BEHIND THE HEADLINES ON 'BIG SWITCH' - !

# The PW exchange: **Brutality or bunk?**

The exchange of prisoners in Korea is over—except for the disposition of PW's who have rejected repatriation and the 27,000 who were illegally released by Syngman Rhee. In the weeks of the exchange, the U.S. press carried lurid head-lines and stories of atrocities, death marches, starvation and brutality inflicted on U.S. PW's by the North Koreans and the Chinese. Do these stories have validity? If they do not, why were they told? The GUARDIAN will attempt in two articles (of which this is the first) to answer these questions. The research for these articles turned up scores of stories—released by N. Korean and Chinese news agencies—of atrocities inflicted on PW's in UN-manned camps. If these stories (many of which were reported in Australian correspondent Wilfred Burchett's book Koje Unscreened, GUARDIAN, 5/18/53) are in tenth part true—and they are too well documented to be dismissed—they form a damning indictment. These articles, however, will be confined to the just-completed PW exchange as reported in the U.S. press, because these are the stories America has read. has read.

# **By James Aronson**

TWENTY months ago, on Jan. 2, 1952, United Press sent out this dispatch quoting the NBC correspondent in Tokio:

okio: Special officers are now reading all letters sent out of Communist camps by American prisoners... These offi-cers look for . . any evidence that the doughboys have succumbed to the Communist line... Officers espe-cially selected and trained are now ready to interrogate our soldiers after they are released. they are released.

In April, 1953, Operation Little Switch began; 149 sick and injured Americans were exchanged—and UP elaborated:

[The Army] is ready with a pro-gram to "reorient" to the American way of life any released prisoners who may have succumbed to Com-munist propaganda.... Medical offi-cers gave assurances that any psy-chiatric cases will be spotted at the screening process the soldiers will go through ofter their release through after their release. . .

ICE-CREAM WASH: The great brain de-washing was on. The specially-trained officers, armed with ice-cream



within an inch of my life! Torchered with book readin'! Surrounded by convoited G. L's!"

cones and comic books, descended on the stretcher cases. Some GI's, too sick

the stretcher cases. Some GI's, too sick or bewildered, spurned the ice cream. Others apparently failed the test in other ways; AP reported (5/1): A plane load of repatriated Ameri-can PW's from Korea, designated by the Air Force as "victims of Commu-nist propaganda," arrived [at San Francisco] under a cloak of military secrecy. The cloak of secrecy was clamped down when the plane left Tokyo. The Air Force said it was or-dered by the Pentagon. But there was a leak: it was revealed

But there was a leak: it was revealed that 23 GI's were being flown to Valley Forge Army Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa., for psychiatric treatment. The GI's were outraged; their families stormed the hospital; newspapers wrote indig-nant editorials—and the Army passed the buck. It admitted the story, denied it, then said the hospitalization was routine. The Los Angeles Mirror (5/4) quoted one Army doctor:

"I don't know where this idea started, but there's one thing for sure —we're not running a damned laun-dromat here."

29,000 PROPAGANDISTS: The protest forced the Army to backtrack-to deep-

er secrecy. What has happened to the Valley Forge G<sub>1</sub>'s? It is impossible to get accurate information, but the N.Y. **Times** (8/13) offered a hint in a Washington dispatch:

ngton dispatch: Reports have persisted, only partly confirmed, that some of these earlier returned prisoners remain under offi-cial surveillance even though released from the armed services. [A] Pen-tagon official said Army medical authorities would certainly be inter-ested in having talks with any [sub-sequently] returned prisoners who appear to have accepted the "Com-munist line." The Pentagon was worried. As the date or Operation Big Switch approached,

for Operation Big Switch approached, it disclosed that American PW's in N. Korean camps had written 29,000 letters home and that "virtually all these let-ters contained Communist propaganda to some degree." One degree may have been the universal reassurances the PW's gave their families that they had enough to eat, got adequate medical care and were being treated decently.

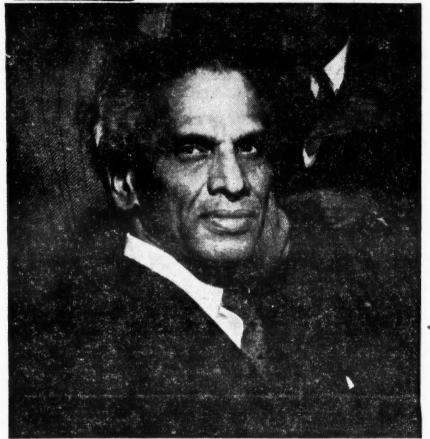
"THEY WILL BE WATCHED": Armed with this information and with the lessons of Little Switch, the Army pre-pared for Big Switch. UP reported (8/1) that military concore would forbid rethat military censors would forbid re-turning prisoners from

The statements will be required to a sign statements that the graves and the censorship rules. The statements will bind the prison-ers even after they return home and talk with newsmen working outside military censorship [to keep them

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# The face of half the world

While the Western whiteskins who for centuries have ruled humanity play verbal cart-and-horse to justify their dominating policies before the UN world parliament, Asia—here represented by chief Indian delegate V. K. Krishna Menon—watches, waits and insists on thinking for itself. India, Burma and Indonesia, the great Asian neutrals representing twice the population of all North America, support Soviet proposals on Asia because these accord with Asian interests. Yet "Dulles is still convinced," notes Le Monde (9/19), "that right and God are on his side. The attitude is lacking, to say the least, in realism."

# Washington's attempt to destroy the UN Charter meets wide resistance; Attlee denounces `intolerance' of U.S. policy

# By Tabitha Petran

"THE UNITED STATES," said Business Week 4 years ago (10/22/49), "has commanded bigger and bigger majorities in the United Nations to justify its crusade against communism. ... Basically UN is a U.S. structure.... The U.S. gets what it pays for."

The conversion of UN into an instru-ment of this "crusade" produced a profound crisis, which has burst into the open with the initial efforts to settle the open with the initial efforts to settle the Korean War. Now a crucial battle is being fought in the UN General Assembly (see p. 3) to restore UN to its original purpose—a universal arena to seek agreement. Only if that is achieved can Washington's policy be peacefully readjusted to realities. The hottle is joined against a back-

The battle is joined against a back-ground of the illegal pinning in June, 1950, of the UN label on U.S. interven-tion in Korea, and of UN's obedient condemnation of China as an "aggres--a resolution which has since been washington's chief pretext for refusing to negotiate any settlement in Asia. Now Washington is moving swiftly to block UN from winning back its inde-pendence, which the Korean truce marking the failure of the U.S. policy

of force-gives it an opportunity to do. Divide the Workld: In Boston last month Secy. Dulles, attacking the UN Charter as "obsolete before it actually came into force," said the U.S. would seek revision of the Big 5 unanimity principle (the "veto") because of the "inadequacy of an organization whose effective functions depend upon coeffective functions depend upon co-operation with a nation dominated by an international party seeking world domination." Determination to tighten U.S. control over UN could not have been more clearly signaled. As an earlier Secy. of State, George Marshall, told Congress in 1948, elimination of



The hunting season has opened.

the veto "would destroy the present world organization" and divide the world into "rival military alliances" in preparation for World War III.

United Nations photo

Senate Majority leader Knowland spoke even more plainly. After repeated threats to pull the U.S. out of UN if China is admitted (a resolution to this effect has been moved in the Senate but at the President's request not voted but at the President's request not voted on), he said (8/21) that the U.S.S.R.'s "admission" of aid to China in the Korean War should have been used "to throw Russia out of UN." Last week the Assembly voted to debate agenda items laying the groundwork for a Charter revision conference in 1955. This suggested that Washington conference unplate on eventual ultimatum te contemplates an eventual ultimatum to the Soviet bloc to accept dilution of the veto or get out.

THE NAKED CLOWN: The immediate THE NAKED CLOWN: The immediate center of Washington's drive to prevent restoration of an independent peace-seeking UN is the fight to bar UN from any role in settling the Korean War, and to keep China out. Even U.S. cor-respondents admit the majority in UN oppose this unrealistic stand. Ludwell

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# Polio and diet

Polio and unc. MIAMI, FLA. Nour article on "The facts about pole" (9.7) shows that you know as fittle about preventing "dis-ease" as about 98% of the world hnow about "How we are robbed." You do not seem to understand that the medical profession [is] a big money-making racket... There is only one disease... the accumulation of waste, or poison ... within... Elimination of this mode from the body is the only unc. Utrecht from the body is the only Wm. Utrecht remetiy.

HAVERHILL, MASS. ... Defend the Medical Society, the serums, the research; but I shall fight against these things is long as the good God gives me life and breath. Mina I. Lewiss .

### CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO, ILL. The enclosures (articles from un-mand publication on "the racket" of "pollo 'bug' hunters [who] are no rearer finding the pollo 'virus' today than in 1938—because no such bug exists") are self-explanatory. C. A. Hubbard Naturapathic specialist

. MIAMI, FLA. Poliomylitis is practically non-existent in countries where the people cat food that has not been devitalized [and] rendered unfit for devitalized janu, fungi. insects, bacteria and fungi. David W. Lippert

David W. Lipper-The above is a selection from letters received—far too long for this page—attacking the pollo ar-ticle. The source of our informa-tion is a doctor whose status as a top pollo research man we have no reason to challenge. Ed.

# **Returning PW's**

Returning PW's LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. It appears to me that you are by the set up an "Allegiance to by the set up an "Allegiance to by the set up an "Allegiance to by the mistreatment of Chinese of the capitalist press, there was no to discredit the stories. In-stead of admitting that "all are to tangels in North Korea." you completely disregard the statements the returning Yaks. Edward A. Fritz Stories failt by association"

# "Guilt by association"

"Guilt by association" CINCINNATI, OHIO The question of "guilt by asso-ciation" is very serious and should be given serious consideration. Association does not mean the subjection in mind and spirit or one person to another or to party discipline. Frotestant, Catholic and Jew associate with each other without any one becoming a con-vert to the others' views. Demo-erats associate with Republicans without doing too much harm to either party.

either party. Yet, if we pursue this idiotic iden, then any day you could be charged and convicted for associat-ing with a Catholic, Democrat, Protestant, Jew or Republicsn-all depending upon who was in power ther Yet.

# How crazy can you get dept.

From here on, the word "re-actionary" will always have a special meaning, a good mean-ing every American is proud of. A "reactionary" has become someone who fights for progress, Bditorial in The Machinist, Intl. Assn. of Machinista organ, Sept. 10.

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and how far they wanted to go to stay in power or control. We in the labor movement know there is no such thing as "guilt by association." We have worked and associated with people, in sweat-shops, who have when the shop was organized received the benefits of the union by getting 30 and 40c an hour increase, better working conditions, more paid va-cation, better insurance plan, etc.; then they turn out to be stooges for the boss, doing all in their power to destroy the union and the gains it has got for the workers. Then how can we say people are futured by "association"? If bet-ter working conditions, more money for bread, butter and clothes for our children, will not influence a person-what will? Reue! Stanifield "Appropriate officers"

"Appropriate officers"

# "Appropriate officers" MARTFORD, CONN: On Mar. 7 I. sent to President Eisenhower Resolution 18 (on out-hawing atomic weapons) of the 18th hatl. Red Cross Conference. On Mar. 28 I sent it to Secy. of State Dulles. On June 16 Howard A. Cook, Chief, Divn. of Fublic Liaison, worde me that my "views have been brought to the attention of ap-propriate officers." On June 23 (ap-propriate about me from my next-door neighbor. On July 8 two FBH agents accosted me 10 steps from the Hartford city streets on New Haven Railcoad property. Bennics in a inar

Pennies in a jar

# **Pennics in ... COLUMBUS, O.** Sorry we had to hold out on you this long—but here's the buck for the pledge. We'll increase it if we can. We find putting coins in a jar at day's end a good idea, only we've been doing it for milk and bread money for quite a while. Ruth Hamlin

# Agronsky vs. Black

Agronsky vs. Black POCATELLO, IDAHO No wonder the general public gets a wrong slant on the Rosen-berg case when a man with the reputation of ABC correspondent Martin Agronsky can write-reply-ing to my letter to him pointing out that the Supreme Court never reviewed the case: "Facts show it did—at least three times." I decided it would be a waste of time to educate this poor dope who apparently won't fead Justice Black's opinion (GUARDIAN, 6/29). Margaret Driggs

# Against the know-nothings

Against the know-nothings DES MOINES, IOWA Because those who profit from wars are being found out, and fear their profits are endangered, they are fighting harder than ever to heep the truth away from the common work-a-day people who when given the truth can be de-pended on to do what is right and good. Decent humane people can be (made into beasts, if seems, when continually fed propaganda calculated to stir up hate, fear and

war. All the more reason why a paper like the GUARDIAN must be kept making its weekly visit to us. As Eric Sevareid said at Cornell's 100th annual Commencement in June. "the know-nothing move-ment" is upon us. "They believe all men are created equal EXCEPT foreigners, communists, socialists, liberals, internationalists, and, at the present rate, the genile, the tolerant, the scholarly, and all those who got past the 10th grade and therefore know that they know not." war. All the more reason why paper like the GUARDIAN must

I'm sure the right must win. Keep up your good work—and con-tinue sending the bundle of five. Mary E. Cassill

Mary E. Cassill **British sympathies** DNDON, ENGLAND Mary E. Cassill Data Mr. Belfrage: I have been asked by our members to convey to you their gratitude and con-gratuiations for the courage and resource you have displayed in your magnificent protest against the negation of the basic rights of man as laid down in the Charter, and which we have always believed were symbolized by the Statue of Liberty at the entrance to New York harbor. We send you this expres-sion of our conviction that the pand of our conviction that the sympathies of freedom-loving men and of our erywhere are with and of our conviction that the sympathies of freedom-loving men and of our serywhere are with

Madge Stevens Exec. Comm. chairman The Progressive League



Wall Street Journal "How "How would you like it if I spent my vacation at your office?"

### Letters from abroad

VERMILLION, S. D. I am very interested in corres-ponding abroad to help build peace. I would like pen-pais from Hawali, Cuba, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Cuba, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Guam, Korea, France, Sweden, Af-rica, India. Betty Anderson

rica, India. Betty Anderson Lost: one reader KINGSDALE, MINN. My sub has run out. Here is why have not renewed. Your price hav advanced 50%. The price of my live stock has dropped 60%. Poultry prices are way down. Feed prices are way up. The chickens are not worth the corn I fed them this summer. Takes are rising steadily. I am in debt and money is hardier to get. The only cash business is the tavern business. Beer is cash. Everything else is on the cuff or the installment plan. Vietor E. Tollefson

# **Civilization today**

ROCK GLEN, SASK. ROCK GLEN, SASK. When I was a young boy I donated to starving Russia and to Chinese missionaries to help edu-cate and civilize the Chinese. It seems at this moment it will be reversed so the Chinese and Rus-sians will send help to civilize the Yankees. One wouldn't think that at the head of your government— but I understand now that educa-tion doesn't mean civilization. Alfred J. Larsen

# "Democracy" in Cuba

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"If there is anything that cannot bear free thought, let it crack."-WENDELL PHILLIPS

# **REPORT TO READERS**

# **Our Fifth Anniversary** is just coming up

**F** YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING (as we have with growing satisfaction all this year) you will know that NATIONAL GUARDIAN is now in the twelfth month of its fifth year of publication.

We opened up for business on October 18, 1948.

Nobody who was anybody expected us to survive beyond Election Day—nobody, that is, except a few thousand Charter Subscribers and a half-paid (if paid!) staff. Our Charter Subscribers did an almighty job. "Have you got four friends?" we asked. Hundreds did, and signed them up.

The GUARDIAN broke the case of the Trenton Six; the Charter Subscribers and their friends took it on, made it a national and world issue. Results came fast; Jersey injustice backed down and the lives of six innocent Negro men were saved.

THIS STRENGTH we all felt then, we can feel again now the strength to move a world, as we did together in the Rosenberg Case; the strength to spearhead the fight for peace in Korea, though American progressives stood so very alone

in Korea, though American progressives stood so very alone the start of this historic fight in June, 1950. This strength lies solely in bringing the facts to people, in pointing the ways to act on the facts. To paraphrase FDR's famous Ivy League football simile, we may not win the Yale game every year, but we can always win the schedule if we keep bucking the line.

THE GUARDIAN'S SITUATION is not really different at the end of our fifth year than it was in the beginning, back in 1948.

We are still convinced that an independent, progressive newspaper can survive in America; that the facts it can present, despite press blackouts everywhere else, can move worlds; and we still need as subscribers your Four Friends who can and will accept the facts and act on them if you say the word.

HAVE YOU GOT FOUR FRIENDS who stand with you on most



You know you have. NATIONAL GUARDIAN wants them and needs them as subscribers NOW, and for our next five years. Start signing them up today. We at the GUARDIAN could

ask for no more welcome Anniversary present. **-THE EDITORS** 

lifted, will his office be able to speak honorably about democracy. I added: "Nothing reveals the de-gree to which democracy in Cuba is endangered so much as your Sec-retary's view that Sen. McCarthy is to judge who is to be heard and who is not. Most of the Ameri-ean people have very little use for McCarthy, and I share this view." Morris U. Schappes

# For Catholics

**For Catholics BALTIMORE, MD.** I was greatly interested in the form for Chester Thompson for the more than the the form of the poling. This promi-ne that the more the the promi-the holy war against communism is the were Peter the Hermit or the bey and his theology is very below and hiberal. For example, he recently wrote that the Blessed wing which to Catholic eyes may be a here were than communism. So now I am warning my Catholic prethren not to listen to one word coming from the lips of that war.

# mongering heretic. Lewis Bayard Robinson **Bibles** by balloon

Bibles by balloon GENOA, OHIO AP tells us Aug. 31 that after Council of Christian Churches pres. Carl McIntire said the State Dept. "obstructed" plans to "floa Bibles by balloon into Iron Curtal countries." the Dept. denied it had any objection and "as a matter of principle welcomes spiritual aid of any kind to populations in areas deprived of religious freedom." Silly nonsense! Don't the dumb-bell propagandists in this country know that the Ruesians have free-dom of religion? G. E. N. Bibles and a broad assortment of

Bibles and a broad assortment of religious literature are, of course, freely available to citizens of social-ist countries who want them. Ed.

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Mister Docess. NEW YORK, N. Y. Reading the recent performances of Benjamin Gitlow, moves me to wonder, how low can you git? H. P. Fairchild

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# War & Peace

Denny (N.Y. World-Telegram, 9/18) said "almost the entire Asian-African bloc and some Latin Americans" as well as "the British bloc" favor the other side's proposals on the Korean political conference.

Former British Premier Attlee's attack last week on "intolerant" U.S. policy, as responsible for worsening the world situation, showed the restiveness even major U.S. allies. Attlee's views even set and the set of the se



Carrefour, Paris "Say, doesn't it feel good to see civilization again?"

avoid stepping on "the string that would leave them naked before the world."

"NO WAY TO PEACE": Whatever worry it betrayed over mounting popular criticism in the western world, Dulles' speech was "tough, very tough in content" (N.Y. Journal American, 9/18). It implied—and Australia's R. G. Casey later casually made the threat explicit—that the socialist world must accept the U.S. view on every key issue or face war. London's conservative Observer summed it up as

... a speech without compromise.... Dulles demanded that the Communist powers hand over N. Korea to Syngman Rhee, Indo-China to Bao Dai and E. Germany to the European Defense Community.... It is no way to peace to make demands that can only be realized by war.

U.S. "demands that can only be realized by war" were underscored by significantly timed U.S. deeds: 1) dispatch of atomic artillery to W. Germany, coincident as James Reston (NYT, 9/16) pointed out with the opening of the Assembly; 2) disclosure that A-bomb-carrying U.S. aircraft carriers had ringed N. Korea for weeks before the truce and both A-bombs and atomic artillery remain in the area. That disclosure coincided with the U.S.S.R.'s presentation in UN of its proposals for reducing arms, and its plea for Assembly discussion of Chinese-N. Korean counter-proposals on the Korean conference.

Another convenient "coincidence," on the eve of the major Assembly speech by the U.S.S.R.'s Vishinsky, was the press hullabaloo about Sen. McCarthy's alleged contact with Lavrenti Beria. But it served poorly to hide the contrast between Dulles' intellectual poverty (WSJ, 9/21, said his speech "must be dismissed as an over-ingenious essay SOVIET POINTS: In a review of the world situation answering Dulles' speech, Vishinsky made these points:

• The relaxation of tension achieved by Soviet foreign policy puts it up to the U.S. and its allies—which have repeatedly said they could consider disarmament only when there was such relaxation—to get down to the business of controlling and reducing arms.

• International issues cannot possibly be solved without China, whose "justified demands concerning the composition of the Korean conference must and cannot fail to be met."

• The Security Council unanimity principle has to some extent tied the hands of the imperialist forces, and hence is under new attack as the U.S. tries again to prevent UN being an instrument of peace.

Vishinsky's speech underlined what was already clear in the Assembly's opening week: in line with Soviet Premier Malenkov's Aug. 8 report to the Supreme Soviet, the socialist world is energetically leading the fight to restore UN's prestige and is unmistakably leading from strength.

ASIA SEES "BIGOTRY": Support for Soviet proposals continued to come from the "neutralist" Asian governments of India, Burma and Indonesia, which together represent twice as many people as all of North America. India's Nehru voiced their views when he said barring of India from the Korea conference "flouted the will of nearly the whole of Europe and of Asia," and called the barring of China from UN

... a manifestation of bigotry ... [It is] completely unrealistic and artificial to talk about China being represented ... by someone who cannot speak for China, who cannot do any-

# Cracks in the U.S. majority grow at UN

# By Kumar Goshal

DULLES WALKED THE FLOOR WITH BABY, BUT-

Guardian staff correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. **THE UN** General Assembly's eighth session began under the shadow of McCarthy's assault on UN personnel, and of more desperate U.S. pressure on delegates to line up favorable votes.

Tension came within an hour of the opening call by Canada's Lester Pearson, outgoing Assembly president, for a minute's silent prayer. The U.S.S.R.'s Vishinsky moved that the Assembly "considers it necessary" that the government of China take China's seat in all UN organs. The U.S.'s Dulles promptly moved a postponement for the rest of the year of all discussion of China's representation.

**DULLES' STROLL:** Correspondents knew that Britain, having recognized People's China, had been reluctantly persuaded to back the U.S. stand only for the rest of 1953. During the discussion on the two resolutions, Dulles walked up and down the Assembly hall, listening to and whispering in the ears of delegates in the manner of a whip in a GOP convention.

When Pearson ruled against his contention for priority for his motion, Dulles demanded an Assembly vote on the issue of priority, and with support of the Latin Americans and most West Europeans, won both on priority and on his own motion. (In Copenhagen, Foreign Minister Kraft said the Danish delegate had acted against government instruction in supporting the U.S. proposal to postpone discussion of China's admission to UN.)

"IT'S UNNECESSARY": Dulles then opposed Pearson's putting the Soviet motion to a vote: it was "unnecessary" since the Assembly had already voted to postpone discussion of the issue. Pearson, pointing out that UN's principle from its inception had been to vote on all resolutions no matter how illogical the sequence might seem, ruled in favor of a vote on the Soviet motion. Dulles appealed against the ruling, and the appeal was put to a vote.

against the runng, and the appear was put to a vote. When Pearson was sustained by a majority, Dulles demanded another voice vote, on the ground that there was confusion in delegates' minds because 11 of them did not vote at all. Distinctly uncomfortable, Pearson wished out loud that the China issue had arisen after a new president had taken office. (The new president is Mrs. Pandit of India, former ambassador to both Washington and Moscow.)

EMBARRASSMENT: Vishinsky wondered why Dulles was qustioning the



HENRY C. LODGE The boss came down from Washington so he took a back seat

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integrity of the president, who was not known for any special sympathy for the U.S.S.R.—and reminded him of previous occasions when some delegates refrained from voting. Pearson, feeling the pressure, apologetically declared that perhaps he had not presented the issue voted upon clearly enough. Thailand's delegate saved him further embarrassment by suggesting that the Assembly decide whether it wished to vote on the Soviet resolution. The matter ended when a majority declined to vote.

Dulles won—but India, Indonesia. Burma, Sweden and Yugoslavia voted with the U.S.S.R. Many other delegates were embarrassed by Dulles' tactics, and cracks in the U.S.'s automatic majority—especially on colonial and Asian issues—were plainly visible.

COMING TESTS: Its strength will be tested when the Assembly comes to discuss Charter revision, definition of aggression, administration of trust territories, and disarmament. (The U.S.S.R. last week proposed onethird reduction of armed forces of the five permanent Security Council members, the Council to undertake dismantling of all bases on foreign territories and supervise a ban on atom bombs.) Another test will be the discussion of "loyalty tests" of Americans employed by UN: U.S. pressure is to be expected upon UN Administrative Tribunal members who upheld the appeals of over half the dismissed UN-employed Americans, and who have returned as members of delegations.

Washington's ability to continue lining up sizeable votes cannot be underestimated; but some believe the day may not be far off "when we'll not have anything left but our own big power veto" (N. Y. World-Telegram, 9/17).

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SEN. KNOWLAND IN FORMOSA "... throw Russia out...."

thing in China, who cannot affect China and can only at the utmost express strong disapproval of China. ... A whole castle is sought to be built on an artificial foundation.

The host of American VIP's making the "Asian tour" this fall (led by Vice President Nixon whose chief objective, said NYT 9/18, is to drum up support for the U.S. stand on China) testifies to Washington's continued determination to restore Western rule in Asia. But its drive is leading to the direct opposite: the ouster of Western influence from all Asia.

EUROPE WANTS OUT: No less real, if less apparent, is the failure of Washington's policy in Europe. Imminent rearming of Adenauer's Germany has so alarmed W. Europe that Washington is sugarcoating the pill by talk about "guarantees" to Moscow against aggression. But the French Cabinet had yet to swallow the pill, and the demand to talk settlement with Moscow would not down. NYWT reported (9/21) that legislative representatives at the Council of Europe agreed "W. Europe strongly favored a Big Four meeting—with 'minimum' demands by the West."

THE DEAD END: Loss of its A- and H-bomb monopoly on which it built the cold war illumines the dead end to which Washington has arrived. The President is reported planning a series of speeches this fall on "The Safety of the Republic," which will reveal "the facts" about A- and H-bomb war and dwell on "the nation's peril." But top Washington correspondents report much indecision as to what is to be said —a change from last summer when an H-bomb speech was first rumored. Marquis Childs (N.Y. Post, 7/17) then suggested it would be

... something like an ultimatum [to Moscow to] accept complete inspection and control of all atomic development by an international organization or face destruction.

No such ultimatum is now possible. Washington might use the speeches to clamp tighter controls at home through the Civilian Defense Organization, kick up the arms budget, whip up new tension. The President's Boston speech (9/21), declaring no sacrifice is too great for Americans to bear to provide "logical and necessary defense" against "most terrible" Soviet weapons, pointed in this direction.

most terrible Soviet weapons, pointed in this direction.
 But the growing flasco of American policy has created the opportunity to change it. The fight to restore UN prestige and independence can constitute
 asbroad rallying point.

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# The PW exchange: brutality or bunk?

(Continued from Page 1) from discussing matters] reflecting on the behavior of UN captured per-sonnel or reveal information which might make good propaganda fodder for the Communists.

Again (8/9) UP said: Specially-trained counter-intelli-gence agents were flown down to Japan and Korea this week to mingle sapan and Korea this week to mingh with returning prisoners and watch and listen to suspects. . . They will be watched at UN rest camps at Inchon and Munsan—in hospitals in Korea and Japan—and on troopships and hospital ships on the way home.

# The competition

The competition The wards swarmed with doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, intelligence officers. . . News-men were not allowed in the Tokyo hos-pital wards, but U.S. correspondents had got in their licks at Freedom Village in Munsan, Somehow a headline-hunting com-petition for "atrocity stories" had started. Most of the voluminous file of atrocity stories last week was highly exaggerated, and the total impression was highly false. Under press interrogation at Munsan pris-oners talked of crueity only when pressed by leading, insistent questions. Time magazine, May 4, on Operation Little Switch.

CURTAIN OF FEAR: That was the plan—and this was the procedure, as reported in the San Francisco Chronicle (8/11) by Keyes Beech of the Chicago

(8/11) by Keyes Beech of the Chicago
Daily News foreign service:
This is a fear-ridden atmosphere in which American PW's are being processed and being shipped back to the U.S. Of 425 ex-prisoners processed through this center in the last five days, only 88 have been made available for interviews with UN correspondents.
All interviews with repatriates are conducted in the presence of a censor and a Counter-Intelligence Corps agent. Unless the repatriate is an exceptional man, this is, to say the least, an inhibiting influence.
Often during the course of the interviews, ex-prisoners have turned to the counter-intelligence men for consent before answering questions.
The N. Y. World-Telegram (9/8) said

consent before answering questions. The N. Y. World-Telegram (9/8) said Only one-third of PW's passing through Freedom Village told their stories: Some were held back from the press because doctors felt they were too weak or too confused to face the ordeal. . . Others wanted to forget about their days in Red hands and the Army threw a curtain of secrecy about their days in Red hands and the Army threw a curtain of secrecy around others who were not permit-ted to talk. According to the Munsan Provisional Command, which ran Operation Big Switch, 1,362 of the 3,797 talked to the press shortly after they were returned.

# The atrocity stories

But although more than a thousand GI's talked to reporters, only a fraction of their stories got into print. A survey of wire service and big-newspaper re-ports in the New York press, and of clippings sent in by GUARDIAN readers throughout the country, shows a re-markable repetition of names and ex-



periences. The atrocity stories which made headlines, and were constantly repeated, were ascribed to not more than a few score of FOW's. Typical is the report in the N.Y. Daily News (8/7):

The report in the N.Y. Daily News (8/7): Prisoners held in the Death Valley camp on the Yalu River estimated that from 1,600 to 2,000 Americans died during the Arctic winter of 1950. Their stories followed a pattern of eyewitness reports that thousands of Yanks died in the valley. "Camp 5 was a death camp," said **Sgt. Junior E.** Dunlap of McCorkle, W.

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Va. "In June, 1951, out of 3,500 men, 1,400 were left. The other men were dead from malnutrition, starvation, dysentery and diphtheria." Warrant Officer Dwight E. Coxe of Fresno, Calif., said: "Medical atten-tion was a farce. We became extreme-the became extremely lousy and they brought in a small bowl of DDT."

2 VIEWS OF CAMP 5: In the N.Y. Herald Tribune (8/14) Mac R. Johnson

writes of another Camp 5 prisoner: He and others who crossed to free-dom today had been the "bad boys" of the Reds, or brutalities inflicted on his buddies, saying: "It could have been a lot worse."

SELFISH CHILDREN: The N.Y. Times' Robert Alden wrote (8/12): Pfc. Ernest Haskins of Langdorf, W. Va., [who said he was a camp rebel often punished for a "hostile atti-tude"] said he learned in camp about Communist collectivism. "Collectiv-ism," he said, "means that if I have a fire, everyone else in the camp is supposed to have a fire."

that stealing wood for a fire while his buddles were cold was not an act of brotherly love. What happened to the wood stealers? Alden explained in NYT (8/17):

SELFISH CHILDREN: The N.Y. Times'

He could not understand, apparently,



A FAREWELL BANQUET AT CAMP NO. 5 IN N. KOREA Prisoners and Chinese guards offer a toast to peace

of Camp No. 5—men who had tried one, two, three times to escape, men who had been in jail one, two, three times for protesting about poor and inadequate food, men who had been beaten for stealing food or warm winter clothing from a Chinese warehouse winter clo warehouse.

Contrasted with this was the picture of Camp No. 5 given by Pfc. Donald J. Dumas of Ogden Island, N.Y., in an interview after his return home in the Watertown (N.Y.) Daily News (8/26):

Vatertown (N.Y.) Daily News (8/26): "We had swimming and outdoor sports which included football and softball. The medical care given UN prisoners was better than the Chinese had for themselves. There were doc-tors and nurses available at all times, although the supply of medicine was only fair. Penicillin was scarce, the supply being only what the Chinese confiscated from captured Americans. "The Chinese allowed us beer.

confiscated from captured Americans. "The Chinese allowed us beer, whisky and wine on our holidays and we also helped them celebrate their holidays. We were given the day off from work on our holidays and pro-vided with special cards for observ-ance of such days as Mother's Day, Fourth of July and Christmas. [A typical daily menu was] Breakfast: rice and soy bean soup; dinner: bread and tea; supper: soup (sometimes and tea; supper: soup (sometimes vegetable), fried potatoes and bread, with lots of fish, some beef, pork and chicken."

"MOST TREATED FAIRLY": The "MOST TREATED FAIRLY": The "brutality" of the headlines was rarely borne out in the stories. Generally the repatriated GI's who spoke of harsh treatment were the self-styled "bad boys" (described in most stories as clean-cut types "who can be found on any American streetcorner"). These more admitted to reporting that they any American streetcorner). These men admitted to reporters that they had tried to escape, stolen supplies, variously broken camp rules. But even in these cases the fear or expectation of bestime successible of beatings...or worse...were described, not the beatings. Greg MacGregor wrote from Panmunjom (NYT, 8/9):

Tales of deliberate brutality were infrequent from soldiers captured during the last 12 months. There were stories of punishment by solitary con-finement and extra duty. Apparently, however, most of the men received what they called "fair" treatment by Communist standards.

From Munsan the N.Y. Herald Tribune reported (8/6):

Pfc. Albert L. Chicckine of Bloom-field, N. J., declined to talk about any personal mistreatment at the hands 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 101 - 1: 101510 Watertown (N. Y.) Daily Times, "We begged them to put a barbed wire fence around our camp. We wanted that wire fence more than anything else," said one of the returned prisoners. The barted wire fence would have meant that they would have been able to speak among themselves without fear of being overheard, . . . Night and day the guards were everywhere." Robert Alden, N. Y. Times, (8/22).

Night and day

"There was no fence around the camp, constructed in a wide area. . . . We were left alone most of the time." Ifc. Donald Dumas, interviewed by the Watertown (N. Y.) Daily Times,

patches alleging maltreatment of PW's, those of UP's William Miller are the most consistently unscrupu-lous. He is the reporter who invented the trick of charging, when repatri-ates refused to tell him the lies he wanted to hear, that such men were being "gagged" by the U.S. (presum-ably in its anxiety to project the reputation of the Chinese and N. Koreans). Koreans)

Reputation of the Chinese and R. Koreans). When I met Miller three weeks ago at Fanmunjom, he broke into a con-versation I and Willred Burchett were having with Sam Summerlin of AF and John Rich of NBC. I had just remarked that now the war was over, these pressmen surely would be among millions wondering what it had all been about, as the GI's al-ready were wondering. Miller inter-rupted: "Our soldiers know what they were fighting for." Burchett commented: "They cer-

Burchett commented: "They cer-tainly don't seem to when they get to N. Korea after capture." Miller then snapped: "I wouldn't wonder, after you people put red hot barbed wire under their fingernails." Burchett said: "Whose fingernails? Can you name me a single man who has been so treated?" Miller was silent. "If you can't," Burchett went on, "can you mention a single man who said this was done to another?" Miller's reply was: "We have our imaginations." As a former UP bureau manager (Tientsin, 1937, Canton, 1938) I would never have believed such a story possible if I had not heard it with my own ears.

# **Medical** core

On medical treatment the GI's re ceived there were sharp contradictions NYT (9/3) reported:

One released U.S. Army doctor said the Communists sometimes refused to treat sick men until they signed pro-paganda statements or confession of "crimes" crimes.

But on Aug. 7, Lt. Col. Thomas D. Harrison, a relative of Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., chief U.S. truce nego-tiator, told NYHT he had received "excellent treatment" at the hospital where he was taken after parachuting from his plane. Reuters (8/5) reported that several

dociors who had examined returning Commonwealth prisoners found them healthy as the result of "reasonable medical care and attention." Some were wearing "new and well-fitting dentures."

"GOOD ... LET'S SAY FAIR ...": Keyes Beech (S.F. Chronicle) wrote (8/11):

Today I interviewed Capt. Sidney Cohn of Passaic, N. J., medical officer of the 8057th Medical Holding Det., who has been treating repatriates. I

who has been treating repatriates. I asked Cohn what sort of medical treatment the Americans got from the Communists. "I'd say it was quite good," said Cohn. He turned to the Public Infor-mation officer and asked anxiously: "Is it all right to say that, Major? I wouldn't want to go against PIO, you know." The major was non-com-mittal. mittal

"Well, let's say the medical treat-ment was fair," Cohn said. "That is let's say they did the best they coul with what they had."

NYHT's Homer Bigart, reporting on Army Secy. Stevens' return from Korea, wrote:

He said he had visited Freedom Vil-lage three times during the prisoner exchange and expressed the opinion that the general physical condition of the returning American captives was "surprisingly good."

NEXT WEEK: Brain-washing and the "progressives," and the return of the airmen accused of germ-warfare raids.



Pfc. Howard G. Evans of Ginger, Okla., said that the mental strain of Communist prison life was worse than the physical difficulties. "They treat-ed us like children," he said, "and it just got on your nerves." The treat-ment consisted of making the prison-ers write self-criticisms—"I did wrong when I took the wood. I promise never to take the wood again."

TOO MUCH VODKA: Sometimes the correspondents had to go to great lengths for "atrocity" stories. On Sept. 4, Alden came up with the tale of an Air Force captain (Lawrence V. Bach of Grand Forks, S. D.) who said he was tortured, burned and beaten with rifle butts and sticks after he had been captured. Watching the show, he said, were some "Russian officers." After the beating, he was placed in a truck with two



WILFRED BURCHETT He reported what he saw

of the Russians who proceeded to tell him "under the influence of vodka that Soviet pilots were flying MIG fighter planes in air battles over North Korea." Then the Russians offered him vodka

as the truck bounced along. Alden gave no hint whether Bach spoke Russian or whether the Russians offered their secrets in English.

# Anatomy of a reporter

What happened when the atrocity well went dry? Here is an on-the-scene description from GUARDIAN's special correspondent Israel Epstein from Panmunjom:

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THE LABOR SCENE

# Unions face govt. on four fronts; transit row near

### By Elmer Bendiner NEW YORK labor was embattled on four fronts last week. On each—transit lines, waterfront, schools and the war

waterfront, schools and the war plant of Arma Corp.—unions found themselves facing the government.

When the Transit Authority took over the city's subways and bus lines last spring it meant not only more fare and less service but a new boss for transit workers. The CIO Transport Workers Union Local 100 had had its troubles with



MIKE QUILL The union made an offer

the old city transit commission, but lines for negotiation had always been open. Commissioners were politicians as well; they or their machines had to answer to labor at election time. The Transit Authority, no more responsible to an electorate than a private boss, but claiming the privileges of a public service, took a frankly labor-busting position.

"NOT IMPRESSED": It re-

fused to bargain with TWU on its demand for a 25c-an-hour raise and 15 changes in working conditions. When the authority lengthened the trains on the Independent lines so that they ran longer than many platforms, and contemplated cutting the already poor service between rush hours, TWU demanded a conference. TA maintained what the big press called a "dignified silence." Then last week before the service was cut it spoke out in language which, in the case of private corporations, has always been taken as a provocation to strike and a sign that the boss felt strong enough to break a union. TA wired: "We are not impressed by

"We are not impressed by invective; neither are we impressed by threats. . . . Your officers have already had four meetings with representatives of the Authority and your views are well known to us. . . . We cannot and will not surrender any of our powers to you."

UP THE RULES: TWU pres. Michael Quill warned that transit men might follow the book of rules to the letter, thereby slowing service drastically, as one answer to TA's policy of no negotiations.

The results of last January's bus strike were still to be counted. An arbitration panel set up when the strike ended was preparing its final award and reportedly at odds on TWU wage-hour demands (a 40-hour week with no cut in takehome.) Authorization for a fare rise on the private lines was guaranteed in advance to pass on any increased costs to the consumer. (The State declined to pick up the tab in the form of any tax exemptions.) The

(Continued on Page N.Y.3)

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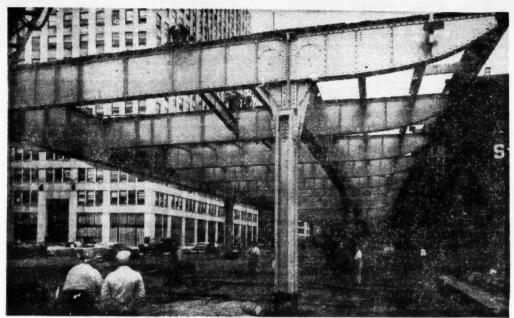
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THE FIGHT FOR FIRST-CLASS CITIZENSHIP

# What the all-Negro contest for Boro President of Manhattan means to New York and the nation

# By Ewart Guinier

THE 1953 elections in the city may rate a chapter in the nation's history though all the candidates, winners and losers, pass into obscurity. The significance was pointed out by a newspaper not usually noted for its sense of history. The World-Telegram (9/14) headlined its story: "HARLEM ENTERS POLITICAL BIG LEAGUE VIA MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENCY."

The story, featured on page one, sized up the implications flowing from the fact that all legally-established political parties in Manhattan have designated Negroes for the job:

"Harlem has at last and irrevocably cut its political eyeteeth. Henceforth no political party can discount the potential Negro vote.... Harlem is a voice to be respected.... From a disorganized sprawling political entity Harlem has

political entity Harlem has suddenly become an important force in the politics of New York City."

ALL OR NOTHING: Others misread current history. The N.Y. Post, never dismayed up to now at the lily-whiteness of the Board of Estimate, spoke out against the situation which seemed to guarantee an end to that scandal, calling it "segregation in reverse" and "the emergence of a new Kind of jimcrow in politics."

In deploring the all-Negro race for the borough presidency, it said that not one but all offices ought to be open to Negroes. While saying amen to the finish of the **Post's** statement, Negroes saw in the argument the familiar position of the man who opposes the fight for higher wages because "socialism is the only answer."



NATIONAL IMPACT: Recognition of the Negro as a major political force in the city has an importance far beyond city limits. There are 1,000,000 Negroes in N. Y. State, more than in any other state of the union. But, more important than population statistics: when Negroes win any part of their representational rights anywhere, all Negro America is heartened. County leadership is significant to Negroes in the South where the county seat is the local capital. New York County leadership is doubly so because Negroes everywhere look to Harlem for portents of what is to come.

According to the World-Telegram, the great step forward came because Gov. Dewey first proposed a Negro for Manhattan's president. The fact is that in 1949 the American Labor Party, not Dewey, first proposed



a Negro candidate, myself, for the office. This year again the ALP was first in the field with designation of a Negro, longshoreman Andronicus Jacobs.

THE WOOING: The ALP was first in the field not because it fights single-handed the battle for recognition, but because it senses and sides with the growing fight for recognition by the Negroes themselves.

For decades Harlem has voted Democrat though the Democrats, being the party in power, have always been the last to give in on Negro representation. The GOP, the outs, have repeatedly wooed Harlem with Negro candidates. In the 20's they elected the first Negro alderman and state legislators from Harlem, proposed a redistricting that made possible the first Negro Judgeships; ran Hubert Delany for Congress in the 30's, and last year named Rev. George Thomas from Brooklyn. In 1942 the GOP picked Ludlow Werner, then editor of the N.Y. Age, for state senator and in 1946 named a Negro woman candidate for the Assembly from Brooklyn.

NEW POWER BELT: Early in the 1953 campaign it became clear from the record that the GOP could not win Negro and white voters' confidence sufficiently to break jimcrow in government; and the Negroes could not rely on Tammany gratitude even after so many years of support. The ALP, though it has scored many victories in the past, and though its fight for Negro representation has been long and honorable, had never on its own elected a Negro to office. What seemed necessary, to assure a break-through, was unity.

There were other factors: a new feeling of dignity and power was running through Negro America which has come to consider itself not so much a minority but part of the twothirds of the world that is nonwhite. It shares the victories in the people's battle for selfrule in the West Indies, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

AGAINST DEMAGOGY: Within Harlem itself there are Southern Negroes, West Indians (almost  $\frac{1}{3}$ ), and Puerto Ricans. Together they could muster a great political force; this year they felt their strength.

The sense of power and the need for unity came as New Yorkers generally were in a mood of dismay or rebellion at domestic measures flowing from the cold-war policies of both Truman and Eisenhower. All cold-war parties were maneuvering to duck responsibility for the consequences of their over-all major policies. Demagogy and the double-cross seemed the order of the day.

THE HOUR STRIKES: Negro New Yorkers, sensing the urgency and the timeliness in their drive for representation, acted. In the Bronx, where no Negro has ever been elected to any office, the NAACP set up a political action committee which sought and won support from the Bronx Protestant Council (Continued on Page N. Y. 2)

# All-Negro contest

(Continued from Page N.Y. 1) of Churches in its demand on the late Boss Flynn and leaders of other political parties for Negro candidacies. Flynn gave in, put both a Negro and a Puerto Rican on the slate.

In Queens, Boss Roe told legroes they were not yet Negroes they ready for public office, found no qualified Negroes to run. Non-partisan groups, in which ALP members for years had participated, succeeded in pressing the Liberal Party to designate a Negro councilmanic candidate for the first time, Dr. Alphonse Heningburg.

B'KLYN PICKS FLAGG: In Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section, a small committee concentrated on the campaign for municipal court justice and brought together white and Negro neighbors behind the "insurgent" candidacy of Lewis H. Flagg Jr. The Flagg campaign bucked the Democratic machine and won the nomination. The Liberal Party in that race endorsed the Impellitteri



candidate and thereby hung an albatross around Halley's neck so far as Bedford-Stuyvesant is concerned. The GOP, more sensitive to the roll of the tide in Brooklyn, nominated an-other Negro attorney, William H. Staves.

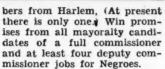
Harlem mobilized for the frontal assault on the Board of Estimate, the real governing body which holds the city's pursestrings and passes on all major policies. With more than 1,000 people under his supervision Manhattan's Borough President can, if he chooses, end discrimination by employ-ers receiving \$5-\$20 million worth of yearly contracts from his office.

GETTING TOGETHER: The Harlem Affairs Committee persuaded Democrats, Republicans, Liberals and ALP members to join a strictly non-partisan effort to elect a Negro borough president and also seek these objectives:

• Increase Negro and Puerto Rican voting strength in Man-hattan to 280,000; win white allies

• Persuade all parties to support a campaign for a Negro Puerto Rican as Supreme or Court Justice.

• Secure better City Council representation with two mem-



• Finance the campaign independently, free of entangle-ments or understandings with hoodlums and racketeers in politics.

BANDWAGON: The commit-tee won almost immediate tee won almost immediate support from Harlem trade unions, particularly the Inde-pendent Building Service Union; from ministers, civic groups and insurgent political leaders. Emphasizing that it Emphasizing attacked no particular leader-ship and had only the issue of Negro representation in mind, it called for official as well as rank-and-file support from all parties.

The July 19 dinner for committee chairman Robert W. Justice was attended by official representatives of the Demo-crat, Liberal and Republican parties as well as former ALP candidates. All pledged to cross party lines on the question of Negro representation. That eve-ning the GOP designated a Negro for the borough presi-dency. Next day all four of dency. Next day all four of Harlem's Tammany district leaders demanded a Negro can-didate from the county boss Carmine DeSapio, Tammany and the Liberal Party held out offering white candidates until in the end they too joined what the World-Telegram called "the



wild scramble of all parties to

SUCCESS-& THE FUTURE: Though the campaign now seems successful (it is still threatened by a diehard llly-white drive behind two inde-pendent candidacies). Organized labor's failure to pitch into the fight at the start has hindered development of a pro-gram for the borough president office. It is not yet too late to influence such a program. The very existence of the ALP on the ballot, a strong cam-paign for its candidate and its program, will affect the policy of the first Negro borough president, no matter who he is. It is also possible, and not too late, to mold that program program from within each party.

The fight for a Negro bor-ough president proves that if

# The ALP record on the fight for electing Negroes to office

1943—ALP first to name a Negro for municipal court justice, Fran-cis E. Rivers, who also won GOP endorsement; ALP furnished his margin of victory.

1946-ALP challenges lily-white character of state senate by nomi-nating Charles Collins.

1947—ALP names Negro woman leader, Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, for city council, helps win 135,835 votes for her.

9-ALP first to nominate a Negro for Borough Pres. of Man-hattan, Ewart Guinier.

**6**—ALP leads in organizing the non-partisan conference for the election of Harold A. Stevens, first Negro judge of the Court of Gen. Sessions; ran Jaques Isler for state supreme court justice from 1st judicial district, won over 95,000 votes. 1956

1951—ALP, the only party to run any Negro for public office: Isler for supreme court justice.

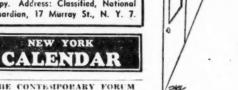
1952—ALP joins PP in nominating Charlotta Bass for vice-presi-dent; withdrew its candidate to help insure election of Julius Archibald, first Negro state senator.

1953-ALP first to nominate a Negro, Andronicus Jacobe, for Man-hattan borough president. Other parties follow suit.

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ing is sponsored by the National Council of the ASP. The speakers will be Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, historian and ex-pert on the problems of the colonial world; Prof. Philip Morri-son, nuclear physicist; Bertha Capen Reynolds, former associate director of the Smith College School of Social Work, and Elliott Sullivan, screen actor and stage director. Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, professor emeritus of sociology of New York Univer-city, and chairman of the National Council, will preside.

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# Flagg bucks Democratic bosses to win Brooklyn court primary

The GUARDIAN last week reported that Lewis S. Flagg Jr. lost in the Democratic primary race for Municipal Judge in Brooklyn's Second District. Shortly before press time the tide turned and Flagg won by 138 votes. The editors are de-lighted to make the correction and report a happy ending. and report a happy ending, a significant advance in the fight for Negro representation.

N headquarters over the Baby Grand Cafe on Brooklyn's Fulton St., Negro attorney Lewis S. Flagg opened his fight under a banner inscribed: "Lily-white courts must go."

With no machine backing, Flagg set out to win the Demo-eratic Party nomination for Municipal Court judge. The incumbent Benjamin Schor was backed by the Impellitteri Democrats and the Liberal Party Schor was uncontested in the Liberal primaries.) Also in the running was another white at-torney, John J. Walsh, an independent Democrat. The GOP

LEWIS S. FLAGG Jr. The machine lost out

nominated W. H. Staves. The ALP put up no candidate. A BIG ISSUE: The second dis-

# Labor scene

(Continued from Page N.Y.1) award would leave the Board of Estimate in the ticklish position of approving a tax boost or, if it vetoes the award, veto-ing a wage raise. The panel, it was understood, would not pre-sent its finding until after sent election day.

# Quickie teachers hired in 'surprise' shortage

THE Board of Education, which for a long time has been trying to break teachers' unions, last week found itself hit by a boomerang. The day after school opened, Tuesday, Sept. 15, assistant corporation counsel Saul Moskoff (in charge of school witch-hunts) tallied up the victims to date and said 150 more teachers were under investigation. On Friday, Sept. 18, the Board announced in surprised tones that of 1,100 elementary school teachers ap-pointed during the summer, 200 had failed to report for work. It left 6,500 pupils teacherless. The N.Y. Times reported officials "at a loss to explain the wholesale declination by

new teachers." Newspaper editorials and cartoons traced it to low wages. None saw a connection with witch-hunts. HOW TO END IT: The Teach-

Union pointed it out. In a letter to-Supt. of Schools Dr. William Jansen, TU officials Abraham Lederman and Rose V. Russell said:

you really want to end the shortage, you will reinstate good teachers you have the

brutally and unjustly forced out of the profession and call a halt to the disastrous policy that has destroyed intellectu-al freedom in our schools and made them such an unattrac-tive place for teachers and students alike."

Dr. Jansen sent out an emergency call for men and women aged 19-55 with a bachwomen aged 19-55 with a bach-elor's degree and enough credits in education to pass muster. The Board gave them quick oral tests, put them to work next day with temporary licenses. TU officials commented:

"Let us remind you, Dr. Janthat your inquisition sen, was especially concentrated in Har-, Bedford-Stuyvesant and southeast Bronx-commulem, the nities where poverty, racial discrimination, and the lang-uage difficulties of Puerto Rican children created special problems. You drove exceptionally successful teachers out of those areas, and now you are trying to replace them with untried, inexperienced, prob-ably unqualified newcomers."

# Arma picks fight with engineers

A T CARLE PLACE, Nassau County, the Arma Corp. abruptly broke off talks with the Engineers of Arma, an independent union that had scrupulously respected picket-lines set up by the CIO Intl. Union of Electrical Workers in their 9-week-old strike.

The engineers not only failed to cross the lines but pitched in on the fight, detailing in a radio broadcast the ways in which the U.S. government



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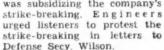
trict is overwhelmingly Demo-crat, so that the primary would very likely decide the election. There are 50,000 Democrats in the district divided into Negro. Irish, Jewish and Puerto Rican neighborhoods.

Negro and white volunteers filled Flagg's headquarters on Tuesday evenings for canvass-ing throughout the campaign. Flagg told them: "This issue is bigger than any one candidate and this movement will go on until the machine is licked.' All through the balloting the

vote seesawed. Toward the end it seemed that Schor had nosed Flagg out. Then the final tally showed: Flagg, 4,503; Schor, 4,365; Walsh, 2,339.

"THE FOLKS RALLIED": Flagg had won support not only in the Negro areas but in white neighborhoods as well. When word came to the headquarters, a campaign worker said: "We beat the machine." Flagg said:

"It looked doubtful but the folks have rallied around wonderfully—remarkably. It repre-sents the work of a united community. It's a great victory. We have shown that we are a power in our town. We can make this community what we want it to be."



time in this country, white-collar engineers—as a group traditionally anti-union and separated from the mainstream



of American labor—have pooled forces with shop workers to re-sist a bitter onslaught against unions by the Arma Corp., de-signer and manufacturer of secret electronic equipment for the armed forces.

Arma broke off negotiations with the engineers when the CIO electrical workers were re-ported on the verge of a settlement with the company on the key issue of seniority. When Arma's vice-pres. Richard Smyth, who early in the strike ran down pickets with his car, walked out on a con-ference with the engineers and federal mediators, CIO-IUE's negotiator Joseph Molfetta an-nounced his union would stay nounced his union would stay out until the company settled with the engineers

# N.Y. dockers ditched by new AFL union

OSEPH P. RYAN returned to the waterfront last week after he and the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. were formal-ly read out of the AFL in con-vention at St. Louis. The con-vention at the same time voted to charter a new union, the



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One of the best organized of all agencies, their going would hurt collective fund-raising.

Last week when the dictum reached Nassau County and eight Catholic organizations withdrew, Rev. Charles E. Ber-mingham, family case-work director for Catholic Charities and pres. of the county Mental Health Assn., plainly thought it a mistake but went along. He said:

"We were told by our au-thorities that to be consistent we would have to resign, too. We have done so very regret-fully. I wish to say that our relations with both the council and the Planned Parenthood Assn. have been cordial. There has been no friction and I am embarrassed because of our fine association with the council.'

A Council spokesman said: "It is difficult to understand why religion should interfere with social work."





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# demanded planned parenthood organizations be banned. When the council delayed action, Catholic Charities resigned. was subsidizing the company's American Federation of Longshoremen. Out-of-town leaders had already endorsed the AFL-AFL.

strike-breaking in le Defense Secy. Wilson. NEW UNITY: CIO News (9/7) summed up the significance of the Arma story: "For the first

ready endorsed the AFL-AFL. No organizing efforts were reported by the AFL in N.Y. New York longshoremen appar-ently were to be left to fight alone against gang bosses, cor-rupt politicians, the shippers (who now are stalling negotiations on a new contract) and a N.Y.-N.J. government com-

dented labor regimentation and a thorough union-busting campaign in the name of racket-busting. The new AFL-AFL, it was indicated, would cooperate fully mission. OUT TO LUNCH: Labor leadership was largely silent in face of the government's offensive. Labor leaders were up to their ears in politics but had so bargained away labor's indepen-dent political strength that

charities split on

REFUSAL of top Roman Cath-

olic authorities to work in any community organization allowing representation from the Planned Parenthood Assn.

last week forced the resignation

of eight groups from the 96-group Nassau County Council of Social Agencies. It also ran up against one priest who openly voiced his "regrets."

Planned parenthood commit-tees have been working, within state restrictions, to give birth-

control information to those who need and want it. Careful

to avoid stepping on toes, the

committees have recommended only the rhythm method to

those whose religion objects to other methods. That failed to appease high churchmen who

"I AM EMBARRASSED": When

the Health & Welfare Council was formed, Catholic Charities

mission that plans unprece-

with the bi-state com-

even in the campaign none of the old-line candidates—Dem., Rep. or Lib.—felt impelled to

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- Sun, Sept. 21.
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ner, Tues., Sept. 29. Oh Amelia (Fr. frace) & Miquette (Fr., Jouvet), Wed., Sept. 30. Road to Life (Russ.) based on Makarenko story of wild boys who find new life & Charlle Chaplin Festival, Thurs., Oct. 1. Women Without Names (Fr.) Venice award with Simon, Rosay, Cor-tesa & The Damned (Fr., Cannes award), Fri, Oct. 2. MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53d St. 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily. David (Giolder (1931), Julien Divi-vier, dir., with Harry Baur. Sept. 28-Oct. 4.

### Manhattan

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   30.Oct. 6.
- (It.) & Y 30-Oct. 6.
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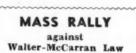
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that Morton Sobell was convicted under the most dubious circumstan-ces and upon the most questionable kind of evidence must work to secure a review of his case and a new trial."

SOBELL FIGHT: 6,000 persons gath-ered Sept. 16 in the stadium on Ran-dall's Island, to step off a nationwide movement to win justice for Morton Sobell and to broadcast to the world the truth about the Rosenberg case. The rally pledged also to secure the future of the Rosenberg children.

Mrs. Helen Sobell read a letter from her husband, serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz prison, San Francisco Bay, in which he said he had hoped his children, Mark, 4, and Sydney, 13, would "grow up in a world at peace, in a land without fear, hysteria or discrimina-tion." He said he was not

ion." He said he was not ... brave, or heroic, but with every barb they aim at me I can feel my inner strength grow.... Even with my limited means of information I feel through your letters the sea of human energy which swells around us, which holds us up and does not let us fall to destruction.

Mrs. Emily Alman, exec. secy. of the 

New York Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, retold the Sobell story (GUARDIAN, 8/17), adding that "we shall return to the courts" to get him out of Alcatraz and to the East Coast pending the result of a legal appeal.

# THE PRESS

# Another editor held for deportation

ON Monday last week the Dept. of Justice took another notch in its attempted strangulation of the U.S. progressive press with the arrest of Boris Sklar, member of the editorial staff of Russky Golos, an independent Russian-language newspaper published in New York. Sklar was taken to Ellis Island and denied bail pending deportation proceedings for alleged Commu-nist Party activities. The 68-year-old editor has been in this country since 1913 and is internationally under the pen-name Borisoff. known

His fellow-editors of Russky Golos called the arrest "a dangerous violation of freedom of the press," announced an immediate fight to obtain Sklar's release on bail. (GUARDIAN's own British-born editor Cedric Belfrage was held on Ellis Island for 30 days earlier this year before court action won his freedom under \$5,000 bail.)

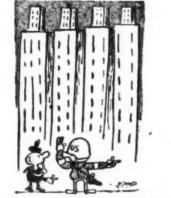
PICKING THEM OFF: The arrest of Sklar brings to 14 the number of pro-gressive editors now under deportation or denaturalization proceedings. The others are Al Richmond of the West Coast Daily Peoples World; John Steuben of the monthly March of Labor; Faul Novik, Paul Juditch and Moses Resnikoff of the Jewish Morning Frei-Resnikoff of the Jewish Morning Frei-heit; Tony Minerich of the Croatian Narodni Glasnik; Vincent Andrulis and Leon Prusikis of the Lithuanian Daily Vilnis; Michael Nukk of the Esthonian Vuf Ulm; George Witkovich of a Slovene daily paper: Knut Heikingn of the Finnish Tyomies Eteenpain; and Diamond Kim of the Weet Coost Diamond Kim of the West Coast Korean Independence. All but Belfrage are being defended by the American Comm. for Protection of Foreign Born.

# 'Subversive' lawyers answer Brownell

THE LAW

THE Natl. Lawyers Guild Sept. 16 made the following three-point challenge to U.S. Atty. Gen. Brownell's threat, before the American Bar Assn. convention in Boston (GUARDIAN, 9/7), to put the NLG on his "subversive" list:

• The Guild does not come within the scope of Exec. Order 10450 [which laid the basis for listing certain per-sons—and, later, organizations—as "subversive"]; is not "communist, communist-dominated or communist controlled," but "an independent



Drawing by Dyad, London Sure, Buddy-turn right at the Statue of Liberty, thru the Security Office, past the Un-American Institute, thru the Public Screening Centre, and Wool-worth's is on the left." assn. of attorneys dedicated to the

assn. of attorneys dedicated to the weifare of the American people and bar and to the American traditions and usite and equality for all." The Atty. Gen. under Exec. Order 10450 is empowered to evaluate with the organiza-tions are "totalitarian, fascist, com-munist or subversive"; but "under our bas stad, 'no official, high or petty, can proscribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or bas stod among those in the state therefore is unconstitutional. The Guild "for nearly 17 years how for the defense of the eco-point, social, political and civil rights of the American people. . . . It intends belief that in so doing it is further.



THOMAS I. EMERSON Silence

NLG vice-pres. Thomas I. Emerson, Yale Law School professor, told an Emergency Civil Liberties Comm. gathin New York last week that ering Brownell's action

"... is a basic challenge to the whole right of association in this country. Our legal and political principles of the democratic process have been undermined.... The use of hysteria has been to such political advantage that it won't be readily abandoned."

# World lawyers fight for "respect of rule of law"

AN Initiating Committee for an Intl. Conference of Lawyers for Defense of Democratic Liberties has called on lawyers of the whole world to convene in Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 12-15,

. to unite in resisting arbitrary methods, lack of respect for human dignity, discrimination against indi-viduals or peoples, and to make viduals or peoples, and to make common cause in establishment of those legal principles which are of universal validity today.

At an Intl. Assn. of Democratic Lawyers council meeting to urge participa-

# Berebuchen

**Derebuchen** "... They [the Communists] said, for instance, that the answer to the whole Jewish problem was berebuchen, which was an estab-lishment they had set up some-where along there...." -Official U.S. Govt. Printing Office text of Robert Rossen's testimony before the Velde Committee, May 7, p. 1468. The above in a

7, p. 1468. The above is a sample of the countless errors in the printed Velde Committee reports resulting from sheer ignorance of geography, spell-ing, grammar and the political and general facts of life. No prize is offered for elucidation

No prize is offered for encodation of what Rossen really said, which came out as "berebuchen."\* A prize of a case of berebuchen, with free opener, is offered to any reader who can explain why the American people as voters send such sub-brains to Congress and why as taxpayers they consent to their money being spent on printing such gibberish by the mile. \* Birobidjan

# The President at work

The President at work ... A renowned fortune teller has been dropping in at the White House during the spring and summer, carrying her crystal ball. She is vivacious Jeenne bion, who foretold the Korean truce. forecast that Native Dancer would place in but not win the Kentucky Derby and. ior 10 years, has been telling the future for Mamile Eisenhower. ... Furthermore. she has done some crystal-ball gazing for the President, himself. ... She has amazed the President by reading his golf scores in the crystal-ball, ... As for the future, she declared firmly: "Beware of Russia in 1964." ... Drew Pearson column. B. Russ Post-Dispatch, 8/28.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 8/28. President Eisenhower has enjoyed his Colorado vacation so much that he plans to spend as much time as possible away from Washington between now and the first of the year... [He] has several important trips scheduled for the fail, and between these trips he hopes to divide his time between Washington and Augusta... He has frequently com-plained to intimates that the red tape surrounding the job of being President was so burdensome that he never had time to think. —Brew Fearson column, 8/12.

tion in the November conference, British barrister D. N. Pritt Q.C. pointed to "the rapid degeneration of the respect of certain governments for the rule of law." Some of the attacks on lawyers fighting to uphold demo-cratic liberties, listed, in the August IADL Bulletin, were:

**IRAQ:** 180 lawyers arrested since Nov., 1952; two lawyers were among 15 political detainees shot dead by police in Bagdad June 18 during a transfer to another prison; Bagdad lawyers held 24-hour strike in protest.

SYRIA: 107 Damascus lawyers protested to the President against the five-months detention of 11 lawyers, without charge or right of defense.

EGYPT: Yousef Helmi, advocate of the Court of Cassation of Egypt, is of the Court of Cassation of Egypt, is among scores of prominent Egyptians jailed without charge by the Naguib government; 42 persons charged with "subversive activities" will be tried in camera by a court-martial presided over by a colonel. The Procurcur General has decided that "commu-nism is not a 'political' offense but a crime against society."

FIGHTING BACK: In Thailand, a group of eight lawyers have undertaken the defense of 42 well-known trade the defense of 42 well-known trade union and peace leaders charged with "conspiring to overthrow the govern-ment in order to install a government of peoples' democracy." In Argentina a barristers' council has been set up, headed by Buenos Aires Law Faculty prof. C. Fontan Balestra, "to affirm the necessity for principles of International Law and fundamentally of the UN Law, and fundamentally of the UN



MISS EUROPE, 1953 the Americans offered her an 'Have

economic aid program?"

Charter . . . to take a stand in each case of a violation of these principles." In Bhopal, India, almost the entire Bar has associated itself with a defense committee for two members of the peace movement, arrested under the Preventive Detention Act. The German Assn. of Democratic Lawyers sent a telegram of protest and solidarity to French lawyers following the police attack on July 14 demonstrators, in which one French and six Algerian workers were killed. While Belgian lawyers continue preparations for a "coun-ter-trial" in the **Rosenberg Case** before an international tribunal, French lawyers are preparing a book on the case; the IADL "envisages a legal study for the use of the entire movement for their vindication, [which] lawyers of every opinion throughout the world demand.

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# Howard Fast's finest talents tell BOOKS anew the tragic story of Sacco and Vanzetti

By John T. McManus

HOWARD FAST stands virtu-ally alone among American authors for the sheer force and timeliness of his writing on the most vital themes for those seeking to construct a genuine democracy in the United States His newest work is perh

the finest example of what 1 mean. It is a most extraordinary treatment of the last hours of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti in August of 1927; and although no mention is made of any possible later-day simi-larity, hardly any reader can fail to relate its circumstances to the tragedy of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in June, 1953. Nor can any reader knowing of the Rosenberg Case fail to scent frame-up after reading the facts of the Sacco-Vanzetti Case as Fast presents them.

LIVING HISTORY: The Pas-sion of Sacco and Vanzetti is presented with Fast's special talent for vitalizing history The last 18 hours of the two New England radicals, framed for a payroll holdup and mur-der in 1920 and held in jail for seven years until executed. become the focal point of a retelling of their whole story of the world unrest surround-ing their case, the final efforts to save their lives, the callous smugness of authority from the President down, and the incandescent forbearance and great-ness of the two simple workmen chosen to die as a deterrent to radicalism in the Twenties.

The story is told with great beauty of writing, an intimate understanding of the men and their cause, and a passion and vehemence not only warranted but necessary in the re-telling of a political frame-up.

APPALLING FACTS: Told almost as fiction, with few names used other than those of the victims and their families, it nevertheless gives new generations the true story of how a New England judge sentenced 'two anarchistic bastards" (as he called them) to death on

NICOLA SACCO There was a parallel ...

trumped-up evidence, against trumped-up evidence, against absolute proof of their inno-cence; how the sentence was affirmed by the Governor of Massachusetts and the presi-dent of New England's most vaunted university as head a commission to investigate the case; how a law professor in the same university challenged his president and the authorities; how a great New Yo newspaper columnist and world-famous woman poet fought for clemency; and finalworld-famous woman ly how a New England-born U.S. President washed his hands of the case despite world-wide appeals for mercy.

But transcending even the beauty and passion of Fast's presentation is its re-telling of the appalling and oft-over-looked facts of the frame-up. Both men were proved by the most reliable of the witnesses in the case to have been in other cities when the holdup and murder took place; and a young Portuguese who con-fessed to participation twice sought to attest their innocence and died rejecting his priest because his story was not believed.

THOSE WHO FOUGHT: As in every such work of Howard Fast, the facts reflect the most painstaking research and are incontestably accurate. The fictionized portions serve princi-



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pally to drive the facts home with the greatest persuasion.

For those reading the book without a ready reference at hand for the historic names involved in the fastoric names involved in the case, the con-victing judge was Webster Thayer, the Massachusetts gov-ernor was Alvin T. Fuller, the Harvard president who condoned the conviction was A. Lawrence Lowell, the newspaper columnist who fought so hard for their lives was Heywood Broun, the poetess Edna St. Vincent Millay, the law professor who challenged the evidence, the conviction and the affirmation by his univer-sity president was Felix Frank-furter. The U.S. President who denied clemency was Calvin Coolidge.

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rent for apartments and small houses has gone up an average of 84% since 1939. Landlord figures for operating costs—which have been padded with an exorbitant allowance for "insurance and miscellaneous costs"-have advanced only 45%. As a consequence, the average landlord made 4 times as much net profit per dwelling in 1952 as he did in 1939.

Housing experts pointed out that on a basis of "fair return on investment," rents should be reduced 18% to restore the 1939 ratio of profits to rent.

# Are you or have you ever been a Virgin?

ever been a Virgin? A British Labor paper claims that this happened when a U.S. immigration official was quee-tioning a British seaman: "Are you or have you ever been a Communist?" "No.1" replied the sailor. "But I see that you went to Russia during the war." "That's right, said the sailor. "Well?" said the American official knowingly. "Well?" the seaman came back, "I've been to the Virgin Islands but that doesn't prove anything, does it?"

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# **18 Pc. Flexible Plastic Food Container Set** TWO 50 ez. DECANTERS

Ideal as container or mixer for frozen julces, cold drinks. Pour spout makes serving easy. Perma-Lid cover hermatically seals against contamination of flator or contents. Also used for storage of julces, soups, meats, poultry, fruits,



3 MIXING BOWLS. 5", 7", 10" diameters. Can be used for salads, punch, snacks and as mixing bowl for electric mixer, Also for food preservation in the freezer or refrigerator.

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9 FREEZETTE CONTAINERS. 3-40 oz., 3-20 oz., 3-12 oz. Ideal for food storage. Can be used again and again. Designed for stacking to economize on storage space. Just a gentle pres-sure at bottom and food will come out whole without pre-melting.



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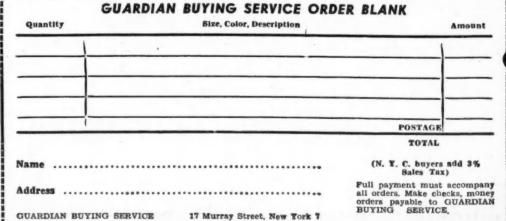
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