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Kennedy **Blocks** Rights

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Helps Dixiecrats Kill Senate Bills

In the first week of the special Congressional session the "new look" Democratic leadership behind Kennedy and Johnson demonstrated its subservience to the diehard Southern bloc and the emptiness of its platform pledges to act on civil rights.

As a maneuver to put the Democrats on the spot, Republican minority leader Senator Dirksen introduced a bill which called for federal financial assistance to school districts seeking to desegregate and for making permanent the Committee on Government Contracts. He pressed for quick action by asking that it be put directly on the Senate calendar rather than being referred to committee.

When Senator Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania, a liberal Democrat, moved to table the Dirksen bill, Johnson leaped to his feet, called for a roll-call vote, and 52 Northern and Southern Democrats plus two Republicans killed the measure.

Lame Excuse

Afterwards Senator Kennedy stated that, while he strongly supported civil rights legislation, to take time for such measures now at the expense of other "essential" bills "would have meant the session would have ended in complete fail-

This is a very lame excuse to cover up his abject surrender to the Dixiecrats. What other scheduled legislation is more urgent or important than civil rights pro-

If Kennedy and Johnson had decided to throw their full weight behind them, these two modest measures could have passed very quickly. But this would have entailed a clash with the Southern bloc which they preferred to avoid even at the cost of offending the supporters

the situation of the Negro people but only with scoring points against its political opponent. The Republicans, for example, did not protest when both measures proposed by Dirksen were deleted from the civil rights bill include the Cuban Electric Com-

party since World War II.

are often not completely fa-

miliar with the history of social

developments in their own coun-

try but, on the whole possess

considerable, if not always ac-

curate, understanding of world

developments. They are very

much interested in, and eager

to discuss, the problems of to-

This observation was made by

Sam Pollock, president of Meat

Cutters Local 427, AFL-CIO,

Always Consult

seize a town. The French out-

sonnel should quit the country.

over Vientiane.

The Experts

day and the future."

Hiroshima Anniversary



Militant photo by J. H.

These peace marchers and some 2,500 others paraded down Forty-Second Street in New York on Aug. 6 to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the dropping of the first atom bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The demonstration wound up in front of the United Nations building, where speakers called for continued negotiations to bring about a

Young people predominated in the march, which was sponsored by the Sane Nuclear Policy Committee, the American Friends Service Committee and other liberal and pacifist groups. Several leading New York trade-union officials also

Nationalizations Crack Power Of Wall St. Monopolies in Cuba Case in N.Y.

By Harry Ring

U.S.-owned properties virtually ment operation. ends Wall Street's 60-year revert to the Cuban people.

v Premier Castro, declared the step was made necessary by U.S. economic aggression and by the need to "affirm the consolidation of the economic independence of the country."

pany, subsidiary of the Amer-

Pollock and the other mem-

bers of the delegation talked,

individually and in discussion

meetings, to hundreds of the

Soviet people in all walks of

life, including workers, trade

union leaders, government leaders, journalists, writers,

professors, composers and

many others. They visited

Moscow, Leningrad, Tashkent,

One of the first demands of 'propaganda' is wrong. The NLRB claims these must be dis-

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Sochi and Kiev.

Unionist Presents

on Soviet Labor

By Jean Simon

is the considerable influx of a member of an unofficial dele-

members into the Communist gation of American trade union

and many of the government of- peace, the role and functioning

ficials are of the generation that of the Soviet trade unions, and

followed the Russian Revolu- the extent of liberalization in

tion, and the youth there, as the Soviet Union and its po-

elsewhere throughout the world, tential for the future."

tactics should be employed to to the press Aug. 1.

French and U.S. military per- cides with the deep demands

ican & Foreign Power Co.; the cannot be deterred from laying Cuban Telephone Co., subsi- the economic foundations for a The Cuban people have taken diary of International Telephone decent life for the Cuban peoa giant step forward in their & Telegraph; Standard Oil, Tex- ple. The realization that Cuba Franklin, John Franklin, and election. revolutionary struggle for full aco and Sinclair oil refineries; now places human rights beindependence. The Aug. 7 gov- and 36 sugar mills of companies fore property rights has made

The takeover came after the stranglehold on the island's economic war against Cuba had that the slogan resounding economy. It appears only a culminated in the slashing of its matter of time before remain- sugar quota. The nationalizaing U.S. interests, valued at tion decrees provide for coming U.S. interests, valued at tion decrees provide for com-at about \$250 million, will also pensation in bonds due in 50 Sit-ins Win years, at two per cent interest, The nationalization decree, to be paid on the basis of in-The truth is that neither party read to a jubilant population come derived from the sale of sugar to the U.S. beyond the previous quota of three million tons a year. Thus the companies boycott of Cuban sugar.

Pause for Thought

Meanwhile, Washington's reaction to the stunning nationalization sweep has been like that President Eisenhower said Aug. CLEVELAND - "One of the early in an interview with him member, for American observers a four-week tour of Poland and "finally devise those means groes. On Aug. 5 seven downmost important things to re- on his return to Cleveland after visiting the Soviet Union today, the Soviet Union. Pollock was that will defeat it."

members into the Communist array since World War II.

"The active trade unionists of many of the government of the gover ton would like to "intervene" right now but simply isn't in a position to get away with it.

The determination of big businition that the new government bus terminal.

ernment action nationalizing whose sugar fields had been it clear that the years of plunder hour trial here today. The tary George J. Baker — 106 some \$750 million worth of previously placed under govern- by U.S. monopolies is drawing charges against them were dis-

Washington also recognizes (Continued on Page 3)

Areas

Sit-in victories over lunchcounter segregation in twentythat pressed Eisenhower to cut eight Southern cities and counthe sugar quota find their re- ties were announced Aug. 6 by venge is not so sweet, since they the Southern Regional Council. The nationalized properties will be paying for any continued The report noted that "contrary to the expectations of many, student protests and 'selective buying' campaigns have continued with demonstrated effectiveness into the summer months."

Persistence was rewarded of a corporation lawyer whose Aug. 1 when Durham, N.C. client has been brought to the counters were integrated after bar of justice after years of a six-month boycott and a final thumbing his nose at the law. week of continuous picketing. The same day Miami became the 10 that the government would first Florida city with store have to study the development lunch counters opened to Ne-He piously added that, if the gated in Chattanooga, Tenn. A News, Va.

Elsewhere, the struggle conlinued unabated. In Petersburg, Va., for example, fifty-five arness to strangle the Cuban revo- rests in four days failed to halt a lution has grown with the recog- massive sit-in at the Trailways

Aircraft Co. and NLRB Gang up Against Strikers

three thousand strikers at two Sikorsky plants of United Air-At the end of their stay, they craft Corp. in Bridgeport and ummarized their impressions of Stratford, Conn. are fighting a Soviet life in a statement signed bitter struggle against a virby Pollock and eight other mem- tual lockout. Five of the origbers of the delegation, which inal seven plants on strike have they submitted to the Interna- settled and returned to work.

tional Committee of the Soviet The company has refused to paratroop battalion that staged Following a "vigorous" discus- plants on the excuse that the the revolt last week in the capi- sion with the chairman of the union's status as bargaining tal city of Vientiane had asked International Committee for the agent is in question. A petition its French military instructors Soviet Trade Union Central to decertify the UAW was filed the day before the coup what Council, the report was issued early in the strike. The UAW has demanded an immediate On the question of peace, the election but the National Labor lined a plan and the procedures statement said, "We are con- Relations Board has not schedwere followed closely the next vinced that the attempt to dis- uled one supposedly because unmorning when the rebels took miss the various peace proposals fair labor charges are also pend-

their leaders was that all drive for peace reflects and coin- posed of first. It is apparent that the NLRB is cooperating with the

NEW HAVEN - More than | company which wants to wear down the union before the election while working the plants with scabs.

Settlements at the other plants amounted to salvaging what was possible from defeat. At the four plants organized by the International Association of Machinists, the union leadership Trade Union Central Committee meet with the United Auto frankly admitted defeat to the It is reported that the Laotian meeting in Moscow July 29, 1960. Workers over the two Sikorsky membership and advised acceptance of a company offer which provided for preferential retention of newly hired scabs officials, liberals, Social Demo-

over strikers with seniority. Only the UAW local at the Fratt and Whitney division in new political alignment. Many North Haven made any gains at young people were sold on this of slick maneuverers. And they all, but these were minor. The perspective and rallied behind weren't even consulted when key issue of the union shop was Stevenson and Humphrey. Their Kennedy picked Johnson as his lost, and the local is now hav- hopes were dashed when they of the Soviet leaders as mere ing against the union and the ing a hard time getting the com- were handed the Kennedypany to live up to the agree- Johnson ticket. ment on placement of strikers.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9 lice department against Robert | Colorado ballot for the Nov. 8 Cornelius Suares collapsed like missed.

The three members of the Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Com- who secured the signatures mittee were arrested June 21, noted considerable sentiment for after a street rally in Green- a break from the two-party wich Village, on the charge of monopoly of American politics. disorderly conduct. Their lawyer, Conrad Lynn, noted civilrights attorney, branded their arrest as the continuation of tion of Negroes in that area as well as an infringement on the political rights of a minority political party engaged in legal election activity.

His contentions were contestimony by the police and the fornia, Denver 4.

Three Win

defense. The Dobbs-Weiss Campaign Committee had sharply the Police Commissioner.

ing. If the pace can be kept up, it seems certain that the diffi-Most of the campaigners have only evenings and weekends free. With more funds it would be possible to put a number of

them into full-time activity. So send money. Send your contribution to campaign headquarters, 116 University Place, New York 3. And thanks to all of you who have already contributed.

SWP Election News

Socialism

By Joseph Hansen

Weiss on the ballot in New

If you need a petition blank to get the names of your friends to help put the Socialist Work-ers party on the ballot, we'll be glad to send it to you.

The Denver Post reported Trumped-up charges by the po- ers party has won a place on the

Colorado party members filed a house of cards after a two- 606 signatures with State-Secrequirement.

The socialist campaigners

An old-timer, heartened at the effort to give Colorado voters a chance to vote for Dobbs and Weiss, said: "My One vote the Republicans don't get. One vote the Democrats don't get. And one vote the socialists do get!"

Information about the Colorado socialist election campaign firmed when the judge threw the can be obtained by writing or case out of court after hearing visiting the Militant, 1227 Cali-

Preesidential electors pledged perialist intervention in Cuba protested the victimizations to to support Farrell Dobbs and Algeria, the Congo. Demands (Continued on Page 3)

Twenty Million March in Japan Against H-Bomb **Disarmament Parley Scores** U.S. Pacts, Dobbs Reports

By Farrell Dobbs Presidential Candidate of the Socialist Workers Party

TOKYO, Aug. 6 - On this anniversary date of the 1945 atom-bombing of Hiroshima, thousands of Japanese Peace Marchers have arrived in Tokyo after a 6,500 mile trek that began April 21 from outlying districts of Japan. Along the way some 20 million people had walked part of the distance with them in support+

of their campaign against Dobbs Protests First reports are coming in on nuclear war. the petition campaign to put Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner The Peace Marchers are here to attend the Sixth World Conference Against A and H-Bombs Congress Move York. They are very encourag- and for Total Disarmament which opened today. International solidarity with their detional solidarity with their decult legal requirements will be mands for peace is shown by presence at the conference of 119 delegates from 29 countries

> As the session began, the world received a shocking reminder of the horrors of nuclear war in the death this morning, after fifteen years of suffering, of yet another victim of the Hiroshima atrocity.

Presence of the huge Japanese delegation and the stimulus of eign Commerce Committee inthe recent mass actions in this tends to hold public hearings on country are having an effect on the proposal to suspend the the conference. Sessions in equal-time provisions of Section former years had been charac- 315 of the Federal Communicaterized generally by a call in the tions Act. He asked that Conname of humanism for an end gress arrange a nationwide to nuclear war threats and a broadcast of such hearings so Aug. 3 that the Socialist Work- pledge by the warmakers to dis- that the American people can be

Hit U.S. Military Pacts

This year many delegates are speaking out against the imfar-flung nuclear bases, pointing these claims can be judged from to American imperialism as the the fact that the legislative move primary source of the war danger. Solidarity is voiced with the present Japanese struggle

Farrell Dobbs represented the SWP at the Sixth World Conference Against A and H-Bombs, Aug. 2-9 in Tokyo. A full report on his observations and experiences in Japan will appear in the next issue of the Militant.

against the U.S.-imposed mili-

tary pact. People from colonial countries are calling for support to

their independence struggles. Attacks are made against im-(Continued on Page 4)

I right or left corner of his mouth

and make any deal required to get him into the White House.

The worth of Kennedy's lib-

eralism and the sincerity of

his party's pledges are being

tested in this special session of

Congress. He and Johnson are

blocking civil rights legisla-

tion, although they have the

The Socialist Workers party

majority to push it through.

launched its presidential cam

paign last spring without regard

to what particular machines

might emerge from the Demo-

cratic or Republican conven-

tions or who would emerge as

the nominees. We did so be-

cause we believe in the prin-

ciple of independent working-

class politics and felt it impera-

tive to offer the voters an alter-

native to the capitalist political

machines, no matter what the

been a "realignment" within

the Democratic party, even if

been nominated, we were con-

vinced this would not have sub-

Many progressive-minded in-

dividuals and independent so-

cialists thought otherwise. But

Yesterday's hopes are dead.

The election campaign is on.

They face the reality of Ken-

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nedy-Johnson or Nixon-Lodge-

what are they to do now?

two faces of big business.

stantially changed the charac-

policy

Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers party presidential candidate,

strongly protested as unconstitutional and undemocratic the bipartisan move of the Democrats and Republicans to grant themselves a monopoly of free time over the airwaves.

In a letter to Rep. Oren Harris on Aug. 12 he inquired whether the Interstate and Foralerted to the importance of the

ssues involved. "Both the Democratic and Republican parties pretend in their 1960 electoral platforms to be speaking out against the im-perialist military treaties and civil rights. The hypocrisy of now under foot respecting the equal-time provisions would in effect deny the American people the opportunity to hear any effective opposition to the ruling parties over the air waves, Dobbs stated.

"It has been argued that rewill be only a temporary measure," he went on to say. "Once suspension . . . has been railroaded through Congress, it is certain to become a permanent feature of the 'American Way'.'

"Still another argument advanced by those engaged in the raid on the equal time provision is that it would enable the Democratic and Republican candidates to engage in a 'great debate' which would otherwise be denied the public.

The Real Debate

"The Democratic and Repubcandidates have such powerful financial backing that hey can and will flood the country with publicity about their 'differences.' But in the great debate now going on throughout the world on the relative merits of capitalism and socialism, both the Democratic and Republican parties uphold capitalism. By denying the socialist side equal opportunity to present its case, they deliberately prevent a fair debate on this key issue."

Racist Boycott **Eased in Tenn**

Embattled Negro farmers got a measure of relief Aug. 5 when 12,000 gallons of gasoline were delivered to John McFerren's service station at Somerville in Fayette County, Tenn. McFerdiffculties. Even if there had ren, leader in a campaign to register Negroes and a prime target of a white boycott cal-Stevenson or Humphrey had culated to drive them from the county, refused to say who sold im the gas.

But Ted Poston disclosed in ter of U.S. foreign or domestic the Aug. 12 New York Post that the national offices of Gulf, Texaco, Esso and Amoco got together to send the gasoline . . under armed guard to end the local distributors' boycott . . .

The move testified to the effectiveness of a nationwide counter-boycott called July 6 by the National Association for the Why should they follow Reu- Advancement of Colored Peother, Stevenson, Humphrey and ple. On delivery of the gas the NAACP lifted its boycott.

Our Ticket Offers Best Choice For Independents and Socialists

By Myra Tanner Weiss SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate

The conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties are behind us. The results are known. On the level of capitalist politics there are two choices: Nixon-Lodge or Kennedy-Johnson.

Vice-President Nixon will be unacceptable to almost any person of progressive ideas. He was lifted to high office on the dark tide of the McCarthyite witch-hunt, that ugly period in he last decade when political reedom reached its low point n this country. Press -ag ent efforts to portray a "new Nixon" cannot disguise the real Nixon who is identified with the coldwar and big business policies of Eisenhower's regime and ready to perpetuate them.

However, it is not the Republican but the Democratic ticket that has disturbed and alarmed so many sincere liberals, labor militants and independent socialists.

Before the convention union cratic and Communist party leaders talked hopefully of a

Although Kennedy had ac-From the outset, the workers quired his political reputation an opportunist as Nixon. Like



from the radical minorities to the labor movement through the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law, many union leaders talked about squeezing out the Dixiecrat Old Guard and putting a labor-liberal-Negro coalition in a dominant position behind Kennedy Instead, the labor officials again became an appendage to the allpowerful steamroller driven by the big-city bosses, the Southern Bourbons, and Kennedy's troop running mate to appease the Southern section of his organi-

Kennedy is as thoroughgoing by extending the witch hunt Nixon, he can talk out of the

Back Castro Regime

By Joseph Hansen

If words could destroy, a single day's production of "hate Cuba" language in the American capitalist press to the Soviet zone by Czech dipwould suffice to make Hayana look like Hiroshima on the lomatic representatives to reevening of August 6, 1945.

Even the staid newspapers, those that believe a public imagine of dignity pays off best, are at the firing line, bucket in one hand, filth in the other. Here, for instance. is a sampling of loaded words from a single article by Tad Szulc, special correspondent of the New York Times; datelined from Camaguey, June 20:

"Doubt about the eventual outcome of Cuba's social revolution is becoming manifest in the island's rich prov-

" . . . shrinking ranks of those still unquestioningly supporting the Castro regime . . .

... the revolutionary program is at best in very serious difficulties and at worst in danger of possible disintegration . . .

. . . the picture is one of mismanagement, economic deterioration and declining social standards . . .

... the situation now developing in the provinces appears to be breeding palpable discontent and fear for the future, although it has not yet taken the shape of open opposition . . .

What are the facts?

The Castro regime is without the slightest doubt the most popular government Cuba has ever enjoyed.

To anyone with an open mind who cares to take the \$10 flight from Florida to Havana to see for himself, the contrast between the propaganda in the American capitalist press and the real attitude of the Cuban people could not be more startling.

But we needn't rely on personal impressions, which may be colored or one-sided. Facts are available that speak so emphatically about the popular attitude that ever the most ardent backers of the Batista dictatorship find them difficult to deny.

What the Polls Show

On June 26, 1960, the Cuban magazine Bohemia published a nationwide poll. The rating of the government can be judged from the following: 81.17% of the population considered everything the government was doing "perfect"; 12.14% thought it was doing well, with qualifica tions ranging from "few exceptions" to "both good and bad"; 0.48% thought it was bad with "few exceptions" 0.17% considered it "extremely bad"; 0.96% answered "don't know"; and 5.08% said they didn't care to answer.

Those were the figures for the country as a whole. In the rural areas the response was even more impressive. 89.67% answered "perfect"; 6.61% had some qualifications 0.14% considered it "extremely bad"; 1.65% didn't know and 1.93% didn't care to answer.

The poll included dozens of questions designed to explore attitudes toward all the many fields of activity in which the government is engaged, from the agrarian reform to international relations. These made it possible to get an accurate picture of shifts in sentiment since the previous poll a year earlier. Here are the conclusions drawn by Bohemia:

"(1) The Revolutionary Government continues to enjoy the support of public opinion to a degree unequaled by any other government in our memory.

"(2) This support has suffered in the year since our last survey only a slight decline of 2%. This decline has been compensated by a slight increase in the intensity of support.

'(3) The source of the decline is in the upper and middle class. And this is compensated by an increase in the working

"(4) The highly favorable opinion of the Revolutionary Government is due principally to the measures and actions undertaken by the Revolutionary Government in defense of the popular economy.

'(5) Economic motives continue to constitute for our people the fundamental forces that shape their opinions.'

Confirmed by U.S. Poll

Bohemia's survey was confirmed by another one under American auspices published August 1. This survey, based on 1,000 interviews in Havana and other cities and therefore reflecting urban sentiment, was made in May under the direction of the Institute for International Social Research, of Princeton, N. J., headed by Dr. Lloyd A. Free.

"If this report is at all accurate," Peter Edson was forced to admit in the rabidly anti-Castro New York World-Telegram, "it should dispel any hopes that the Castro regime is about to be overthrown.'

"Eighty-six percent of the Cuban people support Fidel Castro's revolutionary government, finding conditions now better than they were under the Batista regime overthrown in 1959. Eight percent rate the Castro regime worse than Batista's. Three percent believe the two about equal. And 3 percent refuse to express an opinion."

Like the Bohemia survey, the Princeton sampling in-

Advertisement

C. Wright Mills

C. Wright Mills, Professor of Sociology at Columbia Jniversity, is the outstanding academic social scientist in this country. William F. Warde examines his views on the crucial question of international politics: who is responsible for the threat of atomic annihilation and what should be done to prevent it?

In "The Causes of World War III" Mills declares that "War, and not Russia, is now the enemy." But he relies on intellectuals rather than the working class to prevent nuclear catastrophe.

Warde, on the other hand, holds that peace will be won only through "a class struggle led by the workers in an independent political movement." In the Summer issue of International Socialist Review. Send 35 cents for a copy.

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Why Cuban People Leon Trotsky's Rich Legacy of Ideas

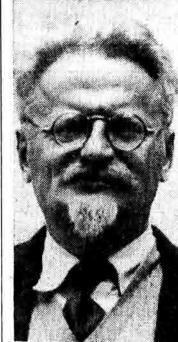
By William F. Warde

Leon Trotsky (1879-1940) was assassinated twenty years ago this August in his place of exile at Mexico City by an agent of Stalin's secret police. This agent was taken earlier this year ceive his reward - or his liquidation.

Trotsky has been the most maligned political figure of our century. Both the supporters of capitalism and the followers of the Soviet bureaucracy, each for their own reasons, have spared no measures to misrepresent his ideas, besmirch his reputation, discredit his deeds. A mountain of lies and slanders has to be cleared away in order to disclose the true views and achievements of this eminent Marxist in their full stature and plendor.

Leads Two Revolutions

The facts of Trotsky's biography provide the best refutaion of the slanders against him He gave his entire adult life o the working-class movement under the banner of Marxism. At eighteen he organized the llegal Workers Union of South Russia. Arrested in 1898 ind sent to Siberia, he escaped o England where he collaborted with Plekhanov and Lenin on the most famous of Russian evolutionary journals, Iskra. 905 revolution, he became ourg Soviet of Workers' Dep- He directed the uprising in Oc- explained the causes of the de-



LEON TROTSKY

escaping twice from Siberia and spending four and a half years in prison. After participating in the socialist and antiwar movements in Western Europe, he came to the U.S. where he was working as an editor when the Second Russian Revolution broke out in February 1917.

On his second return to Rus sia he helped lead the revolu-Returning to Russia during the tionary forces during the four tirelessly to unite the workers in decisive months when Lenin the fight against fascism and all thairman of the first Peters- was forced to hide in Finland, forms of capitalist reaction, He tober which gave power to the Under Czarism he was in Soviets and the Bolshevik party. xile for almost twelve years, His name became inseparably Marxist parties and a Fourth

licated the class division over the new government. Edson noted:

"The eight to 11 percent of the Cubans who oppose the Castro regime . . . are made up largely of the older, better educated, middle and upper-income-bracket groups. Eighty percent of Castro's opposition is concentrated in the Havana area. In rural Cuba, Castro is supreme . . .

"Half of the 86 percent believing conditions in Cuba today are better than they were under Batista are classified as 'fervent' Castro supporters. The other half are 'moderate'

Only three out of ten expressed any disapproval of the Castro government. Of this minority, 25% mentioned "lack of freedom"; 18% "intervention with private property and

private enterprise"; 9% "bad foreign policy"; 9% "lack of democracy and failure to hold elections." Reasons listed for satisfaction with the Castro government included the following:

"Approval of its agrarian reform program, 26 percent. Educational reform and campaign against illiteracy, 18 percent. Social justice and concern for workers, farmers and the poor, 17 percent. Economic progress and concern over unemployment, 8 percent. Inculcation of nationalism and patriotism among the people, 6 percent. Safety of the individual with an end to killing and physical abuses by the police, 6 percent."

The statistics speak for themselves. They register overwhelming approval of the sweeping measures taken since the revolution toppled the Batista dictatorship.

Army Barracks into Schools

If these measures are borne in mind it is not difficult night to kill you and your whole to understand why enthusiasm is so high. Under Batista family." Cuba was like a concentration camp. Today the fortresses that housed the dictator's murderous armed forces have been torn down or converted into schools. To most Cubans, this change alone symbolizes what the revolution has accomplished.

But that was only the beginning. For the ordinary person, economic conditions in Cuba in Batista's time were like those of the great depression of the thirties in the USA. As the first installment on their promises, the revolutionary leaders slashed rents, lowered essential food costs, raised starvation wages and began tackling the unemployment two Negro boys, ten and twelve problem.

Then came the agrarian reform. This recovered the fertile land that had been fenced in by giant American corporations and feudal-minded Cuban landholders. Land is now being parcelled out to family farmers. The government at the same time initiated a co-operative movement that holds great promise. Cuba's basic labor force, the sugar workers, saw a new future opening up-an indescribably bright future, if it is recalled that under Batista normal unemployment lasted eight to nine months

As America's corporate interests sought to counter such progressive measures by savage economic and polilical attacks, the Cuban government responded by taking control of many of their holdings. "Intervention," the establishment of control, was followed quite frequently by nationalization. Each time this occurred on a dramatic scale as in the case of the oil refineries, the island echoed with shouts of approval.

Nationalization Extended

Intervention and nationalization have gone so far that all of Cuba's major industries, including the key planta tions and sugar mills are now in government hands. Wall Street investments, rated as high as \$1 billion among the stock gamblers and their Democratic and Republican spokesmen in government, have reverted to the Cubar. people. At this writing, the only major property still held by Wall Street is in Cuba's rich mineral resources. These however, appear marked for early nationalization.

The beginnings of planned economy were established in the fall of 1959 during a series of great public demonstrations of approval. The beginnings proved successful. Planned economy-the first in the Western Hemisphere!-is now destined to rapid growth in Cuba.

Even if the Cubans find themselves compelled to make quite a few sacrifices because of the terrible pressures that the American monopolists can exert, they have already demonstrated that they will respond with the greatest all over the island and talked determination and heroism.

They have begun to win their way out of the prison streets and in their nomes. of capitalism and, as the polls show, they see no reason against Negroes in Cuba. Some for returning.

coupled with Lenin's in for- | His political, military, or- | or ganize themselves for this | penalty of state power or largewarding the greatest event of ganizational and literary purpose by the greed, oppressigned administration but the

fought against foreign interven- to depict him as the symbol of tion and internal counter-revolution on twenty-one fronts.

Fights Bureaucrats

In 1923 Trotsky broke with the new ruling bureaucracy when it transformed itself into a separate privileged grouping. He defended Soviet democracy against oligarchic despotism. He urged industrialization, planning and collectivization in the interests of the workers and peasants. He advocated a foreign policy in the spirit of socialist internationalism against nationalistic conservatism and pressed for fraternal collaboration in the worldwide revolutionary movement against arbi trary centralization.

For opposing the bureaucrats in defense of Lenin's program, he and his associates were expelled from the Russian Communist party and the Communist International. Stalin exiled Trotsky for a third time, first to Alma-Ata in Siberia and then abroad.

During his last exile from 1929 to 1940 Trotsky worked generation of the revolution in the USSR and the need for new the struggle for socialist aims. program for that world moveworking people that, if they did not succeed in eliminating the rule of imperialism in time, it would unleash a second world

he feared the working class the old order.

achievements give Trotsky a se-For nine years after the Oc- cure and enduring place in his- cay of capitalism itself. The poverty and peasant backwardtober revolution he guided the tory and in the hearts and minds struggles of the workers for a ness of revolutionary Russia and Soviet state, its diplomacy, its of the socialist workers. The larger share of the wealth they its isolation by world imperialarmed forces, its economic or- spectacular, stormy, dramatic produce, for political power, for ism. The mass struggles for ganization and the Communist turns in his career, unmatched equality and a better life is the democracy in the Soviet bloc International. He founded and by any other personality of our motive force of progress. headed the Red Army which age, have induced some writers

the tragic titan who went forth

to battle for the loftiest aims but

somehow failed because power

slipped from his grasp. But Trotsky does not belong to the "tragic pathos" of heroic failure or to the dead past. He did not limit his tasks or his outlook to his own lifetime nor measure the worth of his work by his individual fate. He consciously

and consistently kept in view

the vast universal movement

of mankind from capitalism

to socialism.

their future.

Principal Teachings

The gist of his teachings for our time can be summarized in six points.

(1) Capitalism, which for mightiest stimulator of economic progress, can no longer increase and distribute wealth at the rate demanded by modern technology, science, large-scale production and the international being and culture than the richexchange of goods.

This outlived system of production for profit has become the principal source of social International to carry forward evils and the main block to the advance of mankind. Like slav-He drafted the essentials of the ery and feudalism, it has to be replaced by a superior and more ment. He kept warning the efficient economy in which the means of production are publicly owned, centrally operated, and democratically controlled.

(2) The industrial working class, created, organized, dis-When that war unloosed its ciplined by the needs of capifury, Stalin seized the occasion talism, is the decisive social and to decree and consummate the political agency destined and death of the one man to whom capable of eliminating capital- thrown capitalists and landlords might turn for light and leader- instituting socialist forms of life. their place taken by gangs of ship in their revolution against In one country after another the arrogant bureaucrats. Bureau- crease by about 80 per cent in

'liberation' from what? The Ne-

mander-in-chief of the army is

sion, exploitation, wars and de-

To be fruitful these must be carried to a conclusion with the political direction of the worktotal transfer of national supremacy from the parasitic profiteers to the working people and the reorganization of the economy in a planned manner. The workers will find powerful allies in the oppressed minoriies, the poor farmers, the sincere intellectuals as well as in he colonial revolutions.

Workers Need Own Party

(3) The advanced workers require a democratic, disciplined revolutionary socialist party to That is why he remains an organize their struggles most ever-living force in the present effectively, work out their prostruggles of working people the grams, and lead their movement world over and the most re- to victory and to socialism. The iable and far-seeing guide to creation and reinforcement of of the militants in each country.

the public ownership of the means, of production by the working class on a national scale are the essential prerequisites four hundred years was the for building socialism. But the new social order cannot yield guarantee a higher level of wellest capitalist countries.

The existing Soviet countries are transitional formations which have gone beyond capitalism but not yet attained socialism. The Stalinist objective of "socialism in one country" is a reactionary and demoralizing fiction. Socialism will be the outcome of a world economic system of collaboration crowned by a free federation of self-governing workers' republics.

Workers' Democracy

(5) The workers have not ist property and production and off their backs in order to have working people are driven to cratism is not the inescapable the next decade.

specific result of the economic are fully justified. Democracy is indispensable, not only in the ers' states, but for the healthy development of their economies.

The richer the country where the workers come to power, the broader the scope of the revolution has been and the weaker world capitalism is, the stronger will be the workers' capacities to hold bureaucratism and privilege in check and fortify their democratic institutions. Socialist revolution in the United States would doom capitalism forever and open an unprecedented, immeasurable advance in freedom, equality and abundance for our people.

(6) As a scientific socialist, Trotsky was "saturated with the such a party is the foremost task optimism of progress." He was fully confident that mankind, (4) The taking of power and which had elevated itself from the animal state to the capitalist United States and the postcapitalist USSR, could surmount all obstacles and hew a road to the socialist future.

He told the Dewey Commisits full potential or come into sion in 1937: "The experiences its own right until it can pro- of my life, in which there has duce more goods per person and been no lack either of successes or of failures, has not only not destroyed my faith in the clear, bright future of mankind, but, on the contrary, has given it an indestructible temper.'

This firm conviction, this fighting spirit, this faith in reason, truth and human solidarity which Leon Trotsky so finely exemplified in action has been transmitted to the present generation as a living body of doctrine. It is one of the most precious possessions of the world working class.

Soviet Output

The Central Intelligence Agency predicts that total production in the USSR will in-

Southern Negro Leader Talks on

By Herman Chauka

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 — "You crimination under Batista. But better tell your daddy to stay in Negroes showed me public Cuba if he doesn't want to get places where they had been Jimhis head shot off."

That was part of an anony- told me they had been able to mous telephone message re- hold only menial jobs. Today ceived by the twelve-year-old the government has declared son of Robert F. Williams in discrimination and segregation Monroe, N.C. The caller also illegal." "We'll be over to

Such threats are not new to the Williams family. They have been living with them ever since Robert Williams became president of the NAACP in Union County, N.C., and built Union County, N.C., and built a Negro. The sub-secretary of it into an effective militant labor is a Negro. The sub-secretary of Batista," Williams replied. cide whether or not to fire the weapon for the defense of Negro rights. He became the center of international publicity last year when he led the successful affairs." movement for the release of the ears old, who were put in reform school for kissing a little white girl.

Williams spoke at a Militant Labor Forum meeting in New York last night on his way home from Cuba to what he calls "the ocial jungle called Dixie." As a sponsor of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, he made his first trip to Cuba last spring and vas invited back by the Cuban government to attend the giant 6 of July celebration in the Sierra Maestra mountains.

He arrived in New York less han 24 hours after the sweepng new nationalization measires in Cuba. "Last night on ny way to my hotel in Havana, he said, "I passed the big power plant. The American flag was lying over it. When I passed t this morning on my way to he airport the Cuban flag was lying over it. I gather a lot if people here are upset about his, but I can tell you the luban people are jubilant about

No More Jim Crow

Discussing the status of Negroes in the new Cuba, Williams aid: "As a Negro from the South I was deeply impressed by the humanitarian aspects of the revolution. This afternoon at the airport I told an Associated Press reporter that the luban government has more Christianity in its principles than all the churches in this country combined."

"This is what the imperialists an't face," he added. "I traveled with all kinds of people, on the people claim that this isn't an

[accomplishment of the revolu-But what of the rest of the tion - that there was no dis-Cuban people? "Some people think they're waiting to be liberated by the U.S. Marines." Williams said. "But Crowed under Batista. They after being there, I can tell you I pity the Marine that lands on Cuban soil.

Cuba," he continued, "I ask ever arm the people?"

ernment offices there. The com- ment?"

owned a large farm contributed been a worker there.'

food to the rebel army. After the revolution she boasted she didn't have to worry about her land being taken over, she had helped Fidel. But hers was the biggest farm in the area and it was the first one taken over. Naturally, someone like that "The Cuban people have isn't very happy about the revojoined the militia by the tens lution now."

of thousands. We're told it's a In reply to a question on the "When I hear all this talk dictatorship there, but when in extent of workers control of inabout the need to 'liberate' all history did a dictatorship dustries taken over by the government. Williams said the During the question period, workers have representatives on gro there certainly doesn't need one person asked, "Why have so the boards of the companies opliberation. They hold high gov- many people left the govern- erated by the government and added: "The last time I was "A lot of people thought it there, the workers at my hotel secretary of foreign affairs is a "They didn't think it was go- manager. When I returned this Negro and there's talk he will ing to affect their interests. In trip they had a new manager. be the next minister of foreign Oriente province a woman who It was one of the men who had

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UN Rape of the Congo

At the first All-African People's Conference in Accra in December 1958, President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana warned that "colonialism and imperialism may come to us yet in a different guise - not necessarily from Europe. We must alert ourselves to be able to recognize this when it rears its head and prepare ourselves to fight against it."

What is happening today in the Congo bears out Nkrumah's warning. Belgian imperialism is losing its grip on the country. The Belgian objective of substituting the facade of "independence" for naked colonial rule blew up in the explosion of mass hostility to any form of Belgiam rule. But imperialism is stepping in in a different, more hypocritical guise - that of United Nations intervention.

When Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba turned to the UN last month he did so with a request that the Security Council aid the Congo in forcing Belgium to cease its aggression and live up to its grant of independence. He specifically asked the UN not to interfere in internal Congolese affairs, which the Congolese government was fully qualified to cope with. In short, he asked the UN to help the Congo realize its right to national self-determination - a right the UN was supposedly created to guarantee throughout the world.

Although purportedly acting on Lumumba's request, the UN is completely flouting it. UN officials proclaim their mission to be one of restoring "order" in the Congo - that is, of governing the country. Under-Secretary Ralph Bunche instructed his staff "to pacify and then to administer the Congo." The phrase itself, to "pacify," is unabashed colonialist lingo. Furthermore, UN officials declare, "The UN will be here for years. . . . " (Aug. 17 Wall Street Journal.)

Lumumba had asked the UN to disarm the Belgian troops and oust them from the country. But speaking in the Congo parliament on July 30 in the presence of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, Deputy Premier Antoine Gizenga declared: "We do not understand that we, the victims of aggression, who are at home here, are being systematically disarmed [by the UN forces] while the aggressors, the Belgians, who are the conquerors here, are

permitted to keep their weapons and their means of inflicting death."

When the UN first came into the country, its officials backed away from going into Katanga province, where the Belgians, through their puppet, Moise Tshombe, sought to split the rich mining region off from the rest of the Congo.

The UN acted against this scheme only after several African republics, including Ghana and Guinea, threatened to send their own troops into Katanga if the UN refused to get the Belgians out. standing record" and "has After they entered Katanga, Hammarsk-stated very clearly that he supjold and Bunche arrogantly told Lumumba -the head of the Congolese Republic-not to meddle in Katanga, a subordinate unit of the country! UN troops in Katanga stood aside as Tshombe's cops threw teargas bombs into unarmed crowds of Congolese who demonstrated their loyalty to the

The Belgians are now gradually pulling out as the UN is coming in. The decision of the State Department to vote for UN takeover of the whole country gave presto-changeo! right is left and the Belgians little alternative. The State up is down. "Good enough for Department still cracks the whip among me," the capitalist powers who run the show in the big glass house on the East River.

But American imperialism did not aim and ask, "But if that's good drop this before the campaign son. After all, if conversion-bythereby to favor the Congolese. This is to be a salvage operation for imperialism. Belgian economic interests are to be pre- tion? For that post he would served within limits, but the Congo is to have sworn his allegiance to the have sent them soaring int the like a contradiction to his first. have a new master — "not necessarily from platform on a stack of bibles. Europe," as Nkrumah warned. In fact, We don't believe Nixon when greater enthusiasm for Johnson too will be rebounding within got a call to come to New York U.S. capitalists aim to become the prime he says he is for civil rights, so why should we believe what beneficiaries of UN occupation of the Johnson says now when it is in Congo. American imperialism already has complete opposition to what he substantial investments in the country, has done all his life?" Most of the uranium for the U.S. atomic stockpile comes from the Congo.

Against this background, it is understandable that hostility toward the UN is rapidly mounting among the Congolese people. They want to rule their own country. Self-rule, however, is impossible the ADA liberals on the Ken- North and South would slug it while the UN remains as an unwelcome guest. The Congo's struggle against the UN is bound to sharpen. The American people, we believe, should support the struggle of the Congolese people to get rid of imperialism, whatever its guise.

Kennedy's Labor Record

Longsnoremen's and warehousemen's Union, makes some telling points on Senator Kennedy's labor record.

"We know that the AFL-CIO officials and some Negro leaders will support Kennedy as a great liberal. Yet not one of the labor-hating, Negro-baiting venal Southern politicians, including Eastland, have said or will say a single word against Kennedy. They have their understandings and their deals in 1960 as they had when they supported him for the vice-presidency in 1956. The fact that the AFL-CIO will meet August 7 to 'endorse' a candidate for president is another rigged deal. This fix is in.

"And the same deal was made in 1956 with the so-called labor leaders, Meany, Reuther, et al. The price labor paid - including ILWU - was Kennedy, Landrum, Griffin."

This law "would make second-class

In the July 15 Dispatcher, Harry citizens out of the working people and per-Bridges, president of the International mit outside government agencies to determine what is best and who is best for the workers. And all of this was dressed up campaign and join its protest and sold as a benefit to the rank-and-file, delivered by the Kennedy brothers after their service on the McClellan Committee. The K-L-G law would not be on the statute books today were it not for Kennedy and his 'deals' to be President."

Bridges, who has sometimes registered Republican, doesn't say whom to support in 1960. But the Dispatcher hits the nail on the head when it says: "The time is long overdue for a revolt by organized labor against the policy of its leaders of selling the labor vote to anti-labor candidates."

There's only one logical conclusion from the fact that the American working people face two anti-labor candidates and parties. Organized labor should prepare to vote for the SWP to signify form its own independent party - while your opposition to the warunion miltants should vote for Dobbs and drive, to nuclear testing, to H-Weiss in November.

News of SWP Campaign

Myra Tanner Weiss were cer- tween Farrell Dobbs, in the so- the editor deemed the event of tified to Montana Secretary of cialist corner, and Marguerite sufficient campus interest to State Frank Murray Aug. 3 by De Mett, Leonard Loeb, Wm. take it up in the sole editorial

In reporting the news, the Associated Press noted that Le- the capitalist tag-team combinaverne Hamilton was among the electors. A Democratic state tried to rough up the socialist representative from Musselshell representative. County in 1930, he became the Socialist party candidate for Congress in 1940, 1942, 1944, 1950 and 1952. He was the party's Militant. nominee for governor in 1948.

We hope that other members of the Socialist party will join, like Comrade Hamilton, in the campaign to put Dobbs and Weiss on the ballot so as to provide voters in as many states as possible with an opportunity to vote for the socialist alternative in 1960.

James Boulton reports from Milwaukee that the campaign to put Dobbs and Weiss on the ballot in Wisconsin is off to a flying start. In the first two days more than 1,200 signatures were obtained.

| the debate over WISN-TV be- | report with a large picture. And the Montana Socialist Workers Lynch, Jr., and Neal Mattison of the issue. on the capitalist side of the ring. Sounds like a gang-up; but

tion didn't do so well when they

We hope to publish at least excepts from this half-hour en-

The Minnesota Daily, which has the world's largest college circulation, was much impressed by Myra Tanner Weiss's appearance at the University of Minnesota. She did not lecture ture in a hall; in fact she did not lecture. The Socialist Workers vice-presidential candidate gave a rousing presentation of the case for socialism at a street

meeting out on the campus. The crowd was large and interested, found the question and answer period exciting.

So the Minnesota Daily gave We want to thank the Milwau- her the banner story on the SWP platforms for distribution? signs painted on the building from all countries. kee comrades for transcribing front page, accompanying the (That's \$1 for 100.)

This was the first street meeting held at the campus since the thirties.

T. S. of Berkeley, Calif., sent us \$5 for leaflets supporting Dobbs and Weiss. "I would prefer a leaflet that is not more than counter in an early issue of the two pages, that has the main points of their platform, a picture of each, and also, perhaps, urges that the voter write in the names of Dobbs and Weiss since they must be written in in

California.' Inasmuch as this was a fairly accurate description of the Sohas just come off the press, we sent 500.

T. S. also asked for some recent issues of the Militant for similar distribution. "Please send the Militants and leaflets as soon as possible as time's a wastin'."

Anyone else in the audiences who can advance the cost of crosses have been burned and

Masterminds in UAW Twist Logic to Justify Johnson

By George Breitman

"Sour grapes," said the fox, giving up his unsuccessful eforts to reach them. This is known today as "rationalizing." But the fox in the fable still deserves more respect than the labor bureaucrat who tried to keep Lyndon Johnson from getting the vice-presidential nomination, and who now swallows this bitter fruit of his subservience to the Democratic party, strives to keep his lips from puckering and gasps, "Delicious! Everybody should have some."

The worst rationalizers in the labor movement are the Reuther crew. Walter Reuther himself making the mecca to Hyannis Port on Aug. 3, said he is "going to enthusisatically work to elect" Kennedy and Johnson. He said Johnson has "an outports the (Democratic) platform. That is good enough for me."

Johnson's record is "outstanding" only at blocking or watering down progressive legislation. That's why Reuther and all the other labor leaders opposed his getting the presidential or vice-presidential nomination.

But Kennedy picks Johnson. Then all Johnson has to do is say he supports the platform admired by the liberals, and says Reuther, dripping

Is there a cynic in the house of labor who would dare rise enough, then why did we raise ting the presidential nomina-

Still and all, there is a faintly apologetic and defensive sound

...'Our Ticket'

(Continued from Page 1) cracy, and a better deal for labor and the Negro minority.

Must they, then, lapse into indifference or inaction in this campaign, as some disenchanted people advise? Such a donothing attitude will comfort

the forces of reaction. We appeal to all independents against the current course of the U.S. government. To do so, it is not necessary to agree with us on all questions. Some of you may think we are overcritical of the present Soviet regime; others that we are not critical enough. Maintain and express your own views - but work with us in presenting socialist solutions to America's problems

Vote Against War Drive

Even if you believe that sorialism is unrealistic but want to see an end to the dangerous arms race promoted by Democrats and Republicans alike, Bomb brinkmanship.

If you are revolted by the campaign against Cuba mounted by Washington, if you want action, not stalling, on civil rights, the SWP offers the only effective means of asserting your stand.

It is no "lesser evil" to vote for one candidate instead of another where there are no essential differences between their parties in program or perform-

If you want to speak out vigorously for peace, for equality, for an independent labor party or socialism, help our campaign effort. Your socialist vote on Nov. 8 will tell the powers that be that many Americans oppose the disastrous policies of the capitalist parties and align themselves with the aspirations for peace, socialism and national liberation manifested elsewhere in the world.

in a classroom; she did not lec- cialist Workers platform, which And It Isn't the South

To prevent Roderick Woodward, a Negro, from moving all French and American miliinto his newly purchased home, tary personnel quit the country Hamilton Township, N.J., has invoked a previously unused eign bases be removed. The law which requires home buyers rebels said they favored friendly to obtain a Health Dept. certi- relations with all neighboring ficate. There have been attempts to burn down the house, saying, "Nigger, go home."

The Joke's on Labor



Sen. John F. Kennedy grins while Walter Reuther chortles at Hyannis Port where the United Automobile Workers head assured the Massachusetts Senator on Aug. 3 of his all-out support of the Democratic ticket. Reuther said Kennedy's running mate, Lyndon Johnson, had an outstanding record as Senate majority leader and made an "excellent" running mate.

me." such a stink about Johnson get- make the same complaint about not go all the way? Reuther's Solidarity House unthan the Southern Democrats hours. Here it is: were displaying before the convention.

> For example, Brendan Sexton, in something on something:

"Like many other liberals I suppose, I'd hoped that the nedy-Johnson bandwagon? They out at the Democratic Convenare not interested in the spoils of tion. Naturally then, I was office or the privilege of con-stunned by the announcement sorting with the possessors of that Lyndon Johnson was to be capitalist power. They are sin- the second man, but I rebounded cerely concerned with the is- within hours. I think political sues of peace, freedom, demo- logic very nearly compels liberals to welcome this move.' (BS's emphasis—GB)

Welcome it? Sure, and Sexton offers no less than six reasons. The first goes like this:

"If the Congress (at its August session) acts as most liberals now seem to expect cast as a liberal during the campaign? And as he plays this role isn't it likely that he will begin to adjust his thinking in accordance with the demands the role will make of him?".

Sexton's Logic

in top UAW circles. Cast a conservative as a liberal, and it's This sounds to us like a good today.

to the phrase "good enough for reason for nominating Eastland Reuther no doubt will of Mississippi rather than Johngets much older. No one can osmosis works in politics, why Sexton's second reason will

seem to old-fashioned logicians wild blue yonder with even So hold onto your seat, or you

"Isn't it likely that Johnson's elevation to the Vice Presidency will give the Kennedy adminisformer educational director and tration, if it wins the election, now top organizational co- a more liberal Congressional ordinator of the UAW. His let- leadership than it would have if ter in the Aug. 8 New Republic a defeated Johnson remained as really deserves to be engraved Majority Leader of the Senate?"

In other words, kicking Johnson upstairs to the vice presidency is the way to get a liberal rather than a Johnson-type leadership ..in the Senate. But isn't the vice presidency "only a heartbeat away from the most important job in the world," as the liberals used to say when Nixon ran for that post? And why should we think Kennedy is against "Johnsonism" in the Senate when he himself always voted for Johnson as Senate leader and himself picked Johnson for the number 2 spot on the ticket?

We lack the space to reprint Sexton's other four reasons for enlisting in the Lyndon B. Johnson Welcoming Committee, Cheering Squad and Marching Society. They are mainly variations of his first two reasons, but we urge everyone to public. They have to be read to be believed. If you can do it, This passes for brilliant logic and if you will remember that their author was UAW educational director for many years, 'likely" that liberalism will you'll have a better idea of why smear off on or seep into him. the UAW is in the shape it is in

Puppet Ministry Ousted By Army Rebels in Laos

year-old paratroop Captain Kong Le, occupied the Laotian capital of Vientiane and set up a new government there Aug. 9. They ousted the extreme Right-Wing regime of Premier Samsonith, dominated by General Nosavan, the fiercely anti-Communist defense minister, regarded as a ouppet of the U.S. and France. Vosavan is reported to have flown back from Thailand to lead the counter-attack upon the revolutionary forces.

The rebel leader condemned the government for being "vassals" whom the Americans "bought as their slaves." He said it had killed and arrested "our fellow-countrymen without reason in order to get money from a foreign power."

In his first public speech over the radio, Kong Le denounced foreign interference in Laotian affairs, proclaimed a neutralist course in foreign policy, and called for an end to Laotians fighting among themselves. Other broadcasts demanded that without delay and that all forcountries that wanted to be

Army rebels, headed by 35- agreed to accept a new government under Prince Phouma.

Laos receives more American economic and military "aid" per only country other than the wholly financed by the American taxpayer.

Graft-ridden Country

Its puppet regime has been controlled by grafting politicians who have become enriched along with the small aristocracy and merchant class through phony imports and U.S. "aid" dollars. Laotian generals have padded the military rosters with fake names in order to pocket wages of non-existent the troops.

This "aid" has done more harm than good to the common people and seriously damaged the Laotion economy. Anger against this corruption and national degradation helped inspire the present coup which Washington fears may upset its entire military strategy Southeast Asia.

Where It Hurts

South African government violence against Negroes has raised serious doubts among friendly and would accept aid business investors about the given without political strings country's "stability." This has resulted in stock market losses After negotiations, the rebels of almost \$2 billion since March.

The American Way of Life

'Free Expression' on TV

Staff interviewers of the Fund for the Republic met with three leading writers of serious TV plays to discuss the problem of free expression in this mass medium. Here

are some experiences of the to go out and hang yourself in and sponsors of national network shows

Aurthur: When we announced (the Negro actor, for a play called A Man Is Ten Feet Tall), what they said — "We are not going to put money into a proit did become a problem, and gram to encourage people to we were hit on two levels: first, commit suicide." because Philco sold sets in the South, it would hurt their sales; second, it was brought up that to the blacklist situation.

He had signed certain petitions, he had belong at one time to organizations, which, on the face of them, had no meaning at all except that he was a Negro and interested in Negro civil rights, and so on. None of them was on the subversive list; I this, again, is network as opdon't mean to indicate that at

Aurthur: The agency's notes what goes through the pipe." are sometimes ludicrous. They can be handled, in most cases, by word changes or line changes, because, for the most part, they refer to such things as "Don't say 'hate living in hotels,' because we have a hotel account." Or, "Don't say ' I want to fly rather than take a train,' because we handle the Pennsylvania Railroad."

Serling: About seven days after the submission of the first draft (of a script based on the Emmett Till murder in Mississippi), all Hell broke loose. I immediately. I went to the offices and everyone in the Theatre Guild was there, the Guild being the producer. Also present was a representative of the agency handling the U.S. Steel account, U.S. Steel being the They looked at me sponsor. with blanched features, and said: "You know, the whole thing must be completely altered.

turn out a television show on Hungary and cannot do one on Little Rock?

Aurthur: You cannot do it in elevision, and you cannot do t in the movies, either. Kelly: Why?

the South.

make is that if, after a rehearsal, your show is longer than it should be, I have never seen alized companies have been them cut a commercial

Aurthur: In the case of the first Playhouse 90 I ever did... watched the show over the air, and I saw the commercials. The first one was a dandruff commercial, the second one was read them in full in the New Re- an under-arm deodorant commercial, and the third one was a toilet-paper commercial. This was a very serious show.

> Serling: This whole business of death and suicide is controversial. A line of dialogue was once cut from a script of mine in which a man said, There is only one honorable thing left for you to do in this whole bloody world, and that is by the growing Latin American

They Hold the Keys

capita than any other country in the world. Since 1955 the U.S. has poured \$225 millions British Royal Air Force officer. into this tiny land. It is the They sit in front of a control ton." board of a Thor missile emplace-U.S. whose armed forces are ment facing a switch grimly reason why it should worry marked War and Peace.

> missiles while the Americans have brought on themselves the control the war-heads. The keys determined opposition of the supposedly guarantee their joint Cuban people and their Latin

the latrine."

The All-State Insurance Company objected to the line bethat we had hired Sidney Poitier cause — and this is a quote of

Mannes: The one answer which came back in many dif-Poitier had a problem in regard ferent forms, but basically always the answer, was "Our business is to move goods. That is all. We are not here to elevate taste, to inform, to enlighten, to stimulate. Our busi-

ness is to move goods. Period." General Sarnoff's deathless phrase some time ago was-and posed to agency: "We are like the plumber who lays the pipe. It is not our function to dictate

(Continued from Page 1)

throughout the island - "Cuba, si - Yankee, no" - is no government imposition. The Cuban people have paid dearly for the U.S. exploitation of their country. Their land was taken over by financial sharks who either "bought" it for a ridiculous fraction of its value or simply stole

 The country was saddled with a one-crop economy and the field hands found themselves with but three or four months work a year at starvation wages. The country was reduced to a state of permanent depression,

Jubilation

That's why the Havana paper, Revolucion, in discussing the reaction to the nationalizations, can declare: "The working class is demonstrating its enthusiasm, its jubilation. But it is also presenting the mature revolution-Horton: Why is that we can The joy has been so splendid precisely because the workers, the people, understand the paramount significance of the nationalization of the North American companies. The workers know we are truly on the road to the second revolution of lib-Mannes: It won't sell goods in eration . . . our generation has the pride of living at the time of the battles which will def-Tunick: The point I want to initively break the power of Yankee colonialism.

The unions of the nationin the forefront of the ce bration. The telephone workers hailed the takeover of the phone company which had been "the symbol of the haughtiness and deceit which characterizes Yankee capital in Latin America." In place of "number, please," telephone operators are saying, "Now we work for Cuba."

This kind of deep-going support for the revolutionary economic measures of the government restrains Pentagon hotheads from attempting a direct intervention on behalf of Wall Street. And the solid front of the Cuban people is buttressed support to the revolution.

On the basis of reports by its correspondents, the Wall Street To Life — or Death | Journal gloomily reported July 20 that "authorities agree that The keys to nuclear war the Cuban cause is drawing inmay hang around the necks of creased popular sympathy and

No doubt. But there is no American working people who Under the terms of a 1958 are exploited by the same unionagreement, the British man the busting corporations which American allies.

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Editor:

I received a sample copy of the Militant. I was especially collaboration with Wall Street. interested in the article on Cuba. I have relatives in Cuba and know these statements in your article are true. I know, too, What a lesson in history. What that the facts on Cuba are being an education for the Japanese deliberately suppressed to mislead American public opinion.

As a matter of fact, there is no issue of Communism or any ticians hand-in-glove with the other "ism" at stake in Cuba. The only issue is one of some hundreds of millions of dollars which American big business has dropped in Cuba and which they want us to recover for

I wish that reprints of your the capitalists and scientists. It Cuba articles were available to was then that I wrote the editor send to Adlai Stevenson, Gov. and informed him I didn't want Rockefeller, Senator Mike Mans- the paper any more. I told him field and other similar individuals of the less biased type. Also for capitalism, I didn't need the Dave Garroway of the TV program, "Today." that in any local newspaper.

If such a project is feasible, bear the cost of a certain num- | radical party. ber of reprints, both as to printing and as to mailing. Oh yes, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt should be included.

I am a Democrat myself, but I feel the need for humanitar- Fear Socialism ian action in this case is so urgent that we should not let Editor: party lines stop us. If American may be guilty of one of the aggressive history.

M. C. Minnesota

Dobbs' Trip To Japan

Farrell Dobbs' trip to Japan, is a splendid gesture of solidaction in sending him to ex- Everything else goes up quickly. press sympathy with the atomic friends on the fifteenth anniver- | all scared the other nations won't

in human history.

The people of Japan are cerstand against involvement in improvements. another war. And how they class of capitalists for its vile that once promised to drive the Western imperialists out of Asia. mothers whose children were New Reader condemned to a horrible death in flames to see their own poli-

authors of the crimes. I also noticed with interest your remarks about the role of the Communist party in 1945. I well remember the gloating of the Daily Worker over the Hirothem at the point of a bayonet. shima horror and its praise of that if I cared to read an apology Communist party - I could find

What a sad sight it is to see please let me know and I can the miserable fall of a once

Belle Montague Cambridge, Mass.

Why Many People

People are a little afraid of public opinion is not given the socialism because they are correct information soon, we scared they won't have as much as under the Democrats and worst acts of aggression in our Republicans. So I believe that is what holds them back from voting it in.

Older people like to have social security and we are told that eventually we will get socialized medicine and everything will be OK in a hundred years or so. But we would like to have something now. Of course, we can put up a fight and our children will benefit. arity with the Japanese people! But the movement is too slow. The SWP can be proud of its Raises in pay come too slow.

Every country should disarm, victims and their families and sure, but they won't. They are

sary of the most horrible crime | do it. We bolster our economy by defense work when it should be for schools, homes, highways, tainly taking a most heroic and hospitals and many other

Now I'm for socialism. It must despise their own ruling sounds good and I think it will work, but when and how? Will we all have a good job, good And that was the ruling class pay and short hours and more

Earl Cozard

Comments On Militant

Congratulations to Joseph the conflict between Cuba and Washington as expressed in the fully express ourselves." Aug. 1 issue of the Militant.

here three weeks ago.

"capitalist bulwarks" as labor first place. be still more intolerable.

man. He is hated by the U.S. generally in the USA.

San Francisco

After the Circuses

Editor:

Now that the convention circuses are over, it is as clear as the best radar-scanning from our encircling bases that "defense" spending will be upped by untold billions from now on. What more is needed to prove the failure of our pump-primed dog-eat-dog "free way of life" J. R. K.

Greensburg, Pa

'Invisible Picket Lines'

Since the first sit-ins of their high school students, the entire Negro population has been conducting a mass boycott of downtown Savannah, the delegates to the NAACP national convention, held this June in St. Paul, were told.

This boycott by a Negro community of 30,000 has involved overflow mass meetings every Sunday, distributing 60,000 leaflets, establishing a phoning committee of 100, compiling their own Negro telephone directory, setting up "invisible picket lines" when mass picketing was outlawed, and enforcing their own system of community justice.

Savannah high school students held their first sit-in March 16. Immediately they were arrested, intimidated, and fined. To rally sup port for the students, the NAACP branch called a mass meeting for Sunday. The response was overwhelming. These overflow mass meetings have continued for 14 consecutive Sundays, with an average attendance of 3,000 and collections ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,700. The NAACP branch membership has tripled.

At first the newspapers gave publicity. But when the ferment failed to die as they had hoped it would, they imposed a news blackout.

The Savannah NAACP made special plans for an Easter boycott. Most Negro families buy new Easter outfits for their children, but this year most children wore their old outfits, making the boycott 75 per cent effective.

Each Sunday names of those persons going through the picket lines to buy have been read aloud at the mass meeting as the "traitors' list." Reading a buyer's name once has usually been enough to persuade them not to repeat. Those buyers who persisted found their phones ringing all night for days until they repented. The picket lines continued. Printed leaflets

were distributed. A regular phoning committee of 75, with 25 alternates, was formed, calling people sometimes twice a day to urge them not to buy. A special Savannah Negro phone leadership policies intended to victory would not have been directory was laboriously compiled by cross- stiflle mass action and replace certain, though its chances checking the regular and residential phonebooks.

As the community sacrificed and itself began to suffer from the Boycott, one street on want a program and leadership to reverse the consequences of which there were many Negro merchants was that will promote rank-and-file the twenty-year policy followed removed from the boycott. Then at the Sunday participation on all issues and by the top labor officialdom of mass meetings special chairs were put on the bring results when the masses cooperating with government front stage for the clergy so that the community act. could see which clergymen were not supporting the boycott by their presence. Soon all the clergy of the community were on hand each Sunday.

When the movement did not wane, the City Council became worried and passed the "anti laws," as the community calls them: anti-picket laws, anti-distribution laws, anti-assembly laws.

With regular pickets outlawed, "invisible" picket lines were established. Older persons of the community with unquestionable character patrolled the shopping areas. When they saw someone come out of a store, they would walk up to the person, smile to them for the benefit of the policeman who is in front of every store, and then walk along with the person. After fend the gains the Soviet people they got down the street, the buyer would re-teel they have made in their ceive a scathing tongue-lashing. No matter living conditions." how much a buyer denied his guilt, an accusation by any of the "pickets" is accepted as

levels" and "defending the in-Many domestic servants have to shop for terests of the workers." won the consent of their employers. Others American delegation found that their employers. Some who flatly refused have "the Soviet unions are playing shop in white aprons to indicate they are not a broader role than previously, personally violating the boycott. but it seems evident that 'pro-

Notes in the News

NON-POLITICAL HOLLYWOOD - Producer Joseph Pasternak has disclosed that a number of scenes will not be included in his forthcoming production of "Where the Boys Are," which is based on Glendon Swarthout's novel of the same title. The book includes sections about vacationing college students in Florida raising funds to ship arms to help win the Cuban revolution. The movie rights were purchased before the State Department launched the cold war against Cuba. Pasternak says: "... on this Castro matter - the author was very sympathetic to Castro." He then added: "Politics does not belong in entertainment."

RAPS BAN ON CHINESE OPERA GROUP -The refusal of the U.S. to permit entry to the Peking Opera Company, now on a successful tour of Canada, was scored by composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein. He said an invitation to tour the U.S. would "help melt the 'cold

OUR RATIONAL SOCIETY - Matt Skoff, a Painsville, Ohio farmer, was compelled to destroy 150 bushels of wheat to avoid a \$250 federal fine for overplanting under crop acreage restrictions. He had planted the wheat for his livestock and had not requested federal price support. "Is there any other country in the world," Skoff asked, "that is destroying food?"

BUT NOT HOMOGENIZED - A London dairy firm was fined \$192 after a housewife found a mouse in a bottle of milk. The company argued that the mouse was "completely

FAULTY DIAGNOSIS - Pittsburgh police recently found a man unconscious on his back with workers and union leaders fire escape. He was charged with intoxication did indicate, however, that "in and thrown in jail. Several hours later he died recent years workers have had sisted. "What would happen if have relegated police force to a from the head injury which had left him un- greater opportunity to take up

RELUCTANT RIGHTS FIGHTER - The factories and found "on the job chairman of the New York State Commission working conditions" good. Pol-Against Discrimination, Elmer A. Carter, says lock was able to visit packing SCAD has "enough headaches" without taking plants and retail meat markets on the fight to end discrimination based on sex. and found conditions there com-"I hope the Legislature never gives us that pared favorably with those in power," he said.

CIVIL DEFENSE - A Pittsburgh firm that was peddling an atomic survival kit for \$19.75 the reduction of hours to seven suspended business after an investigation by hours a day - from 46 to 41 the local Better Business Bureau. The card- hours per six-day week. This board kit contained free Civil Defense literature was without a reduction in pay, on how to build a fallout shelter, two candles, a they were informed. can of condensed milk, a small first aid kit and some water purification pellets that would be on the seven-hour day," Pollock useless in treating radioactive water.

MODELS WIN WELL-TIMED STRIKE- for all industrial workers by the Six models in Turin, Italy, went on a strike end of 1960." during the final exams at the Academy of Arts. The girls had taken their poses in the nude. Students were studiously applying brushes and pencils while professors checked their progress. All at once the models began to get dressed. One of them said: "With the miserable pay we get, how can we be expected to keep up with styles?" Only after the director promised to get them a raise did the girls take off last season's outfits so that the exam could continue.

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are raised for imperialist recognition of the People's Republic of China.

Significant though it is, this trend does not wholly reflect sentiments among rank-and-filers in the big Japanese delegation. They want to talk about how to carry on the fight for peace in a more effective way. But it is hard for them to get the floor, except in isolated group discussions. One Japanese delegate protested, "As Peace Hansen for his precise views on Marchers we just walked. We are not given a chance here to

Worker and student dele-This is only the second time gates in this frame of mind have I have ever seen your paper, just gone through a profound having bought the first Militant series of mass demonstrations and political strikes against the I wish to toss a bouquet to you Japan-U.S. military treaty. They for your all-around sensible edi- prevented Eisenhower's visit torial policy of desisting from and brought down the Kishi red-baiting and calling labor government but they couldn't union officials "labor fakers" as block the treaty. Kishi was rethe Socialist Labor party paper placed by the Ikeda regime of insists on doing. Heaven knows the same Liberal-Democratic the cross labor has to bear is ruling party that forced through hard enough. But without such ratification of the treaty in the

unions, the workers' lot would In the heroic struggle of the Milke miners, backed by the In closing, I will say I am not students of Zengakuren, a ma-Communist, but I think Nikita | jor action is being fought Khrushchev is a great, great against corporation attempts to "rationalize" industry at labor's capitalists because of his keen expense. Involved is a capitalist insight into the American capi- threat to lay off 100,000 miners, talist system, its works, and life leaving them to shift for themselves as best they can. Instead of concerning itself with the welfare of the miners, the Ikeda government backs the mine bosses against the strikers.

These experiences are deepening political thought among workers and students. Many militants are beginning to perceive a political connection between the fight for peace and the problem of defending their economic interests. They are giving fresh thought to the question of putting a labor government into power as the political instrument to achieve their aims.

Although these basic poli-

tical conclusions are not yet examination of program and ing thereafter. leadership to find a way to fight more effectively. They oppose

A search of this kind for more strikebreaking judges.

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and desires of the Soviet peo-

"This attitude was by no

means merely pacifist," Pollock

added in our interview. "Views

I heard expressed an anxious

concern for peace, but an equal-

The Soviet unions perform the

dual role of "raising production

duction' problems are their

foremost concern. . . . Matters

of wages, collective bargaining,

and grievance machinery occupy

a lesser status as compared with

Pollock added that discussions

The delegation visited eight

plants in which members of his

union work in the United States.

The American unionists noted

"As yet not all workers are

said, but "plans call for the

seven-hour day to be in effect

The investigation estab-

lished that "the two main

problems of the Soviet eco-

nomy at this stage of its de-

velopment are the continuing

problems of providing ade-

quate housing and the short

supply or lack of consumer goods." But in spite of this,

unions in the West. . .

grievances.



effective means of struggle puts the Japanese militants in the vanguard of the peace movement in the advanced capitalist countries, as they are demonnow in session here.

. Aircraft Strike (Continued from Page 1)

faced a concerted strikebreaking campaign including company scabherding, local police attacks on the picket lines, arrests of

militants, court injunction against mass picketings, and NLRB charges.

A strike cannot be won igainst such odds within the framework of Reuther's policies, which the union leadership followed. For several days at the beginning of the strike, which ski, for opposing the Forand bill started June 8, no scabs entered the plants as thousands of strikers spontaneously massed clearly formed in their minds, at the gates. However, the union the young militants seem to officials agreed to limited pickethave quite firm opinions on one ing and thus rendered the workkey point. They want a closer ers powerless to stop scabherd-

Even had the local leadership pursued a more militant course, it with futile high-level nego- would have improved. A local But Lesinski, despite little pubtiations with the bosses and the union, or even a group of them, capitalist government. They as in this case, won't find it easy agencies and bowing before

Unionist Views Soviet Labor

living standards of the Soviet

people has taken place in the

past few years and every-

where there appears optimism

that progress will continue in

the future at an accelerated

In the third area of investiga-

tion, individual liberties and the

right to free expression, the

"There is still no public dis-

American trade unions found:

cussion or public expression of

divergent views in so far as fun-

damental questions of policy is

concerned. Foreign publications

are not accessible to the aver-

age Soviet citizen and only a

limited number of selected for-

eign publications are available

tered this statement of the dele-

gation, Pollock commented, by

I sent you our publications?" the official asked. "Send them,"

the Americans stated, "You

have our names and addresses.")

system continues as the instru-

dominant Communist Party re-

"It should be noted, however,

"Nocturnal arrests and secret

that a number of the authorita-

mented in Soviet life.

sion that improvement in the |everywhere it was conceded

to specialized persons engaged ideas and opinions, to dissent, in 'research.'"

(A Soviet union official coun- tion is expanding in the eco-

asking if Soviet publications field. Today, it appears to me,

could be received in the United social pressure, habit, custom

States. "Yes," the Americans in- and persuasion, as in our country,

The American unionists' state- delegation who issued the state-

ment continued: "The one-party ment on their impressions of

ment of Soviet political life and Patrick, general chairman, Din-

the ban or prohibition of or- ing Car Workers, Locals 848 and

ganized factions within the 849, Chicago; Sidney Lens, di-

in discussion and criticism with- AFL-CIO; Ernest Mazey, mem-

in the top bodies of the Soviet ber of executive board, Local

government and the Communist 212, United Auto Workers, AFL-

party. It should also be noted CIO and executive secretary of

that a number of changes in the American Civil Liberties

excesses' of the Stalin period Branch, Detroit; Jay A. Miller,

appear to have been imple- union representative, Pennsyl-

the old type of labor camps United Textile Workers, AFL-

opposition.'

than before.

irreversible."

DETROIT - AFL-CIO politi- one of our own" as congressman. cal prestige was somewhat tarn- Though they vote Democratic, ished in the Michigan primary they tend to be conservative elections Aug. 2 . Most labor-endorsed candidates won Democratic nomination. But there is not big enough to elect Lesinwere some glaring exceptions, indicating that an important weight has declined as the 16th number of Michigan workers are not very enthusiastic about the in the state. labor movement's policy of acting as a wing of the Democratic There are a considerable num-

(1) The daily papers are giv- who simply are opposed to having labor the credit for winning ing a union leader as congress-John Swainson the Democratic man, even one who is not radinomination for governor. But the AFL-CIO had ruled that all to join the "Polish bloc" in beatthree liberal candidates for the ing Stellato. post were "acceptable" and did not endorse any of the three. A number of union leaders unof- 145,000 people in the district ficially worked for Swainson and probably helped swing the 1958 general election. Only half balance in his favor. But this was only one factor in the result. Because the AFL-CIO did chances of winning the nominaendorse Richard Vander Veen for Lieutenant-governor, and he was defeated.

(2) In Wayne County the AFL-CIO endorsed Zoltan Ferency for prosecutor, but he was strating, so far as they get a badly beaten. Although it rechance, at the world conference fused to endorse eight Democratic members of the legislature who were considered unfriendly to labor, all managed to get renominated over labor-endorsed opponents.

(3) The biggest setback took place in the 16th congressional district, where the colorless incumbent, Rep. Lesinski, beat UAW Local 600 president Carl Stellato by 34,-000 to 29,000. It's not easy to put your finger on the reason. Lesinski had also defeated Stellato (28,000 to 21,000) in the 1958 primary. But the AFL-CIO was neutral in that contest. This time it openly criticized Lesinamong other things, and not only endorsed Stellato but campaigned actively for him.

Intensive Campaign

The Stellato forces put on the state. Since it is a presidential bigger than last time and Stellato gained 8,000 votes over 1958. lic campaigning, also gained, and Stellato's margin of defeat avowed opposition to a shorter was cut only from 7,000 to 5,000.

It is well known that Lesinski's main support is a group of

judging by past Soviet stand-

ards, that more freedom exists

"It is difficult to judge the

extent of the liberalization

thus far achieved, in part, be-

cause of the continued hesi-

tancy of Soviet citizens to

fully exercise these broader

rights out of fears and hesi-

tancies associated with the

past. It would be rash, given

the existing relationships and

structure within the Soviet

Union, to conclude that the

improvement in this area is

Pollock elaborated his own

view on this subject as follows:

to participate in policy forma-

nomic and social fields, but more

slowly, if at all, in the political

subordinate role in dealing with

In addition to Pollock, the

members of the trade union

Soviet life today were: Cecil L

rector, United Service Em-

ployees Union Local 329, AFL-

mated Clothing Workers, AFL-

"The right to freely express

district (including some members of Local 600) still failed to see any fundamental difference between Democrat Lesinski and Democrat Stellato. That's what took all the sting

out of Stellato's punch - his

rather than liberal Democrats.

But the "Polish bloc" by itself

ski. Its once-great relative

district has become the largest

What happened was this:

ber of Democrats in the 16th

cal. Enough of these turned out

But even that is only part of

the explanation. There were

who voted Democratic in the

of them turned out for the pri-

mary this year. Stellato's

tion depended on stimulating

enough of the other half to go

And the reason is political

more than organizational. He

had to convince them there

was enough of a difference be-

tween him and Lesinski to

justify their spending an hour

No Big Difference

Stellato tried. He showed that

Lesinski never fought for any-

thing important, even though he

usually "voted right" by AFL-

CIO standards: that Lesinski

never said anything about peace

or the shorter work week, etc.

But most of the workers in the

to go to the primary polls.

This is where he failed.

to the polls for him.

own Democratic politics and affiliations. He couldn't present himself as a genuine anti-war candidate without exposing the pro-war policies of the Democratic party as a whole. He most intensive campaign in the couldn't inspire the Negro community without attacking the year, the primary turnout was Democratic Party's manti-civil rights record. He couldn't make capital of Lesinski's silence on the shorter work week without also attacking Kennedy's week. (Stellato came out for

Kennedy before the convention.) Running against Lesinski as an independent labor candidate. Polish and East European or- free to criticize the Democratic ganizations determined to "keep line, Stellato might have been session of the Convention on able to make the clear-cut dis- Sept. 13. Throughout the rest of tinctions he needed to get a August and until primary day, large turnout of supporters. the SWP will hold open house This would have meant running every Saturday evening at its against Lesinski in the general election next November, not in the Democratic primary.

Stellato rejected an independent labor campaign as unrealistic. But the primary results prove that his own policy was hardly a model of realism or practicality.

An independent labor campaign would just be moving into high gear, with a fair chance of winning in November. Instead, his own campaign is finished. Now he is under pressure to show his "party loyalty" by endorsing Lesinski for the general election - thus proving that there isn't much difference between them and-cutting the ground from under any future effort to beat Lesinski.

The AFL-CIO leaders will probably endorse Lesinski and most of the other Democrats whose nomination they endorsed. People who can swallow Lyndon Johnson are not likely to gag at anything.

Calendar Of Events

DETROIT

Ken Sutherland, Detroit unionist, tells "WHY AND HOW CANADIANS ARE ORGANIZ-ING A LABOR PARTY." Fri., CIO, Chicago; Jack D. Spiegel, Aug. 26, 8:00 p.m. at Debs Hall, that a number of the authorita-tive reports indicate an increase District, United Shoe Workers, Night Socialist Forum.

SAN DIEGO

Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workthat a number of changes in the American Civil Liberties ers party, gives a "REPORT ON Soviet law designed to curb the Union, Metropolitan District JAPAN." Dobbs attended the recent World Disarmament Conference in Tokyo. Wed., Sept. 7, vania Joint Board, Amalga- 8:30 p.m. 4561 North Ave. Aus.: San Diego Committee for Dobbs rials are no longer taking place. CIO; Ruth Levitoff, business and Weiss.

MINNEAPOLIS

Reports of the elimination of representative, Chicago locals, Farrell Dobbs speaks on "No have been confirmed to us by CIO; Marian Calligaris, presi-More Hiroshimas - An Eyesources not friendly to the So- dent, Railway Clerk Union Lowitness Report on Japan. viet regime and purge trials, cal 490, Chicago, and Lillian TUESDAY, AUG. 30, 8:00 P.M. goods." But in spite of this, too, seem to have ended. It Elner, Office Workers, Oakland, 704 Hennepin Ave. Contrib., 75 must also be recorded that Calif.

But this brand of "practical politics" cannot produce much of a crusading spirit or enthusiasm among labor's ranks. The evidence is that many. union members disregard their leaders' endorsements when they vote, and that many more don't bother to

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vote at all.

If they still vote Democratic, it's not so much because they believe the AFL-CIO propaganda about the Democrats being pro-labor as it is that they do not see any effective alternalive to voting Republican. Less than 15 per cent of the union members give a voluntary "buck for COPE."

And who can blame them? The Democratic-labor coalition policy hasn't made the Democratic party pro-labor; all it has done is make the labor movement politically more conservative, timid and subservient.

The Michigan primary results show that labor is still stuck in a political blind alley and that the only way out is by forming an independent labor

Socialist Workers Party to Nominate In Wash. State

The Seattle branch of the Socialist Workers Party is busily engaged in securing pledges from Washington voters to attend its nominating convention on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and sign petitions to place the Dobbs-Weiss ticket on the ballot in that state.

On primary day at least 100 registered voters, who have not voted in the regular primary elections, must go to the convention of a minority party and sign its nominating petitions. SWP supporters are urging everyone who believes in socialism and in the need for independent political action to help put the party on the Washington ballot by this method.

The SWP nominating convention will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1960 at 1412 18th Ave., Seattle, from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. Any registered voter in Washington can come and sign the registration which constitutes a vote in the primaries.

Farrell Dobbs, SWP presidential candidate, will be the featured speaker at the evening campaign headquarters, 1412 18th Ave., Seattle. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum discussions and social activities.

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I. FARRELL DOBBS, SWP presidential candidate, will report to an active workers' conference on the election campaign.

2. THE YOUNG SOCIAL-IST ALLIANCE will hold its first Western Regional Educational Conference.

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