

# Emanuel Bloch, lawyer for Rosenbergs, dead

SOMETIME on the morning of Sat., Jan. 30, Emanuel H. Bloch, defender of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and guardian of their orphaned sons, died alone in his small apartment in New York City. Death was caused by a heart attack. He was 52 years old.

On Feb. 2 services were held at Riverside Chapel, 76th St. and Amsterdam Av. Eleven of his closest associates through his three-year ordeal paid tribute to him as one who always "dared defend the hated, the feared, the bedeviled and the damned." Paul Robeson sang Bach's "A Mighty Fortress" and a slow and ancient Chassidic chant. In the afternoon Bloch was buried in Mt. Judah Cemetery in Queens.

**ONE MAN'S BURDEN:** Bloch's death came exactly three years, lacking a day, from the time of the Rosenbergs' indictment on Jan. 31, 1951, on a charge of conspiring to transmit atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. From that day until his heart gave out he knew no rest; almost single-handed he bore the staggering legal burden of the defense in the atomic age's most highly-charged



political trial, and the human burden of protecting Michael (now 10) and Robbie (now 6) against the tragedy that came to them.

Throughout the long and bitter battle, Bloch was always far more than lawyer to his clients; they came to love him and lean upon him as a brother. After every agonizing setback in the courts, he set to work again with a vigor that amazed all who knew the scope of his task. Yet he found time and strength for frequent visits to Sing Sing's death-house.

**NO TIME TO GRIEVE:** Though every legal avenue to freedom for the innocent Rosenbergs was closed off one by one, Bloch never abandoned hope. During the last days of the case in Washington he drew upon seemingly inexhaustible reserves of strength in the fight for life that he waged up to the

moment the executioner pulled the switch.

The finality of death in the electric chair did not end the fight for him. To him, innocents had been murdered; and at the funeral of Ethel and Julius last June 21 he placed responsibility upon President Eisenhower, Atty.-Gen. Brownell and FBI Director Hoover. He said:

"They did not pull the switch, it is true. But they were the ones who directed the one who pulled the switch."

He added:

"This is not the time to grieve. Neither Ethel nor Julius would have wanted it that way. . . . They were

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hurt but they did not cry. They were tortured but they did not yield."

**THE CHILDREN:** Bloch was as unyielding; life had to go on for Michael and Robbie—his charges now—and he devoted himself almost exclusively to assuring their future. Taking time out only to win the acquittal of a young Army medical officer on the now-familiar charge of having been a Communist, he set to work to raise a \$50,000 trust fund to see Michael and Robbie through school and college until they come of age. He only recently completed a month-long tour to the West Coast and into Canada. Just before his death, the Rosenberg Children's Fund was ready to announce the goal reached, the fund closed.

One of his last acts was to find a perfect home for the kids after officials of a small New Jersey community where they had been living denied them schooling on the ground they were "non-residents." In their new home the children are happy. A friend reports:

"It was the Monday before Manny died. He couldn't take the grin off his face. He had been to see Michael and Robbie on Sunday. He was so happy that they were doing so well. He kept saying: 'It's wonderful! It's wonderful!'"

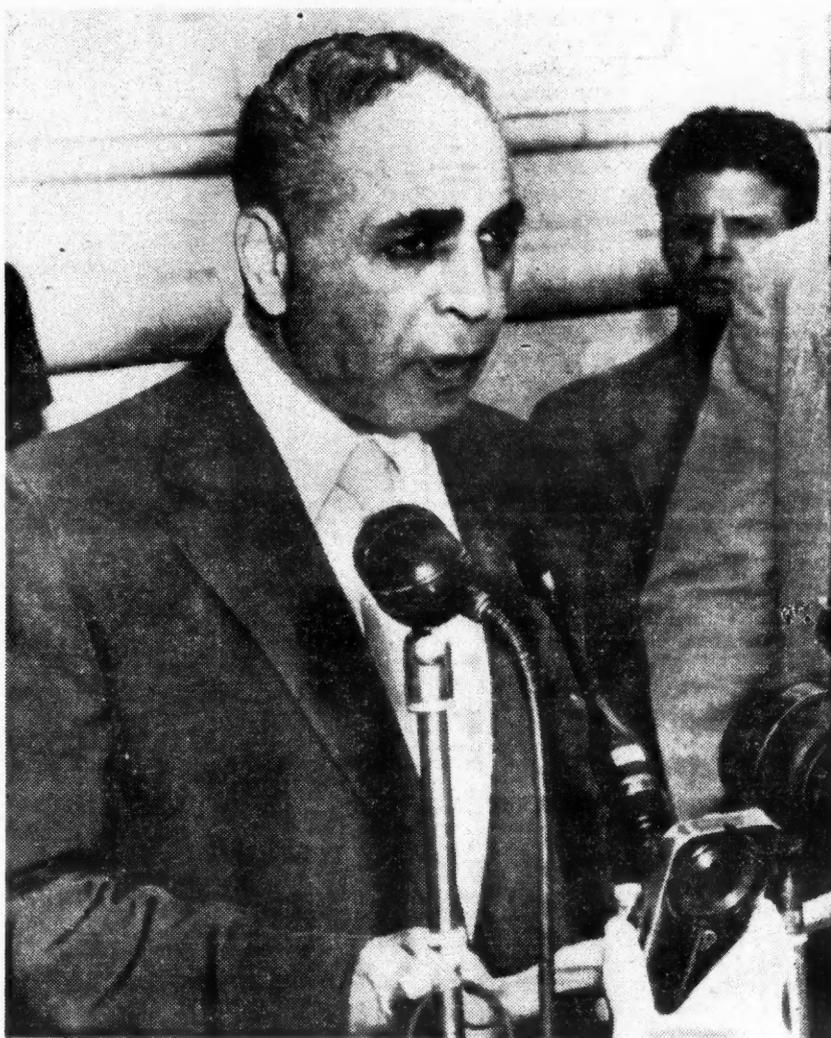
The friend, long a school-teacher, visited the children herself:

"These youngsters have suffered everything. But no one would ever know they hadn't lived with this

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**NOT EVERYTHING IN BERLIN IS ON A HIGH DIPLOMATIC LEVEL**  
A group of kids skating on a rink in Marx-Engels Square in E. Berlin. In the background the ruins of the Dom Cathedral.



Emanuel H. Bloch — 1902-1954

**WAR & PEACE**

## Is Berlin making peace more than just a hope?

By Tabitha Petran

THROUGHOUT Western Europe "the wish is so strong . . . the shift in mood . . . has already gone beyond mere prayerful expectancy of cold peace: some of the attitudes, the ways, the habits of almost-real peace are reappearing" (Frank Gorrell, *New Republic*, 2/1). This stubborn behavior of ordinary people has become a big factor in world affairs.

In the U.S., too, the process is at work. Behind what he called "the hallelujah thinking" of Americans it was perceived by former GOP Presidential candidate Alf Landon, who himself voiced the commonsense trend, urging U.S. leaders not to take "irrevocable positions," to use recognition of China as "a bargaining point," to remember "we were known as a nation of Yankee traders."

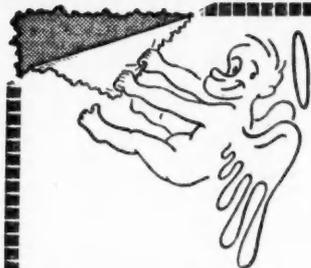
In Italy, where Parliament rejected the cold-war government of Premier-designate Fanfani, the public mood—demanding settlement as a precondition to solving pressing issues of bread and land—had become a national tide.

In the "most baffling" political crisis since the war (*N.Y. Times*, 2/1) the ruling Christian Democratic Party, split a dozen ways, was united only on avoiding new elections. Such elections might fulfill Henry J. Taylor's prediction (*This Week*, 1/24) that "Italy will be the first free nation in history to vote itself Communist." Italy, he added, has—despite American billions and Vatican pressure—already been neutralized "by the will of the people."

**"DE-BAMBOOZLING":** It was hard to deny, on the record of the past 18 months, that Soviet insistence that every issue can be settled by negotiation had opened the avenues for effective expression of this public will. The *London Economist* (12/5) put the situation this way: the West had been "outmaneuvered" by "public opinion" into talks with Moscow, and

" . . . some time will have to be conceded . . . because there are so many millions who believe there is hope and who will have to be at least partially de-bamboozled before they

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**Joe Martin's eggheads**

LEXINGTON, KY.  
Speaker Martin says the "eggheads" are trying to talk up a depression. I thought everyone found out two decades ago—everyone except Herbert Hoover—that depressions can neither be talked up nor talked down. Does Joe Martin not know that coal production for '53 was 17 million tons less than '52, does he not know that the industry is expecting coal production for '54 to be 20 million tons under that of '53—unless residual oil from our foreign colonies can be barred from domestic entry?  
Martin should take a tour through the coal fields, and try telling miners' families the "eggheads" are just talking, but not to worry, for he, Joe Martin, will talk them down. But I doubt if Martin would feel much like talking in the stricken coal camps.  
Giles Cooper

**"Peace-loving state"**

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.  
I am surprised that you have not published a single word about House Resolution 165. It has universal appeal. Being that the UN charter is due to come up for revision in 1955, it is later than you think. The principle contained in H. C. R. 165 can change the course of history. Clifford R. Johnson  
The resolution, introduced by Rep. Ray W. Wier (D-Minn.) on July 20, 1953, reads:  
Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States favors the adoption of the following definition of the phrase, "peace-loving state," as used in Article 5 of the United Nations Charter:  
"A peace-loving state is hereby defined as any nation which gives

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here to the 1925 Geneva Protocol." The Protocol, among other things, prohibits use of germ warfare; main countries which have not yet ratified it are U.S. and Japan.

This important resolution by such an important scientific assembly has had no publicity, except incidentally in a controversy on germ war in the New Statesman correspondence columns. Dr. Joseph Needham F. R. S. of Cambridge, who quotes it, refers to the recent transfer to private enterprise of "so far as is known, the world's largest bacteriological warfare plant" at Camp Detrick, Md. He adds this neat retort—quoted from the Fedn. of American Scientists Newsletter, 1952, No. 3, 1—to those who protest with fury at any suggestion the U.S. may have used germ warfare in Korea: "Anyone who keeps a skunk as a pet must expect accusations when objectionable odors are detected in the neighborhood."

Edgar P. Young (Comdr. R. N. retd.)

**From Travis County, Tex.**

AUSTIN, TEX.  
The Progressive Party of Travis County, Tex., wishes to make a contribution of \$15 to the GUARDIAN's Fifth Anniversary celebration. We admire the GUARDIAN for: (1) Its steadfast stand for world peace and its sane reporting of world events; (2) Its patient expose of the anti-communist hysteria as a political tactic to divert the American people from working at a sane, realistic foreign policy, and of bettering their living conditions; (3) Its defense of the rights of minority groups, as in its splendid fight for the Trenton Six.

We feel that the American people need the GUARDIAN.  
PP of Travis County  
By Nova Mae Scaff, Secy.



Lancaster in Daily Express, London  
"My dear, I'm not a bit surprised she's turned up in Russia—ever since she started that 'Ducks for Peace' movement I've known where her sympathies lay!"

**Oh—THAT stuff!**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
On a phone call to make an appointment with a member of the L. A. Board of Education:  
Q: "Is Mr. Gardner in?"  
A: "No, he's not in his office at the moment."  
Q: "Is he expected back soon?"  
A: "Well, he's in a special committee meeting right now—let's see—it's on 'Patriotism and American Ideals'—it shouldn't take long."  
G. M. C.

**Ike and gloom**

PEORIA, ILL.  
The other night I heard President Eisenhower speak on TV. He said this is not a war monger nation and this administration does not have to have war or preparation for war for its economy to survive. Then, of course, he injected a remark about the gloom spreaders. He said this system hasn't failed, nor does he think it will, and that as a whole the nation is pretty well fed and basically well off. Then, in the next breath he told how he proposed to inject war contracts into the stricken areas or the so-called gloom-spreading unemployed territories, of which unfortunately I happen to be a resident. Have a family of 6 and have been trying to live on \$27 a week since Oct. 23, 1953. How crazy can you get?  
Walter F. Kohtz

**An A and A a day**

VISTA, CALIF.  
Am sending \$5 for current year. Would send more but am living on 50c per day from now on, as I feel something is coming. Then I won't have to kick myself with my pants down, like Oct., 1929. Anyhow, I feel fine. This avocado and apple a day will surely chase the doctor away. With this new chow can swim all winter, as before I could not look at the ocean.  
William LaRue



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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Emanuel H. Bloch**

On Jan. 30, 1954, Emanuel H. Bloch, defense counsel for the Rosenbergs, died. We at the GUARDIAN loved him and he loved us. We are proud of that love, enriched for having experienced it. This is what Manny said of our relationship in his last talk for the GUARDIAN, at our Fifth Anniversary dinner last fall:

I SPEAK here on behalf of human worth and dignity, in grateful tribute to the independence, the integrity, the intelligence, and the inspiration of the GUARDIAN and its staff. I speak here on behalf of the dead, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed here this last year. I am sure they would like me to say for them that they received their greatest source of strength, which provided them with their heroism and courage, as a direct consequence of the support they received from the GUARDIAN. For let history record that the GUARDIAN was the first newspaper in the world which broke the truth of the Rosenberg case. Where other people feared, the GUARDIAN stepped in.

And so, as I light this fifth candle, I am sure I speak on behalf of all of us, on behalf of decency, on behalf of every honest person throughout the world—and we have millions upon millions upon millions of allies—in gratitude, in solidarity, with this wonderful little band of men and women who are leading us, and who are providing that inspiration we all seem to need, but which we are getting within ourselves more each day.

And so, may the GUARDIAN live for a long, long time, and I hope that in the near future most of the newspapers in America will be like the NATIONAL GUARDIAN.

At the funeral service for Manny Bloch Feb. 2, GUARDIAN's editor Cedric Belfrage told what Manny meant to us, and the world:

THE MAN who lies here in our midst has fought and fallen in a fleeting moment of his country's history when it seems by the very name it wears so belligerently—the Free World—to have dedicated itself to hypocrisy and death. He was free to defend truth and right, and free to pay the price. He has defended them, and he has paid, and now we bury him.

Such a season of history accustoms us to the fullest flowering of hypocrisy at the time of death, which is its twin. But none can deprive us of the power of simple words to tell of this man who because of his life, is not dead. We who shared his faith proclaim him as one who loved people; who hated only sheer and pitiless injustice, but could hardly be brought to believe that any heart could be closed to pity. And people in every corner of the earth are bowed and sober-faced now, not only for him, but because they know the day he fell was the end of the second act of a great 20th century tragedy, the American tragedy.

WHEN his closest friends said that he would above all want a spokesman for the NATIONAL GUARDIAN to say a farewell to him today, they did my colleagues and myself an honor we will try to deserve. Manny Bloch was one of ourselves; he is for us an immortal whose presence we will continue to feel intensely as we go about our work. We will think of him when he first came to tell us, with a warmth of humanity that planted deeper seeds than all the legal arguments, that—on the word of a brother about a brother and sister whom he knew too well for doubt—Julius and Ethel were innocent. We will think of the good common sense of the counsel he gave us week after terrible week, glowing with his certainty that the cause in which we had enlisted with him must triumph because all the mighty principalities and powers could not keep truth bottled up. We will think of the tenderness with which he shouldered his duty toward the victims who could not understand, little Michael and Robbie. We will think of his sometimes woefully weary face as the tension under which he had chosen to live drew out without respite into a year, two years, three years—and then the final blow, the reward he had earned from his profession, in this Free World, for standing up unflinchingly for justice against the pitiless ones.

LET THE WORDS not be spoken easily and glibly here: We will not forget. His days are ended, but to us the Michaels and Robbies and a host yet unborn cry out that how it shall be for them depends on the choice we make about what we will do. The third act of the drama is yet unwritten. We are the writers. Let us say here to Manny: We are going on to make your vision real for all the ones you loved, for your own American people and for all in the world who eat the bread of bitterness. Let us go back to our work not tragically but in the spirit of the American working-class poet who wrote those lines:

Mourn not the dead who in the cold earth lie  
Dust unto dust. The calm earth mothers all who die, as all men must.

But rather mourn the apathetic throng, the cowed and meek,  
Who see earth languish, and its wrong, but dare not speak.

Let us honor in our deeds this beloved brother who saw and dared to speak.

# Emanuel Bloch

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couple all their lives. . . . There was such real gaiety in this house. . . . Yes, Manny did a good job."

**THE FUTURE:** The trustees of the Fund, Malcolm Sharp, lawyer and educator, Yuri Suhl, author, Shirley Graham DuBois and James Aronson, said:

"With the same zeal and unstinting devotion with which Emanuel Bloch fought to prove the innocence and save the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, so did he strive until the last day of his life to secure the future of their children. . . . The Trustees pledge themselves to continue, in the spirit of Emanuel Bloch, to administer the Fund in a manner which will provide for the greatest security for the Rosenberg children."

The trustees announced that Gloria Agrin, an attorney who was closely associated with Bloch in the Rosenberg defense, has been elected to fill his place as a trustee.

**FINAL ORDEAL:** As death came, Bloch was facing another ordeal: on Jan. 19 the N. Y. City Bar Assn. had filed with the Appellate Divn. of the State Supreme Court a petition urging that action be taken against him for his speech at the Rosenberg funeral. Attorneys so cited can be censured, suspended or disbarred. Bloch had commented on the action:

"I have an unblemished record before the bar for the past 30 years. Indeed, in the Rosenberg case itself I have received strong praise from the courts, before whom I appeared on behalf of my clients. Of course, I shall defend myself."

**THE LAST DAY:** But indignities did not end even with death. His body was found in mid-afternoon of the day of his death by Miss Agrin. After she called police, the FBI was alerted and officers of both the Criminal Identification Divn. and the Police Technical Laboratory were called in, although they are never summoned in cases of death by natural causes. Miss Agrin was forced to repeat her story in detail four separate times, once by cross-examination. The body was not moved until it had been photographed and examined by men from the laboratory. Then the apartment was systematically searched: closets, bureaus, suitcases, desk. Even books and phonograph records were examined one by one. When Miss Agrin asked if such procedure was usual in death by heart attack, she was told "confidentially":

"No, but here we have to make a homicide inquiry. We have to be sure that someone on your side didn't bump him off because he knew too much."

**THE PEOPLE:** Nearly 2,500 persons attended the funeral. The chapel itself was filled to over-capacity an hour before the services began; hundreds more crowded anterooms in the building. Almost 1,500 stood silently in the street outside. They were the people who had attended Rosenberg meetings, raised funds, circulated petitions—who had hoped and prayed to the hour of death.

The walls of the chapel all around the bier were banked with flowers; one cluster of white carnations bore the French tricolor and the inscription: "Hommage de ses amis Francais a Emanuel Bloch." (In Paris the same

the delegates rose in a standing ovation.

Said Dr. DuBois:

"The heart of Emanuel Bloch broke because his faith in American justice failed. That failure was all the more bitter because the faith was so deep. . . . So he died. Yet we shall not forget him, for he has showed us what is good, and how it is required of us to do justly and love mercy and walk humbly. . . ."

**THE TEST:** The sun shone on the



**THE BURIAL OF EMANUEL BLOCH**

*He did justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly*

day lawyers placed a wreath for Bloch before the Palace of Justice.) Spoken tributes came from the dead man's fellow Children's Fund trustees Sharp and Suhl; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois; Alice Citron; Cedric Belfrage; Joseph Brainin, who headed the Rosenberg Committee; John F. Finerty, attorney who was associated with the defense in the last months of the case; Bernard Jaffe of the Natl. Lawyers Guild; James Garfinkel of the Canadian Rosenberg-Sobell Committee; and Abraham Unger, attorney and old friend.

**"HE HAS SHOWED US":** Alice Citron, active in the international aspects of the Rosenberg case, said people around the world mourned because they felt: "If there could be a Manny Bloch in America, America could be saved." To Brainin, Bloch "was the spokesman of the America which rejects the howling hysteria . . . a man who believed that no electric chair could kill the truth." Finerty called the Rosenberg case "the most shameful maladministration of law this country has ever seen, both in the courts and in the Executive Department." Garfinkel reported that when Bloch's name was mentioned at the conference of the Intl. Assn. of Democratic Lawyers in Vienna last fall,

cemetery as a last associate and friend of Manny Bloch—Charles Stewart, American Labor Party candidate for N. Y. City Council President in 1953—spoke to some 250 men and women gathered around the grave:

"His brethren were hungry and he gave them food, thirsty and he gave them drink, strangers and he welcomed them, naked and he clothed them, sick and he visited them, in prison and he came unto them.

"Let the rains of summer fall gently on this spot. From his steadfast spirit will grow up a tree and the winged hopes of the children of nations will be nourished in its branches."

Bloch is survived by his father, attorney Alexander Bloch, and his brother, Milton.

### Sanity Corner

"Too much bitter diatribe on the same old subjects."—*Peoria (Ill.) Journal.*  
 "Readership studies showed column had little following."—*Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.*  
 "Not enough of his stuff printable to justify the cost."—*Deseret News, Salt Lake City.*  
 "Newspapers explaining why they have dropped Westbrook Pegler's column."—*Editor & Publisher.*

## Manny Bloch: The man who was all heart

At the funeral service for Manny Bloch, perhaps the profoundest picture of him was drawn by Gloria Agrin, an attorney who worked side-by-side with him on the Rosenberg Case. Her remarks follow here:

By Gloria Agrin

**I SPEAK TO YOU** as one who lived, hour by hour and minute by minute, the three and one half years of his most vital living and the three and one half years of his dying—but for the moment of his death which he faced alone. As the world, as all of you, I loved Manny most profoundly. To so many he was a great man, monumental as the pillar of strength which he was, carved in the image of greatness that each one saw in his own eye. But his true greatness, which I have seen, was in what he really was.

Manny was not so much a man of steel, as a man of flesh.

Even the steel in him was compounded, not of hardness, but of the softness and sweetness of life. It was primarily of love for people and hurt

for their sufferings. It was music that tore at the heart. It was writing and art that spoke greatly of the life he experienced. It was the caress of an evening in the spring.

**THE FLESH** of him was cast in the mold of the finest in humanity. He was proud in aspiration but humble—so unassuming—in achievement. His conscience was wide and deep and honored by him even at the cost of much anguish to himself. His honesty was inviolate and always the measure of his thought and conduct. He was generous to a fault if full open-heartedness and open-handedness are human faults. He had no love of material things and his spiritual attachments were the real core and center and meaning of his life. Without these, he would not have been Manny Bloch, and without them Manny Bloch could not have lived.

I know that if Manny could hear me, he might like what I have said—to know, as I believe he did, that I respected and admired as well as loved him—but he would also say that so far I have said nothing, because I

have not fulfilled my obligation to give you a guide to live by, a pattern to think with, a course to act on. I am satisfied that Manny's living and his death were implicitly all of these. But he had a love of words and a confidence that once spoken, they could move worlds. For him I say to you what he would have said:

"We must be unafraid to struggle for what is right. We must not live on our knees, but stand to fight in dignity and self-respect."

**ETHEL ROSENBERG** wrote in poetry her own epitaph, loved by Manny, which is Manny's too, although too soon spoken:

"Earth shall smile, my son, shall smile, and green above your resting place the killing end, the world rejoice in brotherhood and peace."

Manny, you died too soon. Too soon to take your full measure of joy from life. Too soon to finish tasks that were yours still to do. Give us the strength to do them. And rest content, we were satisfied with you. Goodbye.

### All parties to attend Bloch memorial in Paris

PARIS.—A mass meeting in memory of "Maitre Bloch" has been set for Feb. 8 by some of his thousands of French admirers within and without the legal profession. Every political party in France will be represented at the meeting.

LOS ANGELES.—Tribute was paid to Emanuel Bloch by 400 people who overflowed Channing Hall (Unitarian Church) on Sunday, Jan. 31, the day after his death. Rev. Stephen A. Fritchman, pastor of the church, officiated; speakers included attorney Daniel G. Marshall, west coast chairman of the Natl. Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, and Ignacio Lopez, editor of the Spanish-language newspaper *El Spectador*. A resolution was adopted charging Bloch's death "to those guilty of conspiring to destroy all who fight for truth and justice in our land"; pledging a stepped-up fight to vindicate the Rosenbergs, free Sobell; declaring:

"This roll-call of death must be stopped. We must stop it now before it claims Wesley Robert Wells."

### GWINN AMENDMENT

## Tenant loyalty oath ruling is near

**A RULING** on the "loyalty oath" for tenants in federal housing, known as the Gwinn Amendment, is expected soon.

It was called unconstitutional in a brief by attorneys Paul L. Ross and Royal W. France in the Appellate Divn. of the N. Y. State Supreme Court. Decision in the case, which was brought by Mrs. Rebekah Peters, a tenant in N. Y.'s federally-aided Williamsburg houses and joined by three members of the Intl. Workers Order who are also tenants of the N. Y. City Housing Authority, is expected to have widespread national consequences. It will serve as a precedent for housing authorities in several areas, including Denver, Los Angeles, Chicago and New Jersey, which along with New York City have attempted to put the law into effect.

Last July tenants claimed a victory when N. Y. Supreme Court Justice Henry Martuscello ruled the N. Y. Housing Authority must stop its eviction of tenants who swear they are not members of any organization the U. S. Atty. General calls "subversive." He ruled the Gwinn Amendment violated the due process provisions of the 5th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. The N. Y. C. Housing Authority appealed the case.

**"CAN'T BE JUSTIFIED":** In the brief attorneys Ross and France argued that the Gwinn Amendment and the City Housing Authority's resolution implementing it "cannot be justified upon any constitutional grounds" because it:

- Violates freedom of association and freedom of speech under the First Amendment;
- Violates the due process provisions of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. "We do not feel that the type of hearing [provided by Exec. Order No. 10450] in which the Atty. General himself becomes the accuser, judge and jury, will be found . . . to meet the requirements of due process";
- Constitutes a Bill of Attainder, defined as a "legislative act which inflicts punishment without judicial trial" and explicitly forbidden in the Constitution.

**TARGET—THE POOR:** The City Housing Authority's appeal revealed its aim through the Gwinn Amendment to block tenant organization.

Ross said that if the government were allowed to exclude by such tests, so could private landlords also.

He said the amendment would deny the poorest families their right to a decent place to live.

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will accept a breakdown without blaming Mr. Dulles."

At Berlin the "de-bamboozling" efforts of U. S. "psychological in-fighters" did not proceed according to plan. U. S. reporters found U. S. briefing "neither so objective nor so complete" as the British and French, complained that "American officials employed psychological warfare tactics rather than having provided objective analysis" (M. S. Handler, *NYT*, 1/27). U. S. newsmen generally were impressed by the "maneuverability," "skill," "flexibility" of the Soviet delegations, especially by the way Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov "managed to dominate the conference" (*N. Y. World-Telegram*, 1/28). The *N. Y. Herald Tribune* (1/31) said "Dulles considers him [Molotov] the most skillful diplomat in 100 years." The *N. Y. Post* said (1/31):

"... It seems nobody expected the Russians to be that flexible. . . . The result is that . . . we are over a diplomatic barrel. . . . Unless we become more flexible and roll with the barrel, we will be inside it by week's end."

## Soviet proposals and Western reactions

Speaking over the heads of Western delegations to public opinion, Molotov advanced these proposals:

• **A May-June five-power conference including China.**

Public opinion prevented outright Western rejection. U. S. delegates said "such a conference was possible" (Kingsbury Smith, *INS*, 1/28); but the U. S. would insist it be confined to Far East problems and that "interested states" like the French puppet regime in Indo-China participate (*NYT*, 2/1). If any conference is accepted, it will be due to British and French pressure. Secy. Dulles rejected the proposal with an attack on China termed "one of the most vitriolic ever made in a diplomatic pow-wow" (*N. Y. Daily News*, 1/28). The attack, said *INS*'s Smith,

"... surprised even . . . Western delegations, especially the British, who have recognized China."

France appeared to want Soviet me-



Carrefour, Paris

"These crazy notions of Franco's! Why don't they give Gibraltar to Spain, and Spain to the Arabs, and stop yakking about it!"

diation of the Indo-China war as the price for agreement to the conference. Washington reports (Alsops, 1/27 and Drew Pearson, 2/1) that France has asked, and the U. S. agreed to, the dispatch of the first U. S. forces to Indo-China (400 Air Force technicians and mechanics) underlined the need for the conference Molotov proposed.

• **A world disarmament conference with both UN and non-UN members.**

This proposal came as Washington announced it will store A-bombs at its world-encircling bases, and Air Secy. Talbott boasted (when asked about wartime use of Spanish bases not yet agreed to by Franco) "when the balloon goes up, we are going to use them. Who's going to stop us?" The Soviet proposal linking a general arms cut with solution of the atomic weapons problem "stunned the Western ministers" (*N. Y. Daily News*, 1/28). For the West's increasingly open preparations for atomic war are faced with

"... the appealing [Soviet] ideas of atomic disarmament and outlawry of atomic weapons. . . . In a mere contest for world approval, [the U. S.



Carmack in *Christian Science Monitor*  
**THE MYSTERY**

is] in a weak position" (*Business Week*, 1/30).

• **German Unification.**

The Western plan, presented by Britain's Eden, held in effect that German participation in the European Army is not subject to negotiation. This, as *Le Monde* had pointed out (1/20), was tantamount to saying: "The German problem will not be discussed at Berlin." *Le Monde* added that the West could not maintain this position since on the European Army "the interests of France, and W. Europe, including Britain, coincide with the interests of the U. S. S. R." The *Wall St. Journal* from Bonn (1/25) admitted that many in W. Germany believe its interests, too, lie in "a compromise agreement which could only lead to a neutral united Germany."

Molotov's direct appeal to France to join with the U. S. S. R. and other countries to prevent the revival of German militarism—made on the 11th anniversary of the great Stalingrad victory—was directed to this common interest. He proposed a peace treaty conference by October 1954, resubmitted the Soviet draft treaty which would permit a united Germany limited national de-

fense forces, bar it from joining any alliance directed against its World War II opponents, ban organizations hostile to peace.

• **Expansion of East-West trade.**

Soviet trade has doubled since the war, rose 11% in 1953; China's rose 188% in the last four years. Capitalist world trade has shrunk 12% since 1951, and U. S. exports fell 13% last year. On the eve of Berlin, publication of the Randall Commission's Report on U. S. Foreign Economic Policy doomed Europeans' hopes that from it would stem a more liberal U. S. trade policy.

The report asked neither for tariff reductions (it left room for some), nor removal of import quotas, nor repeal of the Buy American act; it did not attack "escape clauses" and "peril points," which permit arbitrary tariff rises. Even so it was more than protectionists in Congress were likely to stomach. Britain's Leopold S. Amery told a meeting of the European Movement, called to promote a W. Europe-Commonwealth economic alliance to win independence from the U. S.:

"This report, which was to have revolutionized world trade, turns out to be an innocuous little mouse. Even so, it seems to be regarded as a highly dangerous wild beast in American political circles."

In this situation, Molotov's offer of a market of 800 million customers gave "our foreign policy makers a bad case of jitters. . . . [They] know the Russians are prepared to back up the offer—already have" (*NYT*, 2/1).

## Ike's report finds setbacks "natural," offers no solution

In its first ten days the Berlin conference exposed the yawning dilemmas of Washington's "cold war-cold peace." These were underscored by the contrast between the 12% rise in Soviet industrial production in 1953 and the 7% drop in U. S. production since June, disclosed in the President's Economic Report to Congress. This report's cheerful generalizations could not conceal Washington's basic economic dilemma. The President predicted (and could

be right temporarily) that the business slide will end this year although (*Journal of Commerce*, 1/28)

"... he failed to cite any specific development in support of this contention, and his observations seemed to point to somewhat lower levels of activity in 1954."



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But growing unemployment (employment has dropped 2½ million since October) shows the economic crisis is ripening. Official unemployment figures stand at 2.3 million, with an admitted margin of error of 400,000 either way. Union economists put the number closer to 4 million. There is no official count of partial unemployment.

**NATURAL VICTIM:** The President's report, which sees temporary economic setbacks as a natural feature of the free enterprise system, made clear that labor would bear the brunt of these setbacks. The President did not consider the economy strong enough to support any rise in the 75c minimum wage or extension of its coverage (it covers 24 million of the nation's 60 million workers). His prescription for higher living standards: work harder, improve "knowledge and mobility."

The report showed that the Administration has no real program to cushion the impact—either at home or abroad—of the developing crisis, whose maturing, Western observers tend to believe, would break up the "free world."

## HITLER'S HELPERS IN ADENAUER'S CABINET

### The butchers are back in Bonn

"To collect three million human beings, scattered all over Europe . . . transport them . . . sometimes thousands of miles . . . sort them out and index them; and, after gassing them, to dispose of the corpses—all this demanded not only a gigantic organization of its own, but the co-operation of every branch of the Army and the Civil Service."

—R. H. Crossman, MP,  
New Statesman & Nation.

**THE** Third Reich's "gigantic organization" for methodical human slaughter (chiefly Slavs and Jews) was conceived and run by Gestapo Chief Himmler's S. S. (Elite Guards). H. R. Trevor-Roper wrote (*Last Days of Hitler*, 1945):

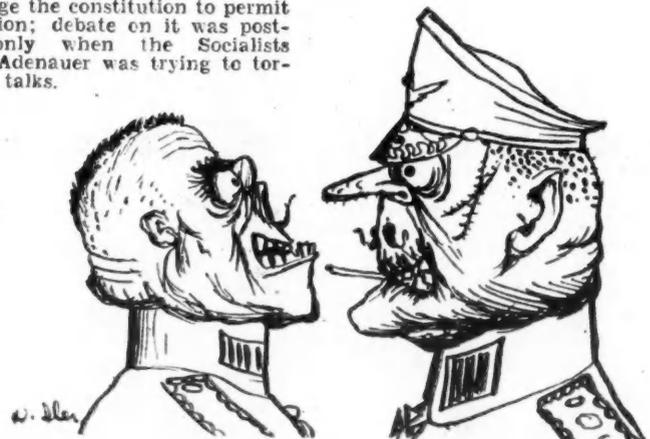
"... It is in the anti-Russian character of Nazism that we find the significance of the S. S., the most fanatical . . . [Nazi] missionaries . . . who preached racialism and "living space" . . . practiced extermination and enslavement . . . [organized] Germanic foreigners into anti-Russian legions . . . and were prepared to carry on the Eastern crusade at a price which even Hitler rejected—surrender in the West."

The whole concept of "European integration" was born in the S. S., particularly its military branch, the *Waffen S. S.*; the first "European Army" was the international force of quislings sent by Hitler into Russia. Last summer, when former S. S. Generals like Herbert Gille and Felix Steiner boasted of future crusades at S. S. rallies where Washington's European Defense Community was extolled, the memory of FDR insulted (*N. Y. Times*, 6/22, 7/24), guests of honor included members of Chancellor Adenauer's government. As early as Sept. 1950 Adenauer's press chief had welcomed S. S. members into the new German Army. Officer cadres for this army are now being trained by the revived S. S. and other para-military

veterans' corps.

**READY FOR DUTY . . .** The camouflaged W. German war office, set up in 1949, was placed in 1950 under command of an unknown Nazi lieutenant, Theodor Blank. Of 174 officials in his department, 77 are former officers of Hitler's General Staff; 23 were employed at Hitler's army HQ; 24 are holders of Hitler's highest war decoration.

Advisers to the new W. German military organization include these released war criminals: Field Marshal Manstein, Leeb, List, Kuchler, Kesselring. Kesselring now heads the *Stahlhelm*, whose newspaper calls on the new army to "victoriously crush France." Recruitment of volunteers began last April 14; some 100,000—mostly former Hitler officers—have volunteered. A bill introduced by Adenauer in the Bonn parliament, on the eve of the 4-power Berlin talks, will change the constitution to permit conscription; debate on it was postponed only when the Socialists charged Adenauer was trying to torpedo the talks.



Drawing by Walter Dier

"I tell you, von Klutz, I like!"

**... FOR DEMOCRACY:** The political complexion of the W. German contribution to "free world" defense mirrors that of W. Germany itself. The Cabinet of Chancellor Adenauer—himself "the personal representative of the owners and managers of big industries in the Ruhr" (Alsops)—includes two S. S. members; two former Storm Troopers; the head of the Nazi "Dept. for Racial Questions"; the director of war production in Nazi-occupied E. Europe (Ludger Westrick, brother of Gerhard who served the Dulles law firm); bankers, industrialists and Nazi collaborators. His Foreign Service, he admitted in 1951, included 139 employees who had served Ribbentrop, 134 who had been Nazi party members (out of 383). The present head of the E. European desk was deputy political chief of Hitler's Ministry for Occupied Eastern Territories, and helped direct extermination in E. Europe.

All the top leaders of the E. German government either fought Hitler or spent the Nazi era in concentration camps.

**UNDER THE TURNSTILE**

**Did transit board man try to buy Quill in judgeship deal?**

**T**HERE was a 20-minute break in negotiations between the CIO Transport Workers Union and the Transit Authority last Dec. 14. According to TWU pres. Michael Quill that break was for some highly significant private bargaining.

Quill has charged that in those 20 minutes TA member

O'Grady as the city's director of labor relations.

**"TOO MUCH MONEY":** The Mayor said Klein had worked for him in the campaign and had indicated a willingness to "be of help in the city government—but without compensation." Reporters asked the Mayor why Klein scorned pay. The Mayor answered: "Well, he said he was making too much money." He added that Klein, who is an attorney for national trucking concerns, never mentioned the judgeship but hankered for the post of city treasurer. (A general sessions judge gets \$19,500 a year, the treasurer, \$15,000.)



Harris Klein offered to support the union's demands if Quill would talk Mayor Wagner into appointing Klein a Special Sessions judge. Quill first told of the Klein deal in talking with reporters on Jan. 19. He later repeated it, underscored it, said it on TV and put it in writing.

**FRUSTRATION?** Klein denied it. On the TA recently Klein has been bitterly anti-union, denouncing most union officials as conspirators to promote waste, featherbedding and idling on the job. He has blamed past fare rises on the union, hinted that it would be responsible for future ones. Quill has blamed Klein's spleen on the frustration of a disappointed deal-maker.

Quill also asked pointed questions on the methods used by the TA in leasing subway concessions, but these were lost in the Klein excitement.

**BRIBERY OR LIBEL?** Since the TA offices are in Brooklyn, Kings County Dist. Atty. Edward S. Silver found the charges on his desk. He turned the matter over to a grand jury to see whether Klein might be indicted for attempted bribery or Quill for criminal libel.

The jury heard Quill and Klein, then called Mayor Wagner. Before giving his testimony behind closed doors, Wagner told reporters that neither Quill nor the CIO had ever tried to influence him on any appointment and that he had asked organized labor's advice on only one matter: the appointment of Joseph



The TWU demands for a 25c raise and other benefits were going through the mill of the Mayor's fact-finding formula. The Mayor had prevailed on Quill to shelve strike talk while three fact-finders went to work. They were also reviewing other transit union demands which exceed the TWU's, in some cases reaching a 39c-an-hour raise.

**THE UNFOUND FACT:** Among the three Wagner-appointed fact-finders is Jack Turcott, labor expert of the N.Y. Daily News. In the recent city-wide photo-engravers' strike, most editorial workers respected the



picketlines and shut the papers down. Labor expert and fact-finder Turcott walked through the line daily. The N.Y. Newspaper Guild called the Mayor's attitude to labor.

Last week Turcott was still fact-finding. The position of the TA was simple. TA attorney Zorn said he would not plead "inability to pay" but added that a wage boost would mean a fare boost since the TA had to be "self-sustaining." It bore out the grim warning of progressives at the time the TA was set up with Albany-City Hall connivance: the TA has built into it a limitless series of fare boosts.

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J. S. Weeks



**HARLEM WANTS A ROLL-BACK**

Tenants organized last week in a Harlem conference to force Albany legislature to repeal rent boosts okayed at last session.

**THEY'LL TELL IT TO ALBANY**

**Big Harlem housing conference calls tenants to fight for repeal of 15% rent boost law**

By Ione Kramer

**D**ELEGATES from 45 Harlem civic associations and 100 Harlem churches met last Saturday at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, 140 W. 137th St., and voted to send a delegation to Albany to demand "immediate and outright repeal" of the 15% rent increase. The Democrats have included repeal and a rent roll-back in their legislative program, and on Jan. 28 filed a repeal bill; but the chances for passage are regarded as slim unless popular steam is generated.

**PLACES TO LIVE:** The delegates to the Harlem Conference on Housing, one of the largest ever held in the community, also urged the following legislation:

- State appropriation of \$1 billion for new public housing.

(Gov. Dewey has proposed \$300 million over three years.)

- Federal aid to build 500,000 new housing units a year. (President Eisenhower has asked for 35,000.)

- Provisions to make state-granted rent reductions retroactive to the date the tenant filed his application. (The State Rent Comm. has a backlog of 16,000 complaints monthly, can process only 7,000 a month. Tenants of 410 W. 130th St. fought 3 years for correction of 271 violations of housing laws; they received a \$2 decrease in rent for one month, but the landlord's application was processed in 30 days, and the rent went back up.)

- A law which would permit the city to make repairs on buildings when the landlord is unwilling to do so, and add the cost to the landlord's tax bill.

- Federal and state legislation prohibiting discrimination in private housing; an end to discrimination by banks and lending agencies in refusing mortgage loans on Harlem property; a Negro to be appointed to the State Banking Board.

**DISPLACED PERSONS:** The conference set the city's minimum needs at 18,000 units of low-rent public housing and 5,000 middle-income units. It asked that all Title I building be held up until a central relocation agency is established to aid the 150,000 people expected to be displaced by new

projects in the next three years. For such DP's the delegates asked full moving expenses and compensation of \$100 per room.

The conference voted to constitute itself a permanent organization. Officers chosen were: Rev. Richard A. Hildebrand, Bethel A.M.E. Church, chairman; Edward A. Beresford of Colonial Tenants League, vice-chairman; Mrs. Alveta Higgs, exec. secy.; Mrs. Willa Orange, treas. Offices: 2329 7th Av., AU 3-6224.



**Jefferson School closes to seek new students**

**T**HE Jefferson School of Social Science, largest Marxist school in the western hemisphere, took a breather last week, shut up its classes and sent students and faculty out to find more students.

There are 1,250 students registered in the school which says it needs at least 2,000. Prof. Doxey Wilkerson, director of faculty and curriculum, last week said: "We think we'll have them."

The school will extend the term so that students who enroll now get the full course.



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**THE HYPOCRITIC OATH**

**Big Medicine stops clinic, demands means test for ill**

**T**HE North Shore Hospital at Manhasset, L. I., last month was prepared to open a \$5,000,000 clinic to care for Long Islanders who could not afford soaring medical costs. Hospital plans were to admit "any patient walking in off the street," and treat him before any questions are asked about his ability to pay.

The clinic's opening has been put off indefinitely—perhaps forever. The Nassau County Medical Society has frowned on "charity." The

Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council was the first to warn that Big Medicine was ganging up on the free clinic. Emil Lindahl, Nassau-Suffolk CIO Council pres., charged that the medical society was "prying into a program in which it does not rightfully belong."

He said the clinic was the exclusive concern of the hospital and those who had chipped in for the clinic. Lindahl said CIO members had contributed "tens of thousands

of dollars" and he calculated the CIO stake in the clinic: "Since our members are subject to injury every day that they are on their jobs, they particularly recognize the urgent need of emergency and clinical facilities."

**MEANS TEST:** Neither the hospital nor the medical society would officially comment directly on the clinic, but the N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun reported that the medical society had demanded that a means test be given each pa-

tient before treatment. The Society has insisted that there is no need for an out-patient clinic in the area though the hospital has proposed to serve all of Manhasset, Port Washington, Roslyn, Great Neck and Little Neck.

Even if there were need for a clinic the Society has a standing rule on charity: "The patient sent to a voluntary hospital out-patient clinic must be referred by a private physician or a welfare agency."

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**Hawley picked to head ALP in Manhattan**

**PETER K. HAWLEY**, 52, a veteran of 25 years as a labor leader, was unanimously elected by the ALP N. Y. County Exec. Comm. last month as its chairman to replace Vito Marcantonio, who resigned last November.

Hawley is one of the founders of the United Office & Professional Workers, was responsible for organization of white-collar workers in some of the city's largest banks. He was pres. of Local 16, UOPWA (CIO) 1937-42; has been on the exec. boards of UOPWA, the CIO Greater N. Y. Industrial Council, State CIO Council; was chairman of the CIO delegation on the regional Natl. War Labor Board, and exec. director of UOPWA Financial Employees Guild, Local 96. His most recent stint was as organizer for District 65, DPOWA, in 1951-52. In 1952 he was the ALP candidate for State Senator from the 20th S. D.

Henry H. Abrams was elected exec. vice chairman. Abrams has been leader of the west side 7th A. D. for 13 years, has served as Congressional district leader since 1950, and was a candidate for Assembly in 1950.

The ALP has entered candidates in two of the three by-elections set for Feb. 16 to fill vacant Assembly seats. (See Powell story for the race in the 14th A. D.) In Brooklyn's 5th A. D., the ALP's Israel Levine will oppose Wilbur R. Blinn (Rep.) and John A. Monteleone (Dem.) In Brooklyn's 9th A. D., ALP's David Zeidin opposes Joseph Sapio (Rep.) and Frank S. Samansky (Dem.).

Both areas are Democratic strongholds. The Liberal Party has put up no candidates.

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"PURE RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY"

# Powell rallies Protestants into political action groups

By Elmer Bendiner

LAST Oct. 26 the GUARDIAN headlined a story: "Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Protestants—the heirs to power in New York."

It showed how the city's Protestant majority had been elbowed out of political jobs and predicted that unless white Protestants came out of their jimcrow pews and joined with Negroes and Puerto Ricans, they would find it hard to hold on even to their "minority rights."

Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman and pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, tried to rally Protestants before the election. Last month he brought the fight into the open.

**ACTION GROUP:** Speaking before the Baptist Ministers Conference, Powell said both the Democratic and Republican parties were "deliberately denying the white and black Protestants of New York City their political rights."

He laid it to a "a well-planned policy in this town based upon pure religious bigotry."

He said that of 75 judges in Brooklyn only six were Protestant. Twenty years ago, nine of 19 Brooklyn Supreme Court judges were Protestant; now there are only two.

Then he called for and won agreement from the Baptist ministers to establish a "United Protestant Political Action Movement." He said: "We plan to be ready, rolling, organized to register our impact with the



ADAM C. POWELL  
The neck is out

gubernatorial and congressional elections this year."

Powell admitted he was sticking his political neck out. He said: "Many of us officiating this project including myself, have been warned in person, by mail and over the phone not to do it or 'this will mean your political end.'"

**MEETING SOON:** Powell denied any intention to form a new political party "at this stage" but said: "We will run candidates whenever both parties try to cram down our throats men of ill-will."

At a new conference last week he said that within the next two weeks 10 Protestant leaders, Negro and white, including a number of ministers, would hold an "off-the-record" meeting and fix the date and place for the first meeting of Protestant Political Action. He called attention to the Bedford-Stuyvesant League, the permanent organization formed by the citizens committee that elected Judge Lewis S. Flagg (GUARDIAN, 12/21/53). He stressed two facts: (1) Judge Flagg was the only Protestant

judicial candidate on the Democratic ticket; (2) he got there over the stubborn opposition of the Democratic machine. Powell announced that he will speak at a Flagg banquet to be given by the League in the St. George Hotel Feb. 18.

**POLITICAL REVENGE:** Powell made it plain that to him the fight for Negro representation merged with the Protestant fight. In his own balliwick he mended fences for a possible primary battle against him. Over the head of the incumbent 12th A. D. district leader, Herbert L. Bruce, Powell moved last week to set up his own organization.

Bruce had backed Impellitteri and was cut off patronage by Mayor Wagner. To the people in the 12th A. D. it has meant a loss of jobs. Many Bruce-backed Negro city employes, Powell said, have been replaced by men from other districts, frequently white. He feared the next Negro victim of Tammany purging in Harlem would be Deputy Housing Commissioner Weaver.

Powell's plan was to build a "loyal" organization that might merit patronage, save some Negro jobs and bolster Powell's strength for the primaries.

**HOW MANY BELLS:** The Powell move paralleled the rallying of Puerto Ricans in the 14th A. D. (GUARDIAN, 2/1/54). There Republicans, ALPs, Democrats and Liberals had



GREGORIO DOMENECH  
He's getting support

joined forces behind the GOP candidate Gregorio Domenech for the Assembly seat vacated by Manhattan Borough Pres. Hulan Jack. Election is Feb. 16.

The line-up materialized after the Democrats went back on a promise to nominate a Puerto Rican for the office, named instead a Negro, Kenneth Phipps, in what was understood to be a maneuver to split the Negroes from the Puerto Ricans. The forces for Puerto Rican representation agreed on a program and the formation of the new Unity

## ALP program for Legislature

The American Labor Party last week offered the following "minimum program" for the current session of the Legislature:

**To Aid the People of the City**

Return the subways to the City and restore the 10c fare. Abolish the Transit Authority.

Grant to the City full authority to levy its own taxes, based entirely on ability to pay including re-assessment of commercial real-estate at true valuations.

Increase State aid to New York and all other cities from \$6.75 per capita to \$10 per capita.

**To Aid All Tenants Throughout the State**

Repeat the 15% rent increase, and bar all rent increases, except where property is operated at a loss (apply the war-time Federal formula).

Require the State Rent Administrator to survey Rent and Housing conditions in the Puerto Rican and Negro communities and mandate him to order rent reductions based upon true rental values and the physical condition of the housing accommodations. Puerto Rican families are now living in single rooms renting as high as \$25-35 per week per room under slum conditions.

Enact an extensive low-cost housing program to meet the needs of the more than a million families who live in the sub-standard housing, for which private builders will not provide the necessary housing units.

Authorize cities to make repairs where violations exist and where the owners or mortgagees fail to act after notice, making the cost of repairs a first lien on the premises.

**To Aid Unemployed and Disabled Workers**

Extend unemployment insurance coverage to all workers. Increase benefits to \$40 per week. Reduce the waiting period in both lay-offs and strikes.

Repeat the Hughes-Brees Law.

Increase Workmen's Compensation and sickness and disability insurance benefits.

Provide a Public Works program to absorb unemployment.

Memorialize Congress to eliminate the obstacles to increased international trade to provide employment for industrial workers.

**To End Discrimination in All Housing**

Amend the Civil Rights law to make discrimination in the rental or sale of any housing on account of race, color, creed or national origin a violation thereof, punishable by imprisonment and award of exemplary damages to the persons aggrieved.

Party. It won quick backing from the Harlem Affairs Committee.

Last week the campaign went ahead but ran into some snags. In two days canvassers gathered 1,900 signatures on nominating petitions (600 more than required) but the Liberal Party challenged the Unity Party symbol as being too close to its own. Unity has two bells; Liberal one. The matter was still unsettled.

**GOP BALKS:** Last Friday at Unity Party headquarters, 29 E. 114th St., Domenech reported that GOP leaders had refused to let him run on the new party's line. He told the GUARDIAN: "They said I couldn't accept the nomination officially. I was told it's the policy of the party to refuse to accept the nominations of any new party or the ALP. The only party nomination I could accept is the Liberal Party."

Of the Unity program, he said: "I am 100% for [it]. I am going to fight for that program." He indicated he would continue to work closely with the Unity group, appearing at their meetings, welcoming their support. He said: "These

boys are backing me up."

In leaflets distributed last week, the ALP charged that top GOP leaders were failing to support their own candidate and called for the election of Domenech "against the wishes of the Democratic and Republican bosses."

### IWO meeting Feb. 6 for policyholders

A nationwide conference of Intl. Workers Order "Policyholders Protective Committee" delegates Sat., Feb. 6, in Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St., will discuss questions the committee put to the N. Y. Supt. of Insurance. Answers will include information on the state's "reinsurance plan."

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# FARM Agriculture depression's here, Eastern Union Farmers are told

By Lawrence Emery

TO New Jersey and Pennsylvania dairy, poultry and produce farmers, the search by economists for a word to describe the present state of U.S. economy is ridiculous. Alvin B. Christman, president of the Natl. Farmers Union Eastern Divn., needs no exercise in semantics; he told 100 delegates to the organization's 11th annual convention last week-end:

"Let's not kid ourselves, agriculture is in a depression now." The convention's main resolution spelled it out with these figures:

- Farm income for 1935 was a third less than in 1947;
- Farm prices are down 18% since 1951;
- Farmers' total equity in lands and buildings suffered a loss of \$9,000,000,000 in 1953;
- The farmers' share of the consumer dollar fell from 54c to 44c between 1947 and 1953, while farmers' costs rose 30%;
- Farm mortgage debt is up 50% since World War II.

The resolution commented:

"These figures are staggering and point the way to ruin. It can no longer be denied that the farm crisis is here and its grip is tightening. Refusal to recognize the situation clearly and to deal with it effectively can only heighten the danger we already face."

**FULL PARITY WANTED:** Little time was spent in discussion of the Eisen-



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hower-Benson farm program for a flexible sliding-scale system of price supports which means (said guest speaker Archie Wright, president of the Farmers Union of the N. Y. Milk Shed) "the flexing down of income." Against this, the convention went on record for full parity for all crops, through direct

production payments by the government to farmers to make up the difference between the free market price and 100% parity. Production payments were favored on the three grounds that they would maintain farm income, increase consumption through lower prices to consumers, and discourage "market gluts."

Wright pointed out that Agriculture Secy. Benson singled out wool-growers for direct production payments, and suggested they are getting special treatment because most of them are Mormons and do business with banks owned by that church. Before his appointment, Benson was one of the church's 12 Apostles.

**"REMOVE RESTRICTIONS"** Other points in the main resolution called for home-market expansion by extension of the school lunch program and use of a food-stamp plan to supplement the income of persons living under old-age, disability, public assistance or government insurance programs; for a Congressional probe of food price manipulation to reduce the farm-to-market price spread; for restoration and extension of the soil conservation program; and for government encouragement of foreign trade without dumping:

"We favor the removal of arbitrary and discriminatory restrictions on trade in farm products and urge that our nation encourage the sale of our farm products to foreign buyers irrespective of differences in ideologies or in systems of government."

**CLOSER TO LABOR:** The convention placed special emphasis on farmer-labor unity. A telegram of greetings was read from Albert Fitzgerald, president of the United Electrical Workers Union. Observers from UE and the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union were present and a featured guest speaker was Joel R. Jacobson, exec. secy. of the Essex-West Hudson CIO Council in Newark. A resolution from the floor proposed a state-wide Farmer-Labor Conference to promote closer co-operation and adopt a mutual legislative program; it was adopted unanimously.

The convention's full program for 1954—"the year of decision"—covered a variety of subjects and issues and embraced the broad aim "of keeping the family farmer on the land and the achievement of plenty in a world at peace." Guest speakers included Judge Hubert Delaney of New York City's Domestic Relations Court, who was cheered for a two-fisted call for a fighting defense of civil rights, and Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, professor of political science at Williams College, who spoke on "Why World War III Will Never Be Fought."

**WASHINGTON DIFFERS:** While the convention was working out its program for direct production payments, Congressional leaders were following an opposite course. The president of the government's Commodity Credit Corp. proposed that the government buy all butter produced at 30c a pound and re-sell it at once in car lots to the trade to be passed on to consumers at a top price of 47c a pound, with the government making up the difference to dairy farmers between their sale price and the federal support level. Members of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees were cool to the notion. On Saturday Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) announced: "It's dead."

But there was plenty of life behind the production payment plan: Herb Rolph, NFU vice-president, told the convention NFU is now experiencing its greatest rate of growth in 25 years and membership in some states has already doubled.

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—Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Jan. 8.

The spokeswoman for the Citizens Committee Against Fluoridation . . . said fluoridation represents a Communist plot. She knows this, she testified, because a man told her that the Nazis used fluorides in water to paralyze the Poles, and another man told her that the U.S. Public Health Service is infiltrated with Communists slyly using fluoridation "to take over the Nation and make morons of the people." This is plausible, she said with conviction, because fluorides in drinking water permit mass brain-washing and lead to national suicide.

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- Bryson himself, directed to do so by his membership, has been a leader from its inception of the Independent Progressive Party, having been first California chairman and presently National Co-chairman of that Party.

**In the balance in the Bryson trial is the right of union members to choose their own leaders; of all citizens to speak up on major issues today. But most important, on trial is the need and right of American Labor to emerge as the natural leader of our country in the grim fight against McCarthyism.**

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**ATROCITIES AGAINST PRISONERS ARE BARED**

**The blacked-out murder trial at Panmunjom**

IN the Panmunjom neutral area where "won't-go-home" POW's were held until last month, a trial substantiating many N. Korean-Chinese charges on U.S. treatment of prisoners has been going on since Jan. 6. A military court headed by an Indian Judge Advocate-General, with an Indian prosecutor, has been trying 17 inmates of Compound 38, Enclosure E, for the murder of four POW's who had shown a desire to return to N. Korea.

According to New China News Agency reports of the trial—the only ones available—Major Sehgal, commander of Enclosure E, testified:

"At about 8:30 p.m., Dec. 12, I received a phone call from the watchtower that four dead bodies had been brought near the compound gates. I went [there] and saw four corpses lying near the gates."

After sending the bodies to the hospital, Sehgal conducted an enquiry, found blood trails leading from one of the tents to where the corpses were discovered, arrested 17 POW's identified by 21 witnesses. Sehgal's testimony was corroborated by Indian guards, one of whom saw the bodies being dragged to the gates.

**SIGNED IN BLOOD:** The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission allowed two American lawyers—Morrison and O'Brien—to head the battery of defense attorneys, despite objections by senior N. Korean-Chinese delegate Gen. Lee Sang Cho that this might prejudice the trial. Nevertheless, many stories of atrocities were brought out from defense witnesses during cross-examination.

For example, witnesses described the use of tanks, gas and guns by U.S. troops on Koje Island against POW's wishing repatriation. One defense witness admitted that, three months before the POW's were handed over to the Indian Custodial Command, U.S. authorities organized guards led by selected leaders who were to keep watch over the various compounds and prevent any POW's from demanding repatriation. Another described how guards tattooed five POW's in Compound 38 and forced them to sign pledges against repatriation; when the prosecutor asked who gave them pens,



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the witness replied:

"Their fingers were split open and they wrote with their fingers on sheets of paper."

Another witness, despite apparently careful coaching, contradicted himself to such an extent that the defense attorney in despair asked the judge to make him a witness for the prosecution. The UN Command has refused to return other witnesses called by Indian Gen. Thimayya to testify at the trial.

**"THE BOSS" REPORTS:** Although the U.S. press practically blacked out the trial, it printed an AP dispatch (1/30) reporting the UN Command's demand that the accused should be released immediately, that they should have been sent back with the non-repatriated POW's released by the Indian

troops on Jan. 23.

The London New Statesman (1/30) printed an AP report leaving "no doubt about" the fact that "N. Korean and Chinese prisoners . . . were organized and controlled by agents of Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek." The report (1/20), "sent by an American journalist who took it from the trunk teleprinter circuit," described several S. Korean generals welcoming Moon Joong Ho, "reputed boss of 7,000 Korean war prisoners returning from Indian custody," and retiring with him "to a nearby tent for a private conference." Moon admitted to reporters that he had been a leader of the "anti-Communist Youth Organization." The AP report was cabled under the heading: "POW BOSS."

**"QUACKS WILL MOVE IN"**

**3 Southern states warned by NAACP on schools threat**

GEORGIA, Mississippi and S. Carolina, which threaten to abolish their public school systems if the U.S. Supreme Court rules jimmcrow public education unconstitutional, received a warning in December from the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP is counsel in a test suit by 66 Clarendon County, S.C., parents and children, now under High Court consideration, to prove the "separate but equal" doctrine "obnoxious" and unconstitutional. If the three Dixie states abolish the present system for state subsidies to individual students, the NAACP warned that

"... quacks and racketeers would move in, setting up their own debased standards, [rendering] the state helpless to regulate these private schools or to establish any standards to protect the state's investment and the school children, because to do so would be to exert state action . . . subject to jurisdiction of the federal courts."

"... Just as we have carried the fight against openly avowed segregation to the highest court in the land, so shall we fight any subtle forms of segregation or any attempts to evade a possible decision of the court outlawing jimmcrow."

In the broad fight against jimmcrow the NAACP lists as "significant gains": Revival of the Govt. Contract Committee "to assure job equality in federally financed work"; "progressive" elimination of segregation "in all phases of the military establishment"; the expanding Negro vote, especially in the South; "development of a climate of opinion in the South more receptive to the passing of segregation"; the NAACP's "Fight for Freedom" campaign aimed at "complete emancipation by Jan. 1, 1963, centennial of Lincoln's proclamation." But, the organization added, the legal attack on segregation must be supported by a "co-ordinated program of administrative, legislative and educational activities at the grass-roots level for the court decrees may be ineffective."

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# Second Sobell plea for review turned down by Supreme Court

FOR a second time, the U. S. Supreme Court last week refused to review the conviction and 30-year sentence against Morton Sobell who was tried with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and is now in Alcatraz, the government's toughest prison. The ruling blocked a new trial sought upon new evidence that David and Ruth Greenglass, principal government witnesses, had lied. The government, in opposing a new trial, admitted that there were a number of "discrepancies between the story [Greenglass] told his lawyer that he had told the FBI, and his testimony at the trial" and that the evidence showed "facts from which it might be inferred that" the Greenglasses had lied, but argued that the lies were "not incon-

the resulting sentence of 30 years in Alcatraz in an atmosphere of hysteria induced by transient political and social passions, lacked guarantees of fairness which all Americans have a right to expect under the constitution. Sobell is requesting the Supreme Court to review his case on the basis of new evidence connected with his joint trial with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. This new evidence, never presented to the Supreme Court for the Rosenbergs, very seriously challenges the credibility of the major prosecution witnesses. We believe the standards of American justice require a new trial for Sobell in an atmosphere free of hysteria."

**SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN:** In New York a nation-wide campaign was launched by the Natl. Committee to Secure Justice for Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, for signatures on an appeal to chairman William Langer of the Senate Judiciary Committee to investigate the circumstances of Sobell's imprisonment in Alcatraz, "America's Devil's Island, used exclusively for hardened criminals with long records of violence." The appeal adds:

"Mr. Sobell, about whose case there is a world-wide doubt, was absolved by the court of any connection with atomic spying. While appealing for a new trial to prove his innocence, he was suddenly shipped to Alcatraz, 3,000 miles away from his wife, children and defense attorney. The office of the U. S. Atty. Gen. violated all precedent in this vindictive action."

**NEW YEAR'S MEETING:** Mrs. Helen Sobell, whose Thanksgiving Day visit to her husband she described in the GUARDIAN (11/30), journeyed to Alcatraz again to see him on "the fourth New Year's Eve that Mort has spent in prison, the second in Alcatraz." She wrote to the GUARDIAN:

"I could not bring food, or anything which he might see or smell or taste, but I had with me a wealth of good wishes and hopes and deeds—the daily deeds of so many all over the land who are fighting for justice."

**Vetenskapsmannen på Alcatraz**

Stockholm's Ny Dag (Jan. 8) gave a full page to translation of Helen Sobell's GUARDIAN account of her last Alcatraz visit. This was the headline.

sistent with the central aspects of the Greenglass' testimony."

In his brief in reply to this contention, Howard N. Meyer, attorney for Sobell, argued vainly that "if one views as 'central' the inculcation of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and the proof of a 'conspiracy' to which petitioner [Sobell] was claimed to belong, the keystone of the arch is surely gone. At every crucial point . . . the 'central' aspects of the Greenglass story are destroyed or impaired."

The court also refused to accept a "friend of the court" brief filed Jan. 28 and signed by scores of prominent persons including Nobel Prize scientists Linus Pauling and Harold Urey, physicist Philip Morrison and Harvard Prof. Serge Chermayeff:

"The arrest, indictment and trial of Morton Sobell upon the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, and

A LIFE FOR THE CZAR

# Prince Igor rides again — in Canada

FOR ALL the world not to see, former Soviet code clerk Igor Gouzenko lives secluded in an Ontario town in constant fear of vengeance at the hands of Russian secret agents. There is, the reports say, a constant guard at the home of the informer whose testimony in the Canadian atom spy trials (GUARDIAN, Jan. 4 & 11) launched the psychological cold war. How does Gouzenko actually live?

A Montreal Star reporter, using a

"sturdy pair of ears and a nimble tongue," has come up with this report:

Gouzenko has received, in addition to a continuing hand-out from the Canadian government, \$100,000 since 1946 in royalties from a book and money from a film company for his life story—and he has gone through the whole wad.

Cause of his present cash-less state is a posh home and penchant for expensive cars which he smashes up at regular intervals. He is peddling a new book and malicious gossipers say this fact may have influenced the new wave of publicity about him and the Senatorial pilgrimage to his shrine.

**HELL GAB FOR CASH:** One of his guards, the report says, is worried about Gouzenko's conduct. He appears over-anxious to talk and "for money will say just about anything whether fact or not"—especially in view of the unpleasant rumor that American publishers are shying away from his new book.

About the reports of NKVD men laying for him in the bushes, the Star reporter writes:

"For many Canadians, secure against such things, talking about this aspect of the case is a safe way to let vicarious shivers run up and down their spines. . . . Few Canadians are in a position to really know anything about Gouzenko. . . . It's just as well too. A little dose of truth would ruin the fun."

Gouzenko is suing the Star for libel. He IS broke, you recall.



IGOR GOUZENKO  
That's what they say, anyway

"So New Year's Eve in Alcatraz was a little brighter for him. When the last gate clanged shut behind me, and I rushed to my station at the wall, leaning over to see if by some chance Mort was already on his side of the wall—there he was bending over, looking through the glass for me. He wrote me later: 'I can't explain why I laughed. I guess I just wanted to laugh, especially laugh with you.' We talked of the children, and then about Fort Monmouth, and he said: 'I chose to come to Alcatraz rather than let myself be used against other

innocent people. I won't lie even now, even here, even by being quiet. I never spied with anyone. Anybody they smear with my name is innocent."

"He said he was sending me \$100, his 'salary' at 15c an hour for the work he has done at Alcatraz. At the end he said: 'We are moving into a new era. It must be an era of peace, of great learning. I want to be part of it, not a prisoner in my mind or in my body.' I knew more surely than ever before that you cannot take the golden dream of science as Mort saw it, and bury it in Alcatraz."

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