AMERICANS IN PARIS, OR TWO **NOT-SO-INNOCENTS ABROAD**

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Ford Empire Shut Atlantic Pact Aimed Against Against Speedup Socialism, Dobbs Tells Senate

DETROKT, May 10 - By this time the whole world knows that 62,000 workers employed at the Ford River Rouge Kutcher Group plant and 3,200 workers at the Lincoln plant are out on strike and that the whole Ford empire is shut down. Tens of thousands have been meeting with the Ford Will Carry Case

of additional Ford workers have Company over the speedup of the of additional Ford workers have Company over the speedup of the laid off throughout the final assembly lines in the "B" Into Federal Court country as well as workers em- Building. But despite numerous ployed in numerous feeder plants, agreements on paper, the speedup supplying parts for Ford cars. went on unabated. The simple issue in the strike

STRONG STRIKE VOTE is the speedup. It is a climax of Finally the pressure from the the long smoldering resentment of this question throughout the workers grew so intense that the industry and the inability of the local leadership was forced to call for a strike vote to be taken Ford local leadership, in particular, to settle this issue simultaneously with the run-off satisfactorily at the Rouge plant. election for local officers during For over three months the chief the week of April 18. The strike officers of UAW-CIO Local 600 vote carried by the overwhelming vote of 31,926 to 4,400.

Greek Government **Murders Another Jehovah's Witness**

Another member of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Greece, 22year-old George Orphanides, has been executed after a military to investigate the matter further. court martial by the U. S.-controlled Greek monarchist government. His "crime" was refusing military service as a religious conscientious objector.

No notice appeared in the new contract demanded. Discus-American press of this bestial sion of a new contract was schednurder on March 2. The Feb. 21 Militant had disclosed the carlier execution under similar circumstances of another Greek Jehovah's Witness, John Tsoukaris.

Information on the latest execution is contained in the cur- Mazey, walked into the "B" buildthe Jehovah's Witnesses in this committee that the company was preserved so that the American country. The same article reports slowing down the lines for the people can enjoy full and free that six other Jehovah's Wit- occasion but, as previous ex- expression for their political ideas nesses were awaiting execution perience showed, would speed and affiliations?"

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NEW YORK — Declaring that the denial by the top Loyalty **Review Board of James Kutcher's** appeal "is an alarm signal for every American concerned with civil liberties," the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee at its meeting May 4 voted to take the legless veteran's case into the Federal District

Court. National Secretary George Novack said that the legal fight to restore Kutcher to his job would be carried to the U.S. The next step, according to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

ipon the international UAW to PUBLIC WORKERS RIGHTS

authorize the strike. The Interna-The statement adopted by the tional Executive Board, at a national non-partisan group despecial session in Detroit on fending Kutcher said: "The dis-April 28, refused authorization charge of this legless veteran for a Ford strike (although it solely because of his political begranted authorization for the liefs raises issues of constitutionsmall Lincoln strike) and instead al rights which go beyond the appointed a special committee discrimination against Kutcher and his party, important as these This stalling tactic of the board are."

was motivated by its false theory "Two decisive questions are at stake in this case. First, have pubthat speedup was a side issue which would only divert the union lic workers the same rights as from its main aim in negotiating other Americans, including the right to their own political opinions, as guaranteed by the Conuled to begin later this month. stitution - or can they be demoted to second-class citizens PRESSURE OF THE RANKS Second, do representatives of the On April 29 the international's party in office have the right to investigating committee headed proscribe other parties and organby Secretary - Treasurer Emil izations by decree and penalize their members? Or shall the prinrent issue of Awake, magazine of ing. The workers warned the ciple of free political activity be

WE'LL GET THAT YET! NEWS ITEM: Truman says he's hopeful of getting Taft-Hartley Act repealed, reminds his term still has nearly four years to run.

Opponents of Purge Win New Strength in NMU

regime in the union under the one side where they play the role By R. Bell prefext of combatting alleged of "kibitzers" with no influence Opposition to the yellow-dog "subversives."

amendments to the CIO National The reaction of the sponsors Maritime Union constitution has of the yellow dog amendments is mounted since the National Coun- vypical. From the southern ports cil of the union first made public have come reports that the memits proposal to purge all so-called bers voting there are being in-"subversives" and compel all timidated and terror zed into supmembers to "affirm in writing" porting the amendments. The of dictators and will not tolerate that they are not members of ficials in the southern ports, any new dictators." the Communist Party or any other where the yellow - dog

SWP Spokesman Demands **Repudiation of War Alliance**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5----For the first time in the history of Congress, a Senate body heard the genuine Marxian socialist answer to imperialist war

when Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, testified against the North Atlantic Pact before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today.

"Although the Atlantic Pact is represented as an instrument to preserve peace, its real aim is to preserve oulived capitalism," the SWP's 1948 presidential candidate told the hearing.

"While propaganda in support of the pact is directed only against Stalinism, the pact itself s directed against the movement for socialism. This is demonstrated by the record of post-war diplomacy and by the presence of fascist totalitarians in the present alliance."

ALLIANCE OF DESPOTS In a slashing 15-minute statenent, Dobbs listed the dictatorial regimes and colonial despotisms, Indonesian and Indo-Chinese peo-

ples, "that have signed the At- in marked contrast to the treatlantic Pact, with its fraudulent ment accorded others whe pledge to safeguard the freedom of the people.'

He drove the point home when Dobbs concluded by demanding ne declared to the startled and repudiation of the pact, publicainfuriated Senators that "the people of Puerto Rico, ruled by tion of all details of the secret negotiations, withdrawal of all the United States government in troops from foreign soil, repeal. defiance of their democratic right of the peacetime draft law, canto rule themselves, also have a cellation of the military budget ight to question the sincerity of

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FARRELL DOBBS

from fascist Portugal to the Dobbs off short and rudely in-Dutch and French butchers of the | terrupted his answers to the few questions they asked. This was fied, including Henry Wallace.

SWP's DEMANDS

and four others were sentenced them up again soon afterward The committee took the posito life imprisonment at the time tion that it would test the com-Orphanides was shot by a firing pany's "good faith" by getting equad.

Before Orphanides was committed to trial, Awake reports, military authorities beat him daily until he bled in an attempt to force him to renounce his religious views. He was finally brought to trial before the Corinth Extraordinary Court Martial at Nauplia on Feb. 12 and was sentenced to death. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in this country cabled a protest to the Greek government, but it was ignored.

Tsoukaris and Orphanides were murdered by the Greek government, which is financed and armed by Washington, at the time the American capitalist press was filled with propaganda about the Mindszenty case in Hungary.

None of the government officials, members of the Catholic hierarchy or the daily papers which raised such a furore about the trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty has said a word against the murderous persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses by Washington's Greek puppet regime.

Security in New Jersey on May 9 announced that the number of unemployed in the state covered by compensation benefits has risen to a threeyear high of 124.000. This figure does not include those who have already exhausted their benefits or who are out of work but not qualified for benefits under existing laws. 73,000 new claims were filed during the month of April, the period covered by the report. Officials of the division said that some industries had been "overproducing" and had hired more workers than "needed." The unemployment increase they said, "represents only a healthy correction of that overproduced condition."

"CLEAR JUDGMENT" SOUGHT Through its court action the committee hopes to obtain a "clear York who circulated a statement

an agreement to maintain the and conclusive judgment" on these pasic questions. (Continued on page 4)

"Above all, our Committee inends to carry Kutcher's case to **Call Unemployment** the people of this country," the statement concluded. "An alert 'Healthy Correction' and aroused public opinion can be The Division of Employment decisive in halting these restrictions upon our civil liberties. Or-

ganizations representing millions of Americans have already rallied behind our efforts on Kutcher's behalf. We call upon every supporter of democracy and fair play to join our campaign to win justice for the legless veteran."

PETITION FOR SIGNATURES

The National Committee meeting also approved a drive to secure the signatures of 500 American educators to a petition asking justice for James Kutcher. The statement sponsored by Nobel and signed by 105 faculty members of the University of Chicago, forms the text of this petition which will be presented to the Washington authorities.

so-called subversive group. Sparking the opposition were

24 officials in the Port of New Dixiecrats. condemning the repressive character of the proposed amend-

ments and calling on the membership to vote "No" in the 30day referendum now in progress. Following their lead, all the union patrolmen and the dispatcher in the Port of Baltimore published a statement in opposition to the

vellow-dog amendments. Membership meetings in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, the largest ports on the east coast, condemned the National Council amendments by huge majorities. From the largest

ships sailing off the east coast has come a stream of resolutions blasting the proposal to subvert the non-discrimination clause in-

the NMU constitution. The union's Lakes Area Director, a member of the National Council who originally supported Prize-winner Dr. Harold C. Urey the proposed amendments, last week published a statement reversing his position. All these

developments reflect the tremend-

THE NET RESULT

Taft-Hartley Act.

ond, New ments originated, have become Port Agent, has warned that known in the union as the

amend

These officials have jammed ports demanding that those who openly called for a "No" vote on the amendments be expelled from the union as "undercover agents of the Communist Party."

This move, exposing most clearly the utterly reactionary character of the amendments, oused a storm of indignation and protest from the membership in

the large northern ports. The membership meeting in Baltimore. by a vote of 247 to 2, "condemned all of these Dixiecrats who with their threats of charges and expulsions are attempting to

throats of the members."

officials, a special meeting in the Port of New York took up a collection to circulate to the ships a resolution condemning the National Council proposals.

bers of the Rank & File Caucus ous pressure of the ranks who which ousted the Stalinists from are thoroughly aroused at the office last year. In this fight the

attempt to establish a totalitarian Stalinists have been shunted to

"there are reports from the Gulf that some officials have been voting members without giving

David

hrough a stock resolution in their them a stamp in their book, and instructing them to vote in other ports, so they will have two apologist for bankrupt capitalism, votes." Because of such rumors nor as a tool of treacherous the balloting in the 30-day Stalinism. I speak as a genuine advocate of socialism, which I

York

referendum now in progress is being closely watched. sincerely believe represents the It is generally conceded that only road to lasting peace." the yellow-dog amendments will be decisively defeated if there is tagonist of real mettle, the no tampering with the ballots. Senators cut their questioning of

over the opposition movement.

Typical, for example, of the

attitude of the opposition is the

resolution adopted at the last

Baltimore meeting, which asserts:

"The membership has already

defeated the Communist Party

the high-sounding motives proand of grants to fore gn imperialists, a halt to the witchclaimed in the Atlantic Pact." hunt, and a referendum vote of The SWP spokesman caught the Senate committee off guard when he opened his statement saying, "I speak neither as an

the people to decide whether there shall be war or peace. This was the first time a Trotskyist spokesman has ever been

permitted to testify before a federal legislative hearing.

Full text of Dobbs' statement against Atlantic Pact is printed Realizing that they had an anon Page 2.

A Senate Hearing at Work **By Farrell Dobbs**

WASHINGTON, May 5-Per-| scramble, and he showed me every | marked out in black. That too, 1 Committee in opposition to the North Atlantic Military Pact, as know the ropes.

have just done. Here's the story When the technicians were from the time I entered the ready for the day's work, about Senate Office Building at 10 A.M. 200 spectators were let in to fill the seats at the rear of the room. As I mounted the marble stair-

case to the second floor, I saw a large group of people queued up outs de the door to the Senate tables.

caucus room where the commit-A few minutes before 10:30, the scheduled starting time, Senee is hearing testimony on the pact. At the door stood a uniformator Connally of Texas, the comed guard, a gun slung from his mittee chairman, walked in. He was soon followed by Vandenberg

belt and a blackjack protruding of Michigan, McMahon of Conominously from his hip pocket. What a fitting symbol, I thought, necticut, Hickenlooper of Iowa. Fulbright of Arkansas, Wiley of of the foreign policy of American monopoly capitalism. Wisconsin and an uninv ted, unwanted non-member of the com-

N THE COMMITTEE ROOM

mittee who has forced his way My telegram of invitation from into the hearings, Senator Donthe committee got me past the nell of Missouri, an isolationist gun and blackjack without delay. The committee's tables were that is, the first gun and black laid out in a T-formation with jack, there were others inside long wings and a short stem. The The large caucus room, with its Senators took seats along the marble walls, scroll work, velvet wings, facing the reporters and drapes, red-carpeted floor and spectators. The witness chair ornate chandeliers, struck me as stood at the base of the T facing gaudy, something like the inner

the Senators, with most of the lobby of a first-run theater, press and all of the spectators where you pay four-bits extra behind it. At the right of the for the decorations. witness chair sat the committee

Technicians swarmed all over reporter, pecking away at his the room, setting up their cameras little machine, taking down the and lighting for newsree! shots record of the proceedings. and hooking up their radio broad-On the wall immediately becasting equipment. I finally found hind the committee hung a large Mr. C. C. O'Day, the committee map of the world with the 12 clerk, in the midst of this member nations of the pact

haps you're interested to know courtesy, for which I was especi- thought, is a proper symbol for what it's like to testify before ally grateful, since this was my the reactionary governments the Senate Foreign Relations first experience before a Con- gathered together in this holy. gressional committee and I didn't alliance against the human race.

WALLACE'S TESTIMONY Promptly at 10:30 Henry Wallace walked in with a substantial entourage. Looking much older Next some 75 reporters and press than he did last fall, Wallace photographers drifted in to take shook hands with Connally and the'r places at four long rows of Vandenberg and seated himself in the witness chair. Connally

rapped the gavel, the Klieg lights went on, the newsreel cameras began to grind, the radio an-(Continued on page 2)

Next Week:

Farrell Dobbs will continue his on-the-scene reports of the Stalinist trial in New York, analyzing the government's case to date.

There was an explosion in the coal mine, and then the section boss told the miners to get back to work under dangerous conditions. Read how they reacted.

Also, J. Meyer will review Ray Sprigle's new book, Fromthe Land of Jim Crow, and our Detroit correspondent will explain the latest Ford strike news.

Send to The Militant for extra copies, Only 3c. each in bundles of five or more.

By Art Preis Even if Truman and his Congressional colleagues pull a rabbit out of the hat, that is, finally for its passage. push through a labor bill of their TRUMAN IS PATIENT

own sponsorship, the best labor can hope to get by dependence on the Trumanites will be a re-hashed version of the Taft-Hartley Act under a different label.

The maximum 'the Truman Democrats are now prepared to sented fulfillment of Truman's union leaders are permitted to any suggestion of the mobilization fight for is a measure along the lines of the Sims Bill, which the Trumanites are now claiming as labor is sure to end up tied and The net result of this policy has a "big victory" only that some-House defeated. So close to the Taft-Hartley Act in spirit and thing worse than Taft-Hartley is or a virtual replica of it under and assure continuation of the content was the Sims Bill, with its | not on the books — that is, that | a different name. provision for injunctions in "na- the Wood bill, which they called tional emergency" strikes, that "even worse" than the existing even the pro-Trumanite labor law, was recommitted in the has been in their frenzied opposileaders, who were ready for al- House.

most any kind of "compromise," licly.

But that did not prevent them ley Act — if it takes the rest of the Murrays and Greens frantic- begun against leading corporafrom passing the word around his term. But he evaded the ques- ally opposed a labor march on tions, Ford, Singer Sewing Machprivately to any Congressmen tion of the Sims Bill, refusing to Washington initiated by a number ine, Philco and others. Every- ness Congress understands.

they could button-hole to vote for | commit himself on it publicly. | of local unions. They denounced | where the workers are becoming to "make the record" against the horts drafted it and pushed it, al- protest strike. Their "reasonable-Sims Bill while secretly plugging | though they are now talking even | ness" at that time did not prevent

labor-haters.

In the next weeks, the Senate If their shyster game had workwill be taking up the issue of ed, they would now be hailing Taft-Hartley repeal. This will repeal, they have continued all the adoption of the Sims Bill as give the labor movement another a "big victory" for labor and chance to fight for the kind of every sort of "reasonable" conwould be claiming that it repre- bill it wants. However, if the top cession and loudly disclaiming key election promise. Instead, the continue their present policies, of labor's ranks for a real battle. gagged by the Taft-Hartley Act been to embolden the union-haters

> The only time these union leaders have shown any "militancy"

tion to any form of effective in-Truman, in his last press condependent mass labor action. On ing substantial evidence of their

were forced to repudiate it pub- ference, talked blithely about the eve of the adoption of the growing readiness for militant acwinning repeal of the Taft-Hart- Taft-Hartley Act in June 1947, tion. A new series of strikes has

the Sims Bill. They thus sought | However, his Congressional co- | even talk of a nation-wide general | fed up with the speed-up and company provocations that have been in large measure the result of further concessions to the avowed passage of the Slave Labor Law. the Taft-Hartley atmosphere and

dom. In the struggle for Taft-Hartley This retreat has now reached its dead end, so far as the Taft-Hartcaution and timidity, offering ley Act is concerned. The distance separating "compromises" like the

the "labor statesmen" can find a

to hide. The only recourse left labor,

The mood of the organized outside of abject unconditional workers, however, is in sharp consurrender, is to turn and fight trast to that of the top bureauwith all its united power. The crats. The union ranks are givunion ranks must force the leadership to mobilize real action - a

24-hour national work stoppage, That's the kind of language and the only kind - the Big Busi-

the retreat of the union official-

Sims Bill from 'the Taft-Hartley Act is so small that not even

space between in which they can still squeeze. They have no place

Answer Congress With 24-Hour Stoppage

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After learning of the Dixiethreat against the opposition

The opposition is led by memtoday.

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Text of Farrell Dobbs Statement on Pact Militant Fund Drive

in Western Europe entered capi- ing class.

Speaking for the Socialist Workers Party, I oppose ratification of the North Atlantic Mili-

ance.

tary Pact. You will find my position different from that of other witnesses appearing before you on this question, for I speak neither as an apologist for bankrupt capitalism, nor as a tool of treacherous Stalinism. I speak as a genuine ill, as the leading spokesmen for advocate of socialism, which I world capitalism, made a deal sincerely believe represents the with Stalin at Teheran whereby

only road to lasting peace. Although the Atlantic Pact is ists in Western Europe, in return represented as an instrument to for which Stalin was to be grantpreserve peace, its real aim is to ed his present sphere of influence

preserve outlived capitalism. While propaganda in support of the pact is directed only against STALINIST TREACHERY

Labor Union Trends –

Stalinism, the pact itself is direct-

down to the present moment, the talist coalition governments and central objective of American foreign policy has been to safeguard European capitalism Eastern Europe, they set up total- but the working people dare not against the mounting pressure of Stalin's brutal police dictatorship the European working people for socialism. All the evidence indiover the Soviet Union.

From the Teheran conference

With the socialist aspirations of of nationalized economy in the cates that Roosevelt and Churchthe European working people thus Soviet Union, impose upon the betrayed by the Stalinists, the Soviet people the rule of monopuppets of the Kremlin were driven out of the coalition governhe agreed to support the capitalments in Western Europe. World capitalism then launched the present cold war against the Soviet

Union, a cold war that is growing dangerously warm.

The propaganda of the cold war Toward the end of the war, is focused on the police-state ed against the movement for so- hundreds of thousands of Euromethods of the Stalinists whercialism. This is demonstrated by pean workers poured into the ever they are in power. This prothe record of postwar diplomacy Stalinized . Communist Parties, paganda has struck a responsive

like dictatorship, and in the process stamp out all socialist movements everywhere in the world. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT To serve this sinister aim, a reactionary coalition is forming under the leadership of imperial America, whose only requirement

for membership is support of the capitalist system. Examine the ist of governments that have signed the Atlantic Pact, with its fraudulent pledge to safeguard the freedom of the people, founded on the principles of democracy

and individual liberty.

Among signators to the pact you will find the Salazar government that has kept the people of Portugal under totalitarian police rule for the last 23 years. Even before the Senate has acted on the pact, a campaign has started to include in the so-called freedom alliance the butcher Franco, who maintains his brutal ple by executing his political opponents.

signed the Atlantic pact, his government arrogantly decreed that democratic rights has been poured 'Indonesia is outside the spirit into the hoppers of Congress and of the pact," and the Dutch im- the state legislatures. perialists, with the aid of American dollars and military equipment, continue to suppress by force and violence the heroic attempt of the Indonesian people to win their freedom, founded on the principles of democracy and individual liberty.

No less hypocritical are the democratic pretensions of the French government, which seeks to crush by force of arms the struggle for freedom in Viet Nam, Algeria and Madagascar. By what stretch of the imagination can the Italian government be called a champion of democracy when it

demands restoration of its imperialist rule over the people of its former African colonies? The people of Puerto Rico, ruled

by the United States government in defiance of their democratic right to rule themselves. also have a right to question the sincerity of the high-sounding mo-

many.

WATCHWORD OF ALLIANCE

talist government, well-staffed by

cialism. But the Stalinist leaders mitted against the world workrevolution against any govern-

ment in the coalition, alleged to The criminal Stalinists must be inspired, armed and directed helped to prop up the weak capi- be overthrown in the course of "from the outside," would constitalist class. In the countries of the struggle for world socialism, tute an attack on that government within the meaning of the itarian regimes modeled after entrust that task to the capital- pact.

ists. For it is the aim of world Secretary Acheson may have capitalism to destroy the system gotten the idea from the Dutch government, which launched its mperialist attack on Indonesia with the fantastic charge that the poly capitalism under a fascist-Indonesian Republic was a "communist movement instigated from the outside." If the people of Portugal should rise up against the

fascist dictator Salazar, he could falsely pose as the victim of a revolution "from the outside" and demand armed aid against the Portuguese people from the other governments in the Atlantic aliance.

For the American people the cold war has already meant high draft and a vicious attack on their priated for war, but the people can't get homes, schools or hospitals. The Negro people are

abominably mistreated. The Taft-Hartley Act remains on the books. before May 15. CONSEQUENCES AT HOME An unrestrained witch-hunt is raging among government emoloyees and in the public school system. Conscientious objectors o the draft are persecuted. Liberal-minded religious leaders are harassed. Minority political par-

ties are subjected to thought-con-As the Dutch foreign minister trol prosecution. A flood of bills curtailing traditional American These hardships and evils in-

flicted upon the American people are a natural consequence of the government's war-like foreign policy, for there is a direct and intimate, connection between foreign and domestic policy. If the

Senate should ratify the Atlantic Pact. conditions here will rapidly grow ten times worse as further steps are taken to impose military police-state rule over the American people in preparation for impending war.

For these reasons. Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I ask you to recommend the following measures for adoption by Congress:

Repudiate the Atlantic Pact and censure the President and Secretary of State for their unseemly haste in rushing to sign it.¹⁶¹⁷ Require the State Department to make public all the details of secret negotiations concerning the pact, so that the Senate and the American people may have all the

facts about this unprecedented Another candidate ear-marked military alliance for atomic war for membership in the so-called into which the Truman adminisfreedom alliance will be the capi- tration is dragging this country. Order the withdrawal of all

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee: Committee: Serielized for the Stalinie in the Atlantic alli-Serielized for the Stalinie for the Stalinie for the Stalinie for the Stalinie for the Stalinies have com-Serielized for the Stalinies for the Stalinies in the Atlantic alli-Serielized for the Stalinies for

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By Reba Aubrey Campaign Manager

Collections for the \$7,500 Militant Fund took an encouraging ean last week rising from 68% to 86%, and bringing us within reaching distance of a successful conclusion of the campaign on

ime. The last day for turning in funds is May 15, and the final scoreboard will be printed in next veek's issue of this paper. Morgantown, which had overfulfilled its quota early in the campaign, sent in additional contributions that credit it with 180%.

Newark went from 76% to 100%, and then sent in more to ake second place with 106%. In the past week, the branches n Cleveland, Youngstown, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Boston, Worcester, Philadelphia and Flint all came through with additions on their quotas that placed them

in the 100% category, which almost half the branches have now reached. Some say they may even be able to surpass their quota

Most of the other branches lave sent us communications promising that they will come hrough with their final payments before the deadline. Such assurances have come from Buffalo,

From sympathizers we received |\$1.02 which she collected in small St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chimore than \$18 during the last change from some friends. A supcago, and we have every reason week, namely - A. Siegel, Cali- porter in California has also to expect not only them but the fornia, \$1; C. A. S., Texas, \$1; promised to send us about \$40 other branches to meet their Eugene B., Hudsonville, \$2; F. next week. At this rate we should obligations on time. Incidentally, the last zero on the scoreboard N., New York City, \$1.75; W. be able to exceed even our Doty, Minnesota, \$5; J. Seward, was erased this week when Mrs. Seward and W. Stuart \$7; "General" quota 'in the score-Rochester submitted its first and from Mrs. M. of Minneapolis board. payment.

Total through May 10



"I speak neither as an apolog-

you at Teheran?" he asked,

Teheran, yet you say a deal was

made with Stalin to support

capitalism in Western Europe and

he was to get his present sphere

"There are several key factors

the Stalinist line following

Teheran, the policy of the West-

Senator Hickenlooper broke in

with the sage observation, "But

of influence. How do you figure

that out?"

ern powers, the-"

nouncers started talking and the hearing was under way. statement." Wallace read a 22-page state-

ment, the essence of which was A NEW NOTE he wants American imperialism The audience had remained to make a deal with Stalin. The committee then questioned Walthe questioning of Wallace began lace until 3 o'clock, with time out for lunch. Apart from a hum of subdued conversation had causestatement by Vandenberg to the filled the room, becoming louder effect that he thought capitalism and Stalinism might be able to Dennis, the missing/Progressives tion?" get along in the world, which and Dr. Rubinstein. I could still made Wallace very happy, the hear that murmur behind me uncommittee hammered Wallace til I reached the second para-

mainly with the charge that he graph of my statement: "pro-Russian," which he denied. Senator McMahon excused himas a tool of treacherous Stalinself about noon to go to the Senate floor and fight for his vocate of socialism." amendment to the education bill which would compel the states to grant financial aid to Catholic Cancel the military budget and parochial schools, first demanding that Wallace be kept on hand. When he got back he put Wallace through the most vicious the papers. I'd say the editors series of questions asked during didn't show the same interest the the day.

people's militia, with military training under the control of the trade unions and similar work-

ers organizations." "Why do you want that if quiet and very attentive until you're against war?"

"The working people must to peter out. Thereafter a light have a means of self defense be-

"If I may ask you a personal as Connally jibed at the missing question, what is your occupa-

"I work full time for the party."

"How is the party financed?" "By the payment of monthly? lues and by voluntary contribu-

ist for bankrupt capitalism, nor tions from the members." "You get wages for what you ism. I speak as a genuine ad- do. The party collects dues to

pay you. Isn't that capitalistic?" "We live in a capitalist world The murmur died down. The reporters began to pay attention. and we have to adjust ourselves Here was a new note, something to the realities of that world different. The photographers while we're fighting to change began to snap pictures. However, it."

and his lieutenants formally tunism. declared war on the already-THEIR NEW DEMANDS After Portland, however, they went to work to polish up their plete the job of wiping out all militants and left-wingers. After

By Bert Cochran

WHAT GUIDES THE CP

Stalinist control.

declared guerrilla stage.' Murray

This took on different forms Democratic Party, the no-strike depending on the tactical require-pledge, "win-the-war" programs any appreciable headway, thus far, in refurbishing their tarnishments in each situation. In the UE, the word went out to stop without winking an eyelash, to the raiding; the Carey-ACTU opposition was propped up, promised backing and readied to wrest the union away from the Stalinists. The Farm Equipment union was | have you.

peremptorily ordered to get into the UAW. At the same time, both the Auto and Steel unions continued raiding expeditions 1946 and signed a contract with ing whatever leadership seems to against the already weakened GM for less money than the Auto offer the best chance of achiev Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

with the aim of putting this out- ed the CIO leaders to quit fooling fit out of business altogether. The Stalinists, of course, are strategy. The recent FE convennot as other trade unionists or tion adopted a ringing program radicals. Whether they act tough for the 35-hour work week at 40 and faction fights boil down, in tives proclaimed in the Atlantic or flabby, whether they talk hours pay and for a 24-hour work the end, to the question of availmilitant or conservative depends stoppage against the Taft-Hartley able alternatives. Were the choice not on any set of principles, or Law. On top of this, they told to remain what it was in the even their own needs as a party, Murray to go to hell as far as past, the choice between a Murbut on the policy of the Kremlin dissolving their organization into ray-type conservative machine



years of pitching labor-management cooperation, piece - work, bonus systems, Roosevelt, the and the like, they now began,

fill the air with demands for a 30-hour week, militant action, pay increases, Congress of Labor, joint wage strategy and what a comeback. It didn't stop them

The Stalinist UE leadership, union was demanding, now want-

around and devise a united wage

who had stabbed the General leadership, they are not so much Motors strikers in the back in interested in history, as in back-

As in so many other spheres, developments in union politics Poo-bahs at the particular time. the UAW was concerned. The and the Stalinists, there is no

The CIO convention in Portland | ternational unions lined up behind | their latest zigzag? We are only last November took the conflict them. Partially, because they had at the beginning of a new stage of the CIO bureaucracy against grown rusty at the opposition and it is still too early to make the Stalinists out of the un- game and their own union frac- definitive judgments and evaluations were corroded with opportions. But certain trends are discernible. The Stalinists' previous zigzags have taken their toll. Active unionists, what with their own experiences and the unabated

propaganda of the capitalists and the labor bureaucracy, have the Stalinists' number. Consequently the CP crew are finding it devilishly hard to catch fresh fish. They have certainly not made

any appreciable headway, thus ed reputations. But don't kid yourself that the Stalinist career of crime, in and

of itself, precludes their staging in Europe or Asia. When workers move left and look for radical

ing results in the present.

ANOTHER CHOICE

Pact



prices, heavy taxes, a peacetime civil liberties. Billions are appro-

a year before, the Stalinists, still unsure of the Kremlin line, voted for the foreign policy "Marshall keep their autonomous rights. Plan" resolution and helped soap the red-baiting rope which was used to hang them shortly thereafter. They actually participated in drafting the red-baiting motion and stiffening the backbones of which stated: "We resent and rethe others.

ject efforts of the Communist NEW STAGE BEGINS Party or other political parties and their adherents to interfere

stance in Stalinist "militancy." in the affairs of the CIO." But by the time the Portland But one should not imagine that Stalinist tendency is arising and convention rolled around, the line | the Stalinists will limit themhad stiffened. The "cold war" had reached the ferocious stage and of actually leading struggles. support of the leftward-moving They led militant strikes during Stalin was anxious to use his puppet parties abroad to black- the Stalin-Hilter Pact at Allis- ference has previously been made mail the imperialists into new Chalmers, at North American concessions. So the Stalinists went Aircraft. They may do so again. the auto union, where the opposiinto whole-hog opposition. They As a matter of fact, they have didn't put on a very good show, already engaged in a few such though, at Portland. Partially, fights, as witness the UE strike because they did not have the at the Fawick plant in Cleveland. memberships of their own In- Have they had any success with



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At the Boston CIO convention Longshoremen's convention defied question that, in time, big groups of workers would swing over to so-called "National CIO policy' and told Murray they intended to the Stalinist camp once again. The election victories of the Concomitantly, the Stalinist Stalinist-led independent union in fuehrers are reorganizing their the New York department stores cwn party fractions in the unions, and the FE defeat of the UAW in weeding out the untrustworthy, key agricultural implement plants illustrate this.

But there are definite signs that the choice in the labor movement is not going to be limited to

There is more noise than sub- these two unworthy leaderships. A new genuinely progressive anti in the days to come will more selves to talk and are incapable and more aggressively claim the men and women of labor. Reto this kind of development in tion, despite the adverse circumstances of the past period, has maintained its influence for over

> year and a half. Ditto for a roughly similar formation in the rubber union. And in the past weeks, we have seen the same type of manifestation in the National Maritime Union.

Here the Curran leadership climaxed its reactionary evoluin general, sympathizers of

North Andreas

time.

any other undesirable categories cartoons were greatly praised." portunity to deal with specific of an unspecified nature. This miserable crew finally succeeded, further improvement were: (1) them to our general program." by their outrageous witch-hunt, That while "as much coverage as

in creating the stormiest opposipossible must be given to certain tion seen in the maritime union events, the length of the articles Correction on Dates since the Stalinists were cleaned | could be cut down." (2) A column out. And here is what is very should be "devoted to the various Of Bay Area Series significant. It was not the Stalin- activities of the branches in difists who were the beneficiaries ferent parts of the country." of this development; it was not (3) "In many instances, better the Stalinists who were heading choice of headlines could have this movement. They remain dis- been made."

OJ CIPER

credited with the broad ranks. It was a new combination of genuine was held over for another session ers," being held in both San progressives. at a later date.

Of course, in a lot of unions and Rena Breshi, Literature Agent places, the fight is still a two- for Boston, writes that "a group been announced here as Fri., May sided business between the Mur- of comrades went out last Sun- 13 at 8 P. M. for San Francisco, rayites and Stalinists. But don't day on a door to door campaign. and Tues., May 17 at 8 P. M. for under - estimate the importance We sold 31 copies of the paper Oakland. The subsequent lectures they decided to put me in jail piece out the truth and state it and national character of the at a Negro housing project. The will be held on the same evening instead of the army because I as I have done here today." events in auto, rubber and mari- rcception wasn't bad, although of the week and at the same time. The Stalinists still have a sales were not made as readily hour. The San Francisco address lot of tricks in their bag but they as a few years ago. We are going is 1739 Fillmore, 4th floor. The the interests of the working peoare now up against Abraham back again to the same people Oakland address is 1408 Webster. pe, that it-" Lincoln's dictum that you can't who bought the papers and will The second lecture will deal with fool all of the people all of the try our luck at getting subscriptions."

Nazis, which the State Departtroops from foreign soil. ment is trying to carve out of the Repeal the peacetime draft law. Western zone of partitioned Gerall financial grants to foreign im-

The watchword of the reaction- perialists. ary coalition now gathering in Halt the witch hunt. the North Atlantic Military Al-Initiate a measure to provide liance will be, "Preserve the sta- for a referendum vote of the tus quo!" Secretary Acheson pro- people to decide whether there

vided the diplomatic cover for this | shall be war or peace.

MILITANT ARMY

Literature Agent P. B., report-Some branches have tried mailing on San Francisco's trial effort | ings to former subscribers in at regular distributions of The their areas in an effort to secure

Militant at selected renewals. The percentage of direct union meetings, returns from this method is genwrites that "the erally much lower than the exreception generally pectations of the comrades who has been quite prepare the mailing. According to favorable. Our perexperts, capitalist newspapers spective now is to generally consider any returns cover even more of above four or five percent as the union meetings excellent. in the city." Milwaukee's Literature Agent,

At a discussion G. H., has found that "the biggest held "some time value of such a mailing is to ago," says P. B., keep up the link with the paper

"it was generally agreed that and help pave the way for pertion by proposing to throw out The Militant has made tremend- sonal contact." These mailings statement following the CP line. of the union and the industry ous strides from every point of pay off. But, he adds, "no matter The committee talked among Stalinists, radicals and opponents view. Our program has been ex- how well a leaflet or letter is themselves, paying no attention pressed and stressed; the general composed, there is nothing like radicalism and those falling in lay-out has improved. Gray's personal contact, with the op-

Some of the suggestions for individual problems and relate

The Militant regrets its error in mixing up the dates for the opening of the series of weekly ectures on "Marxism and the The discussion, reports P. B. Problems of the American Work-

Francisco and Oakland.

The first lecture should have

"The State-The Political Struc- Didn't they let you out as soon ture of Society."

reporters did. When they had finished with "All the evidence indicates that Wallace, Senator Connally read Roosevelt and Churchill, as the a telegram from Eugene Dennis. leading spokesmen for world general secretary of the Comcapitalism," I continued, "made a munist Party, reporting that deal with Stalin at Teheran Judge Medina had refused to whereby he agreed to support the adjourn the thought-control trial capitalists in Western Europe, in for Dennis to testify on the pact. return for which Stalin was to be Connally made a few wise-cracks indicating they had been eager to fluence in Eastern Europe." have a go at Dennis in the hear-Connally stopped me. "Were ings.

FIRST QUESTIONS

'How do you know that's a Connally, who has a habit of fact?" stroking his nose with the ball of "I said all the evidence indihis right thumb, next called the cates it to be a fact," I replied. names of three Progressive Party "For example-" spokesmen scheduled to testify. "It's just your opinion. You None was present, so he made a nay go on.' few more wise-cracks about the

I then completed without Progressives "not progressing so further interruption the stategood" and called on Dr. Annette ment printed elsewhere in this T. Rubinstein of the American issue, the committee all the Labor Party who made a brief while staring at me coldly. "HOW DO YOU KNOW?" Then Connally returned to the to her, and dismissed her with Teheran deal which seemed to out questioning. bother him. "You weren't at

After sweating it out for five hours, my turn had finally come. Reporting from memory, here is

the gist of the discussion. As I approached the witness chair, Connally, who asked all the questions, but one, while I was testifying, said, "So you represent the Socialist Party." "The Socialist Workers Party," I replied. "We were in the Socialist Party for a time, but we broke with them when we saw they were preparing to support you get your information from

the capitalistic press." the last war." "We use all available sources "Oh, you broke with Norman Thomas over the war. You didn't of information. Then from our support the last war. I don't reading of history and from our suppose you were in the army?" general knowledge of the nature "I registered for the draft, but of the class struggle we try to "Oh, so you work just like a said the war wouldn't bring peace to the world, that it was not in detective," Connally cut in. "But it's still only what you think. Now, you want us to cancel the military budget. Does that mean "Oh, so they put you in jail.

we shouldn't have any army, navy or air force?" as the war ended?"

judging by the lack of notice in "WHAT ARE YOU FOR?"

"You say we want to stamp out the socialist movement. We haven't tried to block socialism in England."

"In the first place, they don't have socialism in England. Only a few half - measures toward limited nationalizations have been taken, and there has been plenty of pressure from America even granted his present sphere of in- against that. A most recent-"

"I gather you're against the Russian system?"

"We are irreconcilably opposed to Stalinism. We are for-"

"You seem to be against everything, capitalism, Stalinism, Norman Thomas, British socialism. What are you for anyway?" "We are fighting for genuine socialism.'

"Does it exist anywhere in the world today?"

"No." "That will be all."

I wasn't treated courteously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Alternating between sarcasm and derision, they tried to laugh off my statement. To them, I represented only a small party with a true socialist program, not an organization with a huge block of votes.

But their tune will change when the powerful ideas incorporated into the program of the Socialist Workers Party find adherents by the millions, as they must and will. Because it is only through the program of scientific socialism that the workers will find a permanent solution to the grave problems of our day.

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ternal danger, it changes without much ado the parliamentary form of its rule for an authoritarian, dictatorial, Bonapartist or a fascist form. It will make the change that much faster and more decisively in time of war when both internal and external dangers will threaten its basic class interests with ten-fold force. Under these conditions the support by a workers' party of 'its' national imperialism for the sake of a fragile democratic shell means the renunciation of an independent policy and the chauvinistic demoralization of the workers, that is, the destruction of the only factor which can save humanity from disaster."

"The bourgeoisie of a number of civilized countries has

-Leon Trotsky, War and the Fourth International, 1934.

Full Support to the Ford Strike!

The battle has been joined on the fourthround of wage increases. Whatever the immediate issue that set off the Ford strike, the entire employing class and its press are* keenly aware that a defeat for the Ford workers at this time might prove a disastrous blow to the whole developing wage campaign of American labor.

Whether the top union leaders recognize the fact or not, the Ford strike is the first major offensive in the drive for a new round of wage increases. It is only in this light that we can understand why Henry Ford II chose to precipitate a show-down battle, eleven days before negotiations on wages were to begin, over an issue that he otherwise would have settled quietly through the normal grievance machinery.

How conscious Big Business is of the significance of the Ford strike with relation to the wage issue is shown in a statement of the May 8 N. Y. Times: "In the face of management's stand against increased labor costs [through wage raises], there has been speculation over the mood of the workers. In some circles there is a theory that, because of a general feeling of uncertainty about the economic outlook, the workers will be reluctant to force their demands to the point of strikes. Another theory is that insecurity will make the workers more aggressive. Last week the second theory seemed to be borne out in a strike against Ford?

The mood of the workers, as reflected in the determined struggle against Ford, has proved more decisive in determining when and in what manner the wage question will be fought out than all the plans and maneuvers and slick strategy of UAW President Walter Reuther and the other top CIO leaders. The CIO leaders, including Reuther, undoubtedly envisioned a series of long drawnout negotiations, with all the rigamarole of press propaganda and counter-propaganda, statistics and counter-statistics, and a final settlement with a few insubstantial concessions that could be palmed off on the workers as a "victory without a strike."

The Ford strike has knocked all these calculations into a cocked hat. The workers themselves have called the turn. They have decided and the top union officials like Reuther have been forced reluctantly to go along. It is on this ground that the wage battle must now be fought out.

Now that the Ford workers are out, their demands must be broadened to include all the wage and contract questions. If they go back before the wage question is decided, they will face the possibility of another bitter struggle after they have already expended their resources and energy in one hard battle.

A victory for the Ford workers is of crucial importance for all American labor. If the Ford workers are permitted to become isolated and starved back into the plants, it will embolden all the corporations and harden their resistance to labor's demands everywhere

The Ford workers must win - and it is the solemn duty of the entire labor movement to give them the kind of backing that will ensure their victory. This is no time for -half-way measures - every union should act now to give full moral and financial aid to the Ford workers.

Wayne Morse and Glen Taylor, whose major claim to fame ests on their repeated professions D of opposition to Jim Crow in any by labor leaders and Uncle Tom orm. Most of the labor leaders, Negroes. They start off by prais-Vegro leaders, Trumanite "Social- ing each other and themselves ists" and in some cases the Stal, for their fine "principles" on inists too did everything they racial questions. The heart of could for the election of such Douglas, Humphrey informed the iberals. Now, on the issue of Senate, "literally bleeds for those anti-segregation amendments to who are the oppressed and who housing and federal-aid-to-educa- are the underprivileged." By in-

By Albert Parker

apitalist politicians like Hubert Humphrey, Paul Douglas,

Last year we Trotskyists opposed the election of "liberal"

a balance sheet and see who was in a similar condition. But, said right. Humphrey, "As much as I detest Both these amendments were segregation, I love education killed in the Senate during the more. The issue is federal aid or ast month through an alliance no federal aid [for education between the Northern liberals of and housing]." How do they

Democrats; and in each instance the leadership and initiative in this alliance were taken by the Humphreys, Douglases, Morses Negro people in particular have been given a thorough if rapid Republicans would not vote for educational course on the real the bills themselves. On the nature of capitalist liberals, and other hand, the adoption of these a rift has begun to develop between the Negro leaders and the very same politicians they were praising a year ago.

NAACP PROTESTS

NAACP Secretary Walter White puts the responsibility for defeating these anti-segregation

amendments on "the new coalition of Northern and Southern Democrats." Their action, he says, means "the Senate has agreed to underwrite segregation in housng and education. . .

"Rejection of these amendments seems to indicate little possibility education are better than noth-fight segregation tomorrow. for the enactment of civil rights measures by this Congress. We is better than none. are particularly dismayed by the curious logic which has impelled ome avowed supporters of civil that defeating the amendments The proof that they lie is that rights to reject specific civil would have the effect of "pre- they made no effort whatever rights amendments. If these Sen- serving," "approving," condon- to achieve another alternative. ators continue voting with the Dixiecrats, we will be unable to and "perpetuating" segregation. putting through the amendment secure enactment of civil rights And no mater how hypocritical and putting on a fight to smash

welfare legislation." In this dispute we Trotskyists stand 100% with the NAACP let their liberal brothers carry and Walter White, and 100% against the liberal demagogues. bloc with them. For the reasons explained below, white and Negro.

Let's begin by examining the Crow system. Humphrey may or to accept this challenge.



Locked Out at Philco

How Liberals Aid Jim Crow



6,500 members of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Mach-Workers in some 22 plants are locked out. Pickets surround the Philadelphia plant of the Philco Corp. after the company refused to grant union demands for wage boosts and other benefits

or filibuster them to death. The longer life to the segregation he plican noted, what was there to defeat of the bills would harm professes to "detest." His heart stop the liberals from at least Negroes as well as whites who may or may not bleed for the trying to put through the antioppressed, but his feet have segregation clause, withdrawing bined the feet of the Dixiecrats it only after it had been proved on the neck of the Negro people in action that the bill could not - and yes, on the neck of the be passed while it was included? independent bills, not through white workers who also suffer But this proposal too the liberals amendments to other bills, so this from segregation. Not even the disregarded, although it could not was not the time or place for glibbest speeches can hide the have been from any aversion to discussion of the segregation fact that aid to segregation to- opportunist practices. Instead, problem. And anyhow, they con- day, no matter what pretext is they yielded without the semclude, segregated housing and used, makes it more difficult to blance of a struggle to the Dixiecrats, pleading with them to ing, even for Negroes; half a loaf | Furthermore, the liberals lie yield a little themselves some time when they claim the issue was in the future.

THE AMENDMENT TACTIC When Douglas kept repeating be handled in separate bills, a Republican asked him flatly if he would favor the amendment "if measures either as independent their motives, in this respect they the filibuster? GOP Senator pass." Douglas' reply is worth will never get a full and nutritibills or as amendments to social were speaking the plain truth. Lodge reminded them that both repeating: "Personally I do not ous loaf, and are doomed to live "unworkable." The best way to are firmly committed to that altogether.

the ground for getting a better this time to disrupt the United perience with segregation, it is

to say during World War II.) In Douglas' case, at any rate, it was not the form in which the anti-segregation issue came up that was decisive, but his desire to preserve "national unity" with the Dixiecrats. (Don't be surprised if they support Douglas for President in 1952.)

Page Three

Humphrey answered differenty, implying he would favor the amendment if he thought the bill could be passed afterward. However, when he repeated the argument that the way to get civil rights legislation is through inlevendent bills rather than hrough amendments to other bills, Lodge pointed out that beause of the great difficulty in getting independent bills out of ommittee and onto the floor of Congress, "the way to get legislation enacted is to attach an emendment to some bill that will go through anyway." And this eft Humphrey without any valid omeback, because it happens to be the truth. Rejection of the amendment tactic of fighting Jim Crow in Congress is equivalent to giving up nine-tenths of the battle in advance. (No important ndependent bill on civil rights has been passed since 1870.)

BETTER THAN NONE?

"Half a loaf is better than none." This is a plausible argument, even if it originates from the same people who are busy withholding the whole loaf. But it's not a good guide under all circumstances. For one thing, you should examine the half-loaf first. Suppose it is poisoned; or suppose it is part of a loaf from which all the food value has been extracted. Surely "none" would be just as good in such a situation.

Segregated housing, segregated education - these are tainted that segregation problems should and harmful, contributing to social ill-health, debilitating in their effects on the victims of Jim Crow. Those who are willhe were certain the bill would ing to settle for such a half-loaf believe in segregation; but I also in a state of permanent malnutrition if they don't starve to death

Because of their long exnot hard for Negroes to underthe police state in order to force the pretense of the liberals that the amendments. It may he harder to convince white workers that their interests too - were subverted in this case, but it is equally true.

It is equally true because any

Murder of the Jehovah's Witnesses

Following the frenzied propaganda campaign by the U. S. State Department, Catholic Church, which is aligned with the capitalist

When a Prince of the Roman Catholic

purge, but that apparently does Acheson could say. But why demoralized by Stalinism, he is measure that sanctions the con-By George Breitman not disqualify him from going should the State Department's moving backwards toward col- tinuation of the Jim Crow system As last week's article from abroad to deliver speeches on the "labor salesmen" get reimbursed laboration with the same reac- contributes to the continued separation of the white workers

both parties and the Southern figure that out? THEIR ARGUMENTS Well, they say, the Republican anti-segregation amendments are and Taylors. As a result, the hypocritical; even if they were added to the bills, most of the

amendments would anger the Southern Democrats, who would then either vote against the bills

need homes and better educational opportunities. Furthermore, they say, civil rights should be enacted through

But what was the result? Their either federal aid retaining segreopponents in the Senate charged gation or no federal aid at all. ing," "enhancing," "sanctioning" What was there to stop them from

main arguments of the liberals, may not love education, but he And from a practical opportun-which unfortunately are endorsed certainly gave aid, comfort and ist viewpoint, as another Repu-correct." (Sounds like what the Negro people when they killed



hierarchy and Big Business press around the Mindszenty case in Hungary, Washington's spokesmen sought United Nations action on the issue in the name of "freedom of religion" and "human rights."

On April 30, the UN General Assembly adopted by a vote of 34 to 6 a resolution calling on the Stalinist governments of Hungary and Bulgaria, where 15 Protestant clergymen had been tried and imprisoned, to answer charges brought by Washington and London of violations of the "human rights" provisions of the peace treaties with the Allies. On May 4, Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced that the United States and Britain would shortly move against Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania on the same charges.

That these actions have nothing to do with any real concern for freedom of religion, or any other freedom, is proved by the dead silence of the United Nations, the U.S. State Department and the British Foreign Office on the murders of members of the Jehovah's Witnesses by the U. S.-controlled Greek monarchist government.

powers in the cold war against the Soviet Union, is tried and sentenced by a Stalinist government, that is the occasion for an unrestrained campaign to whip up anti-communist hysteria and the witch-hunt against political dissidents, and to intensify the war preparations in this country.

But when obscure members of a devout religious sect that takes the Sermon on the Mount seriously are subjected to Nazi-like torture and murdered, after a kangaroo court martial, by one of Washington's junior partners in the cold war, these self-styled champions of "human rights" and "freedom of religion" are silent as the grave. The executions of John Tsoukaris and George Orphanides, reported on page one, demolish the pretense that the imperialist powers are championing "freedom of thought, conscience and religion," as proclaimed in the UN's "Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Like the much-abused word "democracy," the slogan of "freedom of religion" is being used as a hypocritical cover for war incitation and the destruction of all democratic , rights.

West Germany's Real Constitution

The Western German Constitution establishing a "Federal Republic of Germany." adopted May 8 by the U. S.-British-Frenchsponsored Parlianientary Council in Bonn, cannot be judged solely or even mainly on its contents. In words, at least, the Bonn constitution is certainly no worse than other capitalist constitutions now in force.

But all we need to know to correctly judge this Bonn constitution, is that it was drafted on orders of the foreign military governors of Western Germany; that it was enacted behind closed doors, with all correspondents barred; and that an American soldier stood outside the hall door permitting no one in or out. Thus, the new constitution is merely a paper mask concealing the face of the real law in Western Germany — the foreign armies of occupation.

The Bonn constitution will not be submitted to the vote of the German people. It will go into effect only when and if the

occupation powers approve it. They alone will ratify it, change it or toss it into a wastepaper basket. They will decide not according to the needs and aspirations of the German people, but their own tactical requirements for the "cold war."

We cannot say what final decision the occupation powers will make on the contents of the Bonn constitution. But undoubtedly they will attempt to exploit it as a demonstration of the "democracy" and "self-rule" they are bringing to Western Germany. Doesn't it say right in the new constitution that "all state authority emanates from the people"?

This is scarcely likely to be a source of satisfaction to the German people. The foreign occupation forces will remain. The conquering authorities can ignore at will any constitutional provision. The real constitution will continue to be symbolized not by the lengthy document drafted at Bonn, but by the American soldier guarding the locked door of the Parliamentary Council.

for their labors overseas; and not demonstrated, the two brutality and immorality of 'world peace conferences" held inist purges.) its intellectual salesmen? Is that his youth. in that city last month - the Before taking off on-a plane justice, is that the American

first by the Stalinists and the for Paris, Hook and Farrell told Way? second by the anti-Stalinists - the press that "while they favored PROTEST — AND SILENCE

had more in common than in the Marshall Plan and the North dispute, despite their bitter hos-Atlantic Pact, they were not comtility to each other. initted to defend the foreign

The first acted as a sounding policy of any country." Which board for the Kremlin, emphasizreminds us of the Missouri docing the need for a deal between Truman and Stalin, while the second acted as a sounding board for the U.S. State Department, emphasizing the need to destroy catch rheumatism." Stalinist totalitarianism. But both preached class collaboration rather than class struggle as the method for achieving peace; both published in Labor Action, he anspread illusions and lies that can nounced his support of the Mar- gical hooliganism and ideological only misguide and disorient the genuine struggle against war; and both sought to divert the masses from their main enemy by as a purely military measure." pretending that war can be prevented under capitalism.

The article from Paris reported hat the most reactionary speeches at the anti-Stalinist contion too. ference were made by the two

American delegates, Professor Sidney Hook and James T. Farrell, who represented "Americans for Intellectual Freedom." The ing for their trip overseas." following additional details about Whether this represented an attheir activities in Paris is based primarily on dispatches from the ence" of the State Department or Farrell? Did they (with accurate American press.

"INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM" lectual Freedom" was organized in March as a group in oppositheir expenses. tion to the American Stalinist "peace congress" at the Waldorf. Its formation received the blessings of the Truman administration through a message from Secretary of Labor Maurice J hierarchy in this country, who 77 lines in the Times. hailed the AIF's courage in "exposing and opposing anti-democratic doctrines."

The only "intellectual freedom" this outfit seems concerned about those who are planning to violate s the kind being suppressed behind the iron curtain. At any rate, it has failed thus far to ments, it is the closest thing to the more melancholy of the two. mention, let alone condemn, one it. And coming from a self- The first part of Farrell's life, of the most glaring attacks on styled "socialist" speaking on a when he moved to the forefront intellectual freedom in the U. S. continent where hundreds of mil- of American intellectual integrity, the current purge of "sub- lions of people are genuinely ap- was marked by a courageous versive" teachers in the schools. prehensive of the pact, it is a lot break with all remnants of (Hook, 'co-chairman of AIF, is more effective for American im-the "ideological" leader of this perialism than anything Dean Catholicism and a development toward Marxism. Today, utterly mation write P. D. Box No. 659 or phone 3-3287.

Speaking about the American Way, our two not-so-innocents abroad undertook to defend that too in a kind of roundabout way. tor's explanation for the buckeye The Stalinists are "trying to fool charm he always carried in his the people of Europe" with false pocket: "It ain't that I'm super- statements about the status of stitious - I just don't want to democratic rights in the U.S. they charged, but at the same This was Farrell's first public time the Stalinists are covering endorsement of the Atlantic Pact. up for the "intellectual strait-

Just a year ago, in a letter jacket" imposed behind the iron curtain. "This constitutes ideoloshall Plan and justified it among blackmail," said Farrell. (Perother things on the ground that haps Farrell is not the best man 'I do not see the Marshall Plan to be raising the question of blackmail. According to the Paris Today of course he supports the Herald Tribune, he also "warned Pact on the ground that it is not | that the anti-American campaign "pure" alliance for war, but in could 'sever the real bonds of ime he'll get over that reservasympathy which millions of Americans feel for the people of Europe." " This "warning" may be NOT PAID FOR LABORS polite and subtle, rather than Hook and Farrell also stressed hooligan-like, but it's a form of

that "they were themselves pay- blackmail just the same.) But if the Stalinists are to be condemned for not telling the tempt to prove their "independ- whole truth, how about Hook and an oblique rebuke to that agency, rather than false statements) we cannot say. But it seems to denounce the intellectual straitus they were getting gypped -The "Americans for Intel- by all rights the State Depart- imposing on the American people ment should have paid at least The day they left for Paris, they came to doing so was apthe State Department issued an parently Hook's statement praisattack on the "World Peace Conto a report on civil liberties "that rress" as "Communist-directed." All it rated in the N. Y. Times freely admitted evils." But beyond was 15 lines. But when Hook and the evils that Truman himself ad-Tobin, the chief link between the Farrell got off the plane and mitted, Hook and Farrell didn't Truman cabinet and the Catholic issued a similar statement, it got seem to find any to discuss and Similarly, Hook defended the did, the press reports certainly Pact at the anti-Stalinist con-missed it. Is there any other ference by saying: "No one need term for such conduct than fear the Atlantic Pact except intellectual prostitution?

it." If that isn't an exact quote game, which is perhaps why Farfrom State Department docu- rell's degeneration strikes us as

tionary elements he rejected in Secretary of Labor Tobin's en-

from the Negro people, their best and staunchest ally in the strugdorsement of the organization gle against their common enemy, Farrell represented in Paris is the capitalist class, and works one manifestation of this retro- to the detriment of labor's struggression. Another is the fact that gle for genuinely adequate social the Paris conference itself was reform legislation. The "halfloaf" with which the Dixiecrats sponsored among others by representatives of the MRP, the and liberals hope to bribe and Catholic government party that corrupt the workers does far more harm than good to white workers has waged war against the as well as Negroes.

colonial people ever since it came That's why white and Negro o power. Farrell's degeneration workers alike should support the can be explained in great part by NAACP and oppose the liberals the degeneration of Stalinism; but on this issue. Consistent support an explanation is not an excuse. requires more than mere denun-As always happens on such oc- ciation of the liberals, however.

easions, the Daily Worker took It requires merciless political advantage of the affair to slander warfare against them and their us by labeling Hook and Farrell whole philosophy, before elecas Trotskyists. Hook and Far- tions as well as after. A good rell, on the other hand, slander start for the NAACP in this us by saying we are "the left connection would be to remove wing of Stalinism." Here too, as Wayne Morse from its national in their attitude to the war ques- Board of Directors, and to take tion, the Stalinists and the the path of independent political Stalinophobes see eye to eye action by participation with the morally, even if they bend the labor movement in the formation knee before different masters. of a Labor Party.



jacket which the ruling class is

through its purges, persecutions and repressive laws? The nearest ing Truman for signing his name denounce themselves - or if they

Hook is the older hand at this

Socialized Medicine

By Grace Carlson

In the famous Oath of Hippocrates, which is administered to all graduating medical students, occur these solemn promises:

"I will follow that method of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous."

As one observes the wild attacks of the American Medical Association bureaucrats upon all proposals for the betterment of the people's health through national health insurance, one is forced to the sad conclusion that many high-placed American doctors have violated their Hippocratic Oath. Most outstanding violator of the Oath to "abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous" is the vociferous editor of the Journal of the AMA, Dr. Morris Fishbein,

With the issuance of the Truman Health Plan, or the National Health Insurance and Public Health Program as it is named officially, Dr. Fishbein has pulled out all of the stops to attack what he twists around to call "socialized medicine." Almost weekly, editorial attacks are made in the Journal of the AMA upon the National Health Insurance Program now being debated in Congress. Here Fishbein follows the same pattern set in his past vitriolic attacks upon the Wagner Bill, the Wagner - Murray - Dingell Bill and every other proposal to introduce a muchneeded system of voluntary health insurance in the United States.

Here are a few choice quotations from the reactionary editor of the AMA Journal:

"The Congress, if it should adopt any considerable number of the recommendations made would move the nation away from its present status as a republic or a true democracy into a condition which resembles what is called in Europe a socialistic democracy."

And Fishbein, once again -

"At the same time that many of our political leaders oppose communism, they move toward communism by embracing socialism."

But Dr. Fishbein to the contrary notwithstanding, the National Health Insurance Program is not "socialistic." Here, I am in complete agreement with Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, who maintains that the proposed health program is "no more socialistic than fire insurance." Ewing has also said, quite truly, on many occasions that neither President Truman nor any other advocates of national health insurance wanted to change the present system of medical care. The only change being sought, Ewing has insisted, was in the method of paying the doctor bill.

But paying the doctor bill is only part of the great problem of bringing better health to the masses of the American people. True socialized medicine will bring the benefits of modern medical science to all of the people all of the time. True socialized medicine would concern itself with "health care" as well as "sick care." In the bright light of the socialist future, the present National Health Insurance Program will appear as only the dimmest reflection of a genuine, all-embracing, well-rounded socialized medicine program.

But the National Health Insurance Program does represent a step in the right direction, and, as such, deserves the support of trade union workers and radical thinkers. For this reason, I will make a detailed analysis of the National Health Insurance Program, as well as rival Congressional bills, the Taft Bill and the Hill Bill, along with discussions of the AMA proposals, the voluntary insurance programs, the union-sponsored health programs, etc., in future issues of The Militant.

"Right" to Fire for Political Views Claimed by Company By A. Smith LOS ANGELES, May 4 - In lesirable employees."

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Strike Against Speedup **Shuts Down Ford Empire**

(Continued from page 1) prevailing speed of the lines. But "Ford Is On Strike!" the committeemen had been the



Joseph Paleyranph (1.) and Edwin / Fitzpatrick are shown getting signs ready for the picketline at the Ford plant, which

munists, Trotskyites and free-The Ford Company understands booting opportunists." It was this fully how unenthusiastic 'Reuther policy of retreat that emboldened and Mazey are about the present was unjustified. the corporations to proceed with strike and how eager they are

change-over and the narrowing the strike began, announced th

of the market for automobiles. discharge of 14 workers who were its industrial reporter, that nounced disciplinary layoffs would

manufacturing processes are or other contract demands while

and bluntly stated that they have he prerogative to discharge "un-

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a precedent-making case, private When the union proved the conndustry has served notice of its tract does not give the company intentions to use the present gov- this prerogative, the company ernment "anti-subversive" drive withdrew its second position and to alter, amend and wipe out the replaced it with a third: namely, seniority provisions in union conthat the clause on management prerogatives gives the company

The case involves the Maywood, the power to discharge "for proper and lawful cause." California plant of the Consolidated Western Steel Corp., a While the company officials totally-owned subsidiary of U.S.

agreed with the union that there Steel, and one of its employees, was no law justifying Blair's discharge in connection with the Blair was called to testify beagreement's use of the word

'lawful," they contended that it fore a federal grand jury inwas public policy to remove Comvestigating "communist activimunist Party members and fellow ties" in the Los Angeles area Blair, along with other witnesses travellers from their jobs.

called, refused to answer certain The union now must take the questions, basing himself on his case to arbitration if the disconstitutional right not to give charge is to be reversed. testimony that might tend to be

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self-incriminating. Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall To date, the grievance committee and officers of Local 2058 instructed him to answer the have been firmly united in the questions, and when he failed to fight to prevent the company do so, sentenced him to jail withfrom establishing its right to out bail until such time as he lischarge employees as "un-

lesirable" either because of their The management of Consolidatpolitical beliefs or their associaed Western Steel notified Blair tion with persons of certain polithat he had been discharged for tical beliefs. unauthorized leave of absence.

The union has also challenged Blair was finally released on bail the latest position of the comfollowing an appeal to the circuit court in San Francisco, and impany which, in effect, would give mediately reported for work but was told that the discharge re-

THREE PRETEXTS

tracts.

Robert Blair.

would answer,

mained in effect.

A member of Local 2058. District Director Charles Smith United Steelworkers of America, of the United Steelworkers' has Blair filed a grievance contending written a letter supporting the that he had complied with composition of the officers of Local pany rules pertaining to leaves 2358 in this fight. of absence and that his discharge

On the basis of a previous vote of the local's membership, it is

In discussion of the grievance anticipated that Blair's case will with the union, the company with- be carried all the way through work out of the auto workers further push them to the wall, drew its charge of unauthorized the grievance procedure including the company, on the day after leave of absence against Blair arbitration.



Box-Score of Marshall Plan

By Joseph Keller

World Events

- By Paul G. Stevens -

Instead of leading to an integration and permanent rehabilitation of European economy, the billions of dollars spent by the United States through the European Recovery Program are having a directly opposite effect. This is the conclusion of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in its annual survey issued in Geneva on May 6. The 100,000-word ECE report, according to Michael L. Hoffman, N. Y. Times correspondent, is "the most complete box score of European progress during the critical year of 1948 that has been issued or is likely to be issued."

Although last year saw a 16% rise in production and a 25% reduction in the overseas deficits of Europe as a whole, the present and future prospects for capital investment, says the report, are "far from adequate to secure any really substantial improvement in living standards."

Contrary to the avowed aim of the "planning" under the ERP "to bring about a higher degree of integration of European economy," continues the report, "the observable tendencies appear to move in the opposite direction. This is true, not only in relations between the two great complementary regions, the West and East of Europe, where political cleavages hamper the development of economic cooperation. It also appears to be true within these two regions. . .

The principal effect of the Marshall Plan, according to the data assembled by the report, is to increase the tendency in each European country to "self-sufficiency" — the national "autarchy" that was part of the intensified nationalism that reached its prewar climax under fascism. This trend, stated Nicholas Kaldor, ECE research director and one of the principal authors of the survey, "is perhaps the most disturbing feature of the entire economic situation in Europe." Production programs of all the Western European countries reveal their plans to import less goods proportionately than before the war, and to increase their home production. This increased home production, moreover, is by and large aimed for export. To whom will they export? To one another, when each is trying to reduce its own imports on the "autarchic" pattern? To the colonial countries, which are dominated by the largest imperialist powers and where these powers are coming into increasing competition for shrinking markets? To the tariff-surrounded United States, which has increased its own productivity enormously compared to Europe and is striving to increase its own exports at the expense of all its competitors throughout the world?

The report points out that in 1937 only sixtenths of one per cent of the goods consumed in the United States was of European manufacture Since the war, this has shrunk to but two-tenths of one per cent. American capitalism, while seeking outlets everywhere for its manufactured goods, shuts out competition in its own home market from European goods.

The report concludes that the United States "faces the anomalous prospect that by the end of the program which it will itself have financed, it will have surpluses and excesses of productive capacity in commodities for which it has helped to develop substitute sources of supply elsewhere; its own exports will have been reduced below the depression-shrunk level of 1938; and Europe will nevertheless still be short of dollars to cover its imports from the United States."

Even a 60% increase in their overseas sales a possibility that the survey itself virtually excludes - would still leave the European countries | WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY with a \$3 billion deficit in trade with the United States - if the current U.S. import volume were maintained. It is actually declining, while "competition for the United States in world markets will steadily become more intense, partly because of the success of our own efforts to aid Eu-" (N. Y. Times, May 8.) rope. . .

To balance its dollar accounts with the United States, Europe would have to increase its exports to this country by more than 300%. Will American manufacturers permit an expansion of European manufacture, with American funds, to per-mit a 300% increase of exports to the U. S. to GM and in Chrysler. They did not

Reuther and Mazey, sensing that they were losing control of the workers, called an emergency meeting for the next day. At this meeting Reuther blasted the committeemen for not adhering to international procedure in pro-

the "B" Building.

victims of precisely this kind of

neans of halting the speedup.

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voking the walkout. The committeemen answered that the international was stalling and that they could not face the members under the circumstances.

On May 2 the company again increased the speed of the line. The officers of Local '600 now could buck the overwhelming pressure from the ranks no onger. The following day the ocal executive board voted to call strike on May 4 at 10 A. M. Reuther, thrust into this difficult position, finally reached a compromise with the local leaders and agreed to authorize a strike for the following day, May 5.

The fact that the Ford workers have now hit the bricks in what may prove to be a prolonged strike is due, above all, to the Reuther leadership's policy of retreat on the speedup issue. The whole problem of speedup was

posed sharply for the auto workers over a year ago in the major corporations. The international leadership permitted speedup in

has been called the "longest picketline in UAW history."

to reach any sort of "comprothe speedup.

The campaign to squeeze more mise" on the speedup issue. To was accelerated with the model

being critically reappraised and the strike was on.

ightened up to eliminate every But despite the preconceived

By E. Harris

it the right to serve as a quasilegal agency of the government with power to legislate, try, convict and execute sentence upon any of the union members.

compete with U. S. goods? Just last week, reports the May 8 N. Y. Times, the oil industry here complained that the Economic Cooperation Administration is "moving too fast in its efforts to expand oil operations abroad" and "the Marshall Plan is causing the domestic units of the American oil industry to lose markets. . . "

The contradictions of capitalism are operating with increasing force, and all the efforts of American capitalism to get around them have the effect, in the end, of aggravating them. This is strikingly shown by the early consequences of the Marshall Plan, as admitted in the ECE report.

ight the victimization of milipenny of needless cost. Suppliers notions on both sides, the Ford tants who were putting up a of raw materials and component workers are now out on the battle against the speedup. UAW issued a statement prominently featured in the United itiated by GM, and followed by return to manufacture more Ford Automobile Worker, claiming that

the charges of speedup were un-

McWilliams Says Kutcher Case Is **'Key' Loyalty Test** LOS ANGELES, April 30

committee.

true and were being circulated for ulterior purposes by "Com-

year, the four top officers of the pressured to tailor their quota- labor-management relations on an tions to the lowered prices in- entirely new basis before they

> K-F, Willys, Nash, Ford and cars. Hudson. Orders by top manage- Already there is evident a ment to 'trim ship' are now being noticeable increase of militancy followed by 'call to stations' for on the part of many auto workthe fight ahead. Previous bottle- ers. In the past week the Briggs

necks in supply of materials hav- workers staged a series of walking been eliminated and with outs on the speedup issue. Worklabor playing ball like never be-lers of the Chevrolet assembly fore, the threatened slackening plant in Flint voted to strike be- wing president of Local 10, to say about hiring. Therefore off of demand has electrified the cause of the speedup. A new duplicated almost word for word the question of less work and industry into feverish backstage wind is starting to blow in labor's the proposal by Harry Bridges, what to do about it is thrown on

ranks. activity." (Our emphasis.)

LOS ANGELES, April 30 — WORK - STOPPAGE PROTESTS **MURDER OF ILGWU MEMBER**

ternational Ladies Garment Workers Union stopped work for

ganizer for the union.

McWilliams stated that there Manhattar Center, with speeches by ILGWU President David vere two major reasons for his participation in the Kutcher de-Dubinsky and other union officials, and a huge funeral pro-The ILGWU General Executive

ob in order to participate in the

tion

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 — At a stormy meeting in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium last Wednesday, 5,000 members As late as January of this parts are being relentlessly battling line and intend to put of Local 10 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Ware-

housemen's Union rejected by a In other industries where the four-to-one vote a proposal to lay employer does the hiring and off 1,000 men from the industry fring, it is easier for the union in order to provide more work bureaucrat to turn his back on for those remaining. the problem. However, the West

According to ILWU statistics, Coast longshore union has a work is off approximately 30% union - controlled hiring hall mpared to 1948. through which all available work

'l he latest lay-off proposal, adis rotated among all available vanced by James Kearney, right- men. The employers have nothing

ILWU International Pres'dent, to the union floor and the leaderlast Feb. 9. However, despite a ship is faced concretely with a falling off of work since Feb- major social problem under ruary, the Kearney plan was decapitalism, unemployment; and feated even more decisively than is forced to grapple with it.

the Bridges' plan. This time Thus far, neither the right-Bridges stood aside, declaring the wing Murrayite local leadership employment problem is "a local nor the Bridges-Stalinist internaquestion." tional leadership have come forth

with any proposal except to lay As on Feb. 9, the meeting was dominated by young rank and file men off.

militants. The Bridges-Kearney A STOP-GAP MEASURE plan was tagged as "union

The only plan which even besplitting" which could only play gins to tackle the question was into the hands of the ship-owners advanced at the Feb. 9 meeting by furnishing them with a large body of trained men which could by several rank and file longshoremen. This called for a rotabe used against the union in event tion of all work on a four week of strikes.

basis, with each union member One speaker declared that the working three weeks at 40 hours leadership was using the question per week and being laid off the as a political football and called

fourth week, during which he upon them to "advance plans would collect \$25 unemployment which will hold the union toinsurance, thus adding \$25 to his gether — not split us into two income for the four-week period. camps, employed and unemployed, At the present time longshorewith the employed fearing the men collect no unemployment unemployed and the unemployed benefits, because they always earn hating the union. Let us all fight together for a program that will at least \$25 per week. Four-week aim to get a decent standard of rotation of work, instead /of living for all of us." He con- weekly rotation, would make them eligible for this money, which cluded, "If the local and internavear after year has been returned tional officials cannot provide to the shipowners, with the State such a program they are bankcupt." He was roundly applauded of California keeping only one quarter of one percent for adby the meeting. ministration costs.

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A UNION DUTY

Even this stop-gap measure has Another speaker asked, "Why not been pushed by the present is it that Kearney is advocating leadership although it was apa lay-off when it has always rroved in principle by the membeen considered a union duty to bership. Union militants who. oppose lay-offs?" backed by an aroused member-

The reason why the longshore ship, helped fight down both union is faced so sharply with Bridges' and Kearney's plans are the unemployment question is beginning to talk on the job and precisely because it is one of the in union meetings of the necessity most advanced unions in the to develop a new and more far-United States in the degree of reaching program to combat the Imenace of unemployment. control over jobs.

7th PLENUM OF 4th INTERNATIONAL -The Seventh Plenum of the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International, which met from April 9 to 18, according to the Fourth International press service report, was the most representative gathering of the International ever held. It was attended by regular members and fraternal delegates from organizations in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Eastern Europe, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, England, Latin American, India, Ceylon, Indo-China, and China. Most noteworthy was the increased representation from the organizations in the Far East, a delegate of the Chinese Trotskyists appearing at an international gathering for the first time. In addition, there were also delegates from a newly formed group in Sweden, applying for membership in the Fourth International. There had never before been an organized Trotskyist movement in that country.

The report of the International Secretariat on the activity of the leadership and the sections, and the discussion on the report, noted the growing political maturity and homogeneity of the International as a whole as well as the consolidation of each of the national organizations. The gathering presented evidence, in particular, of improvement in the work of the European sections, some of which had been in the midst of a serious internal crisis a year ago.

There were also extensive reports on the situation in the Far East and on the development of the Trotskyist movement in Latin America. sections of which are being prepared for publication.

The main political resolutions of the Plenum. on "The War Danger and Our Tasks," "The Third Chinese Revolution," and "The Evolution of the Soviet Buffer Zone Countries," which formed the basis of the most important discussions in the ten days' sessions, are to be made public soon.

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DUTCH TROOP MUTINIES - Negotiations for peace were resumed by the Dutch in Indonesia last week. This signifies the collapse of the "police action" undertaken by the imperialists of Holland against the embattled Indonesian masses since last December. Undoubtedly, press-ure from the U. S. was one of the prime causes.

East. Protests from official labor organizations and liberal church movements probably also and lecturer on civil rights, toplayed a role, because such flagrant cases make it very difficult for these agencies to sell "Western" democracy abroad. But a more important, Civil Rights Committee. although less known reason, was certainly the restlessness among the Dutch masses and particularly, rebellions within the army. Thus, the European Trotskyist press reports, a mutiny broke out recently in a military camp

Wall Street is becoming ever more alarmed over

the futile wastage of its loans to the old Euro-

pean powers on the boiling cauldron in the Far

in Brabant among soldiers about to be embarked Rasmussen, chairman of the local for Indonesia. It was accompanied by the issuance of a manifesto of a soldiers' committee, declaring: "We do not want to lay down our lives for the planters who are stuffing their pocketbooks. We demand the recall of all troops from Indonesia. For peace and friendship! Not a single of James Kutcher from his job soldier for this war!" Many arrests are reported to have been made in these barracks.

Another report relates that after Netherlands troops suffered heavy losses in the Surakarta re- "glaring example of injustice to gion in Indonesia, the survivors refused to con- an individual." And second, betinue the combat. An entire unit was disarmed, | cause of the broader significance 17 soldiers condemned to death and 72 to long of the case as a means of combatting the whole loyalty oath prison sentences.

The Associated Press also carried a dispatch program. from Singapore recently regarding a mutiny of Dutch troops which was crushed in blood at Fort loyalty oath program and the De Kock, in Sumatra. 200 soldiers, according "anti-subversive" drive to the to this dispatch, were executed "for revolt against | Smith Act of 1940. He added that their command."

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THE PURPOSE OF THE PACT - What the prosecution under it, the Minnea-North Atlantic Pact means to the reactionary polis case.

McWilliams' clear-cut and unpoliticians in Europe was plainly indicated by Percy Winner's column in the May 9 New Re- equivocal support of the Kutcher public. The day before the Pact was signed, Mario case as the key case in the "loy-Scelba, the Italian Minister of the Interior "and alty" program was of particular by far the toughest man in the government," interest locally because of an armade a speech at Siena in which he said, "The ticle in the Stalinist People's arms entrusted to the state [by the Pact] do not World of Feb. 18 which labelled constitute decorative elements but are instru- the Kutcher case as a "diversion" ments of defense and of attack." Winner says and "outside the mainstream of Scelba also "suggested that the Pact would now the current attack on civil libergive the de Gasperi government the right to go ties" and misquoted a speech by beyond the Constitution and the law in its strug- McWilliams in such a way as to gle to suppress Communism." imply he shared that view.

has arisen in reference to the whole loyalty oath program," Carey McWilliams, noted author

McWilliams spoke on "Loyalty William Lurye, a special or- was attacked by three thugs who Oaths," following a report on recent developments in the Kutcher

case and the work of the Southern California committee by Hugo

fense movement: First, the firing with the Veterans Administration

because of his membership in the the executive board of Dress tion leading to the arrest and Socialist Workers Party is a Pressers Local 60, had taken a conviction of his murderers or eave of absence from his regular their instigators. A police official had said

union's drive to organize a Lurye's murder was not connectnumber of shops whose employ- ed with his union activities. When ers have been resisting unioniza- challenged on this by Dubinsky, however, the chief of detectives

He traced the history of the On May 9 he was in a telephone had to deny the police had any booth at 224 W. 35 St., when he basis for such a statement.



NEW YORK, May 12 - 65,000 members of the AFL Inday told a luncheon meeting of

the Souhern California Kutcher four hours today as a public protest against the murder of

> stabbed him in the chest several cimes. He died the following day. All of the 2,100 unionized dress

The union had previously called factories in the city were shut four strikes in this same builddown this morning and a mass ing, and several of its pickets in meeting was held in and around front of the building were assaulted a few months ago.

\$25,000 REWARD

cession by the union membership.

Board yesterday posted an offer Lurye, who was a member of of a \$25,000 reward for informa-