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WHAT IS TROTSKYLSM?

the Trotskyites - more easily identified no semblance of democratic procedure. If The Hinnesota convention of the CIO, as members of the "Socialist Workers Par- a member joins the Socialist Workers Par- September 1944, adopted a resolution

In this and succeeding issues of the run with such flagrant fartiality and no their vicious attacks on the CIO". The Spotlite we intend, as a service to the contany blacklist was ever as ruthless resolution calls on the entire labor autoworkers, to expose completely these as those of a Trotskyite union. The individuals who, despite their militant Ternisters of Kinneapolis discovered that enemies of the CIC and our nation". One sounding talk, are enemies of the working when the Trotsky faction, headed by the of the leading members of the group of the gr ticles with two official statements by ushered in a period, of gangsterism un-Socialist Workers Party. AFL and CIO unions.

"Through the vigilance born of costly submission. But the Teamsters stopped any auto workers, having come into the exterience, organized labor will not per- them in their tracks. Trotskyism was industry in the past few years, may not mit the Trotskyites to succeed. Once in wrong in Russia. They are wrong in the be familiar with the past activities of control of a union the Trotskyites have United States." (Int. Teamster, Aug '44) ty he gets a job! if he doesn't he is "condemning the disruptive and seditious blacklisted. No comfany union was ever activities of this group and condemning

movement to "effectively expose these We introduce this series of ar- Dume brothers took over Local 544, they trial was James P. Cannon, head of the

As a result of the activity of the Trot- ness ceased and the members were forced In future articles we will deal with the skyites in the Teamsters Union in Minne- to carry weapons for their personal pro- history and program of this unprinciple apolis, the national journal of the Team-tection against the thugs the Trotshyites clique of union disrupters

Reproduced above are the masthead of the Stalinist SPOTLIGHT and its article attacking the Socialist Workers Party unionists. Note particularly the attack on the Minneapolis union leaders who were imprisoned under the Smith Act in 1944 for defending union democracy against the Tobin machine.

Rakes Up Old Lies About Smith Act's First Victims

The Communist Party on the West Coast has stepped up its red-baiting campaign against the Socialist Workers Party. The latest Stalinist stink-bomb was thrown in the April 1949 Spotlight (see picture above), issued as the publication of the "Communist Auto Workers" in Los Angeles.

Page three of the Spotlight contains the first of a promised of articl igned to "expose" the Trotskyists as "enemies of the working class." The opening paragraph indicates what is bothering the Stalinist leaders and why they repeat their long - exploded slanders against the Socialist Workers Party. (See text reproduced above.) They are worried because auto union militants, dissatisfied with Reuther's policies and looking for an effective program of action against the corporations, are attracted by the opposition group in which the Trotskyists participate.

Kutcher to Tour 3 Western States To Rally Support for His Defense

James Kutcher, legless veteran fired from the Veterans Administration because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, has recovered rapidly enough from his recent surgical operation to make a West Coast speaking tour for his defense during June and July, the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee announced this week. Kutcher's trip, which will be made entirely by plane, will be restricted to three states, Minnesota, Washington and California.

The main aim of his tour is to help raise the money needed to carry his case through the Federal courts. It is scheduled to begin in Minnesota on June 6. After a week in that state, Kutcher will fly to Seattle, Washington, where he will stay for ten days. On June 24 he will proceed to San Francisco and remain there until July 7. He will spend the remaining weeks of July in the Los Angeles area.

ctions of the Kutcher Civil Rig

Boss Press Aids Right-wing Victory In Buffalo Union

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BUFFALO, May 23 - Progressive forces led by the Solidarity Caucus of Westinghouse Local 1581, CIO United Electrical Workers, were defeated by the right wing by a 2 to 1 margin in an election contest which aroused widespread interest in the Buffalo labor movement. A record number of 3,000 workers turned out for the balloting amidst an orgy of Frotskyist-baiting by the capitalist press.

The UE Solidarity Caucus, organized late last year by a broad grouping of militants opposed to the Stalinists as well as to the right wing, is headed by George Gould, former local president, lim Larby, and Anthony Marino. The right wing, led by in cumbent President Ted Wierzbec and "Brownie" Golubski, ran on the so-called Rank and File slate and had the tacit support of the company as well as the capitalist press. Another grouping, the Union Member Caucus, led by Rov Brown and Louis Pease, a split-off from the Rank and File Caucus, generally considered the extreme right wing, polled only 400 votes. The so-called Independents, composed of wellknown Stalinist supporters, ran only four candidates and received an insignificant vote, not more

than 40 for each candidate. The UE Solidarity Caucus, probably the only substantial Libya, elated by this "great moral a British trusteeship over Cyregrouping in UE organized on the opposition t the Stalinist machine as well as the Carey bloc forces, has earned the combined wrath of the company, and all the reactionary decisive in blocking the imperialforces in the local labor movement. The growing effectiveness of the caucus in mobilizing the workers against the company's infringements of the union contract and in exposing the donothing right wing administration, made it plain that if the Solidarity Caucus was to be halted in its progress, outside

Ford Shutdown

Members of the CIO United Auto Workers leave the Edgewater, New Jersey, plant of the Ford empire, shut down as a result of the militant strike at River Rouge. (Federated Pictures).



LAKE SUCCESS - T h e greater determination to strug Bevin-Sforza-Wall Street plot gle to partition Libya and re-impose Italy's rule over most of all, the United States, was exits former African colonies, was posed and discredited. defeated in the final sessions of The Bevin-Sforza plan called

for: (1) the dismemberment of the United Nations. Delegates of the National Libya into three parts, with a Council for the Liberation of French trusteeship over Fezzan, victory," are making plans to naica, and Italian trusteeship

Decisions of National Board Strike at Union Democracy

The top CIO leadership last week struck further blows at trade union democracy and the rights of the CIO membership. At the three-day session of the CIO's National Executive Board in Washington, Philip Murray's machine demanded the resignation from the Board of all members who do not actively support the Marshall Plan and the political line laid

down by Murray. policies. This decision carried the The Board majority further implication of reprisals against demanded that affiliated unany union which fails to carry it ions remove from the Board their members who fail to carry

out the political edicts of Murray and to nominate replacements who will docilely comply with his



CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther's pro-In the course of the debate, every imperialist power, above

issue in dispute to arbitration. This proposal would put the workers back in the identical position they were in before hitting the bricks to force a showdown of the inhuman pace of production. Thus far the arbitration offer has been rejected by man-

out. In effect, these decisions destroy the democratic rights of CIO members and officers and lay the basis for wholesale intervention against unions that insist upon electing representatives not to the liking of Murray, whose own policies, particularly on foreign affairs, are laid down by the

U. S. State Department. DECIDED ON TOP

These latest moves of Murray and his lieutenants to establish DETROIT, May 25-Ford a tight, centralized, bureaucratic workers, now in the third week control from the top, completely of their strike against the violate the traditional democraspeedup, are openly hostile to tic policies on which the CIO was founded and rose to its greatest heights.

Neither support of the Marposal to submit the principal shall Plan and the cold war of American imperialism, nor any other part of Murray's procapitalist political program, was submitted to the CIO members. for discussion and decision. A handful of top executives, under Murray's command, are trying to stuff this program down the throats of the CIO membership agement in the hope of wresting by means of bureaucratic comgreater concessions from the pulsion, red-baiting and purges. Reutherite bureaucracy which has not concealed its opposition to a STALINIST ROLE struggle against the speedup. The Stalinists, who are the immediate target of Murray, can Reuther has gone to great lengths in statements to the press put up no principled fight against to make it appear that the issue him. They themselves supported he proposes to submit to arbitrathe bureaucracy's moves at the tion is different from the com-1946 convention, when it tightenpany proposal whose rejection by ed its control over local CIO workers precipitated the Councils. They themselves atwalkout. Arguing like a Philatempt to foist a ready-made bolitical program upon the memberpoint at issue is not whether the ships of unions under their concompany has the right to set trol, dragging them behind Walproduction standards without lace's Progressive Party. They union control or interference, nor bear their share of responsibility. whether these production stanfor the growth of bureaucratic dards shall be enforced to the power that now threatens to drive them from all CIO posts. out question — but whether the The threatened purge of the company can "work an employee national board will be accomin excess of 100 per cent of panied by intensified raids and pressure - moves against Stalinst-led unions. The Board passed resolution ordering the Farm It is obvious that even should Equipment Workers union, one the arbitrator side with the union of the few remaining Stalinist on this point, the main evil strongholds, to "merge with the would still remain, for the com-Auto Workers or face possible pany would merely have to readrevocation of their charter." -All exposure of the Murrayite remain within Reuther's "100 tactics was labeled "slanderous, (Continued on Page 2) ncluding references to the CIO eadership's behind - the - scenes attempts to line up Congressmen for support of the Sims Bill, which would have kept many of the worst Taft-Hartley features, just before its defeat in the House. The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union was denounced for "vilifying" Murray by protesting the beating up of its Secretary, Maurice Travis, by Murrayite goons.



CP LEADERS ALARMED

The Stalinist leaders are even more alarmed by the friendliness displayed by growing numbers of their own followers who judge the Trotskyists, not by poison-pen at Foley Square. writings in the Stalinist press, but by direct observation of the SWP auto workers on the job and in the locals. Many have been impressed by the integrity and militancy of the Trotskyists, by their loyalty to union democracy, and by their readiness to unite forces against all attempts to restrict the rights of the union and violence; they opposed the membership, whether they come war and were accused of stirring 'from the Murray-Reuther machine or the Stalinists.

The Spotlight's "exposure" is restricted to two quotations, one from the AFL Teamsters Journal and the other from a Minnesota State CIO resolution, both published in 1944 and referring to ist government in the last war, the Minneapolis Labor Case. But they could not possibly have adthe Stalinists do not give any vocated the violent overthrow of facts about this case because

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The A-Bomb and Your Future John G. Wright and Joseph Hansen review two outstanding books on the atom bomb, No Place to Hide, and Fear, War and the Bomb.

Where We Stand on the Draft Two letters from conscientious objectors criticizing the SWP position and a reply by Farrell Dobbs.

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already busy arranging radio and press interviews, public meetings and appearances before trade union, religious and university groups, etc., in the cities he plans to visit.

CP DEFENDANTS HAUNTED BY MINNEAPOLIS CASE

By Farrell Dobbs

FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, May 25 - "The forces were necessary to beat it Dunne case is not parallel with the present case," lied the Stalin- back. ist lawyers, while arguing for a judgment of acquittal after the POISON PEN ATTACK

Since the Stalinists, on the

other hand, supported the capital-

the government, they whimpered.

Parroted here are the police-

minded arguments of Francis

Biddle, predecessor to Attorney-

in 1941 that "arming workers . .

case from one involving ex-

claimed the charges against the

Trotskyists would be "supported

pression of opinion." Biddle and at least two killed.

PARROT BIDDLE

parade of FBI stoolpigeons finally came to an end last Thursday. They referred to the conviction in 1941 of 18 Trotskyists under evidence on which Biddle aptne same thought-control Smith plied the 1861 law would have

Act that is now being used been laughable, had its implica- Caucus. Turner did his worst to against 11 Stalinists on trial here tions not been so sinister.

The Dunne case is not parallel of fascist hoodlums, called the culated to smear the leadership with their own case, ran the Stalinist falsification, because the Minneapolis and hurled threats of its leading militants either to Trotskyists did more than ad- at the union movement. Socialist alleged membership in the Sovecate ideas; the Trotskyists were charged with conspiracy to office in the General Drivers ing Trotskyist meetings held at Even though the set-back is Union Local 544 helped organize 629 Main St." organize armed bands and secure firearms and explosives to over- a Union Defense Guard to protect throw the government by force

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Late last January, the antilabor Buffalo Evening News got its poison pen artist, Fred Turner, to go to work on the Solidarity discredit the caucus with a series Prior to the 1941 trial, a gang of Trotskyist-baiting articles cal-Silver Shirts, became active in of the caucus and link every one Workers Party members holding cialist Workers Party or "attend-

But the caucus remained solid. (Continued on Page 4)

renew the battle when the UN meets again Sept. 20. Well aware that the huge mass demonstrations rocking Tripolitania were ist scheme, they assured me that "things will not be quiet at home" in the coming months. The UN vote, of course, only means a postponement of the

issue. The Libyans' demand for unification and immediate independence of their country, was supported in the UN only by the Arab bloc. The Libyans themselves have no vote, and were limited to two presentations of their views. The first was a committee hearing which ignored their proofs of the natives' desire to be free. The second was a mimeographed statement issued to the Assembly through the Iraq delegation on the final day

of debate. IMPERIALISTS EXPOSED But no one could have listened, as I did, to these stormy sessions without recognizing the decision as a set-back for the imperialists. colonial peoples with new con-

fidence in their strength and

politania after 1951, and under British trusteeship until then; (2) Italian trusteeship over Somaliland: (3) cession of Eritrea to Ethiopia, except for a small area whose fate was not mentioned.

PART OF COLD WAR

Behind this plan was the determination of Washington and London to cement relations with the Italy and guarantee her adherence to the Marshall Plan, the cold delphia lawyer, he says that the war, and the "hot war" to come. U. S. delegate, Warren Austin, supported this scheme vigorously, even assailing a shame - faced amendment proposed by Liberia - that Somaliland's independence be "considered" after 15 years. limit-this right he grants with-Somalilanders, he said scornfully, could not possibly be ready for self-government in 15 years; the established standards." issue must not even be talked about for at least 25 years.

JOKER IN PROPOSAL Iraq's amendment to grant Libya independence, was quickly voted down. The impassioned speech of the Egyptian delegate, who warned of uprisings in the Middle East, persuaded the momentary, it will inspire the necessary two-thirds majority to just its "work standards" to then vote a small concession; in-

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WORKERS NEEDS IGNORED

The crying needs of the workers were scarcely heard. Resolutions on unemployment, wages, Taft-Hartley repeal and other to the Berlin strikers as "mob- problems of urgent importance for labor, were crowded into a calling the scabs and the brutal single day's agenda. The wages cops "loyal workers." In a word, and unemployment resolutions they borrowed here, too, from were worthless because neither the arsenal of all strikebreakers. presented concrete demands or any program of unified, militant action to implement such demands. The May 23 issue of

the CIO News, which reports the anti-"leftist" decisions in great in Berlin? - See Page 3 -

The Kremlin's Strikebreaking in Berlin up unrest in the armed forces. These charges, said the Stalinist liars, permeated the whole indictment and were involved in the conviction of the Trotskyists.

into the area.

two months the railway work- ing the wage increase. ers of West Berlin, affiliated

Federation (UGO) scheduled a between Moscow and Washingstrike. But unlike the previous ton. Wages were paid in Eastern times when the Stalinist railway currency whose value fluctuates administration arranged a shabby

sharply, averaging from three to compromise, the workers struck four Eastern marks for each at midnight May 20. There fol- Western mark. To most, this has lowed a bitter and bloody strugmeant a wage cut of two-thirds General Tom Clark, who declared gle for four days and nights, with to three-quarters in real wages. all holidays and days off - in power meeting of transport ofrailway stations in the city shift-Especially intolerable was the is clearly sufficient to remove the ing hands several times, with position of those who live in'West hundreds injured, scores wounded Berlin where the rival zone's currency is not legal tender. On the fifth day the Stalinists

retreated, realizing that their WIDE POPULAR SUPPORT

by the evidence," a promise he brutal attempts to break the From all indications, the completely failed to make good. strike served only to arouse strikers received from the outset In addition to the Smith Act, fiercer resistance. It is reported wide popular support. The work-Biddle invoked against the Trot- that the Stalinists have offered ers themselves stood solid, with skyists an old Civil War statute, to grant the central demand of some 15,000 out of Berlin's total enacted in 1861 and aimed at the the strikers that they be paid in railway force of 30,000 manning slave owners who were then in Allied - sponsored currency in- the picket lines.

armed rebellion against the Lin- stead of the Moscow-backed Allied Western officials - with coln government. The so-called Eastern marks provided the U.S. big brass in the van -

The Berlin railway workers propaganda purposes. Gen. How-"hands-off" policy, as did Gen. play themselves, they resorted to Hays, deputy U.S. military governor.

> The Stalinist authorities, for French troops against the striktheir part, did everything they ers. This "suggestion" was made could to break the strike. Their by Gen. Kvashnin, Soviet transrailway administration cancelled port chief in Berlin, at a fourorder to facilitate scab-herding. ficials on the day following the Their railway police immediately first clashes. announced that armed squads

THREATEN WORKERS would occupy - as they did -

They coupled all this with an all stations in West Berlin. official threat to fire all strikers They seized the first pretext from their jobs. In brief, they to order the police to fire at exposed themselves for the point-blank range. They wasted no time in running trains of sinister enemies that the Stalarmed reinforcements plus scabs inists are inside the labor movement not alone in Berlin but everywhere else. DEFAME STRIKERS

Roman Chwalek, chief of the In their propaganda they, of rival Stalinist-run rail union, course, tried to place the blame (affiliated to the "Free German

other labor officials of the same stripe, took to the radio and the "obstruct" the Paris conference of foreign ministers (which opena devious plea for the deployed on May 23), and so forth. ment of American, British and The lies they peddled were faithfully reprinted here in the

Daily Worker. The Stalinist liars in this country invariably referred sters" or mere criminals, while

SEE EDITORIAL Who are the Criminals

detail, does not report any action or statement by the Board on the crucial Ford strike, the very spearhead of the CIO's fourthround wage struggle.

For the third time in the last | Western powers share in financ- | went to the limit in attempting to | on the strikers, defaming them as | Trade Union Federation") and exploit the strike for their own puppets of American imperialism, as a handful of "malconto the Independent Trade Union had refused to be victimized any ley, U. S. commandant of Berlin, tents," "hoodlums," and the like. press, appealing to workers to be demonstratively affirmed a After engaging openly in gun ignore the strike call, not to

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"American Freedom and Catholic Power''--Truthful, Courageous Book

AMERICAN FREEDOM AND CATHOLIC POWER. By Paul Blan- | a church enters the arena of con- | defined through "the Pope alone" shard. 350 pp. Boston: Beacon Press. \$3.50.

By Art Preis

war provides the ideal climate for the flourishing of every reactionary, anti-democratic-institution. All democratic traditions, including the separation of church and state, are under ferocious assault. One of the most power-Such an attack, compounded of ful and aggressive spearheads of this assault is the Roman Catholic slanders, misrepresentation and

hierarchy malice, has already appeared in Behind its all-purpose slogan the Sunday book review suppleof "Down with Atheistic Com- ment of the May 15 N. Y. Times, this clerical "Power- chief newspaper of the Morgan munism!" house of Reaction" is encroach- banking interests through which ing in every sphere of American the Vatican conducts its financial life, educational, cultural, scien- dealings in this country. The tific, economic, social and poli- author of the review, John W. tical. Its inroads since the end of Chase, is obscure, but his article the war are appalling. Its menace sounds as though it were written to democratic freedoms and in- in the palatial offices of Cardinal stitutions in America is real and Spellman himself.

growing rapidly. PEOPLE VS. HIERARCHY No more courageous and effective voice has been raised against the Roman Catholic hierarchy's invasion of democratic freedoms n this country than Paul Blan- able aspect of the book - but shard's. His scholarly, accurate without citing a single line of the that the organization and ideology series of 12 articles last year in book. "It would be idle to list the The Nation, America's oldest author's 'facts'" claims Chase, liberal weekly, brought down on "without appearing to set down him and The Nation the vitu- the curious slanders beloved of Since the publication of Blanperative wrath of the Catholic the 'Know - Nothings' in the shard's book, there has appeared hierarchy. The Nation was banned Eighteen Fifties or of the Ku further conclusive testimony on from public school libraries of Klux Klan in the 1928 Presiden- this score - the issuance of the New York and Newark, two of tial campaign." America's largest cities, where Catholic political blocs dominate. anticipates this very charge and new "liberalized" version of the Only last week, the New York takes great pains, with eminent official Catholic Catechism of City Board of Education renewed success, to distinguish between Christian Doctrine. This catechthe ban. the Catholic people, particularly 104:

ARSENAL OF FACTS

ains and program, activities and workers. significance of the Roman Catho-This book is a veritable arsenal Prologue: The Duty to Speak," almost entirely from authoritative silence about religious differences Catholic sources - and is certain is a reasonable policy in matters launched against it by the comes to matters of political, Catholic hierarchy and its apolog- medical and educational prinists and protectors of the Big ciples, silence may be directly "authority, infallibility and in-Business press. Contrary to public welfare. When defectibility." This "infallibility,"

troversial social policy and at- extends to all matters of "faith tempts to control the judgment and doctrine," which includes any

of its own people (and of other matter on which the Pope desires The witch-hunt atmosphere of American imperialism's cold people) on foreign affairs, social to declare himself. The Pope does hygiene, public education and not always speak "infallibly," modern science, it must be reckon- but even when he doesn't, ed with as an organ of political "Catholics must accept such and cultural power. It is in that teachings, not on faith, but in sense that I shall discuss Catholic obedience to the authority of the power in this book." Pope and in respect for his wisdom," says the Baltimore HOW HIERARCHY WORKS Catechism.

Blanshard lives up to his thesis. This medieval concept of a He starts off with chapters on 'monarchical society" of "sub-'How the Hierarchy Works" and jects and superiors" requiring 'Church, State and Democracy," unquestioning "obedience" to a an illuminating and completely supreme "authority" is an abomdocumented description of the or- ination to the democratic traditions of the American people. ganization of the Catholic hierarchy, with all its authority traditions cherished no less by most of the Catholic populace ultimately centered in the Vatican than by the non-Catholic majority State, headed by its "infallible" Pope. He demonstrates how the in this country, as Blanshard hierarchy holds full authoritarian points out.

sway over the laity, who are DEVASTATING INDICTMENT

on the facts in Blanshard's book regarded merely as "subjects" of the Church. He proves to the hilt, His book then cites chapter from a host of Catholic sources, this totalitarian hierarchy in pubof the hierarchy is wholly alien lic education, in medicine and science, in marriage and divorce, in motion pictures and literature in short, in every sphere of Amercan life. Many of the cases he cites are well known; a number of them have been reported in The Militant and Fourth International; all of them add up to a devastating indictment of the activities and aims of the hierarchy with respect to democratic rights bigotry and intolerance against ism states explicitly on Page and institutions in America.

The chapter on "Fascism, Communism and Labor" is of particucist powers before and during the The Church is also a monarchical war, Blanshard hurls a demolishtinued Vatican support for fascist states" praised by Pius XI and Pius XII, is cited by Blanshard as further evidence of the kind of regime favored by the Catholic hierarchy, so long as its special interests are protected by the government.

He shows, with example after example, how the Catholic hierarchy in America, while spreading the myth of its "liberalization" and new-found love for "democracy," is basically hostile to so- | to the charges under the Smith cial change and improvement. Act. The most recent evidence of this, since Blanshard wrote, is the public opposition of leading Catholic



Chinese Nationalist forces, fleeing from Shanghai, left political prisoners dead in the streets. Above, five victims with placards naming their alleged crimes, are publicly executed. (Federated Pix)



Those were the days when the (Continued from page 1) whole country was outraged by he union hall against the Silver he high-handed policies of the

martinets who were riding herd over the draftees. Most notorious Biddle's special prosecutor of the Prussian-like army officers was General "Yoo-hoo" Lear. branded this act of self-defense carried out by a few dozen union who earned the nation's scorn members "a conspiracy to overwhen he ordered a unit of his throw the government by force troops on a man-killing forced march to discipline them. The No less fantastic was the govvictimized soldiers had shouted. rnment's attempt to prove that 'Yoo-hoo," at a group of pretty this "armed band" had secured girls dressed in shorts with whom firearms and explosives to pit the general was playing golf. Those were also the days when its mighty dozens against the feeble army, navy and air force the conscript army was flooding on which the government had to Congress with protests against rely because the atom bomb had plans to extend their one-year a my term.

not yet been invented. A gentleman of leisure, who had hung With events such as these rearound the union hall mooching ported daily in the newspapers dimes for beer, testified that the and commented on editorially, the firearms and explosives in quesgovernment had the gall to tion were said to be concealed accuse the Trotskvists of "foin the basement walls of a Minmenting insubordination in the armed forces." A prosecution wit-The jury rejected all this ness claimed to have heard one nonsense about armed bands, fireof the defendants say, "We must arms and explosives. It found all

send somebody out to Fort Snell- thening of police patrols through ing to stir up a protest about the food." The jury ignored this fantasy. party headquarters itself.

These facts demonstrate that Certainly the worsened eco the Trotskyists were convicted only of advocating the teachings vakia, as well as the other Soviet of Marx, Engels, Lenin and buffer countries, provide a suf- against its acceptance of the Trotsky, which the prosecutor ficient basis for strained rela- Atlantic Pact (see previous refalsely claimed constituted a tions among the ruling circles. port in this column, May 9) took

World Events **By Paul G. Stevens**

Simmering Revolt in Yugoslavs. In the end he found

Soviet Buffer Zone Nearly a year has passed to maintain allegiance to Stalin since the Yugoslav r e v o l t against Kremlin domination be- doubtedly his fate and that of came public. The predictions of others like him have stirred a rapid liquidation of the Tito up considerable new discontent 'heresy" - issued by most of among the Stalinist leaders in the imperialist experts, such as Particularly in Czechoslovakia, Charles Bohlen of the U.S. State Department, as well as the Stalinist apologists - have

not been fulfilled. On the contrary, there are abundant indications of the deep and widespread nature of this revolt throughout Eastern Europe.

Among these are the open humiation and reduction in rank of former Premier Gomulka in Poland for "nationalist deviations," the secret GPU liquidation of General Markos in Greece last winter and the recent open

emoval and disgrace of former Vice-Premier Kostov of Bulgaria. Killed by Imperialists Now it appears to be the turn well-informed C. L. Sulzberger. Communist Party, scheduled for May 25, has been preceded by a

Sulzberger describes the fac-Stalinists around Bedrich Gemind-Slansky, party secretary; second, the faction headed by President Klement Gottwald and Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis, regarded as "national Communists"? third, the faction headed by Premier Antonin Zapatocky, primarily concerned with raising vorkers' living standards." The Biais.

ottwald faction is reportedly inxious to resume the role of and West, "which was the policy course, this report is based mainly Jules Moch and sent to a concenon unconfirmed rumors

The only outward sign of something brewing in Czechoslovakia is contained in another Times dispatch, from Prague, which reports that as the CP congress draws near there has been a

visible and pronounced streng out the city, with a reinforced armed guard stationed at the

nomic conditions in Czechoslo-"conspiracy to advocate the over- Particularly difficult is the pro-place at the convention of its

it impossible to reach a compromise that would permit him and, at the same time, retain a measure of popular trust. Unthe various satellite countries. with its traditionally strong trade union movement. It took two decades for Stalin

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to fasten his stranglehold so tightly on the USSR itself. In view of its pressing needs, the Kremlin expects the Stalinist bureaucracies in the states of Eastern Europe to do the same joh in much less time. This Stalinist pressure for stepped-up tempo is bound to open up ever greater cracks in its boasted "monolithic" structure.

Viet Nam Trotskyist

La Verite, newspaper of the Czechoslovakia. According to French Trotskyists, reports the Paris dispatch last week to the slaying of Chu-Van-Binh, one of V. Y. Times from the usually the leaders of the Viet Nam Trotskyist organization, by French the next convention of the Czech troops in Northern Indo-China. Chu-Van-Binh was a founder of the broad Viet Namese movebitter three-way faction strug-ment in France - known as Tranh-Dau ("Struggle") - in the course of the "liberation" in

tions as follows: First, the 100% 1944. He was one of the first to ioin the Vo-San ("The Proleer (GPU agent) and Rudolf tarians") movement which soon thereafter became the official Trotskyist organization of the Viet Namese and adhered to the Fourth International, He had been repeatedly elected an official representative of the Viet Nam workers in their labor camps in Paris, Marseilles, Bergerac and

Last year, during one of the campaigns against the war in 'honest broker" between East Indo-China, he along with others, was seized by the police of "soof the late President Benes," Of cialist" Minister of the Interior tration camp at Hai-Phong. With two other comrades, Chu-Van-Binh recently escaped from this camp in order to join the Viet Nam Resistance Army. While the others succeeded in reaching their destination, Chu was killed in an ambush by a French patrol.

Reformists in Canada Rebuffed on Pact

The sharpest rebuff vet received by the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation of Canada from a rank and file seething

that would expose their own unionism and the instigator of because of their political beliefs," national health insurance plan. charge that the Trotskyists "con-

Slanders SWP Unionists (Continued from page 1) [Tobin, the enemy of progressive States men are being tried solely agencies to the Administration's under the Smith Act was the

Stalinist "Auto" Sheet

with full power, that is, with of impregnable facts - quoted as follows: "The policy of mutual jurisdiction over the entire Spain and Portugal, those "model to withstand the furious assault of personal faith; but when it MEDIEVAL CONCEPT

"The Gospels show that Christ the poor immigrant workers, and Blanshard has re-written and factual discussion of the role of founded the Church in the form lar interest to the American laexpanded the material in his the Catholic hierarchy in attempt of a visible, hierarchical society, bor movement. Against the pres-Nation articles into a book, ing to foist its censorship, bigotry, that is, one made up of subjects ent campaign of the American American Freedom and Catholic clerical authoritarianism and and superiors who rightfully rule Catholic hierarchy and the Big Power, a factual, fully-document- superstition upon all the Ameri- subjects. The Roman Pontiff and Business press to whitewash the ed study of the organization, can people, including the Catholic the bishops under him are the Vatican's dealings with the fasruling hierarchy of the Church:

tices.

Blanshard states his thesis in lic hierarchy in this country. his opening chapter, "Personal society in which the Pope rules ing barrage of facts. The con-

Chase delivers a blanket attack

-that is, on the most invulner-

Church." (Emphasis added). The chief attributes of the Catholic Church are described as

to democratic concepts and pracrevised edition of the Baltimore Blanshard himself, in his book, Catechism, widely heralded as a

falsehoods.

Democratic union procedure was the main issue in the struggle between the Trotskvist leaders of Local 544 and AFL Teamsters International President Tobin out of which the government prosecution arose. When Tobin tried to impose a dictatorreceiver over this progressive local, which had helped make alliance of Tobin and his goons, time this law was applied. The the Department of Justice and Trotskyists pointed out at that the FBI, and the Republican time that their conviction under movement by railroading its set a dangerous precedent which possibly agree." leaders to prison and denying could be directed against others. Today this same Smith Act the CIO union free collectivebargaining elections.

and its application in the Min-At that time the Stalinists who | neavolis Case is the basis of the dominated the Minnesota CIO indictment against the 11 Comkniled the Minneapolis teamsters, munist Party leaders now on trial sabotaged their fight to preserve in New York City! When the militant unionism, and aided the Spotlight says that "For the first prosecutors. Now they quote time in the history of the United



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the frameup, as their authority it is trying to wipe out the Minneapolis Case and whitewash the on democratic procedure! shameful role of the CP in it. CIO'S OPINION While the Stalinists were

The National CIO had a difsabotaging aid to the 18, labor ferent opinion on the matter from organizations representing over the Stalinists. For example, the five million members came to UAW convention held in Buffalo their defense. Warning that the in August 1941 pledged full sup-Minneapolis Case "involves a port to Local 544 in its fight. serious threat to labor generally,

The SWP and CIO teamster R. J. Thomas, then UAW-CIO Minneapolis a union city, the leaders were indicted and jailed President, said: "I am of the membership voted overwhelmingly under the Smith "Gag" Act. The opinion that these people should to join the CIO. It took an Minneapolis Case was the first be supported for two reasons: first, the National CIO takes that position, and second, they were undoubtedly sent to prison under State administration to crush this this thought-control statute would a law with which we cannot

eaders.

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Thus, in the Minneapolis Case the Communist Party disrupted working class solidarity, openly aligned itself with the destroyers of union democracy and with the government prosecutors. Out of factional hatred toward the Trot-

skyists they sharpened a knife -

declining, in membership and in The Socialist Workers Party its hold over its laity. Yet the tion of the workers. The Ford defended union democracy against the AFL bureaucrat Tobin, adhered to its socialist and anti-war

principles despite persecution, and thereby earned the sympathy and support of large sections of the labor movement. And today, desnite their irreconcilable political opposition, the SWP defends the Stalinist victims of the Smith

From this record the auto workers can easily judge who are the real "enemies of the working class" and "the unprincipled clique of union disrupters" - and who are the defenders of pression, the undermining of the

San Francisco-Oakland Fourth Lecture reaction. STAGES IN DEVELOPMENT

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toric.

spired to foment insubordination As for the hierarchy's claimed in the armed forces." At that concern for labor, the newspapers blazoned in headlines a few weeks | time the United States was not ago Cardinal Spellman's strikebreaking against Catholic cemetery workers in New York.

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eapolis church.

MORE FANTASY

THE "CONSPIRACY"

ONE WEAKNESS

Blanshard writes as a liberal supporter of American imperialism's foreign policy. He deplores the fact, however, that the general campaign against "communism," which he approves, has provided the opportunity for the present aggressive drive of the Of Reuther Angers provided the opportunity for the Catholic hierarchy in this country. He can but express "misgiv ings" about the motives of the Church in its opposition to "communism," because the hierarchy's

real aims are anti-democratic, whereas those of American imperialism and its liberal apologists, presumably, are "democratic."

Here is the chief weakness in an otherwise powerful work. the Smith Act - which is now Blanshard shows that the Church being used against their own is barely holding its own, even

> wealth, power and influence of the strike was resisted by the Inhierarchy is growing, its influence on public life mounting each day. What is the reason? The American capitalist class them to authorize it.

and its government, predominantly Protestant, are protecting and favoring the Catholic hierarchy, which is lending such powerful aid to the preparations of a "Holy War" against the Soviet Union

and for the defense of capitalism against the movement of socialism. It is American imperialism and its militaristic program that are responsible for the witchhunt attacks on civil liberties, the growing censorship and sup-

public school system, etc. . . The activities of the Catholic hierarchy are merely a part of the general campaign of capitalist

stated, may well prove to be his-

This is a subject, however, that equires more treatment than this article permits. What is most important about Blanshard's book - what makes it a most significant contribution to the defense of democratic rights - is its mountain of indisputable facts about the hierarchy. In this, Blanshard deserves unreserved commendation. His book, as the

yet officially at war with the Axis powers, but a large conscript army had already been drafted **Ford Militants**

the defendants not guilty of that

count in the indictment, and

Included in the allegations

thereby narrowed the case down

Arbitration Offer

groups of defendants are victims (Continued from Page 1) of a police attack on freedom of percent" formula. In addition, up thought and expression. to now, in each case involving Recognizing the threat to their the speedup in the Ford factories own democratic rights implicit submitted to arbitration by the in the thought-control conviction union, the umpire has decided in favor of the company. What the top UAW brass is

of the Trotskyists, unions representing over five million members and scores of liberal organizanow trying to sell to the Ford tions supported the demand of management are the same inthe Trotskyists for a presidential tolerable practises they have pardon. sanctioned in the General Motors,

Stalinists are now on trial, Al-

though the political programs of

the Trotskyists and Stalinists

are poles apart, the two trials are

identical in the sense that both

Chrysler and Hudson corpora-BITTER HARVEST tions against widespread opposi-

Not so the Stalinists. They heered the government's attack on the Trotskyists and sabotaged ternational leadership until the the pardon campaign. They added last moment when a tidal wave infamy to treachery by demand- brating the anniversary of the of rank and file revolt forced The stubborn determination of Trotskyists today support the the workers to end the speedup has now forced the International ciple of defending democratic Trial." to broaden the issues of the rights. strike to include all contractual

The Supreme Court refused to questions. 15,000 strikers have unanimously rejected the company proposal that all Ford the petition for a presidential leaflet, we sold 22 Militants." workers, with the exception of those in the "B" building and. pardon; and the 18 defendants were compelled to serve terms in the Lincoln plant where the strugthe federal penitentiary. Meangle originated, return to work while, the unprincipled Stalinists | wise organized a successful dis-

pending settlement of the speedcontinued to aid the witch hunt- tribution at a Henry Wallace WANT FULL NEGOTIATIONS as "agents of Hitler" because the Agent Bert Deck. "This is what At the same time they voted Socialist Workers Party opposed the imperialist war. to open all contract negotiations

realizing fully that they would There came a day, however, the 1948 Manifesto of the Fourth

be in a poor position if they when the Stalinists reaped the International Against Wall Street Paul D. of Pennsylvania, sendreturn to work now and are then bitter harvest from the dragon's and the Kremlin, 15 copies of ing in subscriptions for two of forced to go on strike again on teeth they had sown. Prosecutor Only Victorious Socialist Revolu- his friends, writes: "I think that July 15 when the present agree- McGohey, who appears to have tions Can Prevent the Third short term subscriptions will help made a careful study of the World War!, 3 copies of the many to subscribe for themselves

The hostility of the strikers to frameup techniques used to con-pamphlet containing excerpts of after reading The Militant," We Reuther's arbitration scheme viet the Trotskyists, argued last Leon Trotsky's writings against agree 100 percent with Comrade arises from a well-grounded fear Friday that the Dunne case has fascism, and one copy of Fourth Paul D. Many backers of The that the union tops are trying to not been reversed by the Supreme International, theoretical maga- Militant today first became acpush the speedup question into Court and it therefore carries zine of American Trotskyism." quainted with America's leading the background or to make it a full weight as a legal precedent Comrade Deck reports that socialist weekly through a friend point of trading during negotia- for the present trial of the Myra, Ruth, Jeanne, Marj, Al, thoughtful enough to subscribe Stalinists.

throw of the government by force blem of suppressing unrest and organization in British Columbia. and violence." Fully convinced dissatisfaction over the exploita- This strongest of the CCF secthat no overt acts were involved, tion of these countries by the tions voted 54 to 46 recently Kremlin "protectors." It is a against support of the pact, the jury accompanied its guilty verdict with a recommendation known fact, for intance, that despite a barrage of national Kostov in Bulgaria - like Tito, speakers and bureaucratic maniof leniency. a "Resistance" hero - tried to pulation which allowed the lead-It is therefore plain to see that

paper.'

skate around this problem, being ers to retain organizational conthe Trotskyists were convicted one of the first to denounce the trol. under the Smith Act on charges similar to those under which the

THE MILITANT ARMY

"Last Thursday we distributed and Elaine participated in this 500 Militants at the Ford 600 distribution. "Although we conmeeting at the Fair Grounds." sider the activity a success, we

reports Howard Ma- are conscious of having made son, Literature some organizational mistakes. . . Agent for Detroit. Will improve our technique next 'The reception was time."

very fine. So much The Stalinists who covered the so, in fact, that the meeting were shouting "Read the Stalinists, who were only paper that supports Henry peddling their sheet, Wallace," writes Comrade Deck. held a little caucus The slogan used by the Trotand then began to skyists was: "Stop the imperialgive away their ist war-drive against the Soviet Union.'

In addition to this,

Comrade Mason writes that a F. S., a Jehovah's Witness who distribution was made at a small met the leaders of the Socialist meeting of about 70 people cele- Workers Party imprisoned in ing that the government suppress local Stalinist paper, the Michi- for their opposition to imperial-The Militant. Nevertheless, the gan Worker. "We sold six copies ist war and advocacy of socialof The Militant and five copies ism, writes from Minneapolis: "I Stalinist defendants on the prin- of the pamphlet Socialism on am impelled to address you as friends, for I certainly appreciate

On the previous Sunday, the your stand for truth and honesty. Detroit comrades took their I admire Farrell Dobb's courhear the appeal of the convicted literature to a Henry Wallace ageous and outspoken speech Trotskyists; Roosevelt ignored meeting. "Besides distributing a given before the Foreign Relations Committee at Washington. It was a serious speech, and a The Los Angeles Local of the speech that people who desire a

Socialist Workers Party likerighteous government rightly appreciate. I must say that you ers by slandering the Trotskyists meeting, according to Literature tant paper too. And again I wish nave a lot of truth in your Milito thank you for those splendid was sold: 26 Militants, 7 copies of articles on Jehovah's Witnesses.' Socialism on Trial, 10 copies of

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Troy, Lloyd, Paul, Matt, Fred for them.

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LENIN .



are devouring the democracies. Monopolies themselves were a result of private ownership of the means of production. Private ownership, having once been the source of progress, came into contradiction with modern technique and is now the cause of crisis, wars, national persecutions and reactionary dictatorship. The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a "gradual" process but a biological' revolution. - Leon Trotsky, Interview in St. Louis Post-Dispatch,

Capitalist monopolies, having corroded the middle classes,

TROTSKY

March 1940.

Who Are The Criminals in Berlin?

The plight of the Berlin railway strikers epitomizes the trap in which German workers generally and those in Western Europe as a whole find themselves today.

In Berlin, as in Paris or Rome, the workers are caught in the middle between the two rival camps - Washington and Moscow. Each side tries to use the workers for its own aims in the game of power politics in which they have been contending since the termination of hostilities.

Each employs essentially the same methods, using a different set of lies and tricks to cover up their hostility to and contempt for the mass of the people. Frequently, they find their roles reversed, because this, too, happens to serve their respective interests.

Last September in France the Stalinists supported the hungry coal miners. This served the Kremlin's foreign policy at the time. The French capitalists, backed by the American imperialists defamed and shot down the coal strikers. The Stalinists shrieked in cynical indignation.

'A few days ago, the Stalinists in Berlin, again for the Kremlin's own sordid reasons. shot down in cold blood hungry railway workers. This time, the no-less bestial imperialists, with the most vocal protestor in a general's uniform, are pointing "with alarm" and viewing "with indignation" the Berlin outrages.

These butchers, like the Stalinists, are banking on people's short memories. They hope that American workers have forgotten how another American general, MacArthur, broke strikes in Japan not so very long ago. To come closer home, it was not so long

ago, either, that the U.S. Big Brass was riding herd on hungry demonstrators, slash-

A New Leadership Needed

Under attack in the current fight within speedup scabbed on strikers and victimized

ing rations and breaking strikes in West Berlin and surrounding areas. Do many of us, right here, need to be reminded that our own recent experience with the anti-labor militarists strikes even closer?

Yet these are the creatures who are now so shamelessly pretending that the lesson of the Berlin experience is this, that "communism" means union-busting and strikebreaking and all the other abominations of Stalinism.

The real lesson of Berlin is entirely different. It shows once again how sinister an enemy of the working class Stalinism really is. The retreat of the Stalinist authorities in Berlin is the most eloquent refutation of their slanders and crimes against the strikers. :It is, at the same time, the best proof of the real scope of the strike movement itself.

By their deeds Stalin and all his Vishinskies have shown themselves to be far more closely related to the Pinkertons and Bergoffs than to such noble fighters for human liberation as Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, V. I. Lenin and Leon Trotsky. Everything that Stalinism does and represents is alien and abhorrent to the letter and spirit of genuine communism.

The real lesson of Berlin is that the legions of Washington and of Moscow alike are in Germany to oppress and not to promote the interests of the people there.

Until the occupation troops of both these ruthless destroyers are withdrawn, crimes, such as those witnessed in Berlin, will be repeated time and again - with both sides equally to blame.

Let them all get out and stay out of Ger many. For the American workers this just demand means, first and foremost, that American troops must be withdrawn.

Political Lesson from France

(The article below, reprinted from the French Trotskyist paper | such were the means they hit La Verite, describes the political degeneration of the centrist RDR upon for revitalizing the labor group. Deserting the revolutionary movement to find a "third force" movement! And in the RDR this that they expected to be "independent" of both Stalinism and capitalsm, they have wound up in the camp of American imperialism.)

By Pierre Frank

The RDR (Rassemblement Democratique Revolutionnaire) [balls where the RDR staged its organized a little over a year ago in France, claimed at the time that it would serve as the spokesman for millions of free men who refused to be swallowed up in either one of today's two great bower blocs. It has now blossomed forth as the organizer of a

'peace" conference in Paris servng the interests of Wall Street. moment. In 1945 Stalinism was riding the crest, whereas today Many among its few hundred the strongest wind is blowing followers are asking how this from Wall Street's side. could have happened.

Rousset views the m a s s Several factors are involved. ome place all the blame on the activities of David Rousset. To be sure, his role was by no means an insignificant one. A psychological study of Rousset's evolution would disclose that this American democracy enables young and ambitious Socialist first turned up in the Trotskyist the interests of the working ranks in 1933. Then upon his return from a concentration camp. class. a certain amount of popularity came his way because of a few books he had written, books in teresting enough not to be under estimated although it would be false to exaggerate their value. Finally, having exhausted his creative literary splurge, he flung nimself head-long into unprincipled and maneuverist politics.

ROUSSET'S ZIGZAGS

In 1945 Rousset returned to pay brief visit to the PCI (French Trotskyist party). Here he presented a thesis whose main theme was: "The Soviet bureaucracy finds itself impelled in its actions today . . . to initiate and to realize in life the Socialist revolution in other countries. . In the new stage which we have new entered [the Soviet economic forces] represent the only real, effective guaranty of socialist revolution throughout the world.' In other words, socialism was to be realized under Stalin's

leadership. And this in spite of Stalin's

police regime and of his concentration camps of which Mr. Wall Street Rousset was' then not unaware. The change in David Rousset's looked upon us as "sectarians," convictions did not spring from

who rehash old Bolshevik forany sort of analysis for he hapmulas in a small newspaper. pens to be one of those petty bourgeois who simply yield to the modern methods for the "con- blows to the Revolutionary Party; pressure of that force which hap- quest" of the masses, utilizing a it will soon terminate to the adpens to be the strongest at the large paper like Franc-Tireur - vantage of that same party.

policy and these methods were employed without any restraints whatever. We saw the results at the Sorbonne and the Vel' d' Hiv' counter-rally to the Stalinist 'Peace" Congress.] In place of the "rehash of old

Bolshevik ideas" they have presented us with such new ideas as the "critical philosophy" of Kant, the Trilogy of Republicanism, all the old ideological baggage of the 1848 French revolution, the rituals of Free Masonry along with those of the MRP (a capitalthrough the spectacles of the ist-clerical party). And instead bureaucratic apparatus at the of expressing their convictions, head of their organizations. the rank and file members of the Yesterday it was Thorez and Co. RDR have been used as flunkeys Today, according to his friends in in a conference that did violence the newspaper Franc - Tireur, to these convictions. Only the 'sectarians" were able to utilize Uubinsky and Reuther to defend the occasion to present their position in opposition to the champions of Ku Klux Klan demo Rousset is as well-informed in cracy.

these matters as is the next per The past struggle in the PCI son. He knows very well that was a struggle against a petty Supreme Court Justice Douglas bourgeois tendency which suclectured the CIO Convention last cumbed to alien pressure. But December on the urgent need for this was a struggle within the American imperialism to utilize revolutionary party - that is Green, Murray, Reuther, Dubinwithin the camp of the working sky, et al., to force the European class. The split with our party workers to swallow what the oldand the Fourth International has school diplomats of the State Deshifted the ground on which this partment could never ram down tendency is evolving.

No longer faced with our "sec tarianism,' in these days of acute tension they have swiftly found We lack the space here to exthemselves rubbing elbows with amine the evolution of all those agents of imperialism. There is who joined the RDR. Notably, the no "third force," there is no incourse of such intellectuals as dependent petty bourgeois force Sartre or Merlau-Ponty. Opposed standing between the working

class and capitalism. The "gathering of free spirits" brought about at great expense for Washington's benefit, was converted through the intervention of Hook, Farrell, Kadt and But let us take a glance at the Compton, the defender of the evolution of those who quit the atomic bomb, into the most PCI and who are revolted at the valuable service that could have been rendered to the Stalinists. shamelessly grovelling before This same "free gathering" received its set-back from the "sec-For more than two years, they tarians" whom the monstrous machinations of Moscow have never been able to destroy. The experience of the "free Finding new formulas, devising men" began by delivering some

Five Strikers Died Here

Page Three



Three hundred armed cops assaulted the picket lines of French Canadian workers, on strike against the Johns Manville Company in Asbestos, Que., since Feb. 13. The toll: five dead, sixteen union officials under arrest. (Federated Pictures).

LIBYAN UPRISINGS FORCE J. N. DELAY ON COLONIES

(Continued from Page 1) dependence for Libya, after 10 short of the two-thirds majority years of continued imperialist the imperialists needed. It was ule.

ARAB DEMONSTRATION

The imperialists sighed with relief when the Assembly voted Cyrenaica into British trustee- rule, the imperialist document ship, and Fezzan into French trusteeship. But they soon dis covered that their opponents had

not been bought off. Italian trusteeship over Tripolebated, British troops were trythousands of Arabs demonstratdown British and American flags, raiding foreign shops, and voic-

accept new Italian rule.

favor of Moscow's own resolu-

tion. The Stalinists demanded a

5-year United Nations trustee-

colonies. This, as the Libyans

pointed out, could only be a' con-

tinuation of imperialist domina-

The air was tense as the roll-

tion under a UN disguise.

ial world.

against, 8 abstentions - one vote the narrowest possible margin of victory, and on a single paragraph. But it blew up the complete structure of the resolution. Without agreement on Italian was worthless

ASSEMBLY IN UPROAR

The Assembly was in an uproar. Arab delegates jubilantly itania came next. As the UN rushed from table to table, shaking hands with everyone who ng vainly to put down tens of befriended them. The British and American delegates sat glum. ing in Tripoli's streets, tearing Latin - American delegates who had fronted for the plan throughout the debate, clamored for the ing their determination to lay floor to announce that now they down their lives rather than would vote against the resolu-

tion as a whole, thereby admit-D. Shukry, the Libyan ing that restoration of man, told me that this was the rule in Africa is pivotal to the scheme.

By Paul Schapiro

their throats.

alley.

A NEW POLICY

to capitalist society, they run up

against Stalinist methods and in

the absence of a powerful revolu-

tionary movement to give them

leadership, they land in a blind

sight of some of their leaders

Negro problem to lie in Negroes Hollywood has just discovered that Negroes are human society rather than in working

"HOME OF THE BRAVE" -- HOLLYWOOD'S **NEW APPROACH TO THE NEGROES**

the CIO Executive Board are the autonomous rights of CIO affiliates and the right to freedom of thought, freedom of expression and freedom of political action in the ClO ranks.

The Murray majority has gone all-out in N the service of the State Department, violating the most elementary principles of democracy in their eagerness to support the cold war against the Stalinists. In return for their slavish support of the imperial rulers of America, who aim to conquer the world, the Murravites hope to receive economic and political concessions sufficient to maintain their domination over the membership of the CIO.

Confronted with this attack, the Stalinist hacks in the CIO seek to represent themselves as fighters for autonomy and democracy, and in general they are talking pretty radical. No one should be deceived by this fake militancy on the part of the Stalinists; least of all the CIO workers who'remember too well how the Stalinists supported the militant workers' during the war.

Just as the Murray majority serves the State Department, the Stalinists are slaves of the Kremlin, never hesitating to betray the workers at Stalin's command. Wherever the Stalinists are in control of unions, they rule with an iron hand, trying to smother opposition with slander and frameups. They are no more democratic than the Murrayites.

The workers need leaders who will serve neither the State Department nor the Kremlin, but only the interests of the workers. They need leaders who sincerely share and will faithfully support the desires of the working people to live at peace with the world, to enjoy genuine democracy and to have absolute economic security.

These leaders must rise from the union ranks, just as they did during the stormy battles through which the CIO' was born. Gathered together in a powerful left wing, they will fight for the social, economic and political interests of the workers and for no other interests.

The Spy System in America

The hall-mark of every totalitarian regime is the secret political police and the paid informer. This is the mechanism for ferretting out even the mildest critics and gagging them before they can voice their complaints. The models for the internal spy system were perfected by Hitler and Stalin.

Mindful of the uses to which the internal spy system has always been employed, millions of people in this country must have felt a cold shiver when they read or heard about the parade of paid FBI informers testifying in the trial of the eleven Communist Party leaders.

This was the first public revelation that there is in operation in America today a secret political police functioning with the aid of an army of paid stoolpigeons. These informers are also planted in the unions, as several admitted on the witness stand at the Stalinist trial.

No unionist can regard this disclosure with indifference. It is a truly ominous sign of how far Washington has moved to a Gestapo or GPU system in America.

What unionist can feel secure knowing the person working next to him, the very top

officer of his union, may be an undercover agent for the FBI? Who can tell what words of his, uttered in momentary anger or jest and long forgotten, perhaps, will be taken down by some eager-beaver informer anxious to make a good report to his FBI paymasters? Who can doubt that the internal affairs of the unions, as recorded by FBI stoolpigeons, do not also find their way to management's desk?

We know that in the Truman administration's "loyalty" purge of government employes, hundreds have been fired on the 'evidence" of undisclosed squealers, whom their victims were not even permitted to confront and cross-examine. An envious or busy-body neighbor, a landlord "getting even" with a tenant who refuses to pay higher rent, a personal enemy, a shady character *seeking to get in good with the law — it is on the "evidence" of these types that the government purge operates.

The internal spy system spreads fear and division. It turns neighbor against neighbor, worker against worker. The labor movement can tolerate the extension of an internal spy system in this country only at its great peril.

beings. Home of the Brave, Walter White announces triumphto change it. "Is Jim Crow antly, is "the first of at least eight Hollywood films which break getting you down?" it says in point on which they centered with the traditional treatment of the Negro as menial or buffoon." It was, as a matter of fact, made secretly and at great Life is tough, and every one has speed in order that it might be released before these productions

by rival companies.

The producers have evidently decided that, although these films may be banned by reactionary ashamed. state governments in the South, the market of Negroes, their friends and sympathizers in the North more than offsets this. The making of these films also reflects the concern of American imperialism over its self-created Negro problem: it is a cancer which drains imperialism's strength as it prepares for war but, being too deep to be cut out by surgical action, it can only dab at it with the salve of words.

NOT USUAL HOLLYWOOD

Home of the Brave tells the story of a Negro soldier in World War II who has volunteered for a dangerous mission on a Pacific jungle island, the accumulated tensions within him which grow as he is baited by a Negro-hating member of the group, and his crack-up and psychiatric treatment. The forthrightness of its depiction of chauvinism, in its subtly veiled as well as in its ugly, crude form, is indeed in sharp contrast with the usual Hollywood make-believe portrava of American life.

Without intending to be so, this depiction of chauvinism is a of the Brave, with its disregard criticism of Hollywood itself. of social traits, conveys a false 'One thing you've got to say for impression. The corporal, who the colored people," says the cannot adjust himself to the Negro-baiter; a former corporation executive, in the patronizing chauvinist; the major, who is cone of one who assumes that a somewhat uncertain of himself, race of people has been created solely to wait upon him. "They're corn cooks and entertainers." In how many movies is this attitude devoid of chauvinism. Chauvinimplicit!

'MESSAGE" OBSCURES

his place in society. As a matter If Home of the Brave is honest its presentation of chauvinism. of fact, however, it is well nowever, its "message" obscures known that anti-Negro feeling is especially rampant among the an understanding of the problem and its solution. Those who taunt high brass, coming, as most of them do, from the traditionally you, the psychiatrist tells the Negro soldier, do so because they militaristic upper classes of the hemselves feel inwardly in- South.

Avoiding any hint of the social secure. Understand that you are not the only one who has emo- causes for racism, Home of the tional problems, and you will not Brave finds the solution for the

effect. "Just bear up against it, their fight and their last hopes of UN actions. He told me how his troubles." This kind of advice they had urged delegates of small cannot help a people and can | nations to support them or at help individuals only to a limited least abstain on this one parafeel different and guilty. You extent. "You have a right to be graph of the resolution. Liberia, have a right to feel angry, but angry," the Negro is assured -Haiti, Guatemala, were all comyou have no reason to be but anger which does not lead to purposeful action can only end in This explanation of chauvinism bitter frustration. n terms of individual psychology

s over-simplified and superficial. SYNTHETIC PRODUCT

t does not differentiate between Aside from its "message," the contempt of the ruling class for oppressed nationalities, the Home of the Brave as a movie is an expertly made synthetic sadistic bullying of lumpenproletariat hoodlums and the pre- product. It pulls open all the Soviet group had spoken only in udices of backward workers stops ("Ladies, bring your which are lost in the course of hankies!" said the advertisecommon struggles. Moreover, alments), so that the spectator though it contains some truth, it draws back warily, conscious ship over all these disputed raises more questions than it that his emotions are being artificially manipulated. It's all answers.

The furious racism of the petty there - the gruff, affectionate name-calling through which the bourgeoisie, which formed the mass base of the Nazi party, may lifelong friendship of two men is be said to have expressed its expressed; the enforced listening call vote was taken: 33 for, 17 has written.' feeling of insecurity, but what to the agonized cries of one's were the causes which produced buddy when he is powerless this feeling of insecurity and help him; the dying soldier craw why did its expression take this ing from out of the jungle form? Such questions can only be expire in the arms of his Neg answered in detail by a social friend, who rocks him as psychology that studies how the would a child while the bac mode of life of a class prescribed ground music is turned on to for it by its place in the economic spiritual. system determines its social

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film gives the impression of man shouting at the top of h lungs without real passion th unaccustomed shock of a ther laden with such high - volta electricity is enough to hold yo attention.

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It was 2:35 a. m. when the session closed. Returning to New York with the weary but happy Libyan delegation, I asked Dr. Shukry how soon he was going back to Libya

"The British will never allow mitted to general support of ne there," he laughed. "I will Wall Street. But their delegates only go to Cairo. But we will be broke, convinced that restoration in touch with all our leaders. of Italian rule was the final, in-And this is only the beginning." supportable insult to the colon-His biggest disappointment at Lake Success was evidently the They had the support of Soviet violent opposition of the United bloc votes also, although the States. "The American people

should know better what is being done with their Marshall Plan, he said. "They should see how itis used to get votes against our freedom. We have seen it work here in the delegations."

He smiled. "But you will please thank your paper for us. We are grateful for what The Militant.

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Socialized Medicine III -----AMA on the Defensive

- By Grace Carlson -

That some drastic steps should be taken to right the wrongs of the great toll which preventable illnesses take in this richest country in the world now seems to be apparent to all - even to the hide-bound conservative heads of the American Medical Association! However/ their present totally-inadequate program does not represent their response to the medical needs of the American people, but rather their desperate attempts to maintain their tight jurisdictional control over any and all public health programs.

Doctors fondly imagine themselves to be independent thinkers. At times, they indulge themselves in amused speculations as to why Amer-¹ican trade unionists are so fiercely partisan in struggles between the AFL and the CIO. But there has never been developed in this country a more closely-knit, bureaucratically-controlled organization than the American Medical Association, which controls the lives and thinking of the vast majority of American doctors.

Of the 200,000 licensed physicians in this country, 165,000 are practicing and, of these, 140,000 belong to the AMA. A critic of the policies of , the AMA or of its leaders faces a very shaky professional future. No one can offer better testimony on this point than Dr. Michael Shadid, the courageous founder of the Community Health Center of Elk City, Oklahoma - the first cooperative hospital in the United States. Today the AMA has been forced to accept voluntary health insurance programs, but at the time that Dr. Shadid undertook his pioneer work in this field, he was persecuted and blacklisted by the AMA. In his fascinating — and very informative autobiography, A Doctor for the People, Dr. Shadid coins a striking phrase to describe the doc-tor's "closed shop." He calls it the "American Meddlers Association." And Dr. Shadid adds this Phlistering description of the AMA:

"It established a code of ethics that was originally drawn up for the protection of the public against unscrupulous doctors but which is now twisted so as to serve for the protection of unscrupulous physicians against the public. . . ". There are opposition groups of physicians with- people on his side.

in and without the AMA. They are groups which favor government health insurance, such as the Physicians Forum, which has 3,000 enrolled physicians among its members. Then there is the Committee for the Nation's Health, which includes both physicians and laymen.

There is also a group of outstanding physicians who oppose the AMA's "standpat propaganda" against the National Health Insurance Program, although they do not look upon themselves as supporters of compulsory health insurance. In opposing the compulsory \$25 assessment, which has been levied upon every member of the AMA in order to fight the National Health Insurance Program, these 167 distinguished physicians pointed out that consumers outnumber the medical profession by 1,000 to 1 and called upon the AMA to sponsor a sincere down-to-earth national health conference attended by labor, industry and farm groups as well as medical people. But the Editor of the Journal of the American

Medical Association (and that is the title of Dr. Morris Fishbein's \$25,000 a year job for the AMA) quickly retorted that these protesting doctors were just "men in plaster towers who thought that this would be a good thing to holler about."

And thus does a medical "pie-card artist" like Dr. Morris Fishbein throw mud upon such outstanding medical research men as Dr. H. Helmholz and eleven of his distinguished associates in the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., and Nobel prize winners, Dr. Ernest Goodpasture, Dr. George Minot and Dr. George Whipple, and Dr. George Bachr, former president of the New York | In one department, for example, Academy of Medicine.

But in the 25 years since he was made the Editor of the AMA Journal and the "power behind the throne" in the struggles of American medicine, Dr. Fishbein has never faced so fierce a struggle as he does today over the issue of government health insurance. Despite surface successes he is fighting a rear guard battle now. He does not have the masses of the American

Singer Strikers Fight Speed-Up And Layoffs

ELIZABETH, N. J. - Singer Co. workers of CIO United Electrical Workers Local 401 have been on strike here since May 1. The main issue in dispute is the speedup, which has resulted in layoffs and a shorter work week with a corresponding decrease in take-home pay. work that formerly required six men is now done by two, not because of any change or replacement of machinery, but solely due

to the speedup. The foundry department, where the hardest work is done, is comprised 90 percent of Negro workers - naturally. Here the speedup is inhuman. The number of Negro workers reporting to the

white. Serious injuries and burns from molten metal are suffered because of the killing pace. STALINIST ROLE

The Stalinist leadership of the union disclaims any responsibility for the speedup. However the Stalinists acceded to company demands to initiate throughout the plant and in the union contract a so-called "standards" system, which is merely suphemistic term for speedup. Now they seek to squirm out of the blame with the lying excuse that the company promised to

ward, the living costs keep inching upwards. The revert to day-work if the "stan-Bureau of Labor Statistics has just reported the dards" system wasn't satisfacsecond consecutive month of retail price rises ory. "for foods; rents, miscellaneous goods and services, more than offsetting lower prices for fuel, clothes and house furnishings." (N. Y. Times, May

No housewife, paying through the nose, for the necessities to keep her family going, needs explanations of what this means. Millions of working class families are realizing on their backs and bones that in many respects they now find themselves worse off even than large sections were during the great depression. Today the

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Tighten Their Grip



CIO President Philip Murray (left) and UAW President Walter P. Reuther at the CIO Executive Board meeting in Washing-(Federated Pictures). ton. (See story on page 1.) .

plant hospital has been far greater proportionately than white. Serious injuries and hurns DEFENSE OF JIM KUTCHER

At its executive session on | Rev. James Luther Adams, April 26 the Illinois State In- Professor of Ethics, University dustrial Union Council unani-man of the Back-of-the-Yards mously voted to back James Council; Rev. James M. Evans; Kutcher's fight for reinstate- Anton J. Carlson, Professor of ment to his job in the Veterans Physiology, University of Chica-Administration. The resolution of go; Charles Chiakulas, Internathe Executive Board condemns tional Representative, CIO United the legless.veteran's persecution Auto Workers; Patrick Gorman, International Secretary-Treasurer "as an outrageous violation of free speech and the right to hold AFL Amalgamated Meatcutters public and private employment and Butchers; Dr. John Lapp, Honorary Chairman of the Amerregardless of political beliefs." ican Civil Liberties Union branch

It calls upon the President to Thoughtful workers are not grant Kutcher's request for a fooled by this bilge. They well public hearing at which his party, remember how during the war The Socialist Workers Party, can these same Stalinists were the defend itself against the "subchief recruiting sergeants in the versive" charges. The resolution plant. They recall how the Stal- also pledges support to the Kutinists outdid the company in urg- cher Civil Rights Committee "in ing more production to "beat the every possible manner in its cam-Axis." Then too they remember paign to win justice for this vetthe past year, when the company

Maurice F. McElligott, Secrewas able to violate almost every tary-Treasurer of the Illinois clause in the contract while the State Industrial Union Council, Stalinists were busy whooping reports that copies of the resoluit up for Wallace.

MAY 24 - The Socialist Workers Party, through its Nationa Chairman, Farrell Dobbs, today submitted a statement on FEPC legislation to the hearings being held in Washington by the Powell subcommittee of the House Committee on Labor and Education. The full text follows:

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Resistance to effective FEPC legislation is not confined to its open enemies - the Dixiecrats, Southern Democrats and other reactionary elements in the two major parties. These people take their stand in the open and oppose any interference, governmental or otherwise, with the sacred institution of job discrimination that props up the capitalist-nurtured Jim Crow system itself. Such elements are easy to spot for the enemies they are to all civil liberties and they can be overcome.

There are, however, other enemies of effective FEPC legislation. These people see the way the wind is blowing and know that outright resistance to the demand of the mass of the people is neither feasible nor expedient. Such individuals are more subtle and cunning and consequently even more dangerous than outright reactionaries. Their conduct follows two main patterns.

1. They acknowledge the evil of job discrimination, deplore it noisily, and demand steps to curb it. FEPC is needed, they say, and they even take the initiative in sponsoring such measures in local, state and federal legislative bodies. But, they insist, the true answer to ending discrimination lies not in "compulsion," but in "education." As they see it, the function of the FEPC is to investigate, arbitrate and mediate and try to convince the miscreant Jim Crowers of the errors of their ways, but never, never under any circumstances, to "force" anyone to cease and desist from discrimination.

The effect of legislation promoted by such people is to divert the fight against job discrimination into channels that are completely ineffectual - harmless for the Jim Crow elements and demoralizing for the masses. This kind of legislation is already on the books in some states. And some among the Dixiecrats have expressed a readiness to accept such "compromises" whenever they find themselves unable to stymie FEPC legislation in any other way.

"Education" or "Compulsion"?

This attempt to distinguish between "education" and "compulsion" is false to the core and must be exposed. Not a lack of education motivates Jim Crow discrimination, but rather the economic and political advantages that accrue to the ruling class by keeping the Negro people and the white workers separate and divided. The Jim Crow system is maintained by "compulsion" (as every Negro in the South knows) and it will be ended only by the use of stronger compulsion. Laws that do not compel the Jim Crow elements to desist from their violations of democratic rights are just so much window dressing. And what is more, compulsion, too, is a form of education. Strict enforcement of adequate anti-discrimination legislation will educate the Jim Crow elements a thousand times faster and more thoroughly than the best "educational" tracts.

n Chicago; Leo Lerner, editor 2. But, when they are smoked out on this position the liberal opponents of effective FEPC legislation fall back on their last and of 28 neighborhood newspapers; Willard Motley, author of "Knock most strongly fortified line. Yes, they admit, an FEPC with teeth on Any Door"; Sidney Lens, Inis necessary and they are ready to support and adopt it, as has been ernational Representative, AFL done in New York State, for example. And they immediately pro-United Service Employees; Wilceed to render such a law utterly worthless, despite its teeth. This ard Townsend, International President, CIO United Service they accomplish by the type of personnel they place at the head Transport Employees; Rabbi Jaof the FEPC and by the compromising policies they pursue in the ob Weinstein, American Jewish operation of the FEPC. Congress; and Stephen Zeluck.

Your Committee has heard much praise for the New York FEPC, which bears the name of the State Commission Against Discrimination. You have also received many recommendations that Carlson as chairman, Charles the proposed national FEPC should be modeled after the SCAD. To do so, however, would be in effect to betray the fight against discrimination. Because the truth is that the SCAD has done virtually nothing beneficial in this field, despite ample authority and funds at its disposal. In fact, the SCAD operations have succeeded to date only in discrediting the very idea of FEPC action. Let me illustrate by calling to your attention a recent protest by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against the SCAD's inaction and "delay in the enforcement of the law." This protest was lodged because of SCAD's "three-year delay in settling the case of a Negro seaman who was refused employment as a radio operator on the S.S. Lehigh Victory on April 25. 1946, because the officers of the ship would not sail with a Negro. A complaint filed with SCAD on April 30, 1946, and amended on July 7, 1947, has not yet been satisfactorily settled despite the fact that SCAD found 'probable cause' for the complaint almost a year ago. . . " (NAACP Press Release, May 5, 1949). From the beginning the SCAD had legislative authority to act on this case and to take it before the courts at the very least. It failed to do so because it is still trying - after three long years to educate the guilty parties into mending their evil ways. At all events, the SCAD has never taken a single case into court. And not because it is so overworked, either. (The SCAD has the powers to initiate cases but refuses to do so, waiting instead for someone else to lodge a complaint.) But after a few experiences of this sort, how many workers are going to bother or waste time lodging complaints?

The Squeeze Is On By John G. Wright

In addition to millions of unemployed, there are today other millions - no one knows how many - who find themselves in direst straits, and seemingly without recourse. There are millions whose meager wages assuredly do not suffice for the food, clothing and shelter their fam--ilies must have to stay healthy, and satisfy their several other human needs, so cruelly ignored by those who continue to wallow in luxury.

To get down to cases, it is enough to single out the auto kings of Michigan who are deliberately keeping their employees off the unemployed rolls. In our previous issues we have re--ported how as little as one hour a week "employment" suffices in some states to keep a worker's family ineligible for either unemployment or home relief. These Michigan royalists have set the pattern. The others, from the biggest to the shysters, have been following suit, each in his own fashion, each adding his own cunning touches.

They all do it not only to cut their "overhead" by such chiseling on social security payments. They also aim at something bigger. What they "want is to demoralize the workers by catching, one section after another, in a fearsome vise. Suspense provides one jaw. Speedup, the other. Fantastic living costs are the lever that keeps

screwing these two jaws tighter and tighter, slowly but inexorably.

Job insecurity and fear of hunger cut ever sharper ridges in the jaw of suspense. From day to day, nay, from one moment to the next, no one knows when, where, or how much work there will be, if any. To the second jaw speedup adds prongs, just as keen as the ridges on the other side. As for prices, there is more leverage here than two months ago.

While virtually everything else is sliding down-23.)

squeeze is really on!

RIGHT-WINGERS WIN WESTINGHOUSE ELECTION WITH AID OF BOSS PRESS

tions "amid a surprising labor

peace," but was careful to throw

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The baiting, however, coming at Shachtmanite supporter. a time when a general anti-red BOSS PRESS TAKES SIDES hysteria was raging throughout deter them from adhering to the "those at Bell and Chevrolet were progressive forces organized into

the UE Solidarity Caucus. From the point of view of his usual stuff about the "Trotstruggle on behalf of the elemensky sts being identified with the tary trade union demands of the Socialist Workers Party, an organization designated by Atworkers, the Solidarity Caucus should have been the victor by torney General Tom Clark as suban easy margin. In addition to versive," and as "an organizabeing the pace-setter for chalktion which seeks to alter the ing up plant grievance victories, form of government of the U.S. it made an outstanding achieveby unconstitutional means." ment by first proposing and then || Both the Buffalo Evening News carrying through a reclassificaand the Courier Express made tion program which won for the sure to plug for the right wing workers more than \$200,000. It is administration. Where the News doubtful whether there is an had earlier said that the right other plant in the entire Westing- wing had introduced an era of house empire which can boast of peaceful relations with managesuch an achievement. But the ment, they now added that they right wing administration, led by were also "hard bargainers." The Wierzbec-Golubski-Poole, had no Courier likewise noted that the intention of campaigning on the right wing conducted its negotiabasis of its record or program.

EXPERT FINGERMAN

out the bait that they had dis-In the inner councils of the Rank tinguished themselves by "hardand File Caucus is a member hitting bargaining." sympathetic to the Shachtmanite ALL-TIME LOW ex-Workers Party, now the "In-The last leaflet written by the dependent Socialist League," who has justly earned the title of Shachtmanite supporter on behalf "expert Trotsky-baiter and finger- of the right wing hit an all-time man." Samples of the election low. It proclaimed an all-out war circulars handed out by the Rank against "phony political parties" and File administration show to and "phony theories." Everyone what depths he stooped. Not understood that the reference content with slandering the leadhere was not to the Democratic and Republican parties nor even ers of the UE Solidarity Caucus, he linked them with well-known the Communist Party, which is pregressives in other local unions, an insignificant factor in the such as Bell Aircraft and plant, but to the Socialist Work-Chevrolet Local 424. This was ers Party, whose supporters in recognized by all who are in the the various local plants constitute, least another two years." And know as a none-too-subtle hint according to the right-wing maybe longer. The UN, they to Fred Turner, the Buffalo leaflet, a "noisy, high-handed Evening News' Westbrook Pegler, power politics clique."

to put the Trotskyist label on all these progressives.

three days before the election,

derous leaflet written by the made it almost a foregone con clusion that an avowedly militant

grouping, such as the Solidarity Caucus, could not, under present "What the slinger did not say circumstances, win a majority of the country, could not but affect but could have," says Turner, the workers to their banner. wide sections of the workers and referring to the leaflet, was that Nevertheless a vote of more than 800 for the Solidarity slate, in Trotskyists and Trotskyist liners." spite of the Trotsky-baiting from

And then Turner, of course, added within and without the plant, was à considerable achievement.

News Notes THE WELFARE STATE -

About one-third of the homes in the United States lack either cooking equipment, a kitchen sink,

or a bathtub-shower," a Census quarters lack all 3 conveniences uarters lack all 3 conveniences . In rural nonfarm areas, the action is 4 out of 10 and in farm areas, the ratio is 4 out of 10, and in farm areas 7 out of 10." JUST "DETERIORATION" -

Harvard's Professor of Business Economics, Joseph L. Snider, according to the May 20 N. Y. Times said that while "deterioration of business" is to be expected, "happily it does not appear likely that we shall have one of our severe depressions." Production, however will "deteriorate" another 15 to

20 per cent, he admitted.

BROAD MINDED - Rexford Tugwell, Vice-Chairman of the Progressive Party for the State of Illinois, has okayed the University of Chicago's ban on the campus chapter of the Young Progressives. The youth group charged that their academic and student rights were being violated by University officials. NO FAITH - Five hoboes living on the site where the United Nations buildings are supposed to go up, expect to stay there "at

say, won't work. LABOR'S FRIEND - District

Sure enough, on May 16, just not entirely attributable to the to President Truman about his Admission is 83c, tax included. tactics of the right wing and home in Independence, Mo. - the Proceeds will go to the KCRDC Fred Turner carried a long, their Shachtmanite mentor. The Summer White House - being to aid the legless veteran's fight Modern kitchen facilities have vicious, Trotsky - baiting article general passivity in the local painted by non-union labor. Tru- against the "thought - control been installed and the services against the UE Solidarity Caucus. labor movement and the anti-red man refused to comment on the purge" and for preservation of of a competent kitchen staff have Turner all but rewrote the slan- hysteria throughout the country union's complaint.

Important to the abolition of bers. the speedup is the demand for a 35-hour week at 40 hours pay, which the union is asking. This issue is almost one and the same with maintaining the union.

A SOLID FRONT

The 7,000 Singer workers, who voted overwhelmingly for the Pennsylvania. strike, are presenting a solid front to the company. They are conscious that their struggle revolves around the right to work and the maintenance of their

union. They see what is happening all over: The increasing cost of living, lay-offs, entrenchment of union-busting politicians in

leaders. They are resigned to long struggle.

Bureau report showed last month. "In cities, only 2 out of 10 living Art Symposium **Kutcher Defense**

NEW YORK - An art symposium featuring four nationally famous critics, will be held creation grounds, at an elevation in New York on Friday, June of 1200 feet. 10, for the benefit of the Kutcher Civil Rights Defense Committee.

The round table discussion on views by Meyer Schapiro, professor of fine arts, Columbia University; Clement Greenberg, art critic of The Nation; James J. critic.

with Professor Schapiro acting to his co-speakers, and conducting study in conjunction with each the discussion.

The symposium will open at The defeat of the progressives Council No. 3, Brotherhood of 8 p. m. at the Hotel Diplomat, in this key UE plant is, of course, Painters (AFL), sent a protest 108 West 43rd Street, New York. union issues. civil liberties. been secured.

ion have been sent to all its mem Chiakulas as treasurer, and Stephen Zeluck as executive secre-Illinois is the ninth CIO state tary. It has secured endorsements body officially aligned behind for the Kutcher case from the Kutcher's campaign. Endorse-Chicago American Civil Liberties ments of his case have been pre-Union, the Independent Voters of viously voted by CIO state organ-Illinois, and Illinois State CIO izations in New Jersey, Connecti-Council.

cut, Ohio, Rhode Island, Minneso-Plans are being made to secure ta, California, Washington and newspaper publicity, as well as financial and moral support from

The Committee has announced

the election of Professor Anton J.

A new chapter of the Kutcher local unions for the case of the Civil Rights Committee, formed legless veteran. The Chicago CIO in Chicago, held its first meeting Council, which recently endorsed on May 9. The committee mem- the case, has sent copies of its bers, well-known labor, education- resolution to all CIO locals in the al and religious leaders, are: city.

Washington, and the ineptness of their own so-called labor New Workers Camp in N. J. To Open Season on June 18

> Mountain Spring Camp, a | Accommodations include private new vacation school and resort quarters for couples or families, for workers and their families, and dormitories for single vaca-tioners.

will open its first season on Rates are \$35 per week for June 18. Located near Washing- adults and \$20 for children. A ton, New Jersey, in the beauti- special season rate for adults has ful foothills of the Poconos been set at \$30 weekly for four Mountains, the camp covers 83 or more weeks. Daily rates are acres of hills, woodland and re- \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. A special camp for children between the ages of 5 and 10 will

Although children any age are program under the direction of parents throughout the summer William Warde and David Weiss. no special facilities or care can

Reservations should be made tions. course. There will also be special

lectures and discussions on cur-**Brooklyn Youth Forum** rent political events and trade Marxism and War Excellent meals will be served in a large, airy dining hall. Speaker: BEN REIFMAN **635** Fulton Street Friday, June 3 8:30 P.M. -Admission Free-

Prevent Law's Circumvention

The Socialist Workers Party has supported the struggle for FEPC legislation from the beginning and has given and will continue to give critical support to legislation along this line. For the above stated reasons, however, and in the light of experience, we stress our repeated proposal to the effect that not only shall Congress pass an FEPC bill, and not only shall such a law have the necessary teeth, but also that specific provisions shall be included in such legislation to prevent circumvention of its aims through practices such as have been condoned in New York State.

Concretely, what I and my party propose is that the administration of the FEPC not be left in the hands of people who are either chosen for patronage consideration or inclined to stress "education" to the detriment of legal enforcement. Administration of the FEPC must be controlled by the masses themselves through representatives responsible to their needs and wishes. These must be chosen by the labor movement and by Negro, Jewish and other minority organizations. There is no other way for legislation to achieve favorable results in the struggle against discrimination.

In conclusion, allow me to point out that the FEPC movement did not arise out of the activities of capitalist politicians, who pose as "humanitarian" protectors of minority rights only in order to protect the capitalist roots of racial and religious discrimination.

Actually the FEPC movement stems from the revolutionary changes in the thinking of the masses that are occurring because of the social ferment. During the Thirties, these new mass moods received their clearest expression thus far in the upsurge of the CIO that has brought large numbers of white and Negro workers together in a common organization for the first time. The fight for the FEPC itself got its initial impetus in the course of the brief life of the Negro March on Washington Movement.

If the 81st Congress through its major capitalist parties fails to pass effective legislation along the lines I have indicated, then the mass of white and Negro people will be heard from again. And, you may be sure, they will persist until not alone job discrimination but all of its defenders are swept out of their way.

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