run from around 2.70 to \$3.00 an hour; road extended to insure that oneget from around \$2.25 to \$2.50; year subscribers receive 52 issues and six-month sub-

generally within these limits. Yard crews are on a five-day work week. Road crews don't on a seven-day week. In some places road and engine crews

Wherever engineers and conductors make over 4,000 miles a on the earnings of these workers, the carriers seemed to have

But when the same pattern is story.

On June 28, Hugo De Gregory was put behind bars for refusing to answer questions in New Hampshire's investigation of alleged "subversives." His imprisonment climaxes six years of persecution by New Hampshire's Attorney General Wyman who holds the position of one-man investigating committee. De-Gregory has been sentenced for an indeterminate period of at least one year.

De Gregory, a 46-year-old factory worker, was taken to Boscawen Jail where Dr. Willard Uphaus has been imprisoned since last December for invoking the First Amendment. The Attorney General has already stated that he hopes to start contempt proceedings against them all over again at the end of their

Wyman has relentlessly hounded De Gregory. When the U.S. Supreme Court rulings in the Uphaus and De Gregory cases last year bolstered his inquisition, he crowed that "This decision [refusal of the high court to review De Gregory's case] breaks the back of the Fifth Amendment as far as we are concerned."

In 1959, Wyman railroaded a special immunity law through the legislature especially designed to force De Gregory to bear false witness against others.

In a statement issued just before he went to jail, De Gregory said, "The state has



HUGO DE GREGORY

shown once more that it is stronger than the individual. But it has also demonstrated that it is powerless to compel an individual to commit an indecent act. I still refuse to become an informer for Mr. Wyman - to help him slander people I know to be completely innocent of any wrongdoing. I go to jail with a clear conscience.

The De Gregory Defense Committee has been working to let people know about New Hampshire's contempt for civil liberty that has put these men in jail. It needs funds to appeal the little publicized De Gregory case to the higher courts. Send contributions to: Priscilla Di Giovanni, Treasurer, De Gregory Defense Committee, Box 103, Hanover Station, Boston 13, Mass.

Militant Drive Enrolls New Subscribers

By Karolyn Kerry Business Manager, The Militant

Since the beginning of our in both major parties. special election subscription A steel worker subscriber drive on April 15 we have add- writes: "With the Democrats' deed a total of 1232 new subscrib- cision to run Senator Kennedy ers to our list of regular Mili- for president it doesn't matter a job well done.

we have received 237 renewals doing a fine job. My copies are in the three-month period end- being passed on to steel workers ing July 15. This makes a grand who are at a loss to know who total of 1469 for the campaign

Because of the wonderful response to this special getmonth sub for fifty cents, we introductory offer to new readers for the period of the election campaign.

spurred the carriers and the a more receptive audience for duced to a paper that expresses Newton White which appeared union bureaucrats into ending the Militant than ever before their hopes and aspirations that in our July 4 issue, the Militant Some comments received from they have become volunteer stated that Dr. White was a Militant readers reinforce our campaigners in the task of member of the Socialist Workers

Notice to Our Readers

In line with the growing summer custom of radical and liberal weeklies in this country, the Militant is being published in double-dated issues every other week from July 11 to Sept. 5.

Our next issue will be dated Aug. 8 and Aug. 15. Subsequent double issues during the summer will appear thereafter on alternate weeks.

The regular schedule will be resumed after Labor Day. All subscriptions will be and enginemen's scales will fall scribers receive 26 issues.

tant readers. This result marks who the Republicans run. The our campaign as the most suc- American worker has been left cessful in recent years. Mili- out. He will have the choice of tant campaigners and support- two opportunistic advocates of ers are to be congratulated on a sick system that can't and won't do anything for him. The In addition to new readers, Militant is pointing the way and to vote for now."

Another worker sends in a year sub with the comment: "I am getting fed up on the lies I demanded a union shop, imacquainted offer of a six- see in the capitalist press and proved grievance and arbitrawant to read something worth tion procedure, automatic rather have decided to continue the while. The capitalist press is than "merit" pay increases, and only meant to make mental a full seniority clause. Under the old contract, the company slaves of the working class."

These are a small sample of The reaction to the candidates the views expressed by many selected by the convention of of our new readers. Some are so the Democratic party indicates grateful for having been introconviction that more and more broadening the circulation of the party. workers are being disillusioned Militant. It is heartening to see of switchmen that tied up the by the antics of the politicians many new readers join the have written us that the editor ranks of our sub getters.

Standings At the conclusion of the three

month campaign the standing of gram of the SWP, and helped follows: New York turned in 265 | could, she did not hold membernew subscriptions and 31 re- ship. newals; Los Angeles, 111 new and 34 renewals; Detroit, 116 new and 15 renewals; Chicago, 93 new and 18 renewals; Philadelphia, 83 new and 11 renewals.

Although the formal campaign period is concluded, a number of SWP branches have advised us that they intend to continue intensive sub work as a means of getting the paper into the hands of the largest number of readers possible. There is no better way of transmitting the views of genuine socialism to people seeking answers to the problems of the

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The 5th Amendment Unions Fight off Strikebreaking NEW HAVEN, July 17 - Some fifteen thousand air-

craft workers belonging to the United Auto Workers and the International Association of Machinists are fighting off new strikebreaking moves

by United Aircraft Corporation

at six of seven plants in Con-

necticut in the seventh week of

their strike. The dispute at the

company's North Haven plant

of the Pratt-Whitney Division

was settled last week, and mem-

bers of UAW Local 1234 have

Negotiations at two Sikorsky

plants have been broken off by

the company, pending a ruling

of the National Labor Rela-

tions Board on a petition to de-

certify the UAW as bargaining

agent. This is the latest com-

pany trick to hamstring the un-

ions. In a mass meeting today,

the strikers showed their con-

fidence in the union by voting to

demand that the NLRB call an

United Aircraft has also be-

gun hiring scabs and has an-

nounced that as new hire-ins

fill vacancies, strikers will be

When laid off, a striker be-

comes eligible for unemploy-

ment compensation, but no

striker can find out if he has

been laid off without crossing

the picket lines to inquire of

company representatives in the

plants. None of the strikers

In the first five days of the

strike, which started June 7,

mass picket lines were 100 per

cent effective in keeping the

plants shut down. Then an in-

plant set the pattern for agree-

ments by union officials at all

the other plants to drastically

limit the number of pickets. Not

only did scabs gain free access

thereby, but the cops were en-

couraged to arrest pickets for

shouting at persons entering the

This set the stage for the

company first to organize a

"back-to-work" movement

among non-union employees,

then to import scabs into the

shops. In spite of this the

strike has remained effective.

Morale of the strikers is high

and hundreds of formerly

non-union employees have

gone to the union halls volun-

Wages were never a major

issue in the strike. The workers

A Correction

In the obituary of Dr. Rita

Our San Francisco friends

was mistaken in this impression.

Although Dr. White subscribed

to the Trotskyist ideas and pro-

The Militant

tarily to join the union.

junction in the North Haven

has been willing to do this.

immediate election.

laid off. .

returned to work.

Socialist Fund Reaches Goal Of \$16,000

By Tom Kerry Organizational Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

NUMBER 29

I am happy to announce that the response to our appeal for contributions to make up the deficit in our \$16,000 Socialist Fund drive has put us over the top.

We were \$367 short of our quota at the June 15 deadline. New York took the initiative in volunteering an additional \$75 to make up the deficit. Boston, Denver, Detroit and Los Angeles followed suit to make the total \$286.50. Individual supporters made up the balance.

We would like to express our appreciation for this extra effort which permitted us to maintain intact our record of completing in full our fund drive quotas.

could exempt up to 10 per cent of the workers from seniority control, choosing any workers it wished. This made a mockery of the principle of protection for older workers and was an open invitation to curry favor with the company in the plants.

Several weeks ago, the UAW told its members they would have to give up the union-shop demand. Then a tentative settlement at Pratt-Whitney in North Haven was reached with unannounced terms. At the last minute, however, the talks broke down when the company demanded the outright discharge of 200 workers arrested for picket-line activity and the ay off of all strikers whose jobs nad been filled by hired scabs.

The union flatly refused to accept such outrageous terms, and a few days later the company pared its black list of 200 down to seven, with all other strikers guaranteed jobs.

The proposals were put to a mass meeting of Local 1234 and accepted. The new agreement calls for an improved grievance procedure and elimination of the hated 10 per cent clause in the seniority provision. Automatic pay increases were given up along with the union shop. A seven to twelve-cent hourly wage increase was accepted.

Although the North Haven local has returned to work with a larger membership and with modest gains, the unity of the strikers on a company-wide basis has been broken, thus raising the danger that the bargaining position of the other locals may be impaired. The IAM has sharply criticized the UAW for the settlement and for returning to work at North Haven. The IAM represents our five leading groups is as the party in every way she workers at two other Pratt-Whitney plants and at two plants of Hamilton Standard.

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