

AFL gives the lie to Ike on Taft-Hartley

By Lawrence Emery

THE American Fedn. of Labor's convention in St. Louis made reams of news for the nation's press; the conventions of two independent unions—Mine, Mill & Smeiter Workers and United Electrical Workers—rated scarcely a line even in the cities where they were held. For the independents, major issues were improvement of wages and working conditions, unity of the labor movement, defeat of pending union-busting legislation, and election of legislators who would fight McCarthyism and "the Administration's Big Business program."

The AFL, with 700 delegates, had two spectacular acts as attention-getters: the expulsion, after 60 years of affiliation, of Joe Ryan's Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. for "crime and lawlessness," and the resignation of Martin P. Durkin as Secy. of Labor on a charge that Eisenhower broke an agreement to recommend to Congress 19 amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act.

OUT GOES RYAN: The Ryan ouster was no surprise; he had been ordered last February to clean out "gangsters, racketeers and thugs," did nothing. The

convention listened in silence to his own inept plea—his argument was that he had always "fought communists"—and then voted 72,362 to 765 to kick him out.

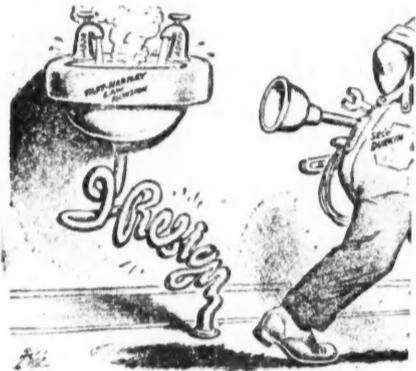
A new dock union, bearing the same name, was chartered at once with five AFL vice-presidents (including AFL pres. George Meany, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters' pres. Dave Beck, and Paul Hall, secy.-treas. of the Atlantic & Gulf District of the Seafarer's Intl. Union) named to supervise it for at least a year. The new union claimed 10,000 members in Great Lakes and Mississippi ports and included as charter members four vice-presidents of the old I.L.A. They predicted a membership of 30,000 within 30 days.

WATERFRONT WAR? Ryan, himself under indictment for stealing union funds, hurried back to New York to try to save what he could of his crumbling domain by signing a new contract with employers before a Sept. 30 deadline. The day after his expulsion he scaled down union demands for an increase of 50c an hour plus benefits to 10c including benefits. Employers at first seemed eager to grab the bargain package but changed their minds and federal mediators were called in.

Contract or no contract, big trouble brewed all week on New York's waterfront with its 40,000 longshoremen. Pro-Ryan forces called hurried strategy councils, issued what amounted to a declaration of war against the new union. All available police were alerted for waterfront assignments.

IKE POLICIES HIT: Durkin, a delegate to the convention as pres. of the Plumbers' Union, drew ovations before and after he reported on his break with the Administration. Even before his appearance on the platform, criticism of the Eisenhower domestic and labor policies was strong. The Exec. Council's report said:

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The split personality of American labor

Even as the AFL convention in St. Louis hooted President Eisenhower's messenger boy Nixon, who came to gloss over the GOP sellout of labor on Taft-Hartley, these same delegates cheered the call by Secy. Dulles (in a bill-and-coo scene with AFL v. p. David Dubinsky, above) for their participation in Washington's global war on "communism." What has not registered—yet—is the stark fact that you can't get tough abroad without getting equally tough with labor and the small farmer and consumer at home.

THE PW EXCHANGE: BRUTALITY OR BUNK? — II

'Brainwashed' GI's and germ warfare

By James Aronson
(Second of two articles)

THE aspect of Operation Big Switch which has caused the most feverish press speculation and comment is "brainwashing"—the process by which the GI mind has supposedly been purged of all American values and standards and communist ideals substituted. Why were American troops so vulnerable? Maj. Henry Segal, psychiatrist at Inchon, had this to say (N. Y. Times, 8/16) "in explaining the high percentage who at least turned an attentive ear to Communist doctrine":

"If someone told you to eat a certain breakfast food over and over again every day for months on end, you probably would try it even though you were sure you would not like it. The Communists used the same methods."

Most returning GI's said the lectures given by the Chinese in the PW camps were voluntary, although M/Sgt. Kenneth Hemric of Yadkinville, N. C., told a Scripps-Howard writer (N. Y. World-Telegram 8/10) that

... his group of 230 non-coms was required to attend a daily lecture three to four hours long. The main topic was how the U.S. was using germ warfare all over N. Korea and Manchuria.

NO VOLUNTEERS: Asked by an AP reporter (N. Y. Times, 8/4) "if he found any evidence that prisoners had succumbed to brainwashing," Capt. James A. Cox Jr., chief psychiatrist at Freedom Center, replied tersely: "We did not stimulate any reaction. None volunteered any." But two returning sergeants told UP (N. Y. Herald Trib-

une, 8/14) that "between 10 and 12% of the 1,200 men in Camp No. 5 became 'progressives.'"

To Sgt. Harry F. Bayman (York, Pa., Gazette & Daily, 9/3) brainwashing "boils down to some fellows falling for the Communist line." Some ex-PW's said the progressives got better treatment, more cigarettes, less work. But Cpl. Jesse von Williams of West Point, Ga., asked if he felt these men "were really believers in the Communist line," told INS's John Anderson at San Francisco (N. Y. Mirror 9/9):

"They must be. They didn't actually get any better treatment than we did."

BENNIE SMITH'S STORY: In Life (9/27) William Brinkley reported on his interview with Cpl. Bennie Smith of Memphis, Tenn., captured Nov. 27, 1950. Smith, described as an "unashamed progressive," is 24, had schooling to the 8th grade. He told Brinkley:

The nearly three years in Camp

No. 5, the "University of Pyuktong" indoctrination school, were "the biggest thing in my life—I came out an entirely different man. I even look at a building differently now. ... I'm anti-fascist. I'm not anti-Communist."

The day before Smith and other PW's left for Panmunjom, the Chinese tendered them a farewell party. One of the Chinese instructors, a Comrade Lim, told them:

"Do what appears best for the cause of peace. Some of you might want to join the Communist Party. If that's too much you can join progressive organizations. If that's too much you can speak for peace. If that's too much, then for God's sake don't at least go against peace."

FBI ON TRAIL? While the Pentagon at first clammed up on its plans for handling the progressives, Atty. Gen. Brownell was not so reticent. The N. Y. Times (8/16) carried this AP report from Los Angeles:

Atty. Gen. Brownell said today that U.S. PW's who collaborated with the communist captors in Korea may face charges of treason. The Justice Dept. will "study applicable

laws and ascertain whether we will be warranted in prosecuting these men. ... There is a possibility either of military trial or prosecution by the Justice Dept."

Two days later in the Times Brownell said he had been misinterpreted:

"There is nothing before the Justice Dept. along this line. If the Defense Dept. should turn over any facts, then we will see if any federal laws have been violated."

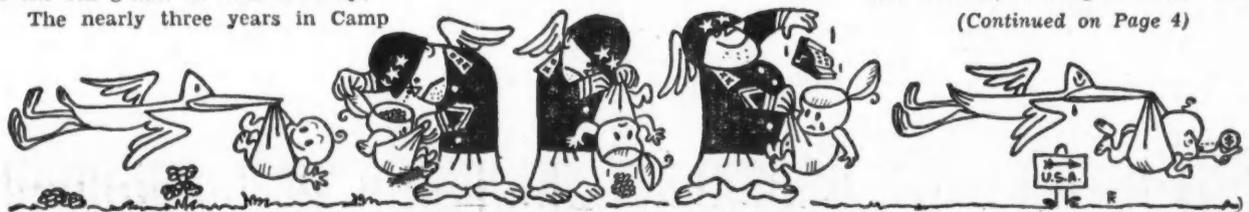
PENTAGON POLICY: The Washington Post (9/25) reported that Defense Secy. Wilson had decided on a "broad, uniform policy" for treating prisoners who had "made false confessions" or "succumbed to Communist pressure, abuse and indoctrination." He said each case would be considered

... carefully and sympathetically by the services concerned to ascertain whether in any of them there had been an unreasonable failure to measure up to the standard of individual conduct which is expected even of a prisoner of war or deviations from standards of behavior prescribed by law."

Wilson's language was broad enough to allow for almost any treatment and seemed designed to cover up what the Post called a serious Pentagon split of opinion; the Marines had urged especially "rigorous treatment."

BRITAIN'S WAY: In Britain they were less worried, although a War Office

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Science and humanity

CANTON, O.
I've been thoroughly reading technical and non-technical sources on the A-bomb ever since it became headline news in 1945. I've read The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists for years; Dr. Philip Morrison has often written articles in it. I doubt that many GUARDIAN readers appreciate fully the service you and Dr. Morrison are doing in bringing us his fearless articles. His scientific "know-how" is in the top I. Q. of Atomics, but his sincere concern for humanity and a decent society is even more praiseworthy. A brilliant scientist in any field is a product direct from hell if he feels no responsibility whatever for the world and the people who in the end will have to "take it."
Elmer Fish

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.
It is with much sorrow that you have fallen a victim of this man Morrison, who is either densely ignorant or an agent of the power companies.
Robert Bensberg

That 1 per cent

DUARTE, CALIF.
The current fuss about investigating 4-percenters is just Republican propaganda to convince an unwary public that the GOP has reduced the cost of government. After all, isn't a 4-percenter a 20% improvement over a 5-percenter?
Saul Zion Shaw

Plea to veterans

CHICAGO, ILL.
In replying to an appeal from the Disabled American Veterans (Sta. D. Box 7, Cincinnati 6, Ohio) I have written:
"Please accept one of the enclosed 50c coins for your good cause. . . . Since all good American men want the women and children to be saved first, and it will probably be women and children, millions of them who will be mutilated or killed in the next world war, won't you please buy 25 2c postcards with the other 50c, pass them around among disabled veterans, and ask each of them to (in their own way) write something to someone they think can exert influence toward a just and stable peace? It seems to me that a postcard signed 'Disabled American Veteran' would carry 10 times the conviction of one sent by an ordinary citizen like me."
William Y. Turner

Give you the creeps

ST. LOUIS, MO.
A few years back Republicans were regaling us with laughs about mink coats and refrigerator bribes in the Democratic administration. The Republicans seated in high places on a well known street, comfortable and untouchable decided to get rid of the need for bribes; to take government out of business and let business take over the government.
So they handed over tidelands, power dams and national forest reserves to the untouchables, who had been fighting "creeping socialism" for so long they could prop-

Let us build a monument and take care of the orphans. I believe they were innocent. Let us dedicate ourselves to proving it. All decent humanity mourns them.
A Friend

Is Adlai different?

MIAMI SPRINGS, FLA.
Ever since Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were put to death, one thought has troubled me. If Stevenson had been President, wouldn't he have granted them clemency? And if so, were we not wrong in failing to support him? I know this is merely speculation, and the same old dilemma of the lesser evil. I have no illusions about Mr. Stevenson or his party, but I believe he would not have let the Rosenbergs die.
Do any readers have similar doubts, or am I the only one?
A Reader

"We spoke the truth"

DOAR AFULE, ISRAEL
The day the Rosenbergs died my class had a meeting. Being the son's and daughter's of socialist's, we spoke the truth in the meeting. I got up and said "The Rosenbergs are innocent and we know it."
My mom gave \$10 for the R's. I am very proud my name is Michael and that a branch of my family is named Rosenberg. Pardon the bad English.
Michael

How crazy can you get dept.

There is no doubt that Dr. Adenauer is authoritarian in the way he runs his Government, and one high foreign official said this week, "He now has an absolute dictatorship." But the same man hastened to add, as did many others, that Dr. Adenauer is not a totalitarian but a genuine and sincere Democrat.
—N. Y. Times report from Bonn, Sept. 20.
One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Rose Russell, New York City.

erly be called "premature anti-creepers."

They promised now if given a chance, after allowing cities to decay and fall into shambles for 50 years, to show what private enterprise could do, to clear the slums of all creeping things and build homes for low income workers for \$15,000 to \$20,000, and make 2-room apartments available for \$100 to \$125 a month.

These comfortable untouchables declared that, these matters were not to be questioned or criticized, for they were related to top secrets, and could bring one's loyalty to God and country into question and result in loss of one's job as a security risk, imprisonment and deportation.
Joseph Hoffman

They manage somehow

BRONX, N. Y.
How could I get along without the GUARDIAN? On second thought, how can anybody? Florence Frein

Appreciates Dr. Phillips

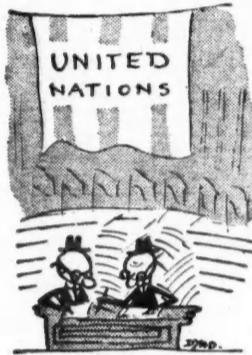
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
I have just finished reading Dr. Phillips' letter and have written to Mr. Griffin. Have been thinking that I should have studied harder in college, especially in such courses as Philosophy I. with Dr. Phillips. My grade was just average but I did acquire reading skills in college and have put them to use since leaving its doors. It's only now that I appreciate the stature of such individuals as Dr. Phillips.
Mrs. Lois Thorne

Antidote for dope

ARCATA, CALIF.
Send me another \$5 worth of the "What We Saw in China" books. I consider this material all compiled in one book very, very valuable and it should go a long way in counteracting the dope dished out to the people. It is my utmost desire to spread this good news; I will probably need more of these books.
George F. Abbott

A call for dedication

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
It was a black day for America when they killed those two brave martyrs, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. They tortured and crucified them for many months before killing them, making orphans of two innocent children and breaking their grandma's heart. How can these sadists call themselves civilized? I can only think of Christ when the crowd cried, "Crucify him!" as they would do today!



Drawing my Dyad, London
"Another smashin' American victory—five for, five against, 50 abstentions."

MISSOULA, MONT.
The Maly Bag gives GUARDIAN readers some idea of what a lot of people are thinking about. Like Frank Engman of Deerwood, Minn. He, like myself, has worked along liberal lines battling for the rights of the common people. We have too many people in the U.S. who are money mad, such as those who own shares of stock in corporations who want gas and electricity rates raised so they may get a little larger dividend, selfish people who care not for the poorer class of people who live from hand to mouth. Let the common people rise up and take more interest in political affairs and know before they vote whether or not the candidate is for or against the interest of the people.
Larry Emery's article on how Eisenhower is handling all public power over to the trusts is the best of all I have read. J. A. Gallagher

Young geezer

WHONOCK, B. C.
Sorry I cannot pledge a dollar a month. I am an old geezer of 72 with one foot in the grave and existing on the old age pension. I enclose \$2 now and will send more when able. Have been reading Luis Taruc's book, Born of the People, and it really makes my heart sick to know the crimes of imperialism in the Philippines as well as in Korea, Malaya and Kenya.
Allan Grant

The "necessary sacrifices"

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
Some time ago, the Bureau of the Budget released some figures proving that the huge military budget and the sensational rise in the cost of the military establishment, combined with the profits flowing from it, are the cause of the inflation which has reduced our standard of living.
The Bureau said that it cost \$3,200 per service man in 1938 to run the armed forces, \$8,100 per man by June 30, 1950—a 250% leap in a decade.
The Institute of Life Insurance commented: "To this must be added the cost of rearmament, military aid for Atlantic Pact nations, and other requirements of the mobilization program. . . . It estimated the non-payroll cost on this total militarization at \$10,000 per service man."



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"Since wars began in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed."—CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

THE GUARDIAN'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

L.A. --- and points east

YOU CAN'T BUY A TICKET to the First Annual Guardian Ball in Los Angeles Dec. 12 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel—but you're certainly welcome to come with the lad or lady of your choice, dance, enjoy a one-hour GUARDIAN show, take refreshment and make merry with some 500 other couples.

You can't buy a ticket (or spend a dime for anything else at the party) because the Ball has been arranged by and for GUARDIAN boosters who have raised a minimum of \$25 in subs or contributions in connection with the GUARDIAN'S Fifth Anniversary at the end of this year.

To raise the \$25, folks are now staging card parties, borscht-fests, play readings and dinner parties and some are even hiring out as baby-sitters. Others are just hiking forth to sign up their neighbors, jobmates and poker partners as GUARDIAN subscribers, Buck-of-the-Month pledgers or what have you.

To make sure of your reservations, write Tiba G. Willner, GUARDIAN Los Angeles representative, 949 Schumacher Drive, Los Angeles 48, Calif. She'll give you full, up-to-date details on the Ball and also some tips on how to qualify for the Grand March.

LOS ANGELES has started the ball rolling on the GUARDIAN Anniversary and now we'd like to hear from other cities, neighborhoods and junctions where GUARDIAN readers would like to make the completion of our fifth year of publication the occasion for a get-together.

In New York a group of our most cherished GUARDIAN boosters are planning a dinner in November; Chicago is shaping up something similar, perhaps around Thanksgiving time, and any number of GUARDIAN neighborhood clubs are putting their heads together right now on ways and means of making our Fifth Anniversary memorable and guaranteeing many happy returns of the day.

Please let us hear from you. We have "how-to" ideas which may please you; and your ideas may prove a kicker to people elsewhere.

Our actual anniversary is October 18, the publication date of our first issue back in 1948. But election campaigns are no respecters of birthdays, so we have pushed ours over a month, to November, and are perfectly game to keep on celebrating far into January—as long as there are reader groups in a partying mood.

Are you dancing this one?

THE EDITORS

Congress supplied the final figure when it approved budgets from \$71 to \$84 billions, 80% of which would be used for military purposes, directly and indirectly.

The Institute observed that what this program will cost in the future, and the tax burden all of us will bear, is intimately related to "the effectiveness with which the government and the people work together and make the necessary sacrifices."

The Institute did not say whether it regarded as sacrifices the profits of munitions magnates and the swarm of profiteers, middle men and sub-contractors who supply the war merchandise. Profits are a desirable by-product, but inflation is bad. Now if the munition merchants must sacrifice there will be no profit. So the problem is solved by having "the people work together and make the necessary sacrifices."

The people have not profited by the frenzied production of weapons; a depression is on the horizon. Wouldn't it be simpler and saner to end this madness by establishing peace?
Jeff Patriek

Ashean, please

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Your Aug. 24 picture of Oleta O'Connor Hayes is the worst possible of this wonderful and beautiful woman. Please dump it in the ashcan.
George Perman

ful woman. Please dump it in the ashcan.
George Perman

Round table, please

LAS CRESCENTA, CALIF.
I note two letters in the GUARDIAN about my "case." One defends me by attacking the U.S.S.R., the other exalts the U.S.S.R. by defaming me. Must progressives copy Washington's line of "two belligerent sides," instead of the reconciling "round table" technique?
I refuse to be set in opposition to the U.S.S.R. I also refuse the silly idea that the U.S.S.R. need never "explain." Fallible human beings, charged with the biggest job in history, must explain and explain very often both triumphs and boners, for the good of the world.
Some "round table" investigation of my situation should have cleared it up long ago, permitting me to continue my fullest work. American progressives, with whom I worked for 40 years, should have taken the initiative in this. Their organizations, however, refused to speak with me or see me; four years of mutual work have thus been lost. A peace conference is surely overdue. But if discussion still tends to line up two belligerent sides, using me against the U.S.S.R. and vice versa, then I shall have to wait some more unsettled years.
Anna Louise Strong

WAR & PEACE Behind the Beria hoax: Washington's psychological w ip

By Tabitha Petran

FOR Washington the "time of decision had come" (Newsweek, 9/28). The size of the arms budget—involving the question of basic military-foreign policy—had to be fixed. With the Administration reported still "split wide open" on this key question, decisions taking shape showed:

- Further stalling, in face of the growing frustration of Washington's world policy.
- Streamlining of the military build-up and business of plunder at home and abroad.

SHORTER HEMLINE: The new Joint Chiefs—their review of overall U.S. policy almost complete—produced what the N.Y. Times' Reston (9/25) called

... a military "new look" [which] like the fashion "new look" in Paris, promises to be fairly moderate, with maybe a little shorter hemline. . . .

"For the moment" the new Chiefs will continue the plans drafted by their predecessors; the fiscal '55 arms budget will be about the same as this year's "or perhaps a little smaller." Since this year's budget was "a stopgap measure" to let the new Chiefs "devise a better fundamental plan" and "effect greater economies" (Walter Millis, N.Y. Herald Tribune, 9/23), the decision revealed the "new look's" bankruptcy, pointed to extension of the stopgap.

The "new look's" chief focus was on manpower, not money, as the "limiting factor" on the military build-up. This emphasis recalled the determination with which the Pentagon has pursued its goal of a ten-million-man professional force (a campaign in which, as retired Air Force Col. William Neblett described in *Pentagon Politics*, 1953, the Pentagon has deliberately generated fear of Soviet attack and Communist revolution at home to achieve its ends). The Chiefs' concern about the "manpower ceiling" imposed by "existing legislation" suggested that new legislation may be sought to lift the ceiling.

NO TRUTH TO TELL: Washington's arms-spending dilemma and inability to devise a rational military policy arise from the total unreality of its world aims. The growing discrepancy between these aims and today's balance of world forces was illumined by Operation Candor, "a vision of policy-making by high-pressure advertising propaganda . . . a kind of burlesque of the Eisenhower Administration" (Millis). Prepared with the help of the Natl. Advertising Council, this was to have been "a real whing ding of a television series in which President Eisenhower and seven cabinet members (7) were to 'tell all' about the atom bomb" (NYT, 9/23). It was designed, said U.S. News frankly (10/2), as "a scare campaign."

Everything was arranged but one detail: no one knew what the truth is, what should be revealed, what policies to advocate. Operation Candor was like a doctor "prepared to diagnose a potentially fatal disease but . . . unable to offer any convincing sort of remedy" (Stewart Alsop, 9/18). The result was "a rather large mouse but a mouse all the same" (Alsop, 9/28).

DANGER—PEACE: Behind the decision not to follow through on this "government-by-crisis" technique, repeatedly used by Truman, were Pentagon fears that stress on civil defense would breed a "Maginot Line" defensive psychology; more important, the fear that it might backfire by awakening many to the fact that the only answer to A- and H-bombs is negotiation and peace.

U.S. News (10/2) said if Operation Candor scared Americans badly enough "it probably would frighten the wits out of U.S. allies in Europe who are next door to Russian bombers. . . and might even demand a deal be made with the Russians." This at a time when Secy. Dulles had already been forced to change tactics, to halt the allies' "increasing drift toward Russian appeasement [which] with Moscow's H-bomb announcement accelerated almost to a stampede" (Drew Pearson, 9/12).



Paul Robeson receives Stalin Peace Prize

On Sept. 23, at a ceremony before 500 persons in New York's Hotel Theresa, Paul Robeson received from Howard Fast (above) one of seven gold medals presented to those who in the judgment of an international committee have done the most to strengthen world peace. This was the third year of the awards, which include also a prize of \$25,000. Introducing the award, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois said of Robeson: "He is thus placed among the great men of the world. . . . He is without doubt today, as a person, the best known American on earth, to the largest number of human beings. . . . Only in his native land is he without honor and rights." Robeson was visibly moved as he accepted the award, as was every person in the room.

Dulles uses Hitler tactics

Dulles' new tactics took the form, on the one hand, of hinting at withdrawal of all foreign troops from, and neutralization of, Korea. (This could mean anything or nothing, probably the latter: NYT noted that the U.S. had still not decided whether to support Rhee's claim to all Korea or back all-Korea elections.)

On the other hand, Washington's "tactical manoeuvre" (N.Y. World-Telegram, 9/24) consisted in a series of straightfaced assertions by NATO powers that German rearmament was chiefly designed to protect the U.S.S.R. from aggression. This in a week when:

- The U.S. signed a military pact with Franco Spain, providing an unspecified amount of dollars (Foreign Affairs, July, said it would eventually reach \$1 to \$3 billion) for the right to maintain occupation troops and use bases. These bases were openly described as designed for A-bombing of Russia since the U.S. would not have enough B-52's to do this from home bases until 1957 (NYT, 9/27).
- NATO's Lord Ismay revealed NATO was bringing into operation "rather more than one airfield a week"; 120 air-bases, including 30 in W. Germany, will be in operation by year's end—not counting dozens of atom bases in

Britain and national airbases already operating when NATO was started.

RESISTANCE GROWS: The technique Washington was using—alternating warlike threats with "moderation"—was one made familiar by Hitler. It was needed to divert and confuse world public opinion, whose growing demand for an end to tension was seen to be slowly but surely making itself felt on capitalist governments:

- India said it would ask UN to recommend big-power talks as proposed by Churchill last May (see box).

- Britain's Labour Party, in its annual conference statement on foreign policy, insisted on a negotiated peace in the cold war (a significant concession to rank-and-file sentiment, although the right wing defeated conference resolutions to cut arms spending and condemn U.S. restrictions on East-West trade).

- In Italy the 24-hour strike of six million workers marked Communist and non-Communist co-operation, for the first time since 1948, on economic demands which can be met only by reorienting Italy's foreign policy. (The "symbolic warning" of the workers' unity was to be "re-enforced by another general strike of seven million agricultural workers on Oct. 5"—Le Monde,

9/25.) Similarly in France, following the August strikes, "the Popular Front is being created, not in union headquarters and parliamentary lobbies but in the workshops and factories" (New Statesman, 9/26).

- W. Europe stood in open fear of what Paris' Le Monde called the "Bonu-Washington Axis."

- In Denmark, Austria and Yugoslavia there was "growing resistance to U.S. policy towards the Soviet Union" (NYT, 9/28).

Big business and Beria

Obstacles to the war drive were slowly being erected. But Washington cracked the whip all the harder to impose its rule of, by and for a handful of powerful corporations. It announced it would give no more foreign aid if it is used to develop "competitive enterprise." Underdeveloped nations were told to join all-out in the cold war if they want Point 4 aid.

In New York the government suit against 17 of Wall St.'s biggest investment bankers, who dominate the economy, was dismissed. Profits rolled up to just under the all-time mark of 1950 as the Administration prepared a far-reaching national sales tax to substitute for the excess profits tax; cost of living remained at an all-time peak.

"THOUSANDS OF NAMES": If this open plunder made Americans restive, there was diversion, also provided by the corporations—currently the Beria hoax. The N.Y. Daily News (9/23) revealed perhaps its chief aim in reporting that "Beria" had supplied "a 150-page folder containing documents and maps," with thousands of names of "Communist espionage and sabotage experts" all revealing a "startling Soviet plot against the U.S., a sabotage drive aimed at key cities and industries." These names would turn up again, even though the hoax proved too much even for the most gullible.

Engineered by a former OSS spy officer and a group of big businessmen, the Beria affair throws light on the direct role of corporations at every level of government. Co-ordination of private and public action in "stopping communism" has long been advocated by Secy. Dulles, who elaborated the theme in "A Policy of Boldness" (Life, 5/19/52). The co-ordination was well-established under Truman with a host of "private" organizations, financed and run by big business—Natl. Comm. for a Free Europe, Crusade for Freedom, innumerable refugee foundations—serving as main arm of the underground war against the socialist world. Many of the Administration's top officials are graduates of these outfits.

The Beria hoax marks the first big-scale effort aimed directly against the American people.

At UN: India offers a way out

THE outstanding event in the UN General Assembly last week was a major policy speech by India's chief delegate Krishna Menon, who firmly but without harshness for anyone made these suggestions for action by the Assembly:

BIG FOUR MEETING: It should recommend an "informal, round-table meeting" without a prearranged agenda;

TERROR WEAPONS: Prohibition of nuclear weapons, and napalm bombs which have revived "the medieval methods of torture by burning people slowly";

UN MEMBERSHIP: A method should be found to admit *en bloc* all states that have so far applied;

UN EMPLOYEES: The Secy. Gen. must permit "no inroads upon . . . the independence of the Secretariat" and upon the status of "the international civil servant [who] is very much like

a [member of] the staff of an embassy, entitled to diplomatic position, provided he obeys . . . the municipal law, the sanitary law or the traffic laws of that country";

ASIAN REPRESENTATION: Asia, "no longer a slumbering continent [but] a group of nations independent and free," with a population of 1,275 million and an area of 9½ million square miles, should be properly represented in UN (Asia today has—counting the Chiang Kai-shek delegate as representing China—two of 11 seats in the Security Council, three of 24 in the Econ. and Soc. Council, two of 12 in the Trusteeship Council, and 150 of 4,000 employees in the Secretariat—excluding the Chinese);

CHARTER REVISION: Assembly members might encourage "even more than the revision of the Charter . . . a greater adherence to the spirit of its provisions," and should know that India fully supports "the doctrine of

great-power unanimity [the veto]";

CHINA & FORMOSA: "The government of China . . . the only government that can carry out the [Charter's] obligations and . . . the only government entitled to be here, ought to be here"; an effective way must be found to remove from Burma Kuomintang troops, who are being supplied "with . . . modern weapons . . . and supported by airplanes";

AFRICA: Some solution must be found to the continued "race domination" and aggressive annexation of S.E. Africa by the Union of S. Africa;

KOREAN PEACE: The Korean question should be discussed until peace is achieved; Secy. Dulles should clarify his statement that "the Republic of Korea has no ambitions which run beyond Korea" in the light of Rhee's bellicose pronouncements, the existence of two Korean governments, and UN's objective for a unified Korea.

—Kumar Goshal

THE PW EXCHANGE: BRUTALITY OR BUNK? — II

'Brainwashed' GI's and germ warfare

(Continued from Page 1)

spokesman told Reuters (9/10) that of the 1,000 British troops released, about 15% had absorbed enough Communist indoctrination to be classified as sympathizers. The spokesman said there were "absolutely no plans for disindoctrination. . . They'll be returned to their homes where we expect most of them will be cured."

Reuters (N. Y. Times, 9/12) reported that there had been "scuffles between the washed and the unwashed on the troopships carrying British PW's home."

RHEE'S NEW CAPTIVES: Whatever Washington and London finally decide (George Sokolsky, Hearst columnist, offered a quick cure-all: drown the progressives), the fate of the returning S. Korean PW's was clear. Buried inside the N. Y. Times (8/12) was this one-inch Reuters item:

South Korean prisoners returning from North Korea are going into confinement for another year for investigating and screening by South Korean authorities. Approximately 8,000 S. Koreans will live in a "rehabilitation center" on Yoncho Island, formerly a prison camp for N. Koreans.

The germ war fliers

On Sept. 6 Hsinhua, official Chinese news agency, reported that the Chinese-N. Korean command was exempting from prosecution and granting clemency to all 25 American airmen charged

tured. He was taken to a hospital where the "treatment was excellent" and his broken arm set. He "felt bad eating so much better food than my captors."

Both he and Schwable roared with laughter when I told them of the charges of "brain-destroying" techniques used to "extract" admissions from Schwable. "I suppose they would be putting us in straitjackets and taking us home in padded cells," Schwable said.

There is no doubt that every possible pressure, persecution and the threat of persecution will be employed against these men by the American military authorities to force them to deny their stories. In the past BW has been strictly tabooed for UN pressmen in Korea and Japan. They have not been allowed to get near any of the hundreds of fliers named by Schwable and the others as having taken part in actual planned BW operations. Any inquiry about BW has ended in stonewall obstruction, and threats if the journalist is too inquisitive.

DARK HOLES: The fliers came to Freedom Village and Schwable and Evans were interviewed. They said (N. Y. Times, 9/6) they were tortured and starved to extort confessions; thrown into "dark holes," forced to sit "30 hours at attention." "They were absolutely diabolical," Mahurin said. In summer the sun poured down on him and in winter sub-zero cold froze his feet. ("They denied us sunlight and



TWO DAYS BEFORE THE FLIERS CAME TO FREEDOM CENTER
Wilfred Burchett (r) interviews Lt. Floyd B. O'Neal (c) and Lt. Paul R. Kniss

with participating in germ warfare, on the ground that they were carrying out orders from their superior officers. All 25 had signed confessions.

A few hours before the men were repatriated correspondent Wilfred Burchett talked with the three top-ranking officers in the group: Col. Walker M. Mahurin of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Frank H. Schwable of Arlington, Va., and Andrew J. Evans Jr. of Montgomery Ala. All of them, Burchett said, expressed the hope that the failure of bacteriological warfare would prevent its ever being used again. He went on:

Mahurin said he had "no complaint whatsoever" about his treatment from the time he was cap-

Chicken liver

Cpl. Glenn D. Hammond of Gansvoort, N. Y., spoke of a "chicken liver" operation. "I never saw it do any good," he said. "But as far as I knew it never killed anybody. It didn't help me. I weighed about 115 to 117 pounds when they operated on me, and I didn't gain any weight. . . . I weigh 133 now."

Mac R. Johnson,
N. Y. Herald Tribune, (8/12).

The non-weight-gaining operation which added 16 pounds to Cpl. Hammond actually is a process known as "fissure therapy." First tried in the Soviet Union, it is now used to cure failing eyesight, ulcers, deafness and other ailments. It is reported often to have helped patients gain weight. Ed.

fresh air," said Evans in the same story.) Both said they tried to kill themselves, finally broke down and confessed "that we were dropping bombs filled with mosquitoes, fleas, flies, rats and spiders." Mahurin said:

"I listed as fliers who knew about the germ war people who had been dead for months or years. It was such nonsense that only a child would believe that trash."

In an AP interview (N. Y. Daily News 9/8) Schwable said of his confession:

"I made it sound realistic by naming dates and places. The plan would have to have some realism, but sense would tell whoever heard it that it was all so ridiculous. I hope to God I did make it ridiculous."

MOSTLY MENTAL: Another flier who had signed a confession was Lt. Floyd B. O'Neal of Fairfax, S. C., a trained scientist. On his release, the York Gazette & Daily reported (9/8):

O'Neal said he signed after he was subjected to torture for three months, mostly mental. Then he was given 48 hours to sign while a Chinese soldier menaced him with a bayonet.

In his excellent book on the Korean war (This Monstrous War, Joseph Waters, 360 Collins St., Melbourne, Australia) Burchett presents a different reason for O'Neal's long silence:

One of the factors was, as he



COL. FRANK H. SCHWABLE.
There were two stories

[O'Neal] expressed it to me, "because I was ashamed for the outside world to know of the degradation of American science. But I soon realized that it was more important that the world should know the truth so that this black sheep of science could be halted and banned before these madmen in the laboratories destroy civilization itself."

IT'S OK, BOYS: A N. Y. Times editorial (9/8) reassured the fliers:

The airmen who were obliged to undergo this ordeal may fear that they may be misjudged by some of their fellow-countrymen. We hope that they can put such ideas out of their minds and have no occasion to add any sense of chagrin to what they have already suffered. Actually they should receive high praise for making their "confessions" so palpably ridiculous that they could be laughed out of court. These "confessions" were at no time acts of free men.

Conclusions

That is the picture of the PW exchange as reported in the U. S. press, augmented with background information from reporters in N. Korea whose integrity the GUARDIAN has never had reason to doubt. This is what it appears to add up to:

1. There is no question that UN PW's suffered during the first year of captivity, that their food was inadequate and their medical attention could have been better. But their captors suffered the same privations. One fact suppressed in all stories is that the worst suffering came during Gen. MacArthur's drive to the Yalu in the winter of 1950; that the N. Koreans endured the same forced marches in retreat as did their captives.

2. When conditions improved for the N. Koreans (especially after the entrance of the Chinese in the war) conditions improved for the PW's.

3. The tales of brutality and starvation appear to be grossly exaggerated and often invented.

4. The stories told by the returned airmen accused of germ warfare contradict their confessions and the reports of men like Burchett, whose dispatches were invariably picked up by UN correspondents as reliable. These contradictions the American people will have to judge for themselves.

5. The glorification by U. S. correspondents of GI's who admitted stealing supplies from the prison stores and from their buddies would indicate a serious corruption of American values both in the GI's and the reporters.

6. The returning GI's, uncertain, worried, sick and torn with conflicting emotions about their return home and their future, told their stories under the eyes of censors and intelligence agents, with psychiatrists in the wings.

William Worthy, correspondent of the Baltimore Afro-American, wrote (8/22):

There are always individuals who stand ready to say what others wish to hear—especially in these days of hysteria. . . . The lurid tales of starvation diets were balanced by the re-

ports of many repatriates that the N. Koreans were eating poorly.

They were balanced also by statements such as one by Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, highest-ranking captive, that

... he could not figure out why the Korean guards and the Korean people had generally been so kind to him after all they suffered (interview with Burchett before his release).

THE ACCUSATION: The Chinese and N. Koreans have accused Washington of

... attempting to use the lies about Korean-Chinese mistreatment of PW's to obstruct the political conference, to evade responsibility for recovering more than 27,000 prisoners released by Syngman Rhee, and to put obstructions in the way of peaceful settlement of the Korean and Far Eastern questions. (Hsinua)

How do these charges hold up? An INS dispatch from Korea (8/16) said:

There is every reason to believe that . . . the outcry of anger and bitterness against the Communists will speedily freeze out all possibilities of raising the question of seating Red China at the Sept. 15 General Assembly.

UP reported (8/7):

Many Americans were ready today to write off a Far East political conference as a failure even before it begins. Hardship stories told by prisoners freed in Korea hardened this opinion.

IMPATIENT ENGLAND: Operation Big Switch had been on two days when

Morale

I told him that hundreds of Americans died in the early months of captivity because they believed that it was impossible to survive with the type of food Gen. Dean himself ate (rice and pickled vegetables) during that period and because of the general low morale.

"I know these men," he commented. "They need leadership and discipline. Without that they would just go to pieces." Wilfred Burchett, interview with Gen. Dean before his release.

this dispatch was filed. Even earlier, on Aug. 4, syndicated columnist David Lawrence wrote:

The British press will call them [stories of returned] "atrocious stories calculated to injure the forthcoming peace conference." Debates in the British parliament indicate an impatience with the U. S. government because American officials don't want to accord recognition and a seat in the Security Council of the UN to the Red China government whose commanders are responsible for the deaths of these 8,302 Americans officially reported as missing.

Going back even further, Newsweek (9/7) said:

When the Communists finally agreed to armistice negotiations, the U. S. claimed that a large proportion of the Communist prisoners of war did not want to be repatriated. On the basis of information from their own sources, both London and Canada considered this claim ridiculous. It was only with the greatest difficulty that they were able to get the U. S. to agree (mostly as a result of a meeting last fall between Prime Minister St. Laurent and Dean Acheson in Ottawa last fall) to the Indian compromise.

QUESTION OF INTEGRITY: The reluctance of the U. S. to agree to an armistice has been documented in the GUARDIAN. Washington's opposition to a round-table conference on Korea which could lead to easing of tensions throughout the Far East—and eventually throughout the world—is open to view daily at the UN Assembly.

Whether there is a direct relationship between the press treatment (through army channels) of the PW exchange and Washington's Far East policy, we leave it to the reader to decide. Certainly the conclusion is inescapable that serious doubts must arise as to the integrity of the reporters and the emotional balance of the stories they reported.

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THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN

Impy limps back into race; Halley stands to benefit

By Elmer Bendiner

UP TO the middle of last week the election seemed to be an exclusive affair in which voters were not asked to join. Four days before registration was to begin (Oct. 5-10) there were no newspaper ads, no radio plugging, none of the customary pleading to register. The big parties plainly wanted a small vote.



There was talk that Wagner might hire him if he wouldn't run, Halley if he would. The N. Y. Daily News said it had a rumor that the Liberal Party's Alex Rose had agreed to finance his campaign in order to take votes from Wagner and the GOP's Riegelman.

BOOST FOR HALLEY: Whatever the behind-the-scenes maneuvers were, whether Wagner failed to strike a bargain or Halley made one, the Mayor at the deadline hour last Wednesday filed petitions with 22,001 signatures on the Experience Party ticket and entered the race as the candidate of "real Democrats" and "liberal Republicans."

His race, unlikely to do better than his primary effort, would help only Halley. Halley, himself, won another line on the ballot when he filed 70,463 signatures on the Independent Party ticket.

CLEAN AS LILY: Last-minute entries posed two threats to the almost-assured victory for a Negro borough president in Manhattan. Two white candidates filed for the office: Harry L. Brummond on the Constructive Party ticket and Joseph J. Cioffi of the Clean Government Party. Both parties were created for the occasion; the lily-white banner clearly waved over each, despite disclaimers.

George Blake Charney, labor



The American Labor Party called on the voters to get into the act. Chairman Vito Marcantonio sent out a call for registration—and ALP enrollment. He said: "Your enrollment in the ALP this year is an investment in the great political future of the American people which no gang of fakers, politicians, tinhorns and loudmouths can take away from you. I appeal to you to do two things: first, register and enroll American Labor Party and then get one other person to register and enroll ALP and vote for all American Labor Party candidates this year."

IMPY'S PROBLEM: Other campaigners were thinking in terms that had little to do with voters or issues. One factor in Mayor Impellitteri's mind was his age, 53. Two more years of city service would bring him to the retirement age and qualify him for a pension of \$20,000 a year. If he quits before then his pension would be substantially less. His problem: a municipal job.

secretary of the N. Y. Communist Party and Smith Act victim, filed for Manhattan district attorney on the People's Rights ticket, with 9,500 petition signatures.

WAGNER DUCKS: Wagner was an odds-on favorite last week—assured the support of the State CIO, though Halley showed some strength at its recent Long Beach convention. The Americans for Democratic Action at its state convention divided neatly between the two. ALP's mayoralty candidate Clifford T. McAvoy, speaking before the Urban League, called Wagner's bid for labor support "pure bunk." He said:

"Wagner in his speech before the N. Y. State CIO completely ducked the 15c fare issue and had not one word to say about what he would do concerning the transit authority and the fare increase." Of the ADA he said: "It once again tried to do an axe-job on genuinely liberal causes and genuinely liberal candidates by tying itself shamelessly to prospective winners, regardless of principles and regardless of issues."

Q AND A: The Urban League forum was one of the few points at which the standard-bearers were stacked up for comparison and queried on issues. Top questions were: would the candidate appoint a Negro commissioner, give Harlem another hospital, act on discrimination in housing and employment?

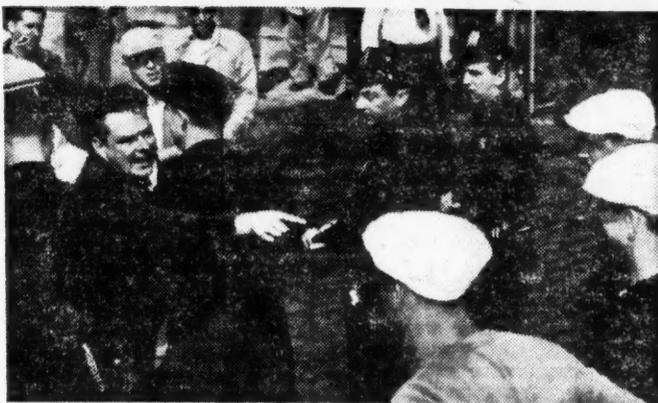
Riegelman made an opening statement, lofty but general, then left before the question period. Halley and Wagner answered almost identically. Each would appoint only "qualified" persons who might or might not be Negro; each wondered where the money would come from for the much-needed hospital; each said he was opposed in general to discrimination. Wagner favored the present, ineffective Mayor's Committee on Unity, perhaps with the addition of subpoena powers. Halley felt the question of Police Commissioner Monaghan's fitness was too "ticklish."



DOWN TO EARTH: McAvoy said the Negro people had "nowhere near adequate representation" and that he would appoint at least one Negro commissioner; raise money for another Harlem hospital by reassessing big undertaxed real estate; break down jimcrow by appointing a city FEPC composed of Negro and white members, give it enforcement powers.

He called on all candidates to campaign throughout the city with the borough presidential candidates. Having nominated Negroes for the job, the old-line parties have forgotten them except in tours of Negro areas.

The 150 in the Hotel Theresa Ballroom, invited by the conservative Urban League, applauded rarely—and only for McAvoy's answers.



DEBATE ON THE BROOKLYN DOCKS
White caps and baseball bats, cops, crooks and cleanup

LONGSHOREMEN IN THE MIDDLE

Union war looms on all N. Y. docks

THE waterfront had been quiet for weeks with no extraordinary movement visible except for the jockeying of bosses for power. When the expulsion of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. from the AFL became inevitable, AFL organizers were busy up and down the coast lining up locals for a new union, seeming to leave the New York port to the racketeers and government regimentation.

But shortly after the expulsion (see p. 1), ILA pres. Ryan returned and made preparations for war. Clearly seeking a contract—any contract—to bolster his position and clear the deck of extraneous talk of wages and hours, he ordered ILA negotiators to drop their wage-and-welfare raise demands from 60c to 10c, leaving only 1.5c an hour difference between the union and the N. Y. Shipping Assn. Then when longshoremen muttered at a "cut-rate contract," and hope grew dimmer for a new contract before the old one expired, ILA upped its demand to 13c. Shippers rejected it.

ROUGH NEWCOMERS: The AFL prepared for war in its own way. It failed to rally the dockers on the key issues of wages or working hours, openly announced it would support the N. Y.-N. J. commission for licensing labor on the piers and screening dissidents off their jobs. It chartered a new ILA, included on the board of trustees Paul Hall of the Intl. Seafarers Union and David Beck of the Teamsters, picked the ISU as its task force.

Both unions have had rough histories, battling not only bosses occasionally but also making brass-knuckle raids on CIO rivals and rank-and-file movements.

WHITE CAPS AND BATS: Partly for its droll effect, Anthony "Tough Tony" Anastasia of Ryan's ILA asked for police protection from AFL organizers, otherwise his men might have to carry "dangerous weapons." When ISU members, wearing white caps for handy identification in case of hostilities, poured onto Brooklyn docks last week, police picked a large supply of baseball bats out of ISU cars.

After years of racket-rule, kickbacks and murder, longshoremen might be expected to welcome any change. But they saw no saviors in the ISU or

AFL top leadership which for years maintained Ryan over recurrent rank-and-file movements to oust him.

"GET OUT": Three locals switched to the new AFL-ILA but otherwise the ISU had tough going. Anastasia's men met the organizing squads in Brooklyn and longshoremen carrying cargo hooks, shouted: "Go and sail your ships." Armies of police covered the piers and enforced a ceasefire. ISU members handed out leaflets in the territory of the Bowers' Gang "Pistol" Local 824, but longshoremen yelled: "Get the hell out of here. . . . We don't need you and we never did."

Frank Nawrocki, business agent of Local 808, bitterly anti-Anastasia, tried to lead his local into the new ILA, was overruled by his exec. board and went over on his own.

THE DEADLINE: At GUARDIAN press time a pier strike seemed certain. Though earlier Ryan's ILA officials had dampened any strike talk, and Anastasia had said flatly there would be no strike in Brooklyn no matter what the shippers did, rank-and-file sentiment seemed to be: "No contract, no work."

The deadline was Wednesday midnight. The AFL waited to deal directly with the shippers amid reports that ISU looked forward to placing unemployed members on the docks. ISU controls scattered piers in Brooklyn. The bulk of the port's seamen are in the CIO-NMU, which has stayed discreetly out of the controversy.

ONE SMALL VOICE: On the eve of hostilities, Ryan retired to French Hospital for "observation." The ailment was said to be tactical. It left the generalship to Capt. Wm. Bradley of the tugboat section.

One small rank-and-file voice was heard. A mimeographed issue of the **Dockers News** was distributed along Brooklyn and Manhattan piers. It stood up for the original contract demands and the slogan "No contract—no work." It called on the AFL to denounce the bi-state program for licensing and government-controlled shape-up, insisted the AFL would have to come out against anti-Negro discrimination in the union before it could win rank-and-file support.

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THE WAR ON HOUSEMAID'S KNEE

Domestic Workers Union fights indignities on job

By Eugene Gordon

ORGANIZING houseworkers was never hard; holding the union together was the problem that wrecked previous efforts. The newly-revived United Building Service & Domestic Workers Assn.—with emphasis on domestic workers—is appealing to the working-class or progressive employer as well as to the worker to build the union.

To both the union says that "housemaid's knee" has no place in our society, either as an occupational disease or as an attitude of the domestic worker toward her employer.



UBSDWA in a little fact-folder for housewife-employers reminds them that, being "democratic minded," they wouldn't want "to impose on the domestic workers in your employ the miseries and poor conditions of work your husbands, sons and daughters wiped out long ago."

NO PROTECTION: The folder tells the housewife-employer that domestic workers have no minimum wage and no regulated hourly day. Nor are they protected by social security or workmen's compensation. They get no pay for days off even for sickness. There are no paid vacations or holidays. They must "compete against one another in an open 'slave market,'" and there are no laws "that guarantee them arbitration or a place to adjust their grievances."

WARTIME "BREAK": Nearly all the association's 125 members are Negro—and women—most of whom, exec. secy. Mrs. Mabel Thompson told the GUARDIAN, worked in some kind of industry in the second World War. Her story is typical. Born in Beaufort, S. C., she and her seven brothers and sisters, three months out of the year, walked five miles to the jimcrow school. During most of the remaining nine months they worked in the fields.

"There are millions of Negro women like me—never had much schooling and forced to do domestic work," she said. "Before World War II jimcrow forced these women to be domestics. Many of them got a break during the war. Jimcrow forced them back into domestic service when the war was over."

DIGNITY DESIRED: Mrs. Thompson worked in an electrical shop during the war, and

belonged to the United Electrical Workers Union where she learned a union's value. Jimcrow prevented her—and others—from accumulating seniority; jimcrow dictated that she return to housework for hire.

"Yes, most of us could do something else," she said. "We proved it during the war. We'd prefer something else. But if we can't get it we have made up our minds to turn domestic work into as dignified, well-paid and honorable occupation as possible."

"SLAVE MARKETS": The relationship of domestic worker to housewife-employer is "degrading," Mrs. Thompson said, "because it is often too much like a master-slave relationship." That brought her back to the "something else" which Negro women may do.

"Oh, yes, they can do something else, if they want more money and don't want to starve. They can go stand in



MABEL THOMPSON
... and millions like her

the 'slave markets' and wait to be picked up and taken to jobs."

"Slave markets" are what the women call the corners throughout the city, chiefly in the Bronx, where Negro domestic workers congregate. A prospective employer comes by, bargains with the women, and usually drives off with the one who offered to work for the least. Mrs. Thompson added:

"Some men, knowing why these women are standing there, make them another kind of offer—more than they could earn in a whole week of washing windows from 10 to 25c. apiece, caring for babies, washing and ironing clothes, cooking, mopping floors, walking the dog, and giving children lunch when they come home from school. For doing all this she collects as much as \$1 an hour, if she gets the job through the U. S. Employment Service; as little as 75c, or less,

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if she was picked up off the street."

UNION IS GROWING: Proof that the women prefer decency and security lies in the fact that, though few can afford the \$2 joining fee and the \$1 monthly dues, the union is growing. Julius Carter, president, and M. Harden, organizer, with Mrs. Thompson, are building up a hiring hall through which all domestic workers may be sent to jobs. All the employer or the worker would have to do then would be to phone ST 9-5811, or go to 1373 Fulton St., Brooklyn.

That should be done even now, without a full-blown hiring hall, Mrs. Thompson said, for workers are always available. Union rates are \$1.25 an hour for an eight-hour day.

PROBLEM: It has been hard to keep a domestic workers' union together because each private home hiring a worker "is a sort of private factory, the boss making her own rules." Each worker, separated from every other worker by all the various factors that make up the individual household, has her individual "boss." Workers cannot therefore come together and compare notes and plan action to help themselves. The individual worker who succeeds in getting a raise has no effect on any other. The next woman who comes to work there is likely to receive the low wages the first woman originally got.



"Both the worker and the employer will have to remember one thing," Mrs. Thompson said. "An unorganized mass of workers will always drag work-standards and trade-union standards down. And that can't help bringing all workers' living standards down."

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SATURDAY, OCT. 3: McAvoy on "The Editors Speak," WLIB, 11 a.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 4: Arthur Schutzer, candidate for controller, at Surf Av. Cultural Club, 3109 Surf Av., Brooklyn, 8:30 p.m. Council candidate Vladimir Flores broadcasts over WBNX, 5:15-5:30 p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 5: McAvoy on Channel 5, TV, first of a series, 7:45-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7: Mayorality candidate McAvoy at Parkway Community Council, P.S. 167, Eastern Parkway and Schenectady Av., 8:30 p.m.; at Bedford-Stuyvesant Health Council, AME Zion Church, Tompkins and McDonough Aves., Brooklyn, 10 p.m. Schutzer at AME Zion Church, 8:30 p.m. Charles Stewart, candidate for city council press., and Jacobs at 161st St. and Broadway.
THURSDAY, OCT. 8: Stewart at Midwood and Newkirk ALP Clubs, 1361 Coney Island Av., Brooklyn.
FRIDAY, OCT. 9: Schutzer broadcasts on "University of the Air," WEVD, 10-10:30 p.m.

ISSUES IN THE ELECTION: HOUSING—I

A fifth of a city ill-housed

By Ione Kramer

LAST month fire was sucked up an airshaft at 274 W. 119th St. and in a few minutes the tenement was gutted. Rofina Sanders, 11 months old, was burned to death. Though violations of fire regulations were apparent (the airshaft had never been fireproofed), the building bore the dept.'s approval. The tenants came to City Hall after the disaster, asking for help to find shelter and for a grand jury investigation.

The danger is city-wide. An estimated million New Yorkers, one-eighth of the city, live in danger of their lives in homes with serious violations. Right now on file in the city there are 240,000 complaints of fire violations such as lack of sprinklers or fire escapes, failure to fire-retard stairs. Many of these date back several years, have never been prosecuted. Between 1946 and 1952, 452 New Yorkers died in fatal fires; in 1950 alone, 222 died of gas poisoning as the result of leaky ranges and refrigerators.

10% "SUBSTANDARD": In addition to the fire and gas hazards, which could mean death for many new Yorkers this year, almost every building contains violations of the building and health code. A test survey by the Brooklyn Grand Jury last year found an average 19 violations per building, with as many as 50 in some.

In September 50 families who lived at 26 W. 106th St. were evacuated in a few minutes by authorities who feared the house would collapse (GUARDIAN, 9/7). There is not the only such building: one out of every six apartments in the city were in old law tenements as of January, 1953. One building out of 10 is "substandard" according to the 1950 housing census.

One-fifth of New York's people live in housing characterized as "slum," but City Planning Commr. Robert Moses reported (6/21) that all present housing programs could clear only 15% of them; the N.Y. Times said (8/10) the city has

"9,000 acres of slums which cannot be eradicated by private building." At the rate at which old and dangerous houses are being removed (only 1% of the old law tenements were demolished in 1952), the job will take another century. Burning or falling down is faster, but tenants are left homeless.

CAN'T FIND A PLACE: Like most tenement dwellers, Rofina Sanders' neighbors wouldn't have been living there if they could have found a better place. Discrimination and inability to pay high rents give her neighbors, who are Negro and Puerto Rican, a harder time finding a place; but there is little place for anybody to go unless he can afford \$100 a month and up. In April of this year there were only 2 vacant apartments in every 1,000 in the city. (In 1945 there were 8 in every 100.)

Each year fewer new homes, both public and private, are built. New building in N.Y.C. dropped 26.7% in 1951, 30% in 1952. Public housing programs aren't building enough low-rent apartments for all who need them. In 1951, only one out of 8 applicants for apartments in public housing projects got a chance to move into them. In 1952 there were 15 applications for each apartment made available. In March of this year there were 570,000 families on the waiting list. Since Congress cut federal housing aid, only 1,806 apartments will be opened in public housing projects this year.

AID FOR PROFITS: Almost all who apply are in desperate need of a better place to live: 1/3 of the 1951 applicants were living in "substandard" hous-

es; another third living doubled and overcrowded; 1/8 were families with children living in rooming houses; all others were in "emergency" circumstances, according to the N.Y.C. Housing Authority.

(Concluded next week.)

American Labor Party Housing Program

1. Repeal 15% rent-increase law; enact real rent control.
2. Extend rent control to new housing and limited dividend housing projects.
3. Vigorous enforcement of housing safety and health laws.
4. End discrimination and segregation in housing, private and public.
5. A. N. Y. State \$500 million additional low-rent housing program.
6. Halt demolition and closing down of 8,000 veterans housing units.
7. Labor and tenant representation on all public commissions dealing with housing and rent control.

Time to Come Out of the Woods

THE TAFT-HARTLEY LAW has been doing its damage for six years. But there are now more organized workers in this country than ever before.

It is two years since the execution of the Martinsville Seven and Willie McGee. But more Negroes voted in the South last year than ever in history.

The first Communists were indicted under the Smith Act five years ago. But door-to-door canvassers in New York have just obtained thousands of signatures to a petition with the stated purpose of putting a convicted Communist on the ballot.

It is three years since concentration camps were authorized and built under the McCarran Act. But they have never been used and are now in mothballs.

Six years have passed since the first conviction of a progressive for contempt of Congress. But for the past two years there have been no such convictions.

It is seven years since the indictment of Carl Marzani began the attack on civil liberties. But the government has been able to enforce jail sentences on less than 100 people in all that time, whether for contempt, "perjury," or under the Smith Act, and less than 50 are in jail today. Ninety-nine percent of the members even of the Communist Party itself have suffered no indictment or anything else. Next to any fascist, near-fascist, or fascist-occupied country, the record of jailings is ridiculously low.

Yes, the government executed the Rosenbergs. But the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti did not bring fascism to America; the murder of eight Mineworker organizers in the past couple of years has not driven the union out of Kentucky; and the legal and extra-legal lynching of 150 Negroes since the war has not prevented the election of Negro city councilmen in North Carolina, a Negro member of the Board of Education in Atlanta, and a Negro Borough President in Manhattan.

Not one progressive in a hundred has lost his job, and very few have been reduced to a depression living standard by persecution.

Harry Bridges, William L. Patterson and Dr. DuBois won their court cases; officers of the United Electrical Workers cited for contempt won theirs; professors at the University of California and in Oklahoma have been restored to their jobs.

It is four years since Peekskill. But there has been no attempt to repeat Peekskill anywhere in the United States. And there lies the crux of the matter. No substantial group of Americans has been willing to behave like Storm Troopers. Legislation alone has never brought fascism to any country. There has had to be mass support. The American people has refused to give it, as it has refused to permit the continued bleeding of its sons in Korea. And, with the end of the war, anti-Red hysteria is dropping fast.

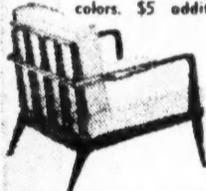
This is why the F. B. I. never carried out its announced plans to arrest tens of thousands of persons. This is why McCarthy is no longer the near-Fuehrer he seemed to be last March, but just a louder un-American, deserted by the Democrats due to public pressure and refused majority attendance by his Republican fellow-committeemen since the Matthews affair.

Because progressives have taken the brunt of whatever actual repression there has been, and many have permitted themselves to be separated from the people, there is more fear among many progressives today than there is among most of the people at large.

It's about time we came out of the woods. It's time to free the Smith Act, atom scare and deportation delirium victims; back Corliss Lamont's move to end the witch-hunt; and close the books on McCarthyism. The people will back us.

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A Simple Case of Money (Fr. Millionaire d'un Jour) & **The Wench** (Fr.), Maria Casares, Mon., Oct. 5.
Lovers of Verona (Fr.) & **Face to the Wind** (Fr. on children), Tues., Oct. 6.
Angelo and the Last Stop (Polish), Wed., Oct. 7.
Dream Ballerina & Ballet Concert with Ulanova, Lepeshinskaya, Thurs., Oct. 8.
Blind Desire (Fr.), J. L. Barrault & **The Perfectionist** (Fr.), Fresnay, Fri., Oct. 9.
CLUB CINEMA, 6th Av. bet. 9-10 Sts. Fri. & Sun.: 1 show 9:15 p.m.; Sat., 2 shows from 9 p.m. **Angel and Stinner**, de Maupassant's story on Franco-Prussian war, Oct. 2-4.
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53d St. 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily.
Paris 1900, Monty Woolley, Oct. 5-11.
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North Star, World War II film, written by Lillian Hellman, Fri., Oct. 9, 8:30 p.m.

Manhattan

AMERICAN, 236 E. 3d St. We Will Come Back (Russ.) on World War II, Oct. 8-9.
ART, 36 E. 8th St. **Forbidden Games** (Fr.), Oct. 7-21.
BREKMAN, 2d Av. bet. 65-66. **Shane**, Oct. 5-7; **Band Wagon**, Oct. 8-11.
BRYANT, 42d W. of B'way. **Odets' Golden Boy & Big Carnival**, Oct. 7-10.
CINEMA VERDI, 6th Av. & 39th St. Rossini's **Cenerentola** (Cinderella) Barbieri & Rome Opera Co., thru Oct. 7.
85TH ST. TRANSLUX, Madison & 85th. **Band Wagon**, Oct. 4-7; **Tomate** at 8:30 (Br., Noel Coward stories), Oct. 8-10.
8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th. **Philip Barry's Holiday** (Hepburn) & **Here Comes Mr. Jordan** (2 reissues), Oct. 7-10.
5TH AV. PLAYHOUSE, 5th Av. & 13th St. **Lavender Hill Mob** (Br., Guinness) & **Tight Little Island** (Br.), thru Oct. 8.
55TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 154 W. 55th. **Night Is My Kingdom** (Fr.), Jean Gabin in a bit of man's adjustment to life, cont.
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GRANDE, 86th St. near Lexington. **Strange Deception** (It.) & **de Maupassant's Bel Ami**, Oct. 6-8.
GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. **Face to Face** (Br., James Mason) & **Under the Red Sea**, thru Oct. 3; **Amazing M. Fabre** (Fr.) & **Never Take No For An Answer** (It.), Oct. 4-6; **Bellissima & Woman in Green**, Oct. 7-10.
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PARIS, 4 W. 58th St. **Captain's Paradise** (Br., Guinness), cont.
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Bronx

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MARTHA SCHLAMME, folksong concert. Town Hall, Sat., eve., Oct. 10.
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The Silent Enemy, Sat., Oct. 10, 2 p.m.
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MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF N.Y., 5th Av. & 103d St.
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Meany in his keynote address called for more political activity by organized labor because there is

"... very, very definite evidence that the GOP Congress has submerged the national welfare to material welfare of the greedy few."

BOTAGE BY "LEAK": Durkin gave a factual, blow-by-blow account of his vain efforts to hold the President to his pre-election pledge to improve the Taft-Hartley Act. After months of negotiations Eisenhower, he said, had finally agreed to 19 amendments to be submitted to Congress. The President's message was ready July 31, but delivery was delayed by Sen. Taft's death. Then a copy of the document was "leaked" to the *Wall St. Journal*, which published it in full. Said Durkin:

"The leak was fully exploited. Newspapers, business magazines and the house organs of some large industries gave the President's proposed message wide circulation to the end that substantial opposition to the 19-point agreement would be developed. Perhaps this public-relations campaign met with some success. . . ."

ICE FOR NIXON: On Aug. 19 the President assured Durkin his message would be delivered to Congress despite the leak, but from then on Durkin encountered "reluctance on the part of the White House staff in carrying out the 19-point agreement." To force some action, Durkin handed in his resignation Aug. 31. On Sept. 10 the President told him he had changed his position on the 19 points. Durkin resigned; the White House denied any agreement.

Eisenhower sent Vice-President Nixon to the AFL convention to read a message from him. Nixon got an icy reception. His explanation that "there may have been a misunderstanding" was met with derisive laughter. When he said that, if the people are convinced the Administration is serving "the greedy few," it "will deserve to lose," there was a burst of applause, cheers and whistles.

HAM & EGGS: The President's own message didn't help; in it he said of the Taft-Hartley Act:

"... I believe that its enactment was a substantial contribution to the quest for sounder labor-management relations. I believe that the experience under the act has confirmed its essential soundness."

For the Nixon speech, an unnamed delegate had this comment:

"With ham you got to have an egg. He laid it."

Ironically, the 19 points held little, if any, interest for the labor movement, were far short of AFL goals.

The convention gave unanimous support to Durkin, accepted his version of events against White House denials. A unanimously-adopted resolution commended him for resigning over "a breach of agreement." In effect, the convention called the President a liar.

DEDICATION TO DULLES: But the break with the Administration was not complete. Some observers saw a wavering of AFL support of Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policy because the convention criticized the Adenauer government's interference in the W. German trade union federation. But Secy. of State Dulles, an invited speaker, drew strong applause. The *N. Y. Times* reported:

"... Delegates gave Mr. Dulles an enthusiastic reception, both before and after he spoke. They sought to make it plain that there was no carry-over into the foreign policy field of the hostility against the Eisenhower administration that had been generated by the controversy over the resignation of Durkin. . . . Today George Meany . . . and other leaders were at pains to stress the federation's continued dedication to the cause of bipartisan foreign policy and their determination to give the

ATTY. GEN. BROWNELL LOOKS THE OTHER WAY . . .

Fascism in the streets of America



MADOLE—THE TWO-BIT HITLER—AND A STORMTROOPER
The American flag is desecrated on a Yorkville street-corner

WHILE the Jenner Committee reported—in effect denouncing the entire New Deal as a "red plot"—clearly defined the target of Washington's hunt for "violent overthrowers," the open American fascist movement was seen in a *GUARDIAN* survey last week to be making slow but steady gains under the immunity it enjoys.

In New York, main interest centered around the National Renaissance Party which, despite pleas and protests to Atty. Gen. Brownell from the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, continued to hold Friday evening street meetings at York Av. and 88th St., attended by uniformed storm-troopers in the manner of the old German-American Bund. The NSANL's wire to Brownell last June, urging "prompt action" to put NRP on "your officially announced list of subversive Fascist groups," had had no visible effect. NRP announced in the June issue of its *National Renaissance Bulletin* ("the only Fascist publication in America"; 224 E. Main St., Beacon, N. Y.; 10 c., \$2 a year) that it had countered with a letter to Brownell "exposing" NSANL as a "Jewish gang." The paper told its readers:

State Dept. every support in combating the spread of Communist power abroad.

"END THIS CIVIL WAR": Labor unity was a big issue before the convention. Meany brought delegates to their feet when he said:

"We must end this civil war of raids inside and outside the AFL."

A two-year no-raiding pact with the CIO was ratified; if the coming CIO convention adopts it, it will go into effect Jan. 1. It provides for an impartial umpire with binding decision if unions can't settle their own quarrels, but only unions signing it will be bound by it; some key unions, notably Dave Beck's million-strong Teamsters, have indicated they won't sign.

For settlement of internal AFL juris-

The Jewish opposition has sent every possible drunk and Communist hoodlum in the area to our meetings only to have them thrown out bodily. . . . We are in a dirty, underhanded fight to the finish in the political gutters. . . . (June, 1953; April, 1952).

"OF COURSE WE'RE NAZIS": NRP leader James Madole continued to expound at the Friday meetings on "the Jew and his stooge the African Negro," both of whom "must go." Barry Gray (*N. Y. Post*, 9/9) described one incident at the meetings when "five of Madole's pals worked a 12-year-old boy over because the lad walked by wearing a *yarmulke* (a prayer cap used by orthodox Jews) on his way from a nearby synagogue." The *Bulletin* said that J. W. Mitchell had set up a new NRP branch at 2627 Hale Av., Louisville 1, Ky., with an organ *The American Eagle* put out by Millard Grubbs, Box 1662, Louisville.

In addition to Madole, NRP leaders include N. Y. chairman Kurt Mertig (317 E. 54th St., N. Y. C.), Brooklyn chairman John M. Lundoff (341 Senator St.), Storm Troop leaders Hans Schmidt and Mana Truhill, and women's storm-troop leader Ruth Ross. NRP puts its

distional disputes, a committee of five union presidents was set up to work out a formula of peaceful settlement within six months, to be approved by a special federation conference. Some unions took independent action during the convention: the Teamsters and Bakery & Confectionery Workers signed a 10-year mutual assistance pact; the Intl. Assn. of Machinists settled a 40-year fight with the Intl. Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, made progress in a similar dispute with the Carpenters.

• Owing to space limitations, reports of the Mine-Mill and UE conventions are held over to next week.

• The fifth and last article in Prof. Philip Morrison's series on atomic energy will also appear in next week's *GUARDIAN*.

forces through regular military drills at its Beacon headquarters. According to Barry Gray, Madole told a recent street meeting:

"If they don't know we are Nazis now they never will. Of course we are Nazis—and the Jews on that paper [which had attacked them as such] will pay."

"OUR UNIFORMED CORPS": The *Bulletin* said that "our own fully uniformed corps in N. Y. C." meets in "a private center every Thursday." Total NRP membership in New York alone is said to be 6,000, with 700 "grey-shirt" and "black-shirt" storm-troopers. Only a few appear in uniform at street meetings because Madole reportedly thinks it best "not to let the Jews know how strong we are yet."

At the street meetings, anti-Semitic leaflets in classic Goebbels style are given out; one of them lists on the back 18 "pro-American" pamphlets and stickers, including one on the "Protocols of Zion" forgery, available from Marilyn R. Allen, PO Box 2243, Salt Lake City.

The only wealthy man known to be connected with NRP is a German whose byline appears in the *Bulletin* as "Frederick Chas. F. Weiss Esq.," owner of a swank estate at Mt. Hope, N. Y., and with industrial interests in Germany.

CHRISTIANITY: True to Goebbels form, NRP literature abounds in flat contradictions which add to the effect of total viciousness. The *Bulletin* pillories "a priest-rabble [which] by sentimental talk about Brotherhood eggs on every misguided mob," and "Judaic-Christian doctrines based on such false premises as the 'brotherhood of man.'"

The paper adulates Adolf Hitler as "the George Washington of Europe" (May, 1953), denounces "Jewish International bankers together with Franklin D. Roosevelt, their tool," quotes appreciatively from Nietzsche on the historic mission of "blond beasts of prey" against "the litter of democracy . . . feminism . . . socialism . . . equality [which] nature abhors." Politically it has favored Impelleri in the New York elections and "a Sen. Taft and Gen. Douglas MacArthur team" nationally. Castigating "Bloody Ike" Eisenhower for seeing Russia as "good" five years ago and only lately as "evil," it suggests the reason for the change may be the fear of "his backers" that "another 'six million Jews' may be eliminated by Russia's anti-Zionist policies."

THE BLIND EYE: While NRP's *Bulletin* thus momentarily accepts for the sake of its propaganda the purported thesis of the Velde Committee etc. that communism is "anti-Semitic," another more lushly-produced fascist publication is more consistent; the *American Nationalist* (pub. by Frank L. Britton, Box 301, Inglewood, Calif.) finds the real Jewish plot in the U. S. press' attempt to portray Russia as anti-Semitic when in reality it is just the opposite.

Reports from fascist circles indicated their awareness of how the current political climate favors their growth; plans were in the air for mergers between groups around the country, including the organizations of recently-arrived E. European DP's with working experience in Hitler's SS, concentration and death camps.

Whatever the national extent of the movement, Washington was turning a blind eye to its incitement to violence about which it had never been more frank. NRP's nine-point program calls for "a strict policy of racial segregation"; Jews to be "deprived of their American citizenship," barred from marrying with "the dominant white race"; U. S. withdrawal from the "Jew-run" UN; military-technological alliance with the Germans in Europe, the Moslems in the Middle East, Japan in Asia; a corporate economy with "impartial labor tribunals"; and an "elite" government to replace parliamentary government.

ALBERT KAHN'S "THE GAME OF DEATH"

What the cold war is doing to the children of America

By John T. McManus

THIS spring the GUARDIAN announced the formation of a new book publishing firm, Cameron & Kahn. Its founders were Angus Cameron, longtime vice-president and editor-in-chief of Little Brown and Co., and Albert E. Kahn, well-known to GUARDIAN readers as author of *The Great Conspiracy* and *High Treason*. Mr. Cameron resigned from Little Brown in 1952 following the firm's refusal to publish Howard Fast's *Spartacus* on his recommendation.

Cameron & Kahn came into existence "in order that American writers who refused to conform to the precepts of the Inquisition could find their natural audience among their fellow Americans who also refused to conform to the orthodoxy of witch-hunting." They have promised "new and original books that pull no punches . . . history that's not in the 'history books' . . . facts that speak for themselves . . . dramatic . . . documented."

COLD WAR CULTURE: Their first published work, *The Game of Death* by Albert Kahn, measures up in every respect to the publishers' promise as well as to the high standards set by Kahn's previous works.

It is a fact-packed, richly-documented and dramatic presentation of the effects of the Cold War on children in the U.S. In his foreword the author poses the question:

"Is our nation, in the name of defending its children, actu-



GOOD POSTURE IN OUR SCHOOLS TODAY

On Sept. 25 New York City had an atom raid test and the city stopped dead for 15 minutes. This photo was taken in the St. Joan of Arc School, Jackson Heights, where 514 students assumed this position.

ally ravaging their security, deforming their characters and imperiling their lives?"

The book's answer to this question is "yes," and Kahn frankly states:

"I make no claim to approach the question dispassionately. I am the father of three sons. . . I want my sons to live—to live and mature in a world at peace, a world in which their talents and those of all other children may fully flower, a world made worthy of children."

UNDER THE DESK: Kahn is as expert an organizer of material as exists among today's writers, hence each of his ten chapters is an easy-access reference work to its subject; and a comprehensive seven-page index helps locate any fact or reference in a trice.

His first chapter, "The Shadow of the Bomb," tells in detail what is being done to children in the nation's schools under the guise of A-bomb defense. "The Scandal of the

Schools" reports the sacrifice of educational facilities for war spending. "War on the Mind" correctly dates the start of this program to the blueprint published in 1949 entitled "American Education and Intl. Tensions," among whose designers was the then president of Columbia University, Dwight D. Eisenhower. This was the report, published under the auspices of the National Education Assn., which set forth the doctrine that because of cold-war needs education in the U.S. must thenceforth be "an instrument of national policy."

COMIC KILLERS: How effective this blueprint has been is illustrated in one of Kahn's examples, that of a nine-year-old schoolgirl who had decided after a discussion last winter with two playmates that the government ought to use the Rosenbergs instead of "dummy" families in the A-bomb tests at Las Vegas.

Other chapters deal with militarism in education, the "Niagara of Horror" represented by movies, radio, television and comic books; drug traffic among school children, victimization of parents for refusing to surrender their children to the "Need for Killers."

FIELD REPORT: In the course of preparing *The Game of Death*, Kahn did a personal reporting job on the case of Mrs. Jean Field, whose children were taken from her by California and Oklahoma courts because she taught them race

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equality and an unorthodox view of the Korean War; and also on FBI persecution of wives and children of Sm-Act victims. Both of these are extensively presented in the book, as are the Peekskill Riots and anti-Semitic outbreaks among school children in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

The especially ugly treatment of Negro and other minority-group children; the resurgence of child labor in the migratory field; the scuttling of school-lunch and other programs for child benefit are other subjects ably covered.

The content of *The Game of Death* makes endless ammunition for parents, teachers, social workers and others engaged in the task of truly defending the minds and bodies of America's children from the effects of the Cold War. The book is needed on every progressive bookshelf.

THE GAME OF DEATH, by Albert E. Kahn, 256 pp., \$3 (Soft-cover edition, \$1). Cameron & Kahn, 109 Greenwich Av., New York 14, N. Y.

"Give up money, give up fame, give up science, give up the earth itself and all it contains rather than to do an immoral act. And never suppose that in any possible situation, or under any circumstances, it is best for you to do a dishonorable thing, however slightly so it may appear you."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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Lamont 'risks jail' in defying McCarthy

DR. CORLISS LAMONT, philosophy lecturer at Columbia University and son of late J. P. Morgan & Co. chairman Thomas W. Lamont, appeared under subpoena Sept. 23 before the McCarthy Committee investigating Communist influence in publications owned by the Army. McCarthy had drawn a new crop of headlines with disclosure that, for a restricted intelligence document on Siberia, the Pentagon had drawn source material from Lamont's Peoples of the U. S. S. R. The subjects of most of Lamont's writings are the U. S. S. R. and the philosophy of humanism. A supporter of causes which the Atty. General has called "subversive," his attitude toward the U. S. S. R. and Marxism is critical but sympathetic.

"RISK YEAR IN JAIL": McCarthy, sitting in closed hearing as a "one-man subcommittee," said he would ask for a Senate contempt citation against Lamont after the author (a) denied he ever was a Communist, as charged by professional witness Louis Budenz, (b) challenged the committee's right to probe his beliefs, private affairs and associations, (c) denied the committee's competency since all Democrats have resigned from it.

Lamont, who did not invoke the Fifth Amendment, said after the hearing that he would risk a year in jail to fight for his right to refuse to answer questions involving his writings and personal affairs. He said the First Amendment precluded Congress from investigating matters involving freedom of speech or press, "in the absence of legislative intent or power"; and that as a private citizen he had nothing to do with "any action with regard to my books by officials of the government."

POINT FREEWHEELER: McCarthy warned Lamont that the Senate last July had voted a contempt citation for author Harvey O'Connor who invoked the First rather than the Fifth Amendment. A public hearing of Lamont before the committee was set for Monday, Sept. 28.

Over the week-end Lamont issued a seven-page document "reviewing 50 important controversial issues" on which he differed with the Communist Party. Many were philosophical points explaining Humanist differences with Marxism (which Lamont recently expounded in a public New York debate



THE MARRIAGE OF MCCARTHY
"Don't take on dear, it's only the maid."

with Jefferson School director Howard Selsam, chaired by the GUARDIAN's editor Cedric Belfrage). Others referred to divergent attitudes toward John Dewey, George Santayana, the Bible, Lysenko, Father Terminiello, Earl Browder, the Monthly Review, Anna Louise Strong, the Soviet-Finnish war of 1940 and the British Labour Party. The New York press gave generous space to Lamont's defense of his right to think independently as a "moderate, independent and freewheeling American dissenter." On Monday McCarthy postponed Lamont's public hearing, instead heard further testimony from Budenz.

On Tuesday McCarthy took a breather from witch-hunting to get married to Jean Kerr, "most beautiful girl on Washington University campus in 1945."

Deportation to Korea still threatens Hyun

THE unconstitutionality of the basic provisions of the Walter-McCarran Act has been recognized by many leading Americans including ex-President Truman; but the Eisenhower Administration seemed ready to ignore even such protective provisions as it contains. Under Section 243, Par. H of the act no deportee may be sent to any country where he may suffer bodily harm, especially for political reasons. Yet in Los Angeles, progressive Korea-born architect David Hyun remained in dire danger of deportation to certain imprisonment, probable death, at the

hands of Syngman Rhee, old and bitter foe of Hyun's father Rev. Soon Hyun. A Los Angeles group organized as "Friends & Neighbors of David Hyun" (c/o Mary Hyun, Room 318, 326 W. 3d St., L. A.) reported two other cases where death might be the immediate result if the U. S. government succeeds in deporting Hyun to S. Korea. Petros Lezos, granted political asylum in 1940, has been ordered deported to Greece. Armenia-born Arsen Yerganian, 67, has been ordered to Turkey, which now controls some of the territory where he was born.

MENACE ON CRUTCHES: Violating a pledge of "48 hours' notice," Immigration officials kidnaped writer Reuben Ship in August and deported him to Canada. Although on crutches after serious surgery necessitated by spinal TB, Ship was handcuffed to a cell cot and accompanied by four guards. Also in Los Angeles this summer, while her attorney and aged mother were kept in ignorance, Mrs. Miriam Stevenson was handcuffed and locked in the hold of a ship bound for England. All are progressives charged with aiming to overthrow the government by violence.

Writer Harry Carlisle, who was held for months on Terminal Island but recently freed on bail by order of Assoc. Justice William O. Douglas, is again threatened by action of government attorneys to set aside Douglas' decision. A final deportation order has been issued against Carlisle, which his attorney

The tempest-test

In 1900, 256 persons were deported from the U. S. In 1952, 20,181 aliens were expelled, the highest number in our history. Atty. Gen. Brownell tells us that 22,000 persons will soon be investigated for possible deportation on subversive activity.

—Stanford Law Review, July, 1953.

neys are contesting with a plea for legal review. Federal Judge Harry Westover, who is also considering Hyun's plea for bail, refused to consider the Douglas order in the Carlisle case on the ground it was the decision of "only one Supreme Court Justice."

LONG-DISTANCE "HEARING": Although the final deportation order for Hyun had expired July 1, he was taken to the L. A. County Jail July 6. The expired order had been issued on the basis of a hearing held 3,000 miles away; Hyun had no opportunity to confront or cross-examine his accusers.

Faced with the drive by U. S. Attorneys to hurry his deportation, and with the arbitrary action taken in the Ship

case, Hyun's attorneys obtained Westover's assurance that Hyun would remain under protection of a court order. Raised in Hawaii and California, Hyun is married to an American of Korean descent and has two American sons.

"THE DAY IS SOON": Another case arousing deep concern in Los Angeles is that of Ethel Linn, who came to the U. S. from Canada at the age of six and last July was arrested for deportation. In a letter to the B'nai B'rith Messenger describing how she first discovered at 21 that she was not a citizen,



and her continuous efforts since then to become one, her U. S.-born husband Morris Linn—a veteran of four years' war service—wrote of her arrest:

My wife was treated like a common criminal without allowing her to call anyone to take care of our two children, Jerry, 4, and Laurie, 14 months. . . . Under the Walter-McCarran Act, a racist immigration law now ruling in our country . . . "organization" or "affiliation" is defined to include any two or more persons who permanently or temporarily "associate" together for joint action on any subject or subjects, and "advocacy" is equated to "admits belief in" . . . My wife must appear at a hearing not before a judge but before two Hearing Officers, both appointed and controlled by the Atty. General, who will be the Prosecutor, the Judge, as well as her Jury. We have no way of finding out on what charges to prepare a defense. . . . If a law of this nature can strike my wife as an alien for living a life not devoid of humanity and love of people, then the day is soon when neither liberty, dignity nor self-government will meaningfully exist for any in our country.

At Mrs. Linn's hearing Sept. 17 the government produced two witnesses, the arresting Immigration officer (who said he "saw no children around") and a woman who, smiling across the room at Mrs. Linn, said she had known her in the Communist Party. Mrs. Linn's attorneys were granted time until November to prepare questions for cross-examining the second witness.

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