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# Auto Group Calls For "30-for-40"

### Urges Nationwide Conference Of AFL-CIO in Fight for Jobs

DETROIT, Dec. 19 - The immediate calling of a national conference of all AFL-CIO unions to fight for the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay, and to formulate a ◆united legislative program for

### Socialist Slate **Wins Gains in Toronto Race**

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The Toronto municipal elec-international executive board, tion Dec. 5 was the most fruitful which was holding a meeting in one for socialists in a decade. Detroit. The letter also out-The Socialist Educational League lined a program of action to contested for mayor and con- mobilize the UAW membership troller while the Young Socialist in preparation for contract ne-Alliance ran an effective ward gotiations in 1961. campaign for the Board of Education. While they were hit by all year popularizing the need a news blackout in the daily for the 30-hour week, which press they got on radio and TV for the first time and aroused an UAW locals as unemployment encouraging amount of interest has grown. Its letter was and support for their campaign.

Ross Dowson, SEL candidate

Ross Dowson, SEL candidate for mayor, polled 1,656 votes in other than lip service has been

Alan Harris, SEL nominee for the-profits plan is not a full controller, won 14,674 votes. employment plan. A share-the-John Darling, YSA candidate for board of education, received road to full employment.' 6,043 votes, 21 per cent of the

a contest heavily stacked against

total cast in the ward. Dowson had to buck opposition from the officials of the Toronto and District Labor Council. While these officials had declared they were not for the Tory or Liberal candidates, they said they did not feel that Dowson's clear-cut workingclass program represented "the

aspirations of this council." The Toronto press made special note of the fact that both Harris and Darling outpolled Communist party candidates. The CP did not run for mayor.

### **Memorial Held** For Skoglund

NEW YORK - A memorial meeting for Carl Skoglund was

The principal speaker was and get additional shifts to ab-Farrell Dobbs, national secretary of the Socialist Workers workers. party and a close friend and associate of Carl's since the days vention (April 26-28) to make when they shared in the leadership of the Minneapolis Team- pay the No. 1 demand in the sters' strikes.

The meeting also heard Sherry Finer of the Young Socialist Alliance, who knew Carl from childhood on, and a veteran to help stop overtime work and Minneapolis unionist who was win the shorter week. first introduced to socialism by Carl. Fred Halstead was chair-

He read messages to the meet- beginning with 30-for-40, and ing that arrived from Socialist including corporation-paid hos- eration Committee for Africa, Workers branches and from pitalization and insurance; low-Carl's comrades and friends ering of retirement age to 60; and their NATO partners with across the country.

the new Congress, was proposed

here last week by the National Committee for Democratic Ac-tion in the United Automobile

The proposal was made in the

form of a letter by NCFDA

Chairman Eugene Hoffman to

Walter Reuther and the UAW

The NCFDA has been active

taken by the UAW executive

Convention Instructions

"No action has been taken,

or educational effort made, to

comply with these instruc-

tions of the convention. Ac-

shorter work week has been

avoided, even when Presi-

dent-elect Kennedy reaffirmed

his opposition to a shorter

work week at the Steelwork-

cent campaign."

1961 negotiations.

minate speed-up.

(4) Organize the unemployed

(5) Submit to the referendum

vote of the entire membership

a list of basic contract demands.

increase in SUB payments and

week. But:

board. . . . Certainly your share-

Workers union .

"Algeria Is Algerian!"



For the first time in the six-year struggle for independence from imperialist France, the masses in Algiers poured out of the Casbah in a mighty demonstration that brought new power to the rebel side. In the face of machinegun fire from the French army, young Algerians continued to wave flags of the National Liberation Front and to shout "Independence!" "Down with the Ultras!" and "Long Live the FLN!" Still wearing their traditional veils, women were in the forefront of the demonstration with a "You-you-you" cry that struck terror among the French "ultras" who oppose independence.

#### Teachers Pay Cut Off Criminal Action work plan is the only practical By Louisiana Racists It also noted that the last UAW convention, held in 1959,

specifically instructed the leadership to prepare and publicize a program for the shorter work ing of the two previously allwhite schools now being attually the question of the tended by four Negro children. A possible way out for the New Orleans school board came when an heiress offered a half

million dollars to help meet the

ers convention during the re-Meanwhile, eight white children continued to attend the Asking the UAW leadership Frantz school with the lone Neto "seriously consider the facts of life," the NCFDA presented gro child enrolled there. The three other Negro children were the following proposals: still alone at McDonogh school. On the economic front: Two new white children en-(1) Immediate action to eli-Frantz as one was forced minate all overtime schedules to drop out. (The other absence was unaccounted for.)

payroll.

sorb the unemployed auto The drop out was the daugh-(2) Ask the special UAW con-Gabrielle who were finally the 30-hour week at 40-hours ing a heroic stand against the of school Mrs. Gabrielle es-(3) Immediate steps to eli-

# Scored as Racist

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 - Daniel H. Watts, chairman of the Lib-[See pages two and three for full coverage for the entire racist policy in the Congo, in Algeria, and elsewhere in Africa

and in the United Nations. "Unfortunately," Watts said, Hammarskjold appears to have One has only to hear Hammarskjold maintain he has no mandate to use force in the Congo personnel in the Congo are bers of the armed gang headed by Joseph D. Mobutu, the U.S. and Belgian puppet in Leopoldarmed forces to their aid."

Watts urged the immediate re in which he was imprisoned Premier Lumumba, who was publicly abused by Mobutu's

thugs. Richard Gibson, secretary of Africa, warned against U.S. Kennedy stated when he an- the labor lawyers became key racism. "These white Americans are defending democracy every-Dr. Uphaus was addressing a where in the world," he said, unions which had become power. Not only in negotiations Dec. 15 Bill of Rights dinner "nevertheless had the disgusting dominated by the Communist but in all fields of union acof the Emergency Civil Liber- effrontery to vote against the movement." ties Committee. On the same resolution that would have perplatform, Dr. Linus Pauling, mitted the Algerian people to who has refused to give the determine their own future and decline was so marked that at advice, counsel and consent, no Industrial Union Department, berg's plea for a return to the one of the answers to this au-Senate Internal Security Sub- they abstained when the Afro- the time of the merger with the important decision of union Goldberg's income is reportedly tripartite swindle. committee the names of scien-tists who helped him circulate end to colonialism came to a had taken place in the relative lawyer became much in evi-

As the New Orleans crisis of corted her daughter through the token school integration entered its sixth week Dec. 19, the mob of egg-hurling hoodlums.

Mr. Gabrielle was fired from his racist-controlled Louisiana state in a gas-meter reader for the controlled Louisiana state. racist-controlled Louisiana state job as a gas-meter reader for the federal government has legislature cut off the salaries refusing to retreat from his pro-

> along with their six children re- of Negro farmers who own telegraph office and a radio sta-North Providence, R.I.

Mr. Gabrielle told news-"We want people to know how the minority has poisoned people's minds. It's the ignorance of the minority that caused it all."

Mrs. Gabrielle said she was lieve in the principle of integration.

Meanwhile, Ellen Steinberg Haywood county. ter of Mr. and Mrs. James of New York, who offered \$500,-000 to the school board with the forced to leave town after tak- understanding that it might not be returned, paid tribute to the racists. From the opening day Negro children who had to face the hate mob.

"I realize I could never be able to put myself in their injunction charged that in ad-UN Congo Policy place," she told the New York dition to the evictions, coercive post "I couldn't even try." Post. "I couldn't even try."

added: "Perhaps it is not the to renew various types of insurchildren who are the real suf- ance policies and refusal to proferers. Those who jerred and vide goods and services to Nespit are the ones in shackles, gro merchants. charged the U.S. and Belgium They are loaded down with bigotry and prejudice. How can community about the federal trying to carry out a thoroughly they possibly be free human beings?

learned to love one another." | ton, D.C., are in order."

# **Urged Against**

of all the city's teachers. The move aimed at forcing the clos- failed to provide them adequate 

integration stand. The police counties to block the slated failed to provide them adequate 

Jan. 1 eviction of 700 Negro tenant farmer's who dared to So they finally packed up and register at the polls. Hundreds turned to their former home in their own land and a number tion in Jinotepe. By the next being starved out by an organized racist boycott. The Negroes involved say the civil suits are not enough to stop the racists, who should be hit with federal criminal actions.

A Justice Department suit "happy to be in Rhode Island, was filed Dec. 14 against 82 but I hate to leave New Orleans. defendants in Fayette county, That was my home. I hope that | including more than 45 landintegration succeeds. I still be- owners, two dozen merchants and one bank. A similar suit was filed earlier in neighboring

The campaign of economic victimization was opened last summer when a boldly organized drive by the Negroes in the area won voting rights for 1,400.

The federal application for an moves against Negro voters in-A psychiatric social worker cluded refusal to sell them training, Miss Steinberg goods for cash or credit, refusal

The skepticism of the Negro action was reported in a Dec. 10 dispatch to the Philadelphia Explaining why she offered Tribune. The dispatch said: the money, which the school "Negro leaders say that a lawboard says it is considering ac- suit filed by federal officials in "UN Secretary General Dag cepting, she said: "I get so im- Haywood county has not had patient with all of the destruc- much effect in stopping the boybecome caught up in this policy. tive pettiness that goes on in cott. What is needed is crimthis world. If everybody would inal action for violating the invest more in people instead rights of American citizens. of things, we'd all really be Letters to that effect to the Dewhen African and Asian UN much happier. It's time we partment of Justice, Washing-

# Steel Production Plunges to Lowest Since the Thirties

## Bares Truth **About Crisis**

Remember how Eisenhower tect" the dictators in Nicaragua and Guatemala from being overthrown by "Communist" forces inventory now over the one-milfrom abroad? Here is how Richard Dudman, in the Nov. 27 St. Louis Post-Dispatch, describes the true facts about what happened in the two Central American countries:

leaders of the Conservative opposition. They had taken part in an abortive uprising a few months before and were said to be smarting from taunts that they had failed to fire a shot.

"The group, armed with submachine guns, took over Guardia Nacional headquarters at Jinotepe and Diriamba, 25 miles south of Managua, and ambushed government reinforcements arriving from Managua, killing 11 guardsmen and wounding nine others. . . .

"A gang of perhaps 200 members of a pro-Castro youth them! It's more commonly group, knowing something was brewing, helped out by seizing briefly the central telephone and of Negro businessmen are also morning the government had regained control.

rebels or by the national guards-

### Like a Comic Opera

The raiders quickly withdrew to the provincial city of Azacapa and the Caribbean port of Puerto Barrios. President Ydigoras personally directed a three-day aerial attack to retake the cities.

"Ydigoras later suspended the newspaper El Imparcial because its publisher reported from Puerto Barrios that the whole incident there was like a comic opera and that the rebels could have been put down by two truckloads of soldiers instead of the \$1,000,000 air attack. Other observers tended to support the newspaper account."

### Next Week

The issues involving the Cuban Electrical Workers

### **Corporations Decide to Stop** Announcing Rate of Capacity

By Tom Kerry

Dec. 22 — It is estimated that the rate of steel produc-In Caribbean tion next week will be at 40 per cent of capacity or lower. Next week's rate, says the Dec. 20, New York Times, "may ordered the U.S. fleet into the be the lowest for a nonstrike period since the depression Caribbean in November to "pro- days of the Nineteen Thirties."

The hoped for rise in steel demand by the auto industry

failed to materialize. With care lion mark auto producers are Laos Dictator welcoming the holiday shut-

The slump in steel and auto, those sensitive barometers of the health of the economy, is reflected in the rise of unemploy-"In Nicaragua, the outbreak of ment and part-time employ-Nov. 11 was made by a group ment. Unemployment is now of about 10 sons of wealthy nearing the five-million mark. The number of workers on short weeks is estimated at close to two million. And the curve in both categories is upward.

#### Heads in Sand

The steel barons have a rather unique solution for the problem Laos.' of growing unemployment in the industry. They propose to discontinue, after Jan. I, the publication of figures showing the rate of operation in the steel industry. This is on the theory that what the people don't see they can't know - and what they don't know can't hurt known as the "ostrich policy."

Some time ago the United steelworkers union published igures showing that the industry can operate at 40 percent capacity and still make a profit. Technological advances in the "The closest thing to evidence process of steelmaking have tax-payers' money that has been of Castro's participation were a sharply increased productivity. few red and black flags and Today more than half the force the counter-revolution. banners found afterward in the is partially employed or totally military post at Jinotepe. They unemployed and tens of thouwere crudely fashioned and ap- sands will never again find empeared to have been made lo- ployment in the industry under headed by Kong Le appealed

gan Nov. 13 with an attack by ers are being squeezed out of the pieces of artillery. junior army officers on Army productive process to swell the headquarters in Guatemala City. growing number of unemployed that Soviet material aid from workers. Chronic unemployment | Soviet forces is pitifully meager. is once again becoming a chare acteristic feature of American social life.

What we are witnessing today is a merging of the streams of "conjunctural" and "structural" unemployment. It is estimated that the peak will be reached in February when the number of unemployed may reach seven million. It would be folly for the labor movement to wait until then before taking effective action.

Now is the time for the AFL-CIO tops to call a nationwide finances. unemployment conference in Washington to be attended by his "anti-Communism." his rank-and-file delegates from un- aversion to friendly relations ions throughout the country. Let | with China and North Vietnam, the new administration know and his opposition to "Neutralwhat the working people of this ism." country want them to do about fulfilling their campaign pro-

## Fits State Dept. **Specifications**

'The forces of pro-American counter-revolutionary Gen. Phoumi Nosavan were in control of Ventiane after two days of fighting which set buildings in the administrative capital ablaze. . . . General Phoumi is Deputy Premier in a regime now recognized by the United States as the legitimate government of

That in a nutshell was the situation in Laos Dec. 17, as reported in brutally frank terms by Ronald Stead, Southeast Asia Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

The ousted government, which is backed by the workers and peasants, was fighting a defensive action in which the outcome still remains un-

In Washington there was jubilation over "the breather' for it was not necessary to write off the \$300,000,000 of American poured into Laos to shore up

### Appeal for Help

The revolutionary forces cally, but there is disagreement the current weekly work sched- for help in their difficult whether by the conservative ule. The same process of mechani- aid from Communist-led guermen as fabricated evidence. . . . zation and automation is being rilla forces. Last week the press introduced throughout the whole reported that they had received of the American economy with some arms from the Soviet In Guatemala, the trouble be- similar effect. Millions of work- Union, including a few heavy

But there were other reports

However, that may be, the Soviet Union charged Washington with intervening in the internal affairs of Laos. The State Department response was in essence "You're another!"

Meanwhile the conflict beween the contending forces in Laos appears to have developed into a civil war in which the counter-revolutionaries are intent on establishing a naked dictatorship completely dependent on Washington for arms and

Gen. Phoumi shrilly proclaims

From the viewpoint of the State Department, he appears

### Rewards Arthur Kennedy

By Tom Kerry

of Labor is intended as a pay- Committee smear attack on the off for labor's support in the election the rank and file unionist is surely getting gypped.

yer on-the-make. He was picked a bonanza for ambitious lawup by Philip Murray in 1948 yers. Goldberg became a labor ing to split the CIO. Goldberg increased government control the Liberation Committee for first achieved prominence, and regulation of the unions nounced the appointment, as figures in union affairs. The in the UN who brag that they "the main instrument for pre- multiplicity of labor laws gave paring the way to expel those the union lawyer extraordinary

The CIO never recovered

groups. Kennedy also lauded holding whispered consultations the fact that they saw eye-to-eye ance to the working people. As unions. One of the by-products of the

union-busting Taft-Hartley law From the beginning of his adopted in 1947 was to concareer Goldberg has been a law- vert the union movement into when Saint Philip was prepar- lawyer at about that time. With tivity.

The labor lawyer became the size and power of the rival dence at all union gatherings to President-elect Kennedy was on an issue of supreme import-

rooms with the union brass, advising, counselling, directing.

Invariably the union lawyer identifies the interest of the union with that of the union officials.

Since the enactment of the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law the legal beagles are even more in evidence man before. Government intervention in the internal affairs of the unions, federal and state regulation, expanding state control, has made of the labor movement a happy hunting ground for lawyers. As Steel Workers, special counsel of the national AFL-CIO and cost-of-living index skyrocketed, from that split. Its subsequent legal expert without whose chief counsel of the AFL-CIO must shudder at lawyer Gold-

If Kennedy's appointment of the Teamsters union out of the the platform and lengthier ernment intervention in union meet the "Communist chal-Arthur J. Goldberg as Secretary AFL-CIO after the McClellan conferences in hotel and office affairs. Goldberg has recently lenge" Goldberg has been sentatives of labor, the employers and the "public."

Writing in the Sept. 15 is-Board and other such tripartite demand. agencies were "too hastily terminated." Workers old enough of question and answer with to remember the strikebreaking newspapermen at the time of WLB and its notorious "Little Kennedy's announcement that general counsel of the United Steel Formula" under which he had named Goldberg as wages were frozen while the Labor Secretary is revealing.

The true measure of the man What commended Goldberg can be gauged by his shiftiness

Goldberg for his role in driving with the union bureaucrats on on the need for increased gov- an apostle of full production to been beating the drums for the preaching the necessity for unestablishment of a permanent trammeled acceleration of the "National Council of Labor- process of automation and me-Management Advisers" based chanization. Because of mounton the wartime tripartite boards ing unemployment in the steel with an equal number of repre- industry the United Steel Workers has been calling for a reduction in the work week to 32 hours by action of Congress. As sue of the Reporter, Goldberg lawyer for the USW Goldberg opined that the War Labor ostensibly supported the union

But, the following exchange Q.-Mr. Goldberg, do you

favor a shorter work week as tomation problem?

A .- I think, inevitably, we

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### articles about Carl Skoglund.] (Continued on Page 3) **Uphaus, Pauling Urge New Spirit of Militancy** By William A. Price Dr. Willard Uphaus, lay reli-| bol through which many ungious leader and pacifist, and dersood the continuing threat molested and abused by mem-Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel prize- of McCarthyite legislative com-

winning scientist, have emerged mittees. from the ordeal of prison and congressional slander to call for laris Action protests of pacifists ville. Yet when there are merely a new militancy in the fight who, had boarded nuclear sub-rumors of some whites being enagainst inquisitorial legislative marines in New London, Conn., dangered by forces still loyal to Dr. Uphaus, imprisoned in

later he told 1,000 New Yorkers: "If we are to have peace, we can never give up the right to associate with others who also want peace. If I have any special message to all who love civil liberties, it would be that we must have a new realization of the preciousness of time in our fight not only for civil liberties but

dimension of our problem." A year ago Dr. Uphaus had come to New York to find all but a few organs of opinion closed to him. (See the Militant, Jan. 4, 1960.) In the intervening months, however, his imprisonment had become a sym-

for life rather than death.

We need a new grasp for the

Dr. Uphaus spoke of the Poand also of one of the many the only legitimate government demonstrations in support of of the Congo headed by Premier virtual solitary confinement for his stand against informing on Patrice Lumumba, Mr. Ham-12 months, was released from the guests of the World Fel- marskjold frantically rushed the Merrimack County Jail, Bos- lowship camp in Conway, N.H., cawen, N.H., Dec. 13. Two days which he directs. He recalled a 24-hour vigil in the rain in lease of all political prisoners in front of the ancient brick jail the Congo, particularly that of

> "We have to bring our bodies as well as our minds and our principles into the struggle. We need an extra all-outness in 1961. This is our mission. This is our call-

and said:

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# In Memory of Carl Skoglund

I first met Carl Skoglund as a regular participant at street meetings in Minneapolis in 1915. Such meetings were, in the main, organized by the Socialist party or the Industrial Workers of the World.

Joint protest meetings were also frequently called. Most all radical groups participated in these and shared the work as well as the platform or the soapbox. Solidarity in the fight against the bosses and their governmental agents was the slogan.

Carl was a Socialist, I a Wobbly. He was about as well known and as well liked in both . organizations.

He and I became fast friends. Our friendship and comradely relations did not change during the following 45 eventful years.

"Skogie," as he was even then called by his numerous friends, was an active member of the Scandinavian Federation in the North Minneapolis or Camden branch. He was one of the leaders of the "left wing." After the Russian Revolution he transferred to the English-speaking branch. He was regularly elected as a delegate to the City Central Committee.

#### Helped Found CP

Carl was a supporter of the Russian Revolution from the first. He played a major part in the support which the rank and file of the Socialist party gave to the Russian October. He, together with thousands of comrades like him, became the founding members of the Amer-

ican Communist party. His devotion to the socialist cause, his attentive attitude to trade-union and general mass work, the fact that he made friends easily and took time to discuss and explain, made him an exceptional figure in radical and working-class circles in Minnesota.

And not only here, as the record of his activities over the years clearly shows. No one who really knew him could even think of the term "provincial" in relation to his concepts, teachings and aims. Skogie was an through, first, last and all the

Theory to him was a guide to be used when occasion or opportunity presents an opening for action in fighting for

workers' demands and needs. Carl Skoglund was a worker

Calendar

Of Events

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NEW YORK

Mrs. Jean Rubinstein. Just re-

From 5 - 7:30 p.m. at 333 Central

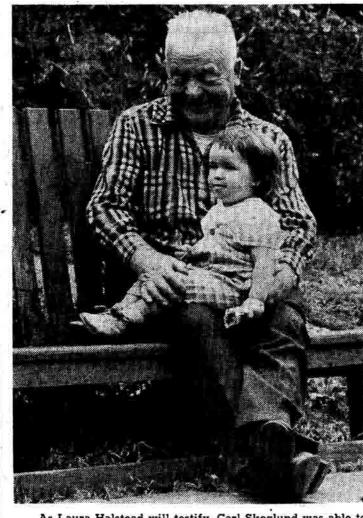
fraternal atmosphere. Food,

and the USSR. Tuesday, Dec. 27, sir?

Enjoy New Year's Eve in a States.

Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein and world needs.

"What's Your Problem?"



As Laura Halstead will testify, Carl Skoglund was able to appreciate the problems of age levels besides his own. Young friends of Carl in an older age bracket than Laura liked his talks, especially on astronomy. He stirred your imagination by telling about the vast distances in space and the amazing things discovered about the various kinds of stars. If it was a clear night, he would set up his telescope and you could look through it. It was easy to remember what he said about the evolution of galaxies, suns and planets, and people, too. Sometimes he would talk about what a wonderful world this will be for children when socialism is won.

Among older humans whose curiosity remained alive, Carl enjoyed discussing the latest discoveries in science. He kept up with developments in his favorite field, astronomy, as well as a layman can. In the current dispute among astrophysicists, for instance, he was inclined to support the "steady state" theory of Hoyle, Bondi and Gold.

opment. He read widely, and schools for the younger comstudied several branches of sci- rades. ence as well as philosophy. He | Skogie was a party man un-

Aside from the mass move- party.

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work week in America, but

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a shorter work week. Our prob-

lem, as Senator Kennedy cor-

I am sure, as he will advocate

An answer that left his ques-

for getting these unemployed

. . . Kennedy

Enjoy New Year's Eve with rectly and properly stated to

the Militant readers. Stereo- the convention of the Steel-

phonic dance music, favors, re- workers Union, was to put our

Welcome Home reception for we need and all that the free

(96th St. Station, Ind. Subway.) adopting the program that

favors, refreshments, danceable tioner gaping! There will be

dance music. From 9 p.m. on at over six million unemployed

the Militant Labor Forum. 116 when Kennedy takes office in

University Place (off Union Sq.) January. What is his program

a Conservative"? Hear a discus- specific than soothsayer Gold-

sion of Senator Barry Gold- berg's. Neither of which is any

water's book outlining his re- more reassuring than Herbert

actionary creed. Speaker, Claude Hoover's refrain at the start of

What is on "The Conscience of back to work? Nothing more

internationalist through and was discussing with his friends de: all circumstances. In the and comrades the probability of early railroad shop crafts strikes, man probing outer space long which were long drawn out and before the modern science-fic- bitterly fought, Carl was a leadtion writers appeared on the ing figure. However, he always more than we can say. found time to consult with the

ment, his active interest was In the big upheavals and wanted to be, in his adopted mainly in education, in classes strikes that the truck drivers country, and in a final friendly Marxist who attained a rather which studied Marxism, discussion with his close comhigh level of intellectual develor sion circles and organized Northwest in the struggle to rades.

make Minneapolis a union town, Carl was an outstanding leader and fighter

like to bury his memory and his record. These can never be ex-American labor history. It will birth of the CIO. stay there forever.

All of his comrades pay tribute to Carl for his great work. But we honor his memory chiefly because he was an exemplary revolutionist. He never wavered when a question of principle was at issue.

He was expelled from the betrayed the revolution and be- its impact on history. smirched the banner of revolutionary Marxism. He was a founding member of our party and a member of our National

Threat of Deportation

The last of the many and cruel victimizations that he had to suffer was the constant threat of deportation. This halted his regular participation in party

That was, indeed, the hardest blow of all. But his spirit was never broken. He managed to find his place once more. That noteworthy quality of character and, understanding seemed almost an instinct with him.

Of course, Skogie would have been the first to brand the use of the word "instinct" in that connection. He learned firmness from the founders, teachers and leaders of our movement, both international and national.

Carl lived to see U.S. imper ialism in great difficulties, but still a grave and sinister threat to the revolutionary workers' and farmers' bid for power on several continents.

Most gratifying to him I'm sure was the Cuban Revolution and the stirring of the youth into action right here in our country, particularly in the South.

The committee of the Wall Street crowd in Washington could not deport him. He and

we won that battle. The smiling companion and lovable comrade Skogie has gone. We will miss him much

We do have this bit of consolation. He died where he

## That Swede From Minnesota

[The following poem was written by Miles B. Dunne for Carl | wage scale, and the less he paid, | woods as a lumberjack. That | month. He didn't drink, he had | to the empire builders. Skoglund's seventieth birthday celebration. One of the central the more he made for himself. leaders of the 1934 strikes, "Mick" Dunne was a very close friend and comrade of Carl's. He died April 30, 1958.]

freshments. Contrib. \$1.75 (stu- people back to work on a forty-When the pines of Minnesota felt the weight of Skoglund's might, dents, \$1) includes international hour week. At the present time The men who worked in Bunyan land knew his words were right. cuisine. Forum Hall, 1702 East they are working short hours He told them of a new bright world and the right of common man; 4th St. For reservations phone with short pay, and I think Many bowed their head to fate, but Skoglund had a plan. our first task in America is to put our people back to work so Though life had dealt him many blows, Skoglund stuck around; that we can produce all that That man from Minnesota was a Swede they couldn't down.

When railroad men rose up in wrath and sought some small relief, Q .- How do you propose to Skoglund joined the front line troops. Skoglund was their chief. turned from a tour of Europe get these Americans to work. He told them: "Hold the picket line, the Union is your might." They listened to his sound advice, they knew that Carl was right. A .- I think we can get the He rallied them in city, in countryside and town, Park West, apt. 71, at 93rd St. Americans back to work by That man from Minnesota was a Swede they could not down.

\$2 contrib. includes buffet. Ausp. President-elect Kennedy has When truckers challenged bosses in a struggle grim and great Independents and Socialists for advocated in his campaign, and Carl Skoglund's presence soon was felt. He helped decide their fate. On the picket line a tower of strength; in counsel calm and wise. to the Congress of the United He wakened strikers to the cause: he countered bosses' lies. His spirit and his calm sure faith rallied workers round,

That man from Minnesota, the Swede they couldn't down.

Carl Skoglund's given to this land, his blood and sweat and pain: He hewed the forest, built the ships and reaped the bosses' grain. This land he built, so grateful now, would cast him from the shore. No hero's badge, no great reward, just, "Skoglund, there's the door.'

Through sacrifice and faith in man, he's won the world's renown, That Swede from Minnesota, they'll never get him down.

# 'A Strategy Flexible as eader and fighter. The trade-union skates would It Was Bold'

Carl Skoglund was a key punged. The thousands of union- leader of the militant organizaists who knew him and still tion strikes of the Minneapolis more thousands who knew of truck drivers in the early 1930's. him have already placed his The victory of those strikes gave name on the honor roll of an important stimulus to the

> The Minneapolis strikes also attracted special attention because the principal leaders of the truck drivers were avowed revolutionary socialists, prominent figures in the American Trotskyist movement.

"American City," a book written by Charles Rumford Walker Communist party with that in 1936, gives a vivid sociological small band who chose to march account of why and how the with Trotsky against Stalin, who Minneapolis drivers union made

In his final chapter, Walker writes: "The most striking characteristics of the economic revolts in the Northwest recounted in this biography are their freshness, their efficiency, and their Americanism. The leadership adhered to what might be termed the 'principles' of militant class struggle everywhere.

"But they gave to those principles imaginative adaptation to the American scene. Analyzing the weight of class forces in a particular state and city, they invented a strategy as flexible as it was bold to achieve practical success. The durable nature of their aims and methods, long after the initial militancy of revolt, is a matter of public record."

The following are excerpts from American City about Carl Skoglund.

Innumerable official biographies, personal memoirs, and public-school histories have made familiar to Americans the lives of the chief empire builders. Little or nothing has been written or preserved of the lives of individual rank-and-filers. The Paul Bunyan saga is a collective folk tale of an epoch, but there is little else. I shall tell briefly the story of one typical buck private in the imperial army as related by himself. He was a Swede named Carl who came directly from the old counry to Minnesota toward the end of the Golden Age.

He is alive today at the age of truck drivers' union in Minneapolis. Carl came from one of a serf.

A husky young immigrant in his twenties when he arrived, the railroad camps of Northern Minnesota, helping to lay ties for the Northern Pacific. The railroad let out the work to a ing railroads for the lumber union. Carl wouldn't join it. the first major challenge for a contractor who made his own companies, and later in the But he had been getting \$225 a generation by the rank and file

he ran up a credit at the comthe total to a scale of \$14 or \$20 and attached to the logs by cable job. a month - in check form, again redeemable in goods at company stores, or cashable for a fee at a company railroad office. To Carl the two things that

tand out in his memory about woods. Finally life as a lumber- worked as a "coal heaver" for not the bad living conditions tree fell and crushed his foot. 1934 we shall recount in a later which most immigrants recount He bled steadily for three hours chapter. Carl's life has been and his own immigrant's inabil- the nearest hospital he was oper- At least he thinks so. ty to "answer back" in English.

"The foreman in the camps His constitution pulled him had autocratic powers. [This through but he lay in bed for strikes in the trucking industry was as late as 1912.] Anything nine months. The company paid broke out in Minneapolis. As a he told us to do, we had to do it. him \$170. If he shot anybody, that was alright. I couldn't talk English to English, he got an inside job as factures to an agricultural emhim. But, of course, when you a checker for the Pullman Com- pire and receiving food products couldn't stand it any longer you pany in Minneapolis, then in return, transportation is a inference. Carl had not been too could fight - that can be under- worked himself into the me- strategic key to the city's comstood in any language. Or you chanical department, qualifying mercial life. And in the third truck drivers in Minneapolis. could quit. There was always in 1919 as a first-class mechanic. work down the line - in those days. You'd pack up your little kept it until the great railroad portation went to the motor stuff in a bundle and walk, 30 strike in 1922. He had been a truck. The strikes of truck drivmiles or so to the next camp." | member of the shopmen's union ers, which succeeded in paralyz-

# Notebook of an Agitator

### The Man Who Had No Papers

[The following speech was tape-recorded and played at Carl Skoglund's seventieth birthday celebration. It is published here for the first time.]

This jubilant birthday celebration is testimony that Carl Skoglund has done pretty well for himself in this country, considering the fact that he got started off on the wrong foot and has been standing on it - so to speak - ever since. He picked Sweden for his birthplace, without realizing that Swedish birth does not confer the right to live and breathe in this country.

Nobody told Skogie that he had made a mistake, and he didn't ask. He arrived on these shores in 1911, and finding the gates open, just walked in. He has been travelling around the 48 states for 43 years without proper identification papers. This sort of thing couldn't go on

Thirteen years ago the authorities picked nim up, and checked their files, and made an alarming discovery which has been troubling them ever since. They looked through a thick dossier marked "Skoglund, Carl" - and what lid they see?

They saw that his doings and wanderings had been under observation for a long, long time; and none of the previous investigators, who had left their grimy thumbprints on the records, had had anything good to say about him. The record showed that he had always worked for a living, a very suspicious occupaion for a red-blooded American. Nobody ever got rich and won the right to wave the flag by chopping down trees, fixing automobiles, driving trucks, heaving coal and working on the railroad to make the trains run on time. But that's what "Skoglund, Carl" had been up to in these United States.

The record showed further that he had been a labor agitator, strike leader, Socialist, Communist, and general troublemaker, kicking and complaining all the time about the way things are run in this country. That was bad enough, for every right-thinking American knows that things couldn't be better. But while the official head-shakers were shaking their heads over the long list of bad reports about the man under investigation, they accidentally stumbled over a still more suspicious dereliction.

In ransacking the voluminous files of the Immigration Department, the Department of Justice, the FBI and the local constable, they found plenty of incriminating reports. But there was one thing they couldn't find. That was any definite proof that the subject of their inquiry had any legal existence whatever. There was no birth certificate, no entry permit, no passport, no certificate of naturalization. Nothing at all.

### Tagged in Bright Red Ink

By the absence of any proof to the contrary, they established the fact that "Skoglund, Carl," who was standing right there before them, had no legal right to be there, or anywhere else. Officially, he was not in this coun-50, an active member of the try and never had been. He stood before his inquisitors naked, without an identification paper to his name. Nevertheless, they had to the most backward parts of his tag him some way. So they just wrote down native country. His father was on the cover of the dossier, under the name of "Skoglund, Carl," in bright red ink: "Has no papers."

This was an absolutely intolerable situation. Carl started his American life in for how can this country stand if Skoglund's records are not in order? Something had to be done about it. The first thing that entered their minds, naturally, was to throw him into jail. Then his friends posted bond for him; and that created another problem for the department in charge of putting people in the right place and making sure they don't pop up in the wrong

The man who had no papers had no right to be foot-loose in this country; but since bond had been posted, they had no right to keep him in jail either. It was a hell of a mess, and it hasn't been straightened out yet. The whole ponderous machinery of the United States Government has been working ever since to put the man who is here but shouldn't be, in some place where he should be, but isn't. But they have never yet been able to get the time and the place and Skoglund all together.

### A Living Exemplar

So it turns out, that while the mills of justice grind slowly to a final decision in his case, we have him here with us on his seventieth birthday, at a party in his honor under the auspices of the students of the Trotsky School. This is the right time and the right place and the right man all together, with more justice and more respect for the fitness of things, than the law could ever arrange.

You students of the Trotsky School do honor to yourselves and to your purpose in honoring Carl on this festive day. For he is a witness for the truth of the theory you are studying; a living exemplar of the transfusion of this theory into the green tree of life. Here is such a man as the poet, Edwin Markham, celebrated: a man who has "crammed his doctrine into deed."

Engels said of the theory you are studying that it is not a dogma but a guide to action. His reference was to the action of the masses in the class struggle; a warning that the revolutionists cannot substitute themselves for the masses, but can realize their theory only with the masses and through their action. Carl Skoglund, the Socialist mass worker who carried the living theory of Marxism into the labor movement, is the example par excellence of Engels' words.

But Engels' maxim can apply also to the individual's application of the theory in his own life, his own action. It is not enough to know the Marxist formulas. Not a few scholastic bystanders know the theory of Marxism, as it is written in the books; but that does not make them Marxists. The real Marxist, that is to say, the revolutionist, is the one who - to quote Trotsky - assimilates the formulas into his flesh and blood; who not only knows the doctrine but lives by it and for it.

Here again, comrades of the Trotsky School, your guest of honor today is your best example. In Carl Skoglund you see a man who has lived a consistent socialist life under all circumstances, and has asked no other compensation than the satisfaction of serving the socialist cause. He has lived to see his life and labor crowned by many achievements, which are lodged in the foundations of our great movement. And he is garlanded, on his seventieth birthday, with the affectionate regard of old comrades whom he has sustained in many a battle and of young comrades whom he has inspired for battles to come.

You cannot aim for higher rewards than that, for there are none.

- James P. Cannon

From railroading, Carl got and when the strike was ing the whole commercial life into lumber, first through build- smashed they set up a company of the city, were to constitute

was in 1914, after steam skidders no family, he had saved his Private thoughts and acts of The worker was paid only had replaced horses. A steel money. A thousand dollars out individuals are conditioned if once - when he quit. Meantime cable was run back into the of his savings he gave to the not controlled by historic trends. woods, maybe to a thousand shopmen's strike, the rest he But individuals also embody pany store. This usually reduced yards from the steam engine, lived on until he got another trends themselves and occasionally change them. As historians In a year or two he drifted are fond of pointing out, the Carl was a cable man, then a into the coal yards as a truck most trivial of personal episodes hook man, riding the logs and driver, and for nine years, up may have a place in "the hiskeeping them in place as they to the time of the Minneapolis torv" of empire. were "steam skidded" out of the truck drivers' strike in 1934, he

One morning in the fall of 1933. Carl Skoglund a truck Minnesota railroad camps are jack ended for him when a pine the same boss. His career from driver, was told by his employer that unless he stopped talking about a union for the truck with bitterness, but the arbi-trary powers of the camp boss to camp. Three days later at of many of his fellow workers. lose his job.

Skoglund was the typical Scandinavian immigrant whose In the spring of 1934 two life we sketched briefly in a preceding chapter. As the reader knows, he had a strong distribution center dispensing prediliction for unions and by Recovered and having learned her own and other cities' manu- 1933 he had become both a labor organizer and political revolutionist of record. In spite of the successful in organizing the decade of the twentieth century But-

> "After that I said to myself, got to put on my fighting clothes and organize a union here. If I don't, I lose my job in about a week. Even if you are a revolutionist and know what it's all about, you're apt to put things off. Well, right now I couldn't or I'd be out on my

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test bans is so close that the violence, but I am a realistic forces who want to stop it are pacifist. There are too many Militarism is the greatest threat need to get rid of them." to individual liberties and this is the great fight in the world. invoke the Second Amendment Newark Labor Forum. Box 361, The Senate Subcommittee is a in his plea for action here, the disgrace to the Senate and to need for a mobilized public was the United States and it ought clear. He called for new efforts Militant Labor Forum, 116 University to 'abolished. There are people to abolish the House Committee

> these people." Speaking of colonialism, Dr. that "Our own ancestors were revolutionaries," and recalled He spoke in suppo

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nancial interest is important to

arms. Dr. Pauling hoped for "A safe Abolish the Un-American Com- check on its members, also combrary, bookstore. Open 12 noon to 5 way for oppressive governments mittees which are jointly plan-mented: "It is not possible for to be got rid of without the ning delegations to Washington the fight for peace to be carried

nuclear test-ban petitions, said: ing them by violence," he add- to press for abolition. "An agreement on nuclear ed, "I am against force and working harder than ever. oppressive governments and we

Although Dr. Pauling did not the cold war going. Part of it fountainhead of the witch-hunt.

"Here in New York you have the responsibility to work on American Activities Committee contempt for refusal to cothis on January 2 and later and against the Senate Internal Pauling reminded his audience when the appropriations for this Security Subcommittee - and torial legislative committees.

He spoke in support of pro-

These two committees are also planning a rally on Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Carlton Terrace, 99th St. and Broadway at which Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden, both facing a year's imprisonment for their opposition to the House committee will speak.

"I believe we can win a big victory if we settle down in the world who want to keep on Un-American Activities, to work," Dr. Pauling added, and ended with the admonition:

against all the forces of oppresthat the Second Amendment in posals of the newly formed Dr. Pauling, who recently rethe Bill of Rights guarantees New York Council to Abolish signed from the Sane Nuclear the right of citizens to bear the Un-American Committee Policy Committee after its deand the Youth Committee to cision to implement a loyalty

erties at the same time."

ated on without an anesthetic.

Both Dr. Uphaus and Dr. Pauling, who have fought for years for peace in the world, First Amendment right to asin which they believed. The Amendment defendants, five of cepts." whom have been imprisoned in operate with various inquisi-

Forty more defendants, many of whom have fought lonely legal battles over a period of years, await Supreme Court rulings in the Wilkinson and Braden cases which could decide the fate of their own freedom.

This was a good job and he an important share of that trans-

less we fight for civil liberties spoke was the ominous warntoo. An organization fighting ing of Supreme Court Justice for peace will go down to de- Hugo Black, who said last feat unless it fights for civil lib- month when the Supreme Court refused to hear a new plea in the Uphaus case:

"I think it is time for all who cherish the liberties guarhave ended up fighting for the anteed by the Bill of Rights to look closely at the disastrous semble and speak for a cause consequences upon those lib erties which have resulted from same is true of other First the Court's use of such con-

"Revolt against the House Un- the past year on charges of seemed at the time to reach far Justice Black's challenge had beyond the marble walls of the Supreme Court building. With Dr. Uphaus' call for an "extra all-outness in 1961" and Dr. Pauling's invocation of the revolutionary spirit against the forces of oppression, both of these eminent Americans, steeled in the lessons of their own experience, seemed to be In the background for Dr. Up- accepting the challenge.

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### "30-for-40" Needed Now

The struggle for the shorter work week has been traditional with the American labor movement. The fight for the eight-hour day is part of the glorious history of the workers movement in this country. In the years of the Great Depression and its aftermath many unions fought for and won the six-hour day. Unfortunately some were seduced by the siren song of patriotism into surrendering what had been gained in bitter battle.

A result of the movement for the shorter work week was the Wage and Hour Law, the last piece of major social legislation to be won by the American workers, enacted in 1938. That was 22 years ago. It established, for most workers, a basic 5day, 40-hour week.

Since then the productivity of American labor has increased by leaps and bounds. Automation and mechanization in American mines, factories, offices and transportation facilities, has made possible the production, processing and distribution of an ever larger mountain of commodities with fewer and fewer workers.

Spectacular technological advances in all economic fields is creating an ever more pressing problem of structural unemployment - that is, workers who are permanently replaced by the machine and sent to join the growing army of chronically unemployed. This process is seen most graphically in the steel industry which is able to supply all the steel required by the enormous American industrial complex while operating at only 40 per cent of capacity.

The obvious answer, so obvious that even steel union president David J. Mc-

Not all of the decline in department

store sales can be attributed to the eco-

nomic downturn or other such "natural"

causes, say executives in metropolitan

centers throughout the Deep South. Pre-

Christmas sales have skidded so steeply

in a number of major cities in the area that

investigators probing for the reason have

come up with an answer unique in com-

Dec. 20. Wall Street Journal, "is the latest

in a series of economic measures Negroes

have adopted in their struggle for integra-

tion; it is aimed primarily at drug, variety

and department store chains in the Deep

South states of Georgia, South Carolina,

against Jim Crow the Negro people have

learned the effectiveness of the economic

boycott. They have learned that the most

In the course of their heroic struggle

Alabama and Mississippi."

"The Santa Claus boycott," says the

mercial history: a Santa Claus boycott!

Donald is compelled to recognize it, is the reduction of the work week with no reduction in pay. Because of the deep-seated American tradition, most labor statesmen give lip service to the demand for a reduction of the work week.

With some 500,000 members of his union totally unemployed or working short weeks, McDonald has been talking a lot about leading the fight for a 32-hour week. He made a big point of this at the recent Steelworkers convention in Atlantic City. However, when John F. Kennedy, convention guest speaker and presidential candidate, went out of his way to repudiate the proposals, McDonald didn't say a mumbling word.

Nor has he said anything since his very close friend and trusted adviser, Arthur J. Goldberg, recent Kennedy appointee as Secretary of Labor, came out publicly against the shorter work week as a means of combatting unemployment. In the light of his silence can McDonald be taken seriously as a champion of the struggle for the shorter work week? We doubt it! Knowing the man, it is probably McDonald's idea to attempt to disarm the opposition in his union by appearing to be somewhat of a radical himself.

Walter Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers, has often played that game with the 30-for-40 demand. As have Sedition Laws of 1798 to make so many of the other labor statesmen. In thinking and the expression of view of this record it is encouraging to see opinion a federal crime. that the rank-and-file oppositions in both auto and steel have correctly advanced the struggle for the 30-hour week at 40- American Civil Liberties Union hours pay as central to their programmatic pleaded with President Roose-

The Santa Claus Boycott sensitive part of the white supremacist's anatomy-like that of his Yankee cousin in the North — is his pocketbook. "Hit them applied little or no pressure to open-shop cities in the U.S. to a in the pocketbook," is the rallying cry of the Santa Claus boycott.

The boycott has proven an effective in both houses of Congress. companion piece to the sitdown in the arsenal of weapons against the Jim Crow system. Businessmen of cities in the "notso-deep-south" have felt the sharp cutting edge of the boycott weapon and have blanched at the blood-letting suffered by their profit ledgers. Many have come to see the light and some have integrated their lunch counters. Not so the merchants of the Deep South. At least not yet! But judging by the caterwauling and have taken the liberty of con- -combined with the necessity of youth attracted to our movehand-wringing going on in the business densing some of them.—Editor.] to do something about it. ment. In turn, he inspired many community of the Deep South the boycott

And the unkindest cut of all is this most unique of all economic withdrawalsthe Santa Claus boycott.

is beginning to hurt.

### Jim Crow Theaters Must Go!

A few determined individuals fighting for a principle can often achieve results in even the most conservative unions. A case in point is the news that Actor's Equity, the union representing stage performers, has called upon the League of New York Theaters, the organization of stage producers and theater owners, to end segregation on stage or before the footlights, on a nationwide scale.

A movement begun by a few members to amend Rule 23 (B) of the contract has posed pointblank the question of basic principle and succeeded in setting in motion a move to correct what is claimed to be an oversight when negotiating the current contract. Rule 23 (B) now reads:

"The actor shall not be required to perform in any theater in Washington, D.C., where discrimination is practiced against any actor or patron of the theater by reason of his race, color or creed."

The amendment is simply to delete the words "in Washington, D.C." The rule was written into the contract in 1948 when the National Theater in Washington closed its doors to the legitimate theater for several years rather than admit Negroes. Such world-prominent performers as Marion Anderson had refused to appear at the theater because of its Jim Crow policy. Although the theater reopened after changing its policy the original clause remained in the union contract.

The question now arises as to what course Actor's Equity can take in view of the fact that the contract containing the existing clause has been signed. In the event the theater owners and producers refuse to cooperate in amending the clause being forced out of the active and other theatrical unions refuse to join battle temporarily, because he Actor's Equity in forcing the issue it promises to break through the narrow con- fight for what you believe, and fines of contractual relations and become try to practice what you preach. part of the general fight to overthrow Jim Crow in all fields.

Congratulations are due those who through their initiative have succeeded in putting the issue right in the center of the toric role of the working class. civil-rights spotlight.

### "No Defense"

Some of the biggest companies in the electrical manufacturing field, including the corporate giants, Westinghouse and General Electric, have pleaded guilty to criminal antitrust charges. The indictments charged price fixing and rigging of bids on heavy electrical apparatus sold to private and government agencies. The amount involved was close to \$2 billion worth of products for each of three years from 1956 to 1959.

When a pickpocket is seized for snatching a purse, or picking a pocket, summary and swift "justice" is meted out to the culprit. A "stretch up the river" is the usual remedy prescribed for the criminal. But when some of the largest corporations in the world are caught red-handed pilfering millions from the pockets of the public they are permitted to enter into an agreement with the public prosecutor to settle the matter on an amicable basis.

In this instance the corporate pickpockets were permitted to enter pleas of place in the universe - fare-"no defense" on some of the charges and to plead "guilty" on others. The plea of "no defense" is designed to avoid payment of treble damages provided for antitrust law violators.

A number of individuals included in the antitrust law violations come up for sentencing probably in January. No big businessman has ever been jailed for violating those laws. It will be interesting to see what happens.

# One of America's First Smith Act Victims

By Ralph Powers

When Carl Skoglund was called upon to make a farewell speech in Minneapolis on Dec. 28, 1943, at a banquet given in nonor of the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers party and Motor Transport Workers union, Local 544, convicted under the antilabor Smith "Gag" Act, his remarks were brief but pro-

"I can guarantee you," he said, "that we are not the last ones that will go to prison for their political opinions. Many of the best thinkers in the past have gone but I hope that such sacrifices will be reduced to a minimum and that the working class will come to understand and to prevent them."

The 18 victims of the Minneapolis witch-hunt trial were certainly not "the last" to go to prison under the notorious Smith Act, but they were the Before the end of the first. decade, the leaders of the Communist party, who had joined the pack in clamoring for the imprisonment of the 18 were, in turn, placed in the dock and hounded into prison. Although tardy in learning their lesson they later did change their position on defense of all working-class victims of the witch-

Along with his 17 comrades Carl Skoglund was sentenced to 16 months in federal prison at Sandstone, Minnesota, as the first victims of the Smith "Gag" Law.

The Smith Act was adopted in 1940, after the outbreak of World War II. It was the first law since the notorious Alien &

The AFL and CIO opposed its enactment and stigmatized it as an anti-labor measure. The velt to veto the Smith Act because it violated the Bill of Minneapolis trade-union move- June 1941 when a committee of Rights. Its author, Howard W. ment. Members and sympath-Smith of Virginia, gained his izers of the SWP played a leadnotoriety as a savage foe of labor, civil liberties and civil 544. It was under the guidance

the measure, his administration formed from one of the foremost have the veto sustained and the strongly organized union town. Smith Act became law by acGuilty of Dangerous Thoughts



America's first Smith Act victims leave in a body from Socialist Workers party headquarters in Minneapolis Dec. 31, 1943, to march to the U.S. Marshal's office. There they were taken into custody and sent Jan. 3, 1944, to the federal penitentiary at Sandstone, Minn. They served 13 months of their 16 months sentences. In the front rank march Vincent R. Dunne (left) and SWP National Secretary James P. Can-

the Roosevelt government selected to strike down the leadership of Truckdrivers Local 544 and send the 18 to

prison. The prosecution of Carl Skoglund and his comrades arose directly out of the influence of the with Tobin became more acute. Socialist Workers party in the ing role in Truckdrivers Local of this union and its leadership Although Roosevelt vetoed that Minneapolis became trans-

Because of the militant policy came repeatedly into collision This was the weapon that with Dan Tobin, bureaucratic ber.

head of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and an influential labor figure in the Democratic party. With the outbreak of the war in Europe and Roosevelt's preparation to involve this country the clashes

The conflict came to a head in Local 544 leaders was summoned to appear before a meeting of the Teamsters International Executive Board in Washington, D.C. to answer charges of "radicalism" filed against them. There Tobin demanded that the 544 delegation "request" his appointment of a dictator-receiver over the union, with abtion of a reactionary majority of the leaders of Local 544 they solute powers, including the power to expel any union memnon, Immediately behind them are Oscar Coover and Carl Skoglund (right).

Others in the march included Farrell Dobbs, a key figure in the great organizing drives of the Teamsters union, a number of well-known leaders of the Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union Local 544-CIO, and prominent leaders and members of the Socialist Workers party.

Local 544 rejected this proposal and at a regular membership meeting held on June 9, 1941, attended by some 4,000 members, a practically unanimous vote was taken to disaffiliate from the AFL and join the CIO.

Tobin immediately called upon President Roosevelt for the headquarters of the Socialhelp. As a member of the Democratic party's National Commit- apolis and St. Paul, indictments tee and head of the Democratic party Labor Committee in the SWP and of the newly formed 1940 election, Tobin saw eye to Motor Transport and Allied eye with Roosevelt on the war Workers Industrial Union, Local policy of the administration.

Roosevelt quickly responded to the appeal of his friend, the union bureaucrat, faced with a membership revolt.

Stephen · Early, Roosevelt's

press: "When I advised the President of Tobin's representations this morning, he asked me to immediately have the Government departments and agencies interested in this matter notified." (N.Y. Times, June 14, 1941)

This was followed by raids on ist Workers party in Minneand arrests of 29 members of the 44, CIO.

Of the 29 originally indicted, 18 were convicted and sentenced to terms up to 16 months, among them Carl Skoglund who, as a member of the SWP and leader press secretary, informed the of the Truckdrivers played a prominent role in organizing the union and carrying forward the struggle for socialism.

The government took three weeks to present its case in the Minneapolis trial. Aside from For those of us who knew | thoughts and actions pointed in the perjured "evidence" of government informers and stool pigeons the prosecution introduced into evidence over 150 "exhibits" consisting of official documents and articles published by the Socialist Workers fearless man who had the cour- party together with many of the best-known works by Marx. Enwho knew him and worked gels, Lenin and Trotsky. All to with him were indeed fortunate, prove "conspiracy" to teach as was my privilege for 28 and/or advocate the "overthrow years. Carl was always there. of the government by force or violence.

Most of these works were classics translated into many languages and for public sale in countries throughout the world, including these benighted States of America. Among them was the Communist Manifesto, a classic work translated into as many languages as the Bible and sold publicly in about as many

To his dying day Carl Skoglund remained true to the teachstruggle for a new socialist Jack and Kent Sanders world of peace, security and

# Mourn; But Organize

[Out of the many messages | you go!" eceived at the memorial meeting the following selection. We man's past, present and future spiration in the growing number

The party has lost a true and devoted pioneer in whom the best of its tradition was embodied. The working class has lost a sterling fighter and champion.

However, on such an occasion Carl himself would no doubt follow the example of Joe Hill, and say: "Don't mourn, but organize. Organize and build the party, build for the future of mankind."

Hildegarde and Arne Swabeck Los Angeles

The world seems smaller, the numan race is poorer without Carl Skoglund. Inspired in his outh by the socialist ideal, his life in turn becomes an inspiration for young people rebelling against social injustice.

He often experienced hardship and victimization, but he never complained except about lived the only kind of life worth living - the kind where you Detroit SWP

Comradely Carl Skoglund, big, capable, incorruptible, personified in his lifetime the his-Now a part of our heritage, Carl's example and abundant contribution to our movement continues to be for us an undying source of stimulation to progress and confidence in our

Chicago SWP

From those he taught their place in the class struggle to the little ones he taught about the sun and the stars and their well and thanks.

Cleveland SWP

will live with us as an inspiration to carry on the struggle. Newark SWP

with history or - in the ditch cialist.

York Dec. 18, we are publish this meant consciousness of last years he found constant in- of the future.

Carl used to kid about sharng his scientific knowledge with the youngsters at the Mountain Spring Children's Camp, but he much he helped to carry our

Denver SWP

camp program. It was truly remarkable how he studied and prepared for his lectures to the kids. He knew that little science is given to lower grade children and he worked like the teacher of the future. He tried to help those kids zoom into the realm of knowledge. And how proud he was when one of them would throw a question at him that

revealed serious interest. The most gratifying event of the season would be the closing campfire with Skogie on bench telling about man. To a hushed audience, full of hot dogs and chocolate cake, he told those little tykes about the '34 teamsters' strikes, about socialism, sometimes a tale about himself. The kids, to show their love of man, sang Solidarity.

Pearl Spangler Philadelphia

We mourn the death of Carl to know Carl well feel a particular sense of loss. San Francisco SWP

The news of Carl's death saddened all of us here in Los An geles We were particularly for-

tunate at the West Coast Vacation School in September to have his warmth, strength and fresh interest to enliven our of young friends at an informal encampment. Many of the younger comrades came to The young students told us they know and appreciate him for the first time.

as an inspiration for he was a fine example of a worker who recognized the validity of so-We deeply mourn the passing cialist ideas and dedicated his of Carl Skoglund. His life-long life to furthering that ideology. record as a fighter for socialism He was wherever that struggle

of us, both by the example of his own life and by his rich understanding and optimism about the future.

The best possible tribute we can pay to Skogie's memory is knew as well as any of us how by redoubling our efforts to His passing leaves a numbing much he helped to carry our justify his confidence in us, by working even harder to build the kind of a world that he fought for so well and couldn't Detroit Young

Socialist Alliance

It is hard to believe that the staunch fighter for workers rights and a socialist America is gone. Carl leaves us a proud tradition and an example of unflinching devotion to the cause of workers' liberation.

Los Angeles

Joe Ross

An inspiration and pleasure to all who knew him. Though gone from our sight, our Carl will never be forgotten. Allentown SWP

One more from the old guard of class fighters and international working-class citizens has Skoglund, socialist warrior for gone. Let us bring the inover 50 years. Those who came spiring story of these men to the youth who now emerge in growing numbers to undertake the task of principled struggle in the American socialist move-

Milwaukee SWP

It is hard to believe that Car has died. Just three months ago. when Carl was in Seattle he found time to speak to a group gathering at a comrade's home. learned more about the world in an hour with Carl than in all "Skogie" will live on with us their classes in the university Whole growing older, he kept us all young.

Seattle SWP

Carl's life represented to us required him to be; in railroad everything that was decent in yards, driving a truck, in the this filthy society that we live unemployed organizations, in in today. His work represents the leadership of organizing the the continuity of Marxism from One of Carl's favorite sayings teamsters, in prison, and at all the Russian Revolution up to was, "Either you are in touch times a thinking and acting so-with history or — in the ditch cialist.

Los Angeles SWP a Marxist at all times. All his continued. "Furthermore," the NCFDA immediate collective bar and congressional action.

He prided himself on being in Skogie, his death creates a void only one direction - the socialng for Carl Skoglund in New touch with history and to Carl that cannot be filled. During his ist revolution and the society

Boston SWP

Carl was a truly great and age to live as he believed. Those Jack Maloney

We mourn Carl's passing. We remember his selfless devotion and unflinching courage. They have become a part of the basic substance of our party. San Diego SWP

Skogie was a very polite and generous man. At times he was strict. But he was strict be- ing of the great Marxist masters cause he didn't want anything and neither government perto harm us. Skogie also gave secution nor imprisonment could us lectures on science every shake his faith in the ultimate Thursday at children's camp. victory of the working class We will miss him very much. Oakland, Calif.

### plenty for all. Auto Group Calls

(Continued from Page 1) period of layoff; corporation payment of expenses and costs to workers resulting from plant relocation; contracts of no more than two years duration, with wages and other economic issues to be reopened in the interim year.

On the legislative front, the NCFDA urged the UAW to seek the following program from Congress:

(1) Amend the wage-hour law to provide the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay.

(2) Lower retirement age to

60 and pass the Forand bill. (3) Increase jobless compenation and pay it to unemployed during entire period of layoff. (4) Repeal all antilabor laws, ncluding Taft-Hartley and

Landrum-Griffin. (5) Enact a federal civilrights law.

(6) Pass laws to improve housing, schools, hospitals, etc.

(8) Jobs for the unemployed at trade-union wages.

year and the dismal failure of the International Union of Electrical Workers strike at General Electric, as well as our 1958 failure, call for united and determined action by all labor."

It therefore called on the UAW board to ask the AFL-CIO executive board to "immediately convene a national conference of all AFL-CIO unions, to include rank-andfile delegates elected on a per capita basis, to:

"(1) Formulate a united labor program and utilize the entire resources of the AFL-CIO for a determined campaign for jobs for all who want to work through establishment of the 30hour week with 40-hours pay and elimination of overtime with people laid off.

"(2) Formulate a united legislative program for the incoming Congress which will include the above legislative program [proposed for the UAW].

"(3) Establish a united AFL-(7) Tax cuts for working CIO and all-inclusive labor strike fund, democratically controlled, which will guarantee the implementation (9) Peace with disarmament, united labor program through "Furthermore," the NCFDA immediate collective bargaining

## Kennedy's Billion-Dollar Cabinet They Stole Encouraging Gain for Socialism

By Joseph Keller

All sectors of the American press are making their appraisals of President-elect John F. Kennedy's cabinet. One of the very few dissents from the almost unanimous approbation is voiced by that melancholy liberal columnist Murray Kempton in the Dec. 12 New York Post. He called it "the dimmest cabinet since Buchanan's" and asserted that with a single exception "there is not a man on it to whom the slightest response is possible." This may be an accurate psychological description. As a sociological appraisal it is dead wrong.

Kennedy's choice is the most glittering, blue-chip, 24-carat, diamond-studded, billion-dollar cabinet ever to be assembled. By comparison, Roosevelt's wartime cabinet, headed by U.S. Steel Chairman Edward Stettinius as Secretary of State and President Eisenhower's first cabinet, starring General Motors' Charles E. Wilson as Secretary of Defense, were poor men's clubs.

The new team contains direct agents or heirs of the greatest aggregate of wealth ever to be given joint control of the federal administration. The list speaks for itself:

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, set up by the billionaire Standard Oil family.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Republican and president of the Ford Motor Company.

the Eisenhower administration. hard put to pick flaws in Ken- FDR."

President-elect and like him a capitalist interests. Walter Lipp- the next period is going to learn for Dobbs too. principal heir to one of the ten mann, political savant of the Re- that truth in its flesh and bones. greatest American fortunes, esti- publican New York Herald Kennedy's cabinet already sugmated at more than \$400 million, Tribune, writing in the Dec. 20 gests what an aggressive, ruth- about the vote on which I can with financial holdings in a vast issue on "The Cabinet Com- less, antilabor capitalist gang have no possibility of a doubtpleted," candidly admits: ramification of corporations.

The appointee first made his was counsel for the Senate nedy and such modern and big business.

the bitter cold. Most of them

shoddy uniforms.

doors.

were dressed only in their

While the police were

rounding up the shivering

children and herding them

back, another 13 broke out

and scattered into the snow.

It was not hard for New

these children, too, and soon

they were back behind locked

were bitten, scratched and had them?

tices [and] were considerably

below the level desired." A

oversee the work of assistant in-

traced to this type of food.

conditions and operating prac- of the foundation.

government spokesman said polluted state of this country's

that "up to now" no outbreaks streams as a "national dis-

either above him, or below him. feed. Kennard had previously

The American Way of Life



Did Kennedy select "the

dimmest cabinet since Buch-

union-probing committee

headed by Senator John L.

McClellan, which initiated the

antilabor Kennedy-Landrum-

Girls Break Out of Jail

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, while Youth House for Girls is a to hold 105 inmates. Its

New York City lay prostrate private agency, run by the present population is 180-al-

under its first winter storm, boards of directors of Protes- most double its capacity. A

seven to 16 years old. Mark

that, seven-year-old tots! In

this whole sordid story, that is

the single most shocking fact.

snatched from their parents and

made wards of the state - dis-

Youth House was designed

It Was Reported in the Press

generally "revealed sanitary country," said a fellow officer the floor when the Senate meets jury. Huseby said, as for him-

Leroy E. Burney declared Dec. people queried in a study said

He keeps his nose nestled close applied for, admission to the Job Opportunity - The Flori- Mallery declared: "This lawsuit

under the coattails of those state's all-white Southern Uni- da State Employment Service is but an incident . . . in the

above, and his feet firmly versity. Medgar Evans, NAACP has a job open for a sender for over-all Negro crusade to judi-

planted on the heads of those field secretary, called the con- the inside of the cones of space cially deprive white people of

underneath, and if he maintains viction a "mockery" of justice, missiles. The job pays \$3 to \$4 their right to choose their as-

tenced to 30 days in jail and who can squeeze through a

"contempt of court" and sen- The applicant must be a midget fairs."

ten-inch hole in the missle.

Pollution — Describing the token battle."

paragraph from Pat Frank's Clyde Kennard, a Negro poul-novel, "Mr. Adam": "I recog- try farmer, was sentenced to swer to whether the opportunity

nized Klutz as one of the public seven years at hard labor by a to see commercials was one of

servants who has no equals. He Forest County, Miss., court on the reasons why people watch

has only superiors or inferiors. a charge of "agreeing to the TV. Thirteen per cent replied

Everybody is neatly tagged theft of \$25 worth of chicken "yes" and 87 per cent "no."

of food poisoning have been grace," U.S. Surgeon General ports that 54 per cent of the their fellow man."

and once again the cops were necessary, by psychiatric or society shape them?

"crimes" can seven-

Griffin Act.

progressive Republicans as Gov. Rockefeller. stood this. But President Eisenhower did not, and when he intervened in the campaign he misrepresented wholly the economic philosophy of Kennedy in regard to the budget, spending and saying, gold and the lives in. . . .

Eisenhower, it has been re-Scripps-Howard newspapers on Republican parties. Dec. 17 reported Eisenhower's changed views after his threehour conference with the President-elect. The president's remarks are directly quoted:

"I didn't know this man [Kennedy] at all. I've been misinformed about him. I feel more comfortable now about the future of this nation."

If Eisenhower still has any lingering regret that his candi- adopted that day. date Nixon lost, he can console himself at least in one respect.

stead, registered Republican Dillon [Kennedy's Treasury Secretary] probably would have been his selection for Secretary of State."

But Eisenhower wasn't the Postmaster General J. Edward only person misinformed about Secretary of the Treasury C. Day, vice president of the \$11- Kennedy. The American work- I know another voter in this Douglas Dillon, son of the billion Prudential Insurance Co. ers were even more deceived, precinct who worked for many polled its best presidential vote founder of the Wall Street in- Secretary of Commerce Lu- They were told by most of the long weeks collecting petitions so far and won a higher vote vestment-banking firm of Dillon, ther H. Hodges, governor of se- union leaders that this cold, to put Dobbs on the ballot, and than any of the four other minor Read & Co. The new Treasury gregationist North Carolina and calculating, power-hungry, class- who campaigned actively for parties on the ballot [SLP, Tax socialist tickets were general learning that an effective means the campaign was not simply an Ion, Read & Co. before acting Marshall Field's largest South- was a "friend of labor," a "lib- day of the campaign. If any- American], these returns were don't subscribe to socialist be- against both Nixon and Ken- dicated by the significant numthen Undersecretary of State in Even the Republican press is mold of Jefferson, Lincoln and Dobbs, she did.

holds the summits of political mine. "The selection of Douglas power in Washington.

mark as the Democratic coun- Dillon confirms the view, which This cabinet may well be, in sel hired by the late Senator some of us expressed during the columnist Kempton's words, the McCarthy for the infamous campaign, that in general eco- "dimmest cabinet" - for the witch-hunting Senate Sub- nomic philosophy there is no workers. It will certainly seek committee. Subsequently he serious difference between Ken- to be the most brilliant ever for

# ockefeller. "Mr. Nixon, I think, under- My Vote By George Breitman

balance of payments. The truth, at Linwood and Hogarth, a total socialist presidential vote as was evident to anyone who block from my home in Detroit, since 1948. cared to seek it, is that Kennedy in order to cast my ballot as a Official returns credited the is a conservative of the age he registered voter in the 10th Socialist Workers ticket with 40,ward, 22nd precinct.

vealed, now regrets his great er- position to social injustice, war, states, were credited with 47,ror in judgment about Kennedy, recessions and racial oppression, 549 votes. "Heard in Washington" I naturally did not vote for any [The UPI listed 39,692 votes column of the pro-Nixon candidates of the Democratic or for the SWP and 48,031 for the

> ticket of the Socialist Workers party, beginning with its Wisconsin.] presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs.

I also voted against increas- for president in 1948. ing the state sales tax and In that year, out of a total against holding an unrepresent- socialist vote of 182,271 Norman ative constitutional convention Thomas of the Socialist party re--two referendum measures ceived 139,414. The SWP polled which unfortunately were 13,613 votes in 11 states.

against the sales tax and consti- down to 7,233. As the Dec. 26 Newsweek notes: tutional convention were count-"If Vice President Richard ed. But I do know that my Nixon . . . had been elected in- vote for Dobbs was not counted. How can I be so sure?

Because I went to the county clerk's office and asked how many votes Dobbs had got in the 10th ward, 22nd precinct. The answer was

In addition, she and I have Attorney General Robert F. nedy's cabinet as reliable, de
These were lies on the face of been told by some other voters 3,387; Frank Lovell, for U.S. This sentiment was also regis-Kennedy, younger brother of the voted defenders of the ruling it and American labor during in this precinct that they voted

> But I leave them all aside. The point I am making here is

I cast it for Dobbs. The election officials did not count it. therefore accuse them of

There are 5,075 precincts in gubernatorial candidate polled Escalator Clause Michigan alone. I don't know 5,518 votes. how many hundreds of thousands there are in the country.

### Typical Thieves

many votes were robbed if my been received. Nor has there upon his living standards. precinct is typical; and I have been a report of the write-in Yet there has been no effective no reason to think the Demovotes for Erroll Banks, Con- legislation to come from our

tions which they revealed. Why if there had been an honest -in this largest city in the count; I know as well as anycountry, its boasted cultural one else that socialist voters center, the home of the United are still a small minority in Nations, the financial heart of

this country. year-old babies be guilty of? the world — why do we treat the richest capitalist country in What I am saying is that Are they "dependent" children, our children with such cruelty? while they are a minority, they are more numerous than And Tokyo What is a "juvenile delin-"the official vote" indicates. York's "finest" to capture turbed babies already in revolt quent"? Is it the youth of to-

And what I am thinking, as Robots, mechanical and huagainst this society - who can- day who is delinquent, or the I try to control the indignation man have been in the news in financial worries. As Senator not be placed in foster homes? society he was born in? Most I feel about my vote being France and Japan. Is prison the answer to a sociologists blame the parents stolen, is this:

When word seeped through problem which should be dealt for the rise in juvenile crime. If the Democrats and Repubthe prison that all the girls had with by raising the standard of What then makes the parents licans don't hesitate to commit Renault auto plant when an been captured, rioting spread living to a decent level, or, if delinquent? Didn't the same fraud with the voters of a small electronic computer was used to workers party, how far will they select 3,000 workers to be fired. medical help as would be done Under capitalism, profits are go, what crimes will they com-It is reported that the police in a society which loves its chil- sacred, humanity expendable. It mit, in order to prevent a big cut back production, it fed -Marvel Scholl power?

avoid jurors of Jewish or Irish

descent because, "I believe they

Seattle Negro couple against a

Jim Crow cemetery, Washington

Suprème Court Judge Joseph

but for inadequate Democratic self, "I like the stern, Nordic

support to make it more than a type of juror."

"It is tragic for the they would prefer their televi- Advance Warning - Dis-

### By Harry Ring

The 1960 socialist presidential vote represents an encouraging Dobbs trend. A total of 87,723 votes were cast for Dobbs and Weiss of the Socialist Workers party and Hass and Cozzini of the Socialist On Nov. 8 I entered a church Labor party. It was the largest

174 votes in 12 state. The Social-Wanting to express my op- ist Labor party, which ran in 16

SLP. The discrepancy appears Instead I voted for the due to transposition by the UPI of the SLP and SWP votes in

> For the SWP it was the biggest vote since it first contested

The 1960 returns for SWP state tickets were also encouraging. Like the national vote, they represented gains over previous years.

In New Jersey, Gladys Barker Grauer, candidate for the U.S. Senate, polled 11,784 votes. The SLP candidate for the same office was credited with 3,840

votes.

Robert Himmel, for governor, support. for auditor general, 2,635. (We dates. have not received returns for

the SLP candidates in Michigan.) In Minnesota, Carl Feingold Remember, I am talking drew 4,085 votes for U.S. Senabout just one little precinct. At ator in a contest that included least two, maybe four or five, Dobbs votes were stolen there. Cratic vote-getter. The SLP

Jack Wright, Socialist Work- For the Aged ers candidate for governor of Washington, was officially cred- Editor: ited with 992 votes.

with 30-mile northwest winds tant, Jewish and Catholic charismirling the dry snow into a blizzard, 17 young inmates of children already committed to the Bronx Youth House for "correctional" and custodial intook his keys and escaped into the bitter cold. The inmates are girls from the bitter cold. Meet of them took his keys and escaped into the bitter cold. Meet of them took in which they revealed. Why

# Robot Era

protest was kicked up at the

had their hands full — they dren instead of being afraid of is long past time to reverse that workers party from being punch cards summarizing the A New Year's Card elected to office and taking dossiers of 40,000 workers into the "magic brain." The cards Editor: were said to contain such in- There is currently a move- hating gangsters in their monformation as quality of work, ment underway to support the key filibuster sessions? You Disappointed TV Dinner Anyone? - A and \$75,000 a year for one that Dec. 15 New York Times article he knows one attorney "who that political outlook was not we would like Militant readers care what a Republic or a Defederal survey of plants pro- pays a piddling \$25,000. It's concluded: "Prospects at present absolutely will not allow a one of the factors fed into the to help in this campaign by just mocracy means. Honestly, a grieved at the showing of the ducing frozen precooked foods tough on him but good for the are for a flurry of maneuver on curly-headed man" to sit on a machine.)

#### minutes the electronic pinkslip dispenser sifted out the names of those to be fired.

While union representatives TV Poll - A Gallup poll re- have too much compassion for met with management to protest the electronic-age layoff, old-fashioned hell broke loose, your paper, Definition - A West German world's richest, most powerful sion without advertising. How-covery of life on other planets Enraged workers stormed the official gave this definition of and most technologically ad- ever, 29 per cent were in favor, could lead to the collapse of lobby of the plant office, official gave this definition of and most technologically and the technologically are the the technologica are civil servants assigned to nest, limit its own growth, and weren't accounted for in the ticularly if we are "confronted turned furniture."

assist chief inspectors and to threaten the health of its published report, perhaps be- by a superior society," the Nacause they were in such a state tional Aernautics and Space to prevent them from getting of commercial-induced stupor Administration warned in a 190- into the hall where the computer Editor: Which recalls a Contempt in Mississippi— that they couldn't answer. The page report prepared at a cost is kept.

### Battle Briefings

wartime jargon."

Jim Crow Judge — In an Meanwhile, a Tokyo ball- erties, including his right to opinion on a suit brought by a bearing plant reported that it vote. Since 1949 he has been had hiked production on a mili- afraid to speak to anyone about tary basis.

"The whole operation . . . is this day he is afraid of reprisals. carried on like a battle cam- In 1949 he attended a "Free Editor: paign," said a Reuters dispatch. Puerto Rico" rally in Puerto Now that the Militant has New socialist states are coming The workmen dress in uniforms Rico. Shortly after, he and a more readers, due to the success into existence in Asia, Africa which closely resemble the old number of his friends were vis- of the subscription drive and the and Latin America. this balance for 30 years he gets He was immediately tried for an hour, plus transporation, sociates in their private afforms and they wear shoulder ily were warned to cease and ford to change the format into nessed the fall of capitalism in ensigns or gold stripes according desist from this political protest, something more modern. Thought for the Week- to rank. Workers literally march ("Show of ingratitude toward Also, in the meanwhile, you now becomes clear that the "Milk cows before fallout oc- to their job. Orders are barked the United States," one agent could pare down the size of the world has entered a new era, the the Rockefeller Foundation to Rights Fighters — Analyzing Public Defender — Cass curs. You may not be able to out in true sergeant-major style, said!) . masthead type for the words, era of transition from capital-become Secretary of State, he the prospects for revision of County State Attorney Lyle do so for a day or two after- The lower ranks salute their of- He was told that he and his "The Militant," since in the pres- ism to socialism.

### 1960 Socialist Presidential Vote

STATE	SOCIALIST WORKERS	LABOR	TOTAL
Arizona		469	469 .
California		1,050	1,050
Colorado	572	2,803	3,375
Delaware		110	110
Illinois		10,560	10,560
Indiana		1,136	1,136
Iowa	634	230	864
Massachusset	ts	3,892	3,892
Michigan	4,347	1,718	6,065
Minnesota	3,077	962	4,039
Montana	391		391
New Jersey	11,402	4,262	15,664
New Mexico		570	570
New York	14,319		14,319
North Dakot	a 158		158
Pennsylvania	2,678	7,185	9,863
Utah	100	2	100
Virginia		397	397
Washington	704	10,895	11,599
Wisconsin	1,792	1,310	3,102
TOTAL	40,174	47,549	87,723

state basis reflect the revival of ballot choice to the two major TV time than in previous cam-In 1952, the SWP vote dropped socialist consciousness that has parties, 46,952 people who went paigns, the appearances of the I don't know, if my votes to 10,312 and in 1956 it was been apparent in the country to the polls didn't vote for either SWP nominees drew more mail the past several years.

> gave shamefaced support to ist column if the socialist can-literature for distribution. Kennedy and Johnson.

and supporters of these two tendencies ignored the treach-In Michigan, where the SWP, erous advice to support capitalist politicians and voted socialist.

reported for statewide candi- liefs but correctly view both nedy. major candidates as unworthy of

Senator, 3,282; Evelyn Sell, for tered in the "abstention" lieutenant governor, 2,967; Larry column. According to official Dolinski, for secretary of state, reports, 224,931 people across district where a recount was the Federal Food and Drug Ad-3,225; Rita Shaw, for attorney the country did not mark the made, 61 SWP presidential votes ministration has authorized the general, 3,096; Harriet Talan, presidential column of their were "discovered" that had not use of artificial vanilla in ice for treasurer, 2,679; Edith Gbur, ballot, yet voted for other can- been included in the first official cream. It also approved the use

In Ohio, where arbitrary peti- and Minnesota districts where bets.

cialist vote on a national and tion requirements restricted the While they had less radio and presidential candidate.

didates had had adequate Both Farrell Dobbs and Myra cialist.

air time granted them excluded greater number of young people.

Some of the votes cast for the a big part of the electorate from That the interest displayed in

> the vote officially credited to the socialist tickets is not a complete one.

For example, in one Wisconsin

campaigners definitely knew that votes had been cast for Dobbs and Weiss, not a single vote was reported in the official return. The SLP reports similar experiences.

Nevertheless, even the official count is heartening. For the Dobbs-Weiss ticket, it reflected the growing desire for united socialist political action that was so impressively registered in the declaration of support to the ticket by 65 prominent independents and unaffiliated socialists from New York to Califor-

These included such noted figures as Vincent Hallinan, Dr. Otto Nathan, Rev. William T. Baird, Warren K. Billings, Conrad J. Lynn, Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein and Rev. Joseph P. King.

Finally, the vote won for the Socialist Workers ticket by its hard-working campaigners, proved to be but one expression of the gains registered for socialism.

responses than in any previous The gain at the polls had In Illinois 54,599 voters didn't election. Their vigorous defense added significance in view of see enough difference between of the Cuban Revolution the fact that leaders of two radi- Kennedy and Nixon to make it brought many requests for furcal groupings - the Communist worth while to vote for either. ther information about the SWP party and the Socialist Party- These abstentionist votes platform and an unprecedented Social Democratic Federation— might have gone into the social- number of requests for campaign

However, some members means to bring their message to Tanner Weiss spoke to more authe entire public. But the gen- diences and larger ones in this eral news blackout on socialist campaign than in any previous candidates in the daily press ones and, particularly heartenand the absolute minimum of ing, these audiences included a

> ber of new regular readers It should also be noted that which the Militant gained.

#### Ersatz Vanilla

Bowing to industry demands,

## Letters from Our Readers

The aged, unlike the worker, Returns for the Pennsylvania is completely powerless to fight Puerto Rican prayer for a better Figure out for yourself how state SWP ticket have not yet the disastrous effects of inflation life.

they be given a program which pensions to rise or fall in relation to the cost of living. Such a program would assure tical approach.

our aged the economic security isting legislation. It is our obligation to see to it

that the aged are free from any Barry Goldwater so aptly put it: "Scalawags" In Paris, a storm of angry me when I'm old, I'll whale the Editor: tar out of them. D.M.T.

Fresno, Calif.

# When management decided to Still Time to Send

ability, attitude toward rules courageous antiwar stand of know they should have been and regulations, plus tardiness Robert E. McGrath, a pacifist disqualified and impeached as By SWP Vote and absentee record. (Plant who is now serving two years in representatives of whites only. spokesmen insisted to newsmen prison for "draft evasion" and I doubt you know, much less Editor: adding one name to their Christ- group of 12-year-old school chil- Socialist Workers party in the At any rate, in a matter of mas card list. His address is: dren might administer better election, but nevertheless we Robert E. McGrath

Box 1000 Sandstone Prison Sandstone, Minn.

Brian Peterson Iowa City, Iowa

## A battery of guards managed Under Harassment

deprive himself of his civil lib- spiracy I know of. any political question and to Time for a Change?

will be giving up a job that is filibuster Rule 22 when the Huseby told the North Dakota wards." - The United States ficers and get battle briefings in friends, all of whom are veter- ent period the masthead sub-

veterans' benefits if they per- Interests of the Working Peoanywhere and would be brand- less concrete "The Militant" ed "Communists."

This is the answer to the

Since the elections I have been reading the Militant and the Weekly People and I'm still covering American dead. the Weekly People and I'm still would allow the amount of their not clear on the differences bedoes seem to have a more prac-

One difference I can see is that they are now denied under ex- the Militant seems to have a sense of humor while the Weekly People is rather grim. J.B.

New York

Congress, I wrote: Each and all stitution. I ask why have you fourth, the profiteers. violated that pledge of trust and joined with those Southern race-

ation of all candidates on your see a Socialist America. We hope you will print this stuck-together Siamese Twin information in the next issue of parties and then have the little- subscription to the Militant. ness of soul to brag. (Ours are free elections.) Further, you fortify your political deviltry by appointing watch-dog committees to harass and intimidate those who might expose your frauds.

For illustration, consider your For eleven years a Puerto mittee." That, by its very nature, Rican friend of mine has had to is the most un-American con-A. C. Gregerson

Filmore, Utah

ans, would be deprived of their title, "Published Weekly in the

part of the title.

New York

### The Four P's

When you see the photographed battle scenes of the last war

tween you, although the Militant But in reality war causes men chaplains into every war picture. to curse God. Fox holes multiply atheists.

> fy the draft. How can one ever have faith

Without the three prostitutes

of you were elected and pledged -press, pulpit and politicianby oath of honor to uphold, de- there would be no war. And to fend and preserve our U.S. Con- the three "P's" we can add the

Los Angeles

As a student I am deeply government. You political scal- should strive to get the party awags monopolize the conven- where it belongs. I hope the tion halls and control the nomin- time will come when we shall

New York

### "A New Era"

We live in an eventful age when social changes develop "Un-American Activities Com- with great and growing speed. Old social forms which have always been considered natural, immutable and everlasting, are crumbling right before our eyes.

cialism, has succeeded capitalism over a large section of the earth. This new society is gaining strength from year to year.

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