

Lenin's Record **Speaks Against His Slanderers** - By John G. Wright

Lenin was still on his sick-bed when the Stalinist bureaucracy - then just beginning its rise to power - started its systematic work of distorting and falsifying the teachings of this great working class fighter, thinker

and leader. Today, a quarter of exclusively devoted to the liberaits very peak.

forgers the only ones who seek rejected in this connection the to palm off Stalin as the "best slightest wavering or compromise disciple" and the legitimate heir in theory and practice alike. and continuator of Lenin. For reasons of their own, the Social

allegedly "one and the same'." men seek, of course, to use Russian political leader was so Stalin's crimes in order to dis- beloved by "the masses. His credit Lenin and what he really memory still lives in the minds stood for. The Stalinists, for of millions as it will for generatheir part, try to use Lenin's tions to come throughout the mantle the better to deceive the world.

workers and to cover up the Kremlin treachery and infamy. The two sides pursue different ends, but the same big lie happens by the organizational power of to serve the purposes of each.

NO IDENTITY AT ALL

There can be no greater violation of historical truth than an trodden that led Stalin to rebel attempt to establish an identity between them. Lenin's entire life, his great talents and genius were



a century after Lenin's death we tionist struggle of the world find this monstrous campaign at working class. Not only did Lenin refuse at any time to serve Nor are the Kremlin liars and any other cause, but he resolutely

Lenin had genuine love for the working masses and unwavering Democrats, traditional enemies of | faith in their power and mission Leninism, are busy doing exactly He saw no nobler goal in life than the same thing. Adding its bit, is to articulate the hopes and aspirathe new draft of renegades from | tions of the oppressed, to raise among the newest converts to their self-confidence, increase their American imperialism, gentlemen ability to act, liberate the vast like Max Eastman, Sydney Hook creative forces latent among them and the like. And behind all of and in every way to organize their them is the full weight of Wall struggle for socialism. Nothing Street's propaganda mill, dinning was more ignoble in his eyes than in the workers' ears night and to side in any way whatever with day that Stalin and Lenin are the strong and powerful against the oppressed. His writings are The capitalists and their hench- imbued with this spirit. No other

Stalin was attracted to the

revolutionary movement not by its great liberationist ideas but Lenin's party. It was his hatred and envy of the rich and the powerful and not any deep concern for the poor and downagainst the Czarist rulers. Stalin's earliest writings bear indelible mprints of his deep-seated

mistrust of the masses (which was later to grow into fear and hatred); of his ineptitude in the sphere of ideas (which was later to be converted into contempt platform by a special committee for the power of ideas); of his designated by state CIO Presi-



Full Support for Kutcher At Conn. CIO Convention

HARTFORD, Jan. 16-"I got | and for complete exoneration of | which demanded the revocation a raw deal, and not a fair deal, the Socialist Workers Party. . of Executive Order 9835 "under from the Veterans Administration," the legless veteran, James Kutcher, yesterday told the delegates to the 11th annual convention of the Connecticut State **CIO** Industrial Union Council. Kutcher was invited as a guest speaker on the first afternoon of

the two-day convention proceedsubversive' blacklist.' ings. He was escorted to the NATIONAL CIO STAND

recent

"In order to clear myself and which I have been discharged and get back my job," he stated, "the the establishment of guarantees recent directive under which Gen- to protect the freedom of thought eral Gray, the VA Administrator, and the freedom of political views upheld my discharge makes it of government workers. If this imperative that the name of my can be done, government emparty be cleared and that it be ployees like myself would not be taken off the Attorney General's discriminated against and would enjoy the same rights and protec-

tion as other citizens. "I am not asking for any convention in Portland, my legs are amputated." Kutcher

Trial of C.P. **Threatens All** Labor's Rights

NMU Meeting **Gives Setback to Purge Methods**

Undemocratic Acts Rouse Apprehension By W. F. Herndon

have been only partially successful. It has become increasingly evident that the ranks will endorse punishment up to expulsion only in cases of clearly proven disruptive behavior.

The political purge formula advanced by NMU President oseph Curran-that the Stalinists cannot invoke the union's constitution in their behalf since they are "in violation of the constitution"-has in essense been re-

ected. Two factors have interfered with Curran's drive for a wide purge. First, the resort by the Stalinists to the courts and the possibility of successful court intervention in those cases where the union's constitution has beer bypassed.

Kutcher pointed out that at its special pity or sympathy because MEMBERS INTERVENE Second, the action of the las'

Atmosphere of Police Terror Marks Thought-Control Case By Farrell Dobbs

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 --- Foley Square, scene of the government's thought-control trial of 11 Stalinists in this city, is like an armed camp. Over 400 mounted and foot police, plain- D-

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 - The | clothes men, FBI agents and uni- The 11 defendants, all officers fforts of the CIO National Mari- formed special guards swarm in of the Communist Party, are Benime Union leaders to simply read and around the Federal Court out of the union leading and active House. Eight bailiffs ride herd John Williamson, Eugene Dennis, members of the Stalinist party on the handful of spectators who manage to crowd into the two-byfour court room where the trial is going on. Inside the courtroom specta-

tors are told, "Sit down and keep TWO CHARGES your mouth shut." In the court Keep moving."

press. Another score or so of seats are set aside for relatives of \$10,000 fine. Following trial on the defendants. People stand in the "conspiracy" charge, each may line for hours, under heavy police be tried separately on charges o guard, hoping to get one of the individual violation of the Smith seats available to the general pub- Act.

Stalinist National Chairman, also Press coverage is complete, with all the trimmings. Top-notch named in the conspiracy indictreporters are present for the wire | ment, has been postponed because services, many of the major daily of his poor health.

newspapers, weeklies and feature | Five Stalinist lawyers, each magazines, radio, television, the representing two or three of the newsreels and foreign press ser- defendants, are actively arguing vices, including Tass, the Soviet the case. A secondary battery of news agency. (Continued on page 4)

jamin J. Davis, Jr., Carl Winter, Henry Winston, Jack Stachel, Robert Thompson, Irving Potash, Gilbert Green, Gus Hall and John Gates.

They are charged with conspira house corridors and on the streets cy to "teach and advocate the outside, anyone who pauses for a overthrow and destruction of the moment receives the curt order, Government of the United States by force and violence," under the About half the seating space in Smith Act of 1940. If convicted, the courtroom is reserved for the they will face a maximum penalty

of 10 years' imprisonment and a Trial of William Z. Foster.

V. I. LENIN

Pensions and Welfare Top List of Auto Union Demands

The CIO United Automobile Workers on Jan. 16 announced "fourth round" demands on the auto corporations for this year. Major emphasis is placed on broad social demands, which are expected to set a pattern for P other CIO Unions. remain on paper. It was only the

UAW President Walter Reuth- determined strike action of the er said in a letter to all local Chrysler workers last year that bodies that the International Exwon even small wage gains for ecutive Board meeting on Jan. 11 the Ford and General Motors had adopted the following workers. demands: Certainly it will take the full

"1. An adequate pension and power of the UAW in united retirement program. 2. A com- militant struggle to win the farprehensive social security pro- reaching demands that the UAW gram including health, hos- leaders have outlined. Reuther has pitalization, surgical and life in- raised such demands before and surance provisions. 3. A wage then bargained them away for increase to restore the buying utterly inadequate settlements. power of wages to the level of It is for this reason that the June 1946, when OPA was wages of the auto workers have destroyed." agged behind rising prices since

PROGRAM NEEDED

It is time for the UAW mili-None of these demands has as tants to raise once more the preparing to move to the island yet been spelled out. It is claimquestion of Reuther's "one-at-aed, however, that together they time" strategy that proved so apparently being to save standing will be equivalent to a 30-cent hourly wage increase. Certainly GM strike and in the wage adequate pension and welfare negotiations again last spring. programs for the auto workers It is imperative that a unified are long overdue. It will be recalled that Reuther bargained of the union, be worked out and major defeat for the foreign these important demands away put into motion as soon as policy of American imperialism. last year for meager wage inpossible. creases.

Conspicuously missing from the UNIFIED STRATEGY

The UAW position has been American investments over the demands as announced is the program of the 30-hour week, sixweakened in advance because of needs of the Chinese people. Wash hour day with no reduction in the different contract termination ington considered Chiang as an weekly earnings. Layoffs at dates in the Ford, Chrysler and ally in the projected war on the Kaiser-Frazer and Ford's Lin- GM contracts and the two-year Soviet Union. For these reasons coln-Mercury Division underscore reopening clause in the GM con- American imperialism gave this Kuomintang, has asked for a in accordance with democratic the immediacy of the need to tract. The auto workers will have butcher full support in the civil fight for the shorter work week. to fight for uniform contract

the end of the war.

By themselves the UAW de- termination dates and one-year mands mean little or nothing. reopening clauses in all contracts tary aid. Unless they are implemented by to gain a solid springboard for a program of struggle they will future struggles.

inbounded faith in the power of dent Mitchell Sviridoff, chairthe apparatus (which he was man of the convention. Then the ater to convert into an instru- victimized veteran was introduced nent of bestial oppression.) to the delegates by the national

Stalin started as a revolutionist secretary of the Kutcher Civil and that is to his undeniable Rights Committee, George eredit. But he used his revolu- Novack.

ionary record only to end up as As Kutcher stood up at the the mortal enemy of revolutionary microphone and related the story socialism, as the ruthless defender of his dismissal and political of the powers and privileges of persecution, a tense hush gripped (Continued on Page 2) the entire gathering in the Hotel

Bond auditorium. The CIO delegates leaned forward to catch every remark Kutcher made. Several nodded agreement at his statement that the treatment he received after taking off his uniform was very different from the promises made to him and other GI's while they were in the armed forces.

Kutcher declared that he was appealing to the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission in Washington for re-

versal of the decision in his case

Oregon, the national CIO adopted concluded. "I am asking only for membership meeting in the Port a resolution on "Civil Rights and the assistance you would extend of New York. This membership the Protection of Democracy" (Continued on Page 4)

UAW Locals Give Moral, Financial Help to Legless Veteran's Fight

Following approval by the UAW International Executive Board at its recent meeting of the national CIO's efforts to win justice for James Kutcher, numerous UAW locals have generously responded to the appeal for aid from the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

Auto union locals contributing to the Kutcher defense fund this past week include Chevrolet Local 262, Hamtramck, Mich., \$10; Local 533, Fostoria, O., \$20; Local 975, Lima, O., \$10; Local 377, Cleveland, O., \$25; Local 641, Ottawa, Canada, \$10; and Local 662, Anderson, Ind., \$25.

The Pittsburgh branch of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee reports that members of the Pittsburgh Fur Workers Union expressed their support by taking up a collection of \$27.50 for the victimized veteran.

meeting, the largest and most important in the union, delivered a blow against anti-democratic conduct and procedure. The disregard by the administration leaders of democratic processes aroused wide apprehension and hostility in the ranks of the union who see in such procedure a

menace to their own rights. At this meeting the chairman was challenged on his ruling that only the counters he had appointed would tally the votes on the hotly-contested trial committee report. Although this procedure has become the practice during ers, denied the defendants' charge the last year, the membership decisively rejected the chairman's ruling and forced the selection they have for this contention. of "double counters"-represent-The attorneys for the defening both sides. It was in effect dants offered various supporting that evidence. I was one of the a demonstration by the members (Continued on page 8) the Stalinist press, notably the



NEW YORK, Jan. 19 - Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party and its candidate for President in the last elections, today issued the following statement on the trial of the 12 Communist Party leaders:

Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, presiding over the trial of Daily Worker, have deliberately the 12 Communist Party leadpassed over the outstanding and conclusive piece of evidence that that their trial is a "political the trial of the CP leaders is trial." and asked what evidence strictly political.

I am one of the 18 people in this country best qualified to give arguments. But both they and 18 leaders and members of the Socialist Workers Party - the Trotskyists — who were indicted. tried, convicted and imprisoned for our political views under the

Smith Act of 1940. This is the identical law under which the CP leaders are now being tried. Our case is the sole precedent

The Worker, CP publication, on

America's century and a half that

a political party is put on trial."

Whatever the motives for this

relevant facts concerning the

political nature of the CP trial.

The indictment under which the

SWP leaders were sentenced on

Dec. 8, 1941, after a two-months

trial, charged us with "conspiring

by certain statues of the United

States, namely, Section 9 and 10

THE INDICTMENTS

as possible in the debacle. It is clearly a hopeless one if the cumulated in connection with gov- with the capitalist class. It is also under this law for the present turned down an appeal to act as Stalinists decide to move forward. ernment graft.) (6) Reform the a bid to American imperialism, prosecution. mediator with the Chinese Stalin- But if this section of the Kuomin- agrarian system. (7) Abrogate for it says to Wall Street in ists and has indicated that it will tang can win a guarantee that the treaties of national betrayal. effect: "Don't fear us. We will Jan. 16 published the lie that the its government headquarters will maintain its diplomatic offices in capitalist property relations will (8) Convoke a Political Con-safeguard your holdings. You present trial "is the first time in

> Canton, evidently in anticipation gether with important positions participation of reactionary eleof doing business with whatever in a coalition government for ments, establish a democratic "EXEMPLARY" coalition government and take over all power from the Nanking

ment and its lower levels of gov-The spotlight thus focuses on ernment. This whole program boils down o the replacement of the Kuomin-

dividual conduct but to the fact will redistribute the land to the that the holdings of the Chinese peasants. and American capitalists were

tions of the Chinese Stalinists that they intend to support capitalism in China. They are not marching forward under the flag of socialism. Basing themselves on the insurgent peasantry in their bid for government power, the Stalinists seek to prevent the revolution from advancing as it did in Russia in 1917 to the stage where the working class takes the lead and estab-

lishes a workers state. Their bid for a "coalition govnow trying to save as much face seen. The position of the cabinet tal. (This means riches ac- crnment" is a bid to share power took over.

Nanking despite the shift to be maintained by the Stalinists to- sultative Conference without the can do business with us."

That is why the American falsification-and I shall expose consul at Tientsin, Robert L. them presently - the Stalinists Smyth, could report to the State are playing directly into the hands Kuomintang reactionary Govern-Department that the conduct of of the prosecution by aiding in the Stalinist troops on occupy the concealment of the most

ing that key city in North China was "exemplary." He was no' ang dictatorship by a regime that referring, solely to their in-

It confirms previous declaracarefully protected. The Stalinist-led army entered Tientsin not as deliverers of the tc commit certain acts prohibited working class from capitalis' bondage, not to touch off a revolutionary uprising that would put of Title 18 of the United States councils of workers in power in Tientsin as the Red Armies did in Russian cities in the days of Lenin and Trotsky. That is why the N. Y. Times, authoritative spokesman of American Big Busi-

Code . . . and especially contrary to section 11 of Title 18 of the United States Code." The indictment of the CP leaders charges them with acts "prohibited by Section 2 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (Section 10, ness, could feature Smyth's report Title 18, United States Code), praising the way the Stalinists commonly known as the Smith

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Death Knell Sounds for Chiang Dictatorship

comeback at some future time.

STALINIST PROGRAM

By Joseph Hansen

The announcement of the Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship Jan. 19 that be shifted from the capital of China at Nanking to the southern city of Canton sounds the

death knell of Chiang's hated recentral government replaces the them, then they can hope for a gime. Chiang himself is evidently Chiang regime.

BREAKING APART of Formosa, his last hope now The Kuomintang has broken

apart at the seams. Chiang's the program of the Chinese divisive and costly in the 1946 for himself as a local warlord. He generals, who for long paid little Stalinists. On Jan. 14 Mao Tsewill be fortunate if he escapes attention to orders from head- tung, chairman of the Chinese the fate of Mussolini. quarters on field operations, are Communist Party, listed eight Chiang's defeat at the hands now trying to save their heads points as the basis for peace strategy, correlating all the forces of the Chinese people is also a

Wall Street calculated on using this despotic regime as a puppet

government to give preference to

war, sending him some \$2 bil- bargaining talks. lion worth of supplies and mili-

government or military bloc": (1) Punish war criminals. (2) Abrogate the bogus Constitution.

the Stalinist-led armies, are with- (3) Abolish the Kuomintang's 'legitimacy of traditional institended positions and holing up. tutions." (Also translated as

"abdication of rule.") (4) Reorrepresenting only a part of the ganize the revolutionary armies principles. (This is aimed at giv-

ing the Stalinists control over Whether the Stalinists will

begin bargaining by issuing a the Kuomintang's armed forces.) The Truman administration is cease-fire order remains to be (5) Confiscate bureaucratic capi-

as best they can, every warlord negotiations with Nanking "or for himself. Some are haggling any other Kuomintang regional for the best possible terms. Others, fearful of seeing their armies disintegrate upon meeting

drawing their forces from ex-

And Chiang's own cabinet,

cease-fire order prior to opening

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What American Labor Can Learn from Lenin

By Joseph Hansen

V. I. Lenin dedicated his life to the struggle of the working class to free itself from the poverty, hunger, bloodshed and oppression of the capitalist system. One aim guided him in all his activities — to establish the socialist system of enduring peace, abundance and boundless pro- ?

creative imagination, extraordinary energy and an iron will. made Lenin one of the greatest has yet produced.

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels worked out the basic scientific analysis of world capitalism, demonstrated in theory the inevitability of socialism and helped organize the first international associations of the working class devoted to fighting for this goal. The fundamental views of Marx and Engels are still valid.

Lenin considered himself a disciple of Marx and Engels. Throughout his political life he waged war without quarter on the adulterators, detractors and avowed opponents of orthodox Marxism. That does not signify that Lenin kowtowed to dead dogmas, as his slanderers maintain. Marxism is a living, growing body of thought like any other genuine science. Lenin precious contributions to Marxism in assessing new important developments in the evolution of capitalism and the revolutionary struggle for socialism

Above all, he gave a practical demonstration to the working class of the entire world on how to apply Marxist theory in building a revolutionary party, leading insurgent masses to victory over the capitalist class and constructing a Workers and Farmers Government.

LENIN'S METHOD.

instructive example of his method. splitter"; and why, since his con-

gress. This singleness of purpose, of the universe that sees mind combined with mastery of the as a derivative of matter. He scientific method of Marxism, then discusses "Dialectics," the vast learning, keen intuition, most profound formulation of the principle of change and evolution yet worked out. Next he considers the application of dialecrevolutionary figures mankind tical materialism to history; then the class struggle, Marx's eco-

nomic doctrine and the inevitability of socialism. Only after laying down these basic premises does he turn to the final crucial problem, "Tactics of the Class Struggle of the Proletariat." This approach is the essence of Leninism. It was precisely in the field of the tactics of the class

struggle, that is, the problems associated with the building of greatest contributions. Yet he basic differences and reach rotten came. understood better than anyone compromises at the expense of else in his time that a party of program, in Lenin's view-and he action can be constructed only proved correct-could only lodge on the foundation of absolute fatal flaws in the party as the clarity of theory and agreement revolutionary instrument of the working class. on fundamental program. If the membership of the party

are agreed on basic questions then of building a highly disciplined they can achieve full striking party of self-sacrificing, skilled nower on the field of action. If working class politicians around differences are unresolved, how- a program that could lead to the ever, then at the crucial moment they can arise as major obstacles in Czarist Russia. Lenin, of to effective action. Even worse,

lack of theoretical clarity can but one link in the general chain party. disorient the party and lead it of revolutions required to establish into fatal errors. PROGRAM COMES FIRST

portance of a homogeneous party party. in the class struggle that Lenin

was so insistent on putting theory this is Lenin's concept of demoand the broad general questions cratic centralism. Under demo-Lemin's essay, The Teachings facing the working class first. cratic centralism the advantages of Karl Marx, written for the That is why Lenin was regarded of full democracy in the elabora-Russian Encyclopedia published by those who did not grasp his tion of program and selection of by Granat, provides us with an underlying purpose as a "hair- leadership and the education of the membership is combined with He takes up first of all the most ception was a new one and centralized command in action. fundamental issue, "Philosophic radically opposed to the prevail- This principle of organization Materialism," the realistic view ing view, the history of the gave the Bolshevik party its counter this pessimism and sented the international interests hour struck the mighty power

world-wide socialism.



a revolutionary party of the work. Bolshevik party is so full of unique strength and assured its skepticism and to demonstrate ers, that he made some of his factional struggles. To gloss over victory when the opportunity afresh the validity of dialectical

ANSWERS THE DOUBTERS

quite remote from the strictly organizational. A striking ex-Lenin's life work thus consisted ample is his book on philosophy, Materialism and Empirio Criticism. This was written in the difficult period following the defeat of the 1905 revolution when victory of the socialist revolution demoralization and passivity swept the ranks of the Bolshevik course, regarded this victory as

The pressure of triumphant Czarist reaction became visible in the revolutionary ranks as a All of Lenin's theoretical contributions thus had a highly questioning and doubting of the It was precisely because he utilitarian aim - to forge and long-established basic tenets of The most obvious example of healthy moods, generated in the middle class when the labor move-

ment suffers a setback, are echoed in the revolutionary movement predominantly by the into the influence of the trade union bureaucracy.

materialism, in that way repairing the breach in the party's ideological front and rearming The same utilitarian aim moti- the membership for struggle in vated Lenin's contributions in this vital field. It remains to this fields that on the surface appear day a model polemic in the con-

Moscow

axe in

brain.

thought. SELF-DETERMINATION

The organic connection between means and end, theory and practice, is similarly visible in the development of the Bolshevik ers and the poor farmers. political program. Lenin, for

example, foresaw national revolutions for decades to come. In accordance with this view, the Bolsheviks insisted on the demounderstood so thoroughly the im- temper a revolutionary socialist Marxism. Many turned toward cratic right of national minorities reactionary idealist philosophy to self-determination-the right and even religion. Such un- to secede even from a workers whatever form of government they wish.

At the same time, to build a party to make this end possible,

of the working class which of Russia's landless masses lifted which Trosky had pointed out transcend all national differ- the small working class with the Bolsheviks at their head into that the revolution while beginences

The right to self-determination state power. appealed powerfully to the **OPPOSED IMPERIALIST WAR** numerous oppressed nationalities The First World War provided in Czarist Russia and became one of the keys to the Bolshevik an acid test for the world socialist movement. The old looselysuccess.

knit parties in Western Europe. Lenin's view on this question where the Social Democratic was in opposition to the prevailing opinion and practice among leadership had lost sight of the importance of adhering to basic the Social Democrats particularly in Austria-Hungary, which was a program, succumbed to the war prison - house of nations like fever and came out in support of the capitalist governments in Czarist Russia. In sharp polemics, the various warring countries. Lenin demonstrated how the oppression of national and racial Lenin, however, remained in opminorities and colonial peoples position. He understood that an becomes unbearably acute in the imperialist war tends to develop imperialist stage of capitalism. into a civil war and that to stand And he showed why a revoluon the side of the imperialists tionary socialist party in advancand their government means suping the cause of socialism must give full support to the strugcritical moment. gles of the oppressed minorities Throughout the war years he and colonial peoples for freedom worked persistently to prepare and independence. the ground for a new interna-

ATTITUDE TOWARD PEASANTRY

As with the problem of nationalities, so with the peasantry, Lenin's attitude was determined by his aim of building a revolutionary party capable of liberattinual struggle of the proletarian ing Russia from the yoke of the vanguard against the insidious capitalists and landlords. In a encroachment of petty bourgeois land where a backward peasantry constituted the overwhelming bulk

the fiercest persecution. of the population, the revolutionary party could break its neck or achieve a stupendous victory depending on how successfully it tied together the industrial work-

Lenin made a profound analysis of the economic and class relations in Czarist Russia and reach ed the conclusion that even though the coming revolution would be a capitalist one, still it could only be led by the working class in alliance with the peasanstate if they so desire and set up try. This meant fighting for the right of the poor farmers to ing enduring peace. divide up the big estates.

The older generation of Marxists opposed this view, holding tellectuals and those susceptible the Bolsheviks opposed any na- that the liberal capitalists could tional distinctions whatsoever play a progressive role. But among the party members. The Lenin's view won out in the Lenin's book was designed to party, they pointed out, repre- Bolshevik party and when the long before (such as the view ning as capitalist in character

could not remain capitalist but culy terminate in the Socialist Revolution) and to make these corrections in time. We must add that the very possibility of making these corrections was due to Lenin; first, because without him there would have been no Bolshevik party to correct and, secondly, because to the highest possible degree Lenin had designed the party as a self-correcting organism.

AN EMBATTLED FORTRESS

As the head of the Soviet government, Lenin became known to the entire world. It was now that his full stature as a genuine porting the class enemy at a most statesman of the working class became apparent. He viewed the

Soviet Union as an embattled fortress. His aim now was to utilize this great conquest to the maximum in advancing the intional party of the working class to take up the cause betrayed by terests of the international working class as a whole. This required the. Social Democratic leadership of the Second International. The effective defense of the first workers state against its internal Bolshevik party's record of unyielding opposition to imperialist enemies and the surrounding war was another proof to the capitalist foe and it required using Russian workers that this party the Soviet Union to directly help would not betray at a crucial the workers in other lands achieve moment but would remain true their socialist revolution as anto its program in the face of other step toward uniting the entire world under the planned economy of socialism.

Thus Lenin's opposition to the The military defense of the imperialist slaughter was not USSR was placed in the able simply a moral revulsion to mass hands of Leon Trotsky while murder: his opposition also had Lenin concentrated on building the practical aim of constructing a party capable of rooting and cementing the structure of out the basic cause of imperialist the Soviet Government. At the war. That is why Lenin's type of same time he founded the Third opposition to the wars of the International as a new world orcapitalist system is so important ganization of the working class as an example to the working embodying his basic revolutionary class to this day. He demonstrated programmatic and organizational concepts. in theory and showed in practice

The hopes of the Bolsheviks the only effective way of ending that the workers in industrially imperialist slaughter and assuradvanced countries would soon be

able to lift the siege on their During the war Lenin wrote beleaguered fortress were not two important pamphlets which every worker should study: Im- realized. As a result bureaucratic perialism and State and Revolu- degeneration began to set in. Lenin was keenly alive to this tion. The one is an analysis of the development of the capitalist danger. It could destroy not only system since the days of Marx the Bolshevik party but undermine and Engels. The other is a the workers state and the Third presentation and commentary on International and endanger the the Marxist view of the real role socialist cause in other lands. In 1922 and 1923 as the danger of the government. They were designed to help prepare the mounted under the insidious Bolshevik party for the great leadership of Stalin, Lenin pretasks ahead; but State and Revo- pared to wage an all-out fight lution remained unfinished, for together with Leon Trotsky in defense of the democratic control the October 1917 revolution in-

of the Soviet Government by the working class. However, with his sudden death on January 21, 1924,

LEADS REVOLUTION The facts about Lenin's colossal the hand of this great revolurole in this revolution can be read tionary leader fell from the helm. in Leon Trotsky's authoritative The full burden of the struggle

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the bureaucracy on whose shoulders he rode to power. It is doubtful whether any other ruler in Russia's black past was more hated than Stalin is by the mass

of the people.

orthodox Marxist. In his eyes, the scenes against him far more democracy, placing its interests ferment and freedom of thought in an armed insurrection against Marxism-as a unified system of frequently than he worked with correctly above all else. But NOT exist as in the first workers the government in which they

ideas, as a method of thinking Lenin. He came to the fore only to the exclusion of everything state. and as a guide to action-was after Lenin's death, not as a else. He taught the Russian work-That is what the Soviet Union other party, without exception, the most advanced conquest of representative of the revolu- ers to be extremely sensitive to the human intellect. An audacious | tionary vanguard but as the | the demands of all the oppressed

and supremely gifted thinker, champion of rising Soviet bureau- minorities and colonial peoples. Lenin enriched Marxism in many cracy. His true role has been that In this field, Lenin insisted, the

nossible concession.

looked like in the days of Lenin was engaged either in open and Trotsky. Why did it degen- struggle or overt conspiracy to overthrow the power of the erate? First of all, because of the Soviet. It was this set of circum-

under conditions of four rightful pressure of the capital

ALL DOWN THE LINE

The differences between Lenin and Stalin pass from the heights standing contributions, there is ternationalist to his very marrow, which has ushered in the epoch any other standpoint, and to questions and the key role of opsubordinate their immediate in- pressed minorities and colonial politics or the no less polluted safeguarded jealously, even to the terests to the long range interests peoples in the world revolutionary of the world socialist struggle. process. Stalin's outstanding mental trait is provincialism. His self-proclaimed theory of "socialism in

product of an ignorant mind, incapable of rising above narrow nationalism. If Stalin has instilled anything in the Russian masses it is the virus of Great Russian nationalism.

Lenin correctly prided himself on remaining throughout an STALIN'S REAL ROLE

Flint Readers Public Meeting "Inside Story of the 1937 Sitdowns" Speaker: **Genora** Dollinger (Leader of Famous Women's Emergency Brigade) Sunday, January 30, 1949 at 8 P. M. - Adm. 25c at SWP Hall - 215 E. 9th St.



key spheres. of gravedigger of Lenin's party To list only a few of his out- and Lenin's International. He has served as the chief instrument of theoretical thought all the way his analysis of the modern or in the degeneration of the Soviet down the line. Lenin was an in- imperialist stage of capitalism Union. teaching the Russian workers of world wars and proletarian and Stalin's "contributions" to Marxnever to approach any major colonial revolutions. There is his ism-Leninism. Stalin's ideas are, phrase; it was the gist of Lenin's political problem at home from work on the national and colonial without exception, borrowed either teachings on the national ques-

Lenin's crowning achievements were, of course, his contributions as the architect of the Russian one country" is the reactionary Revolution and of the first workers state. An inseparable part of this historic accomplishment was Lenin's building of the Russian Bolshevik Party and the subequent creation of the Third Inernational.

What was Stalin's part in all

this? The Kremlin has falsified

history so as to usurp for Stalin

he role of Lenin's closest col-

aborator-in the October days,

during the Civil War, in the

early years of the Communist In-

ternational and of the Soviet

Union-a role, that was actually

played by Leon Trotsky. Stalin's

role in this entire period, as well

as in the earlier history of

Russian Bolshevism, was a minor

and obscure one. Moreover Stalin

opposed Lenin or intrigued behind

It is a mockery even to talk of from the cesspool of imperialist

diplomacy.

portunist thought and practice. the setting up of capitalist Fin-Stalin's People's Front policies land, Esthonia, Lithuania and other Baltic countries in his lifemerely reproduce under new his-

time torical conditions what was done by the Russian Mensheviks under The only ones to whom Lenin Kerensky or by the German Social ever denied democratic rights Democrats under the Kaiser. His deals with the Nazis as well as his later deals with the "demo- to' overthrow the established cratic" powers were conducted in power of the workers or of

the vile tradition of imperialist the oppressed nationalities and colonial peoples.

They lie deliberately who tell the workers that under Lenin NOTHING IN COMMON of Soviet industrialization, let regime as under Stalin. The democratic liberties of the masses alone of planned economy, as is fraudulently claimed. On the and above all of their mass orcontrary, it will never be blotted out of history that Stalin up to operatives, and the Bolshevik 1929 ruthlessly opposed the Trot-Party itself-were jealously safeskvist Opposition in Russia. the guarded so long as Lenin lived. real proponents of the Five-Year The real continuators of Lenin, Plans and of Soviet industrializa-

Trotsky and his followers, began tion. It was, in fact, the struggle of this isolated minority that compelled the Stalinists to take banner of extending and preservthe road of planning. If there is any single idea to ing Lenin's democratic regime, just as they struggle for its rewhich Stalin has adhered consistently it is that brute force is introduction today.

the decisive power in history. His USSR-THEN AND NOW entire world-outlook may be sum-All the detractors of Lenin bank med up in the proposition that on the younger generation's the survival of any regime, past. ignorance of the facts about the future or present, depends exclusively on whether it employs Soviet Union in Lenin's day. The the brute force at its disposal in truth is that Lenin's regime inample time and ruthlessly enough. spired the oppressed working Violence over men's minds and people the world over with its bodies, violence, violence and still progressive legislation, guarantee more violence-that is the quin- ing full economic, social and political equality of all nationalities tessence of Stalinism.

and races. What has this modern Genghis The right of the youth to a full Khan in common with Lenin who education and to a living while was the embodiment of an entirely they learned was assured. Workdifferent type of warrior, the ing women were granted paid fighter for the socialist emancipavacations while pregnant and free tion of mankind? Nothing whatmedical and hospital care. Birth control was legalized. Scientists

DEFENDED DEMOCRACY were given full freedom to carry In Lenin we have one of the on their work. Art, music and most consistent fighters for writing then flowered in the democracy that ever lived. He Soviet Union. Nowhere did such fought above all for workers' progressive legislation, cultural

workers, especially when they ist powers who tried to drown come to power, must make every the new workers regime in blood.

When this did not succeed, world the USSR. The right of self-determination, capitalism clamped a strangulatincluding the right of secession, was written into the first Soviet

revolution was isolated. constitution. It was no empty Secondly, because Russia was tion. Under Lenin this right was tries in the world. Out of this vast channels of revisionist and op- point of extending recognition to welled the Stalin regime of counter-revolution.

Thirdly, because even under the European proletariat, in the first

single country. Socialism requires the united efforts of a number were the oppressors fighting arms of countries, including the most his expectations remained unin hand to maintain their rule or highly advanced.

ROLE OF PARTIES

the Soviet Union outlawed under face of our planet would make its Lenin and Trotsky as well? Those great contributions to the evoluwho point to this historical ac- tion of the workers state and the He was not even the initiator there existed the same dictatorial cident as proof of the identity of world federation of these inthe past and present regimes in dependent states. He further the USSR, omit a trifle. They predicted a flowering of demohide the fact that no other party cracy, on this new social soil, ganizations - the Soviets, the in Russia at the time was willing such as the world had never seen. trade - unions, the peasant co- to place itself on the basis of

Soviet power. In the life of every human The Russian Mensheviks were not expelled from the Soviets, being there are episodes that they walked out demonstratively, epitomize the inmost character. most of them to take sides with One such episode in Lenin's life their struggle in the USSR the White Guards in the Civil War, casts an illuminating light on his against Stalinism under the that followed. The original Soviet views concerning the use and government was a coalition of two abuse of power, the crux of all parties-the Bolsheviks and the questions relating to the problems

young comrade. power, but resigned and then rose



years of civil warfare, that brought about one-party rule in

tervened.

Far from considering the Rusing blockade on the USSR. The sian developments as a fixed and unalterable political pattern for

themselves participated. Every

the rest of the world, Lenin one of the most backward coun- repeatedly stressed that the Russian Revolution and the young sea of backwardness and isolation Soviet Republic were only the beginning, only the first forms. He expected that the Western to understand the importance of

test of conditions the tasks of instance the workers of Germany, ocialism cannot be solved in a would "finish" the job the Russian workers had started and show them "how it is done." Although

fulfilled, Lenin never changed his mind on this score. To the end of his life, he confidently predicted But weren't all other parties in that every other people on the

A TYPICAL EPISODE

Left Socialist-Revolutionaries, the of democracy. One of Stalin's party of the revolutionary closest friends and a prominent peasants. The Left S. R.'s were Georgian Bolshevik, Ordjonikidze, not driven from the seats of slapped, during a conversation, a



work, The History of the Russian against Stalinism fell on Trotsky's shoulders. Revolution. Trotsky raises the

As Trotsky observed, geniuses question whether even the Bolshevik party could have suclike Marx and Lenin appear only cessfully led the working class once in a century. Their conto power without Lenin. Of tributions make it possible for the working class to shorten the long course, we can say that without Lenin there would still have been difficult road towards the socialist Trotsky, but he lacked authority society of the future. Our task is in the Bolshevik party for it was not to wait for the appearance not until the days of the revoluof new leaders cast in the full tion itself that he came fully mold of their genius, but to study their writings and their actions; to try to assimilate their thought a revolutionary party inured to iron discipline in action. and their methods and above all

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"One need only reflect in order to understand the concentrated hate that this figure has called forth and will continue to call forth from all the enemies of the working class. For nature produced a masterpiece when she created in a single individual an embodiment of the revolutionary thought and the unbending energy of the working class. This figure is Vladimir llyitch Lenin. . . Like many other comrades who have been for three decades in revolutionary work, I have had the opportunity to meet in different lands many varieties of the proletarian type of leader — the revolutionary representative of the working class. But only in the person of Comrade Lenin have we a figure created for our epoch of blood and iron."

-Speech by Leon Trotsky, 1918.

Truman's War on Civil Rights

Truman's attack on the House Un-American Activities hearings as a "red herring" has misled many people into thinking he dsapproves of the witch-hunt and wants to safeguard civil rights. What Truman's dispute with the House committee really shows is a difference over the best method for conducting the witch-hunt. He prefers the quieter police methods to the flashy klieglight displays.

For instance, he is proceeding ruthlessly with the prosecution of the Communist Party leaders in an obvious frame-up attempt under an unconstitutional law, the Smith "Gag" Act. If he has his way, there is no question the CP leaders will end up behind bars. What is even worse than the fate of these individuals is that any persons or groups who advocate the ideas of Marxism are subject to the same frame-ups.

Hundreds of government workers have been fired or hounded from their jobs on charges of "disloyalty," without the right even to confront their accusers. Most of those driven from their jobs are blackmailed into silence by fear of scandal.

The "loyalty" purge is based on a blacklist of certain political parties, branded as "subversive" by one man, the Attorney General, without a hearing or even specific charges. Truman's decree explicitly prohibits a public hearing.

When a courageous individual like James Kutcher, the legless veteran fired from the VA for membership in the Socialist Workers Party, dared to challenge the purge system, then Truman's Loyalty Board hastened to issue a special order-Memorandum 32-to make the dismissal stick. Memorandum 32 makes it mandatory for the "loyalty" review boards to uphold the firing of all members of the Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party and Workers Party. This makes any "review" or hearing a farce.

The Kutcher fight is challenging these illegal "loyalty" procedures which have been denounced by the CIO and other labor and liberal organizations. But the administration is making it clear that it intends to go the limit and isn't retreating from its Gestapo methods.

Rather it wants to give them the sanction of law. That is one purpose of Truman's proposal to "tighten" the Espionage Act. He would make wire-tap evidence admissible in federal courts, permit the conviction of persons without showing proof of criminal purpose or intent and reduce or eliminate the statute of limitations.

Truman is out to destroy civil rights, not to protect them. Civil rights will be preserved, just as they were won to begin with, only by the most determined organized struggle of the labor movement and its liberal allies.

New Stalinist Right Turn?

The Kremlin has launched a "peace offensive" in an effort to secure a deal with U.S. imperialism. As was the case in all previous twists and turns of Moscow's foreign policy, the latest maneuver has been immediately reflected in the line of the Stalinist parties.

Part of the inducement Stalin is offering world imperialism is the abandonment of the "left" shift of recent years-that is, a return to the avowed line of "class peace" that prevailed from 1941 to 1945. Moscow has ordered the Stalinist parties, first of all in Western

thought of "revolutionary war," that socialism in Europe can be won' by "peaceful methods."

Overnight the Italian CP tossed overboard its "campaign of non-collaboration," abruptly called off a slow-down strike of 100,000 Milanese workers and announced the new "peace tactics"-that is, soft-pedaling of strikes, demonstrations and other workers' struggles.

Having failed with "left" gestures and threats during the last three years to make Washington call off its cold war, Stalin is now offering concessions again. But whether or not this latest maneuver will develop into a full-fledged right turn like the one followed during the war still remains to be seen. And the decision does not rest on Stalin alone. Washington is pressing for nothing less than a major retreat of the Kremlin. While not averse to a favorable deal, Washington is far more interested at present in cementing a war alliance with Western Europe, and in building up its war machine. It wants to be able to dictate its own terms to the Kremlin, and it wants a higher price for striking a deal than Stalin has so far indicated a willingness to pay.

that all profit is derived from the surplus

value created by the workers' labor power,

for which the capitalist pays the workers

always less than the value created by their

labor power. The capitalist system of pro-

duction and distribution, based on the profit

interests of the individual capitalists, is

anarchic and planless, and leads to greater

and greater crises, brutal competition and war,

Marx showed. Haven't two world wars and

the threat of a third, the world-wide

depressions alternating with inflations in the

Therefore, we Marxists don't propose

merely to take away the profits after they

are amassed by the capitalists. We propose to

abolish the private ownership of the means

of production and distribution. We propose,

in short, to abolish the system of private

profit. We are for the social ownership of the

means of production and distribution operat-

ed under the cooperative control of society

Under our system there won't be any

directors of A. T. & T. or a Benjamin Fair-

less of U.S. Steel even to suggest turning over

profits to the Mississippi share-croppers or

for "good works." There won't be any share-

croppers or other deprived and oppressed

sections of the population either. Through

socialist planning for human needs we will

be able to provide all with abundance and

to eliminate the sordid incentives for ex-

ploitation of man by man that dominate the

capitalist profit system of scarcity and high

prices, boom and bust.

last 45 years, proved Marx right?

as a whole.

The SWP Case--Precedent for Stalinist Trial

(Continued from Page 1) 3 and 5 of the Act of June 28, appeal for a presidential pardon, 1940 (Sections 11 and 13, Title so that the defendants might 18, United States Code), com- have their civil rights restored, The specific charges listed in has failed to act on this latest both indictments are virtually appeal. dentical. Our indictment read that we "would, and did, accept s the ideal formula for the carryng out of said objectives the Russian Revolution of 1917, whereby the then existing Government of Russia was over-LENIN

he principles, teachings, writings, counsel and advice of the leaders of that revolution, chiefly of V. I. Lenin and Leon Trotsky" willfully advocate, abet, advise and teach . . . and did print, publish, edit, issue, circulate, sell, distribute and publicly display written and printed matter advocating, advising and teaching the duty, necessity, desirability and propriety of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence" and did "organize and help to organize societies, groups and assemblies" for that purpose.

'EVIDENCE" IN OUR TRIAL The heart of the CP indictment reads' that they "did conspire to organize . . . a society, group did not even exist. and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow | the despicable role played by the and destruction of the Government of the United States by temped to sabotage the labor orce and violence" and that "it movement's fight against the was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants for us. A typical example of would publish and circulate, and Stalinist propaganda at that cause to be published and cir- period is 'an editorial, titled culated, books, articles, magazines, and newspapers advocat- Daily Worker of June 16, 1944. ing the principles of Marxism This editorial attacked by name and Leninism. In brief, except for the omission of the name of Leon Trotsky,

this is conclusive proof that the President of the CIO Retail Minneapolis Labor Case of the Clerks, Thomas De Lorenzo, Pres-18 Trotskyists is the forerunner of the indictment of the CP under United Auto Workers, Roger the identical sections of the Smith Baldwin of the ACLU, and 'Gag" Act of 1940.

against us in the Minneapolis the Minneapolis defendants at a Labor Trial of 1941 consisted of New York mass meeting of the 150 pieces of printed and publicly CRDC. circulated literature, including the Communist Manifesto written in 1848 by Karl Marx and rederick Engels; the chief writings of V. I. Lenin and Leon

"Any labor leader who defends Trotsky; the Declaration of Prin- to his membership. By defending ciples of the Socialist Workers | Trotskyists . . . such a labor Party; and numerous articles in leader abuses and misrepresents The Militant and Fourth Interna- his membership. It is time to put tional. From the wording of the a swift stop to that sort of thing," indictment in the CP case, and says the Daily Worker editorial.

likely that writings of the revolu- articles in the Stalinist press and tionary socialist teachers, Marx, was stated by Stalinist leaders in

prisoned SWP leaders. Roosevelt, As the first victims of the Act" and "in violation of Sections refused the pardon. Last year the Smith "Gag" Act, we warned time and again that our case would be a precedent for victimizing others whose views the Adnonly known as the Smith Act." was renewed. President Truman ministration did not approve. The Stalinist leaders, betraying the most elementary principles of

Many liberals along with a labor solidarity and even oppossection of the daliy press are ing the defense of elementary mistakenly spreading the idea rights of free press, speech and that the CP trial is the first of assembly, refused to heed our its kind under the Smith Act and warning.

that if the Stalinists are con-For our part, despite the stabvicted the higher courts will in-the-back the CP dealt us and thrown by force and violence, and eventually rule out the convicthe civil rights of labor generally, we now warn the labor movement tions on the grounds of the unand liberal public opinion not to constitutionality of the Smith Act. That's exactly what many be blinded by hatred of the liberals said previously in our notorious Stalinist policies to the and that we "did knowingly and case. We have cited the public danger their prosecution reprerecord in some detail to demonsents to the civil rights of all The facts are that the CP leadstrate that the Smith. Act has ers are being framed up for their been used before; that the previopinions, in a politically-motivatous convictions under this Act ed trial under an unconstitutional were in the case of the 18 Trotskyists; and that the Supreme law that would establish thought-Court has already three times control in the United States. We must fight against this framerefused to rule against the Smith up not for the sake of the defendants, but for the sake of

Yet the Stalinists, knowing full democratic rights. well that our case is the precedent We therefore urge the entire for their prosecution under the

Smith Act, are maintaining silence labor movement to organize in defense of the CP leaders and about the case of the 18. They against a frame-up that will set are even attempting to rewrite a precedent for future frame-ups history and expunge the records and suppression of opposition of the federal courts to make it political views. appear as though this precedent

Act.

And further, as National Chairman of the Socialist Workers They are also trying to hide Party; I publicly renew our offer to the Communist Party, origin-Communist Party when it atally made July 28, 1948, at the time of the filing of the indictment, for a united front to fight Smith Act and to secure a pardon for repeal of the Smith Act and

"Abysmal Spectacle," in the George Baldanzi, Executive Vice President of the CIO Textile Workers, Samuel Wolchok, ther

ident of Brewster Local 365, CIO Norman Thomas of the Socialist The chief "evidence" introduced Party for speaking on behalf of

A POLITICAL WEAPON

them (the imprisoned Trotskyists) ought to be made to answer the precedent in our case, it is This was repeated in numerous



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As the imminent collapse of the Chiang Kai-shek dictator became apparent to the civilians of Shanghai, some 200,000 stormed government banks to exchange paper money for gold bullion and silver dollars. Police supported by armored car (foreground) attempted to disperse the crowd. Hundreds were injured and at least. in defense of its latest victims. seven killed.

NEW YORK NMU MEMBERSHIP PUTS CHECK ON POLITICAL PURGE MOVES

Philadelphia

(Continued from page 1) is its democratic structure, which that they are serious about maintaining democratic processes. The Stalinists saw in this lecision a turn of the tide in their favor. But their high hopes were rudely dashed when the meeting immediately proceeded to vote approval of the trial committee report, which recommended suspension for three Stalinists, but

without impairing their shipping threw the Stalinist leaders out rights. The mildness of the recomof office. mendations, when compared with The present democratic strucexpulsion, and the fact that are of the union is entirely shipping rights were not revoked adequate to deal with the beaten during the period of suspension, and discredited Stalinist gang undoubtedly played a big part in whenever they violate the elemen the adoption of the report. tary discipline of the union.

NEW MOVES These developments represent a

check by the members on the

The decline in merchant marine excludes no seamen from its operations, throwing increasing ranks. To change the constitution numbers of seamen on the beach, and bar Communists from mem- raises numerous vital problems bership and thus from the in- that the union must meet and dustry will be a stiff body blow solve. A union meeting those to democratic unionism. It leads problems in a democratic and directly to machine - controlled militant fashion would destroy, unionism, something which was as nothing else can, the influence overwhelmingly rejected by the and very ground upon which the rank and file seamen when they | Stalinists stand.

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Europe, to put the damper on working-class struggles. They are obeying with the alacrity of trained seals.

The new line is being put into effect without a pretense of consultation with the ranks of the Communist parties and with cynical disregard of the interests of the workers. It was proclaimed in a speech by the French Stalinist leader Marcel Cachin to the Chamber of Deputies and an article in the French CP publication, Cahiers du Communisme.

Cachin then carried the instructions in person to the Italian Stalinist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, in Rome. Promptly Togliatti proclaimed that "complete" collaboration between the Soviet Union and the capitalist powers is possible, that Moscow has no

'Life' Magazine Is Bitter

Life magazine in its Jan. 17 issue pokes fun — mixed with bile — at the idea of eliminating private profit. It commends the , "irony" used by the Wall Street Journal in attacking a proposal by Mayor Curley of Boston to tax profits 15% for the operation of city and town governments. The Journal asked why, logically, the state governments also should not seek a 15% slice of profits. With 30% total going to local and state governments, and 50% to the federal government, the Journal went on-"in ironical spirit," Life assures us-to ask why even 20% of their profits should be left to the corporations. Why not dispose of even this last 20% in "some other wholesome fashion"?

Taking off from this point, Life sneers and ieers at those who contend that profits are "immoral." It paints the imaginary picture of "the directors of A.T. & T. hitting the sawdust trail, abolishing the 1949 dividend and mailing the undivided profits to the sharecroppers of Mississippi" and of "Ben Fairless of U.S. Steel getting up off the mourners' bench to argue with his stockholders that it is their duty to divert all the 1949 profits to worthy causes.'

Now we Marxists also ask the question raised by the Wall Street Journal-but in no ironic sense. Why shouldn't the profits-all the profits-of the corporations be disposed of in some "wholesome fashion"? But we don't consider profits from the standpoint of "good theology" or abstract morals.

Marx revealed the source of capitalist profits as unpaid labor. He demonstrated

Engels and Lenin, will constitute the major present trial.

We were tried under two counts, the first under an old Civil War emergency law for alleged "overt" acts to accomplish the "crimes" count out. On Dec. 5, 1941 the jury found 18 of 28 defendants of certain ideas a "felony." On Dec. 8, 1941-the day after Pearl Harbor-the judge sentenced us terms ranging from 12 to 16 present U.S. foreign policy. months.

LABOR'S OPINION

On Nov. 22, 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review our case, thereby denying, in effect, that any constitutional ssues of free speech, press and assembly were involved. The Supreme Court repeated its refusal to review on two further occasions. On Jan. 1, 1944, after two years of appeals, we were incarcerated in prison and served our sentences.

That the trial of the 18 Trotskyists was a "political trial" was the publicly-voiced opinion of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Civil Rights Defense Committee, and of labor and liberal organizations representing more than five million members, which adopted resolutions to President Roosevelt urging repeal of the Smith Act and the immediate unconditional pardon of the im-

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the unions in trying to block wholesale elimination of activ "evidence" in the resolutions of support for the Stalinists. However, during the Minneapolis victims. past few weeks a number of The indictment of the SWP resolutions have come from Gu leaders clearly demonstrates that | ports calling for a change in th the Democratic administration constitution to make membership from the beginning has used the in the Communist Party incom alleged. The jury threw the first Smith Act solely as a political patible with membership in the weapon to silence opponents of NMU.

These resolutions have been its foreign and domestic poli-"guilty" of violating the Smith cies. We voiced a socialist op- played up in The Pilot, the union" Act which makes mere "advocacy" position to American imperialist official paper. This seems to in entry into the Second World War. dicate, the new line of attach The Stalinists-for entirely dif- favored by the Curran administra ferent reasons than ours - are tion.

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30-Hour Week and Morals

By Art Preis

One day after our Jan. 10 publication of an editorial advocating the 30-hour week with no reduction in weekly pay, that eminent Republican daily, the N. Y. Herald-Tribune, published what reads like a direct answer to us, an editorial entitled, "A Thirty-Hour Week?"

Of course, the Tribune cannot refute our arguments showing the economic advantages for the workers of the 30-hour week at the same takehome pay. It concedes that as "a palliative for a depression the thirty-hour week might be successful in spreading employment. It might maintain purchasing power at a crucial period of the economic cycle.'

But keeping millions employed with no loss in purchasing power is a minor consideration for this mouth-piece of the employers. First of all, it opines. "there would be the immense administrative complications of staffing enterprises with men on such abbreviated shifts, as well as the dislocations caused by wages which did not fall proportionately with the cut in hours."

In short, the employers would have to hire more workers and raise hourly wage rates, thereby suffering a slice in their present all-time record profits - and that's bad, according to the Tribune. But this argument has too much of naked self-interest, so the Tribune comes out with the clincher, an argument right out of the Good Book, according to which "what profiteth a man , if he gain the whole world, but loseth his soul." The editorial finds that it would be bad for the workers to have so much idle time on their hands, because you know what the Devil finds for people to do when they're just loafing around.

The worst thing of all, says the Tribune, "would be the social difficulties that would inevitably ensue when workers became something less than workers, and when their leisure bordered on idleness." It might be OK if you could put the workers to work at something else, "but in the great cities as they exist today there could hardly be anything but a slow demoralization, a debasement of the old standards and a general moral laxity.

Now the Herald-Tribune didn't invent this argument. In fact, Karl Marx, in his monumental book "Capital" back in the 1860's, traced this identical argument to the early beginnings of capitalism and showed how it was used to justify even working eight year old children until they dropped dead.

C. Curtis, in his January 1949 Fourth Interna-tional magazine article, "The Position of the American Working Class - 100 Years After the Communist Manifesto," traces the subsequent history of this same argument in this country. During the struggle for the 10-hour day in 1870 in Massachusetts one employer stated "that he had 'invariably noticed that when men are kept at work until 10 P. M. they live in better health as they keep indoors instead of sitting around

fifth of the great commandments and for sixty centuries it has been accepted as the divinely prescribed standard of economic effort. . . These constant attempts to amend the decalogue and to adapt by alterations the moral law to the appetites developed by easy and loose living conpetites developed by easy and loose living con-stitute the outstanding peril of our unprecedented Of Problems at prosperity.'

In 1929 — just before the economic crash and mass unemployment - another NAM spokesman expressed satisfaction that the workers "have for the most part been so busy at their jobs that they have not had time to saturate themselves with false theories of economics, social reform and of life. They have been protected in their natural growth by the absence of excessive leisure."

Curtis observes: "Some readers' credulity may perhaps be strained by these citations. We can hardly blame them, but they may rest assured concerning the authenticity of these statements. As was once said in a different connection, 'You can't make up things like that.'" You can read them today in papers like the N. Y. Herald-Tribune.

Now there's one little question the Tribune doesn't answer. If the workers will suffer "moral laxity" and "debasement" working 30 hours a week, what will they suffer if they are unemployed and without any income? The latter is evidently the alternative the "moral" capitalist press prefers.

Of course, there are some idlers and loafers who might lend weight to the Tribune's argument. We refer to the idle rich. They flit from winter resort to summer resort and back again, steep themselves in vice and lap up all the good things of life that the labor of others creates. When you talk about these parasites, we'll agree that their work week is too short, and we'll make special efforts to discourage their moral laxity under socialism. But the Herald-Tribune considers socialism the most "immoral" condition of all. Which only goes to show how closely moral views relate to class interests.

Little Discussion Conn. CIO Parley

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HARTFORD, Jan. 16-After a total of 20 minutes' discussion from the floor during two full days' sessions, the 11th Annual Convention of the Connecticut CIO adjourned this afternoon. Ironically enough, there were only two speakers who held the full attention of the delegates-Chester Bowles and James Kutcher.

In his written report President Mitchell Sviridoff had warned the Democratic Party, state and national, to keep its campaign promises or "Labor will of necessity look elsewhere in its future political efforts." But his statement to the delegates that Bowles is the real hero of this convention" turned out to be the overwhelming theme.

Gov. Chester (Little FDR) Bowles, speaking at the convention, admitted that before the election he was resigned to lead ing a "strong minority party" and that it was only the interven tion of the "fellows sitting here" that saved his political neck.

'people's program." In explaining what he meant by that, he said labor must never forget that capitalists are entitled to a 'generous profit."

There was no organized op-

When the secret of photosynthesis is discovered it will be possible to by-pass plants in the this convention. One motion that bows. would in effect have taken the production of food. Through artificial photosynpost of secretary-treasurer out thesis factories will be able to duplicate the of the hands of paid officials and with the staff of the federal proprocess by which, for example, sugar cane produces sugar, or wheat produces starch. Food made it available to rank-and-file could then be turned out in belt line quantities. | members, failed in utter confusion According to the columnist Stewart Alsop, who because opposition delegates were

reports on the encouraging progress made in this completely unprepared. Similarly, an attempt by UAW research, "mass artificial production of food is theoretically possible in the same sense that the delegates to make a public demonatomic bomb was theoretically possible before stration against "piece-work" conthe Manhattan District came into existence. A tracts signed in this state, also somewhat comparable national effort would be came to nought. When these delenecessary before artificial food production entered gates threatened to protest the realm of the practical at any time in the against these contracts by ab- argument is still going on, it apcourse, merely an informed guess-that with for CIO president, UAW Re- and judge are determined to go ciples of Marxism-Leninism." Wall Street. They became vicious without a runaround.

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doors smoking.' (The dissolute wretches!)" In 1902 the president of the National Associa-tion of Manufacturers opposed an 8-hour day bill "as socialistic and controverting the inalienable right of the individual to use his time as he saw fit." And 20 years later, a succeeding president of the NAM invoked the Lord and Holy Scripture in opposition to the five-day week, for "six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work! So reads the fifth of the great commandments and for sixty

A postwar peak in unemployment-possibly four million jobless by this spring-is predicted by government and labor economists in Washington, reports a Jan. 14 United Press dispatch. According to the Bureau of Em-

ployment Security, unemploy- | says that "lack of orders" is the ment benefit claims are rising principal reason given for layoffs in scores of industrial plants." more rapidly than in 1946 during Officials admit that the unemployreconversion lay-offs. All but five ment figures do not tell the full of the 48 states reported a rise in story, since many factories are claims for the week ended Jan. operating on a two and three--the fifth weekly consecutive day basis while others are operatincrease. ing on a skip-week basis. In the

This year's first reports from two weeks ending Jan. 5 a total several key states show a conof 41,000 were dropped from untinuing rise in layoffs. For the employment insurance rolls beweek ending Jan. 8, some 58,000. cause they had drawn their full persons were added to unemploybenefits. Thousands of unemployment insurance and veterans comed are not reported because they pensation rolls in New York. are not covered by the unem-State, bringing the total to 468,ployment insurance system. 000. The increase in three months is almost 70%. WILL RISE FURTHER"

Relief applications in New York City rose 17% in the five weeks ending Jan. 1, Welfare Department Commissioner Hilliard reports. He notes that "the public assistance rolls follow the unemployment insurance rolls after lag of six to nine months." Only when workers exhaust their un-When the Dutch by-passed the United Nations and launched employment insurance and still blitzkrieg war on the Indonesian Republic, these UN observers cannot find jobs do they seek elief.

000 by Jan. 12, according to preliminary reports. Heaviest layoffs are in textile and shoe manufacturing. The December "Labor Market Information" bulletin of the Ohio State Employment Service *reported: "Job-seekers registered with OSES jumped onefourth in 30 days . . . to 73,000 on Dec. 1. . . Unemployment will probably rise further in January and February."

In the month of December, un-

employment compensation claims

jumped from 60,000 to 105,000 in

Michigan, according to the latest

Michigan Unemployment Com-

pensation Commission report. For

the one week ending Jan. 5, such

claims rose 10% in Massachusetts.

with 11,000 more jobless being

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All reports claim there is nothing to be "alarmed" about-yet. But neither are they making any claims that the present upward trend in unemployment won't continue. At any rate, labor can't say it isn't getting advance warning of large-scale unemployment ahead. Wisdom dictates immediate preparations. First of all, every union has the duty to protect its unemployed members. Unemployment and placement committees should be jobless members in getting prompt

WORK WEEK REDUCTION

took it easy at a Java airport. They were supposed to report back to the UN Security Council on the invasion, but the Dutch imperialists refused to permit them freedom of travel. But Bowles warned sharply that the convention should not expect a "labor's program" but a Trial of C.P. Threatens

By-Passed

(Continued from page 1) position on a state-wide scale at defense lawyers sits at their el-Two lawyers from the Department of Justice in Washington sit secutor. Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, presiding over the trial, has

so far done most of the arguing against defense counsel, while the federal prosecutor has rarely spoken.

The first three days have been devoted entirely to legal argument over defense motions to postpone the trial. Although the ight through the trial without pional Director Kerrigan moved in and prevented the holding of delay. a state-wide UAW caucus meet-TRIAL BY PREJUDICE The defense opened with a protest against the manner in which the trial has begun. The government propaganda against the de-

The Rights of All Labor phone directory is used. It is in- | of the Communist Party. What dexed according to addresses, instead of the usual alphabetical listing of names, facilitating selection of persons from "suitable" neighborhoods. Also used are Who's Who, the Social Register,

added to the rolls. The total figure is expected to reach 125,-A report by New York State Industrial Commissioner Corsi

lists of college graduates and Poor's Directory of business men. Nobody seems to doubt that the challenge will be overruled and picked panel.

ANOTHER FALSITY

petrated by the government when just as it has done. it accuses the Stalinists in the indictment of "advocating the prin- work as recruiting sergeants for surance or in securing relief

happened before that date? Shortly after the Smith Act was passed, the Stalinists, on instructions from the Kremlin, went allout for support to American imperialism in World War II. Their first dirty chore was to support the government attack on the Trotskyists, who as true Marxists-Leninists, denounced the war the jury selected from the hand- as an imperialist campaign of plunder which would not bring

peace to the world and would undermine the living standards and Still another frameup is per- civil rights of the working people set up in every local to aid Then the Stalinists went to payment of unemployment in-

By Paul Abbott

system is responsible for continued hunger. Under a socialist economy that eliminates war and gives unlimited expansion to the productive forces, the Marxists point out, hunger can quickly be eliminated throughout the world.

In opposition, reactionaries have claimed that the food supply cannot keep up with the increase in population. Consequently, they claim, the population must be kept down, which of course is a neat argument to justify turning plows into guns and slaughtering tens of millions of human beings in imperialist war.

Last week two important items in the press gave additional confirmation to the Marxist view. "We do not eat soil," Carl S. Miner, a 70-yearold specialist in industrial organic chemistry told the Society of Chemical Industry at a dinner in his honor. "The foods we eat are composed in

common elements.

No One Need Go Hungry

Marxists have long contended that the capitalist

largest percentage of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, all of which elements are available in what appear to be ample quantities from air and water. The additional essential food elements of the inorganic class do not appear likely to become exhausted at such a rate as to affect importantly the starvation problem."

This scientist then outlined a whole series of projects whereby the food supply could be enormously increased. These include use of growth-provoking hormones, weed-killing herbicides, insecticides; the farming of seas, lakes and ponds; and even the production of edible food from petroleum hydrocarbons.

The second item is the report of two scientists. Dr. Melvin Calvin and Dr. Andrew Benson, who are working for the Atomic Energy Commission. They have been conducting research on photosynthesis, the mysterious process by which green plants manufacture food out of sunlight and

such an effort the trick might be turned in four or five years."

As is well known, it took \$2 billion to bring ing. The abstention move was the first atomic bomb into existence. The capitalist government was willing to devote that sum thus nipped in the bud although on a weapon of destruction. Under socialism that it did not satisfy the opponents effort would have been undertaken not to make of the rotten contracts. bombs and radioactive clouds but to open up "DIDN'T HAVE TIME"

CIO Council.

ON RADIO TOO

the dazzling possibilities of atomic energy for peaceful uses.

Today the capitalist government is not willing for a Congress of Labor was to invest \$2 billion on solving the secret of bottled up in committee. After photosynthesis. Unless you can show Truman the Resolutions Committee unhow photosynthesis can be tapped for bigger and animously recommended favorbetter instruments of destruction that you can able action on a resolution adget out of atomic energy, the problem of food can wait. The \$15 billion for armaments next year is needed to prepare for something far more important to capitalism than ending hunger the convention found it "didn't throughout the world.

fendants has led to an all-out smear campaign in the press and While capitalist politicians were over the radio. Prospective jurors given unlimited time, a resolution are subjected to this atmosphere of hysteria which becomes still thicker as they pass through the heavy police lines to enter the court house. An attitude of prejudice against the defendants is vocating a Congress of Labor to thereby implanted in the minds force the Democratic Party to of the jurors, depriving the delive up to its election promises, fendants of their constitutional

right to be considered innocent have time" to consider it. It was until proven guilty. referred to the incoming State Judge Medina overruled the protest, as he did the request for

Things got so bad in this a bill of particulars to clarify the respect that the officers' reports vague indictment and enable prepwere accepted on Saturday and aration of a defense against the

delivered on Sunday. The Secre-Now under debate is a defense tary-Treasurer's report was given challenge of the anti-democratic with a total of 25 out of 310 system of hand-picking federal delegates in their seats. The ingrand juries and trial juries. Evicumbent slate of officers was dence is introduced to show that elected finally without an opposjury panels are predominantly

ng nomination. From an imposing force only stocking districts, with only token two years ago the Stalinists were representation from working class reduced to absolute zero. The neighborhoods and from among few locals in the state they do racial minorities.

Connecticut CIO Backs Veteran

I in the case in a 15 minute in-(Continued from Page 1) o any other individual who is terview over Station WCCC in being persecuted solely because Hartford.

In the evening they travelled of his ideas and who is denied a to New Haven where they attend- | lynch spirit against them. Thus chance to defend them in a democratic way. I feel I am making ed an organizing meeting for the government is able to obtain this fight, not only for myself, the local work of the Kutcher but for all other government Civil Rights Committee. Among workers who are threatened with the participants were Dr. Willard Uphaus, national secretary of similar victimization." the Religion and Labor Founda-

The delegates gave the legless University faculty, and several veteran a thundering ovation as active New Haven unionists. he finished his talk. They voted Plans were made to complete the contribution of \$100 to the organization of the local comdefense fund and support to the mittee and contact labor, religious Kutcher Civil Rights Committee. and progressive groups in the According to Secretary-Treasurer area.

John J. Driscoll, every local in the state CIO organization will aiding the Committee's work in be asked to give moral and Connecticut should communicate financial aid to Kutcher's fight. with the local secretaries, Clara Shortly before addressing the Drawhorn, 92 Main Street, New on or about April 1, 1945." That CIO convention, Kutcher and Haven, or A. Berman, Box 659, Novack had set forth the facts New Britain, Conn.

They are not and cannot be Marx- strike-breakers and cynical advoists-Leninists precisely because they are Stalinists.

The Stalinists betray the interests of the working people to serve the gang of murderers in the Kremlin who have usurped power in the Soviet Union. Marxsm-Leninism teaches unswerving loyalty to the working class.

The Stalinists betrayed the ernment. Hence the government struggle to defend civil rights in now wants to use the Smith Act America by cheering the convicagainst them. The pretext of a tion and imprisonment during the change in regime in the Comwar of 18 Trotskyists under the munist Party is used in the insame Smith Act that is now used dictment as a government alibi to against them, and they sought by cover up for its wartime collaevery foul means to sabotage efboration with the Stalinists. forts to secure a presidential par-For all these reasons, we have don for the imprisoned Trotskyists. Marxism-Leninism teaches is making headway, by subtersolidarity of the labor movement fuge combined with brazen propain united front struggle to deganda, in its campaign to rally fend democratic rights from attack by the capitalist government.

WHY THEY WAITED

In the present trial, the Stalinists, for unprincipled and treacherous factional reasons, seek to conceal the fact of the Trotskyist conviction under the Smith Act. They do so when broad public knowledge of the true history of that infamous thought-control law would serve as a powerful means to arouse the American workers to the need for solidarity

defense of its latest victims. in defense of their democratic That is why the Socialist Workrights. Marxism-Leninism teachers Party calls upon all true bees honesty and truthfulness in lievers in the protection of democratic rights against government-

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By their treachery, lies, slanders, deceptions and repeated be-

ers and have thereby aided the

This deception of the workers by the government is further dictment. The question might be asked. "Since the Smith Act became law in 1940, and the Trotskyists were convicted under it in 1941, why did the government wait until 1948 to indict the Sta-

The government got around that question by dating the charges against the Stalinists "from is, coincident with the expulsion of Browder and the reorganization

cates of the speedup in industry. The unions should now fight in No task in the service of the capitalist government was too filthy carnest for the inclusion in their for them, and the government contracts of protective clauses naturally had no desire to use the providing for a sliding scale of Smith Act against them. hours, an automatic reduction in Today the Kremlin is in a "cold the work week with no loss of war" with the American imperial- weekly pay in the event the emists, and the Stalinists are for the ployer insists he hasn't enough moment in opposition to the govwork to keep all employes on the

job. Nationally, the labor movement should mobilize a united aggressive campaign for the 30hour week, six-hour day with no reduction in take-home pay. This demand, long in the programs of almost all the unions, was put into a situation where the government | cold storage during the war. With mass unemployment once more becoming a serious threat, this demand must now become a fightthe support of the working people | ing slogan.

At the same time, a serious for a thought-control attack on the discredited Stalinists. If the struggle must be launched for government succeeds, a dangerous adequate unemployment comblow will have been struck at the pensation - equal to full trade rights of the entire working popuunion wages for all unemployed for the full period they are out That is why the Socialist Workof work. Present compensation ers Party, despite its irreconcilaranges from \$4 to \$26 a week for ble political hostility toward the six to 26 weeks, according to the treacherous Stalinists, has offerstate. Even the present highest ed to make a united front with compensation is nothing but a

the Communist Party to fight for hunger ration. It barely tides a repeal of the Smith Act and in worker over a few weeks of temporary unemployment when jobs are plentiful. It spells slow starvation in a period of prolonged mass unemployment.

> **Committee to Help Kutcher Formed** In So. California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15-At a luncheon talk before the newlyformed Southern California Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, Loren Miller, prominent attorney and NAACP leader, stated that it is the duty and obligation of every American citizen to lend gles of the Negro people and all possible support to the strugpractical program to stop Detroit sie of James Kutcher to regain police brutality. Refreshments his human and civil rights.

Members of the local committee include such well-known members of the community as author Carey McWilliams; A. L. Wirin, ACLU counsel; attorney Clore Warne; Dr. Stephen Fritchman of the First Unitarian Church; Lee Merriwether of AVC Chapter 24; Hyman Schneid of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; and Cass Alvin of the United Steel Workers.

Notes from the News

NO CRUSADE IN COLUMBIA - Columbia University President Eisenhower still has not replied to the request, made by Columbia's NAACP chapter a month ago, that he ban from the campus all fraternities discriminating against students for racial or religious reasons.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER - James Burnham, America's No. 1 propagandist for de Gaulle, has been given prominent space in the Social Democratic New Leader for a series of articles urging support for the general who wants to be fuehrer of France.

CAMPAIGN PROMISE - At last year's special session of the Republican-controlled Congress, July 27, Truman said: "I recommend that an excess profits tax be re-established in order to provide a Treasury surplus and provide a brake on inflation." His State of the Union message to the Democratic-controlled Congress on Jan. 5 of this year never even mentioned the subject. * * *

ACADEMIC "FREEDOM" - Economics Professor Tucker Smith, Socialist Party candidate for vice-president last year, and four other professors have received notice of dismissal from Olivet College, Mich. No reason was offered, but all five victims of the academic axe are active members of the AFL Teachers Union.

TRENDS IN UE - In addition to the severe setback the Stalinists got in the big Westinghouse UE Local 601 in Pittsburgh, they were soundly defeated in the Schenectady GE local and Minneapolis Local 1140. Furthermore, the New Republic reports, in Dayton the anti-Stalinist group in the UE ran a write-in campaign that beat the business agent who had held office for 10 years. (At Westinghouse Local 601, however, the defeated Stalinist candidate for president was elected chief steward.) * * *

NEW EDITOR FOR F. I. - George Clarke, who was National SWP Campaign Manager in 1948,

assumes the post of editor of the monthly Marx-

ist magazine, Fourth International, beginning with the new (Feb.) issue. 77 JOBS ANYHOW - Connecticut Labor Commissioner Egan made an unqualified prediction of a recession in Connecticut within the next few

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year and is still rising. Although" he admitted he had no solution, he did plead for 77 more clerks so that unemployment checks can be mailed out in four weeks instead of eight.

> 'LOYALTY' PURGE LOGIC - The AFL Cleveland Citizen's editorial on the Kutcher case ended with the following ironic remark: "Now all the Justice Department has to do is put the Democratic Party on the subversive blacklist and we will have an entirely new administration."

months. In a speech at the state CIO convention

he said unemployment has risen 108% in the last

DEPARTMENT STORE FIGHT - Since CPdominated locals broke from the CIO retail clerks union and the CIO gave jurisdiction over department stores and clerks to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, both the AFL Teamsters Union and the AFL retail clerks international have announced big organizing drives in this field. In New York, the Stalinist-led independent union has now secured a two-year contract with Gimbels and Saks-34th St., and will be on the ballot along with the CIO and AFL clerks' union in an NLRB election at Macy's next month.

DIXIE DEMOCRACY - The Georgia legislature, carrying out Gov. Herman Talmadge's whitesupremacy program, is preparing to pass a poll tax and new rules for "voters' qualifications' which would drastically reduce the number of voters, especially Negroes.

NEW ADA CHIEF - Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, darling of the union leaders and Social-Democrats, has been chosen as chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action.

composed of people from the silk-

are picked, a special type of tele-

To make sure the "right people" influence did not take part in the convention.

government's charges.

talking to the workers.

trayals of the workers, the Stalinists have aroused the wholly justified hatred of millions of work-

government in whipping up a worker-support for their witch hunt against the Stalinists and

tory Week with a meeting Sun., then use the precedents so estab-Feb. 6, 3 P.M., at its headlished for an attack on the rights quarters, 6108 Linwood Avenue. of the whole working class. Speakers will discuss past strugproven by the language of the in-

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Militant readers interested in

tion, members of the Yale