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# NAACP Plans Prominent Liberals Reject Mass Conference Against Jim Crow CP Line on Civil Liberties

### **By Lois Saunders**

LOS ANGELES, July 17 - Total condemnation of the use of the red scare, the witch-hunt and the "subver- Stay in L. A. As sive" list as instruments of government policy, and the Interest Mounts call for a gigantic mass con-

ference in Washington to demand United States is part and parcel civil rights legislation were the of the rebellion of colonial peooutstanding achievements of the ples throughout the world for minority groups for the defense emancipation from their op-40th annual conference of the National Association for the Ad- pressors. vancement of Colored People,

just concluded here. Governor Will am H. Hastie, of the Virgin Islands, gave the first electrifying sign of the strong civil rights stand to be taken by the delegates when, in a speech early in the conference. he lashed out against the "spirit of inquisition," the witch-hunt and the concept of "milt by association," now prevailing in the United States.

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the spirit of combat exhibited by Indication that the NAACP many of the delegates. intends to implement this stand These occurrences were more was seen in the hearing accorded significant, though far less specby the convention to James tacular, than the presentation on Kutcher, legless veteran who was Sunday in the huge Hollywood fired from his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the So-Ralph J. Bunche, acting United cialist Workers Party, arbitrarily Nations mediator in Palestine. designated as "subversive" by At-This affair was one of the most torney General Tom Clark.

Kutcher was granted time to accorded a Negro in the United ly. present his case to the delegates States.

and make a plea for support. He In addition to its achievements was the only outside speaker, nowever, the conference also other than the mayor of Los manifested serious weaknesses Angeles, to be given the floor. which can only retard the Negro struggle for emancipation.

HEARTENING SIGNS

Of special note during the six- SERIOUS WEAKNESSES day conference of the 500-odd Outstanding a m o n g these delegates and alternates also was weaknesses were endorsement by the widespread realization, the delegates of the Marshall stressed in numerous speeches Flan and the calling for its exand resolutions, that the Negro tension to Asia, Africa and elsefight for equality is intimately where throughout the world. This linked with the similar fight of action contrasted sharply with all other minorities and with the expressions of concern for labor's struggle for a decent the welfare of colonial peoples

**Kutcher Extends** 

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LOS ANGELES, July 17 - As support from labor, liberal and of James-Kutcher's civil rights increased this week, plans were

Heartening, too, was the immade to extend his stay in Los passioned plea of one of the wo-Angeles beyond the July 23 men delegates from the South banquet date in order to take care that the next annual conference of of numerous requests received the Association be held in Atlan- from groups and individuals for ta, as an open defy to the threats additional opportunities to hear and bludgeonings of the Dixie- the legless veteran tell the story crats and the Ku Klux Klan. of his own case. Atlanta was rejected in favor of

The most conscious elements of Boston, but the plea to carry the the city's large Negro, Mexican, fight to the very seat of reaction Jewish and Japanese population received a warming and encouraghave been among the first to ing response, and is indicative of recognize the Kutcher case as the test case of the "loyalty" program which infringes civil rights as a whole.

Since the arrival of Kutcher in Los Angeles support for him has Bowl of the Spingarn award for appeared in the California Jewish outstanding achievement to Dr. Voice; the Los Angeles Sentinel and the West Coast edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weeklies; and Crossroads, leading impressive demonstrations ever liberal Japanese-American week-

#### TO SPEAK TO CSO

In addition, Kutcher was granted the privilege last Thursday of addressing the annual national conference of the NAACP, and he is scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Community Organization, leading Service Mexican-American organization,

next Wednesday. Many unions and liberal groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union are co-operating to make the Kutcher civil rights less, near of the officials of roundly denounced by the top ment, in the event that Ford is banquet at the Park Manor next the other basic steel companies union leaders. Murray declared closed down, which would raise Saturday a success. The ACLU accepted Truman's proposal for over a national radio hookup that has circularized its mailing list and the Greater Los Angeles 'CIO a 60-day "cooling off" period. Industrial Union Council has issued a letter to all its affiliates extension of the present union and ultimately to destroy labor introduced by the delegates of urging them to support the ban- agreements for 60 days. Truman, union organizations. It can be but quet by buying tickets and greet- at the same time, named a three the first step for even more forbidding the inclusion of any ings in the souvenir program for man Fact Finding Board which savage legislative repression." the affair. is to hold hearings on the union demands and make non-binding Kutcher spoke briefly at the nembership meeting of United recommendations within 45 days. Auto Workers Local 230 The steel corporations have al-(Chrysler) last Tuesday and is ready taken pains to make clear Fact Finding Board will make scheduled to address the CIO that "there is to be no moral or legal obligation to accept any porations have already laid the Council meeting this week. recommendation which the board groundwork for a rejection if PROF. PAULING JOINS may make." The steel corporations' ac-Professor Linus Pauling of the California Institute of Tech- ceptance of Truman's proposal nology, a sponsor of the Bill of after a certain amount of preliminary bargaining is being hailed Rights Conference, has joined the campaign to secure support by the union officials as a labor among educators for Kutcher. victory. It is nothing of the sort. Profesor Pauling is President It is, in fact, a major retreat on of the American Chemical Society the part of the CIO from the and winner of numerous awards militant position it first adopted General Clark supplied you to in the course of the 1945-46 "first for his achievements in chemical hack up his charge that the Soresearch, notably the Langmuir round" wage fight. Award in 1931 and the J. Willard When Truman asked in Decem-Gibbs Medal in 1946. "You are charged with ad-



# Steel, Ford Fights Show Lack of Unified Strategy

The steel strike scheduled to strike be called off in return for engaged in negotiations with the begin on July 16 was suddenly which he would set up a Fact Ford Motor Company on its called off by Philip Murray, Finding Board; when he further fourth round economic demands. President of the CIO United Steel proposed to embody this method The recent Milwaukee convention Workers, after Benjamin F. Fair- into legislation calling for 30- of the UAW has authorized the make the Kutcher civil rights less, head of the U. S. Steel day "cooling off" periods, he was levying of a special strike assess-

Protest Stalinist Refusal to **Defend Political Opponents** 

NEW YORK, July 17 — A prominent group of liberals, breaking openly with the Communist Party line, proved by their stand at the Bill of Rights Conference, in its sessions yesterday and today at the Henry Hudson Hotel in this city, that they are ready to support a genuine united defense of all victims of the witch-hunt, regardless of political beliefs.

The Stalinists, however, gave another convincing demonstration that the Communist Party is prepared to wreck any united front that insists on defending the civil rights of political tendencies opposed to Stalinism.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted assailing the thoughtcontrol purge among government employees and in the public schools, the evil stoolpigeon system of the FBI, persecution of the foreign-born, the terror' campaign against the Negro people, and the attacks on liberal-minded religious and cultural leaders.

The conference unanimously demanded that the Foley Square prosecution of the Communist Party leaders be halted. But the Stalinists broke the united front by ganging up to defeat a resolution introduced by Professor Thomas I. Emerson of the Yale Law School which had the support of a majority of the resolutions committee. The Emerson resolution demanded a presidential pardon for the 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders convicted in 1941 solely because of their political beliefs, and imprisoned under the same Smith Act now being used against the Communist Party.

The Stalinists also used their majority at the conference to evade taking a position on the case of James Kutcher, legless veteran fired from the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the SWP. The Communist Party is the only organized tendency in the labor and liberal movement that has publicly opposed the fight to reinstate Kutcher on his job.

Professor Emerson's resolution came as a dramatic climax in he closing minutes of the conference. All the delegates were aware that the long delay in bringing the resolutions committee report the floor meant that a battle was taking place in the committee over the only controversial issue before the gathering.

Paul J. Kern, liberal New York attorney and conference chairnan, first introduced all the non-Or controversial resolutions which were unanimously adopted. He More Conference then presented the Emerson resolution, ruling that three speakers for and three against the resolufor and three against the resolu-tion would be given the floor for three minutes. The resolution for three minutes are resolution

was brief and to the point, calling for termination of the trial of JULY 16 - Several more spon-

standard of living.

since Marshall Plan money is one Likewise of vital import was of the main props enabling imthe recognition given the fact perialist countries to continue to that the Negro problem in the (Continued on Page 4)

## **CLARK LIST SOLE BASIS FOR REGENTS WITCH-HUNT**

ALBANY, July 15 - A committee of the New York Board of Regents staged a so-called "hearing" here yester-

"Where, when, how and by

But Moot made no reply. His

silence spoke almost as loudly

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and eloquently as Dobbs' indict

present "hearings."

who preceded him.

day, allegedly for the purpose of deciding what organizations are "subversive" within?

statement (printed in full in last the terms of the anti-democratic week's Militant) denouncing the Feinberg Act. But the proceedentire proceedings as illegal and ings were quickly shown to be discriminatory. He departed from the very opposite of a fair and this statement, however, to hurl impartial hearing when spokes-Moot's opening remarks back at men<sup>®</sup> for the Regents admitted him, demanding: that they were acting solely on "What evidence has Attorney

the basis of Attorney General Clark's unconstitutional blacklist. Five organizations had been in-

cialist Workers Party is 'subvited to send representatives beversive'?" fore the Regents committee ---the Socialist Workers Party, Comvocating the overthrow of the govmunist Party, Worker's Party, Inernment by force and violence." dustrial Workers of the World Moot said, evading Dobbs' real and Nationalist Party of Puerto question. Rico. Spokesmen for the first

four were present. whom has there been such ad-Regents chairman Welles V. vocacy?" Dobbs challenged. Moot of Buffalo stated at the 'What was said? What was start of the session that Clark written? What acts were comhad placed these organizations on mitted and by whom? You can't his "subversive" list only "after legally hang us on the outrageous long and careful consideration."

pretext of such an absurd, un-Farrell Dobbs, national chairproven accusation." man of the Socialist Workers Party, read into the record a ELOQUENT SILENCE

### Next Week:

A round-up of what the press had to say about the rucial issues debated at the Bill of Rights Conference.

Why They Lie About the 'Recession" - John G. Wright analyzes "psychological factors" behind the capitalist propaganda.

A review of an excellent new biography of Eugene V. Debs - The Bending Cross by Ray Ginger. \* \* \*

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

about 8 million dollars. In addthe design of the Truman protion to its economic demands, the The Truman plan calls for an posals can only be "to weaken convention adopted a resolution Ford River Rouge Local 600 so-called company security clauses Today, Murray has fallen all in the next contract, under which over himself to accept the scheme the Ford management instituted which he denounced in 1945. What

its brutal speedup. happens now? In 45 days, the The Ford contract expired on July 15 and was extended on a its recommendations. The corday-to-day basis. The union can call a strike at any time by giving five days' notice to the company. they are not to their liking. The The 60-day truce in steel at union on the contrary, by Murthe moment that the Ford negoray's conduct, has practically tiations are reaching a climax agreed to be bound by these same highlights the absence of any ecommendations. The stage will unified wage strategy on the part thus be set for the union fighting of the CIO high command. It unnot for its fourth round economic derlines, therefore, the necessity program of \$150 monthly penfor the rank and file to be alert sions, 20 cent hourly wage inand prepared to exert their creases and health and insurance strength for the necessary milibenefits, but the whittled-down

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The Bill of Rights Conference held in New York last weekend was itself the scene of a crime against civil means for mobilizing widespread support against the witch-hunt. But the Stalinists drove a knife into its very heart by killing the motion made by Professor

Emerson and backed by the majority of the resolutions Smith \*Act as well as the 12 Stalinists now on trial. Why should the Stalinists deliberately wreck so

ment of the Clark-Feinberg conpromising a movement organized for their own defense? spiracy against democratic rights Obviously, there must be overriding motives which drive and frameups against the Trotskyists. The Kremlin will ups, the latest instance of which was Howard Fast's and academic freedom. It proved them to crimes that discredit them not only before the tolerate no other course. that the Regents were just going general public but also among their most vigorous lib-

through a few motions before eral defenders. carrying out the compilation of a

#### The Kremlin Is the Source blacklist for teachers which they

had decided on long before the for the interests of the American workers or the demo-Dobbs departed on one other occasion from his prepared state-

ment, and that was in response to a particularly slimy provocainterests of the totalitarian tyranny in the Kremlin, ism has nothing in common with socialism. tion by a Stalinist representative Here is the real source of all the crimes against the civil rights movement committed by the American

Lillian Gates, legislative'repre-Stalinist leaders. sentative of the New York Com-

munist Party, told the "hearing" that the Regents were "delibera-

rights. The conference might have become a potent blood purges, were labeled "agents of Hitler," with whom Stalin himself was later to conclude a deal.

The principal target of Stalin's frameup and mur-

To defend the rights of the Trotskyists would be

The Kremlin and its agents can make, as they have rights. made, deals with the most reactionary forces in the

capitalist world, including Churchill, Hitler and Chiang Stalin and his retainers came to rule Soviet Russia Kai-shek. Even today, despite the menace of U. S. im- hunters will and must continue. But it can make head- I expect that the Socialist Workby slandering, purging, jailing and murdering the entire perialism to the Soviet Union, the Kremlin would not way only if the participants clearly understand the ers Party and any other group generation of Bolshevik heroes who led the Russian Revo- hesitate to again come to terms with Washington and to perfidious nature of Stalinism and reject its fatal poli- interested in civil rights will find Iution to victory. To prepare for the physical extermina- support Truman just as it supported Roosevelt. But cies and methods.

SWP leaders.

EMERSON'S SPEECH

decide here is a very basic one,'

You cannot have political rights

Socialist Workers Party.

arms or any overt act."

Professor Emerson quoted

#### They Fear Revolutionary Opposition

They cannot tolerate the Trotskyists because we are the mortal enemies of both imperialism and Stalinism. der machine was Leon Trotsky, who had exposed and The Stalinists want and need a free hand for haggling committee to defend the 18 Trotskyist victims of the fought the crimes of the Stalinist despots and their with the imperialists and for putting over their sellbetrayal of the principles of socialism. As obedient in- outs. They fear criticism from the standpoint of sostruments of Moscow, the Communist Parties throughout | cialism. In their fight against the Trotskyists, the Stalthe world are obliged to maintain this structure of lies inists do not stop at character assassination and frameetter in the Daily Compass.

By their conduct at the Bill of Rights Conference tantamount to admitting that the Moscow trials were the Stalinists showed that they will not even collaborate frameups and to exposing the Stalin regime as perpe- with those liberals who want to defend the rights of trator of the most sinister crimes against the working all victims of the witch-hunt, regardless of their political These motives in no way derive from any concern class. That is why the Stalinists persist in defaming the beliefs and differences. The Stalinists proved that for Trotskyists as "agents of fascism" and in denying them them the defense of civil rights is not a matter of princratic rights of our people. They sacrifice even the civil rights. This Stalinist conduct and logic extends ciple but of the Kremlin's convenience. Whenever it suits interests of the Communist Party's own self-defense. to all their critics and opponents, especially those who the Kremlin's aims, they are prepared to masquerade This ruinous policy on civil rights is dictated by the have discovered through personal experience that Stalin- as champions of civil rights; where it does not, they will drop the mask and try to wreck the struggle for civil

> The movement to build a genuine united front of all to attend the Conference, I'll forces in defense of civil rights and against the witch- follow its proceedings in reports.

CP leaders at Foley Square sors of the Bill of Rights Conand demanding a pardon to ference this week informed Farrestore the civil rights of the 18 rell Dobbs, national chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, that they supported his request for the conference to defend the civil Profesor Emerson was the first rights of all victims of the witchspeaker for his position. "The hunt, including those of the Trotuestion we are called upon to skyists. A similar stand had been previously taken by Dr. Harlow he warned, "whether the con-Shapley, director of the Harvard ference agrees to extend the Bill College Observatory, Professor of Rights to all shades of opinion. Thomas I. Emerson of Yale Law School and Professor Frederick for certain political parties and L. Schuman of Williams College. not for others - for Democrats In a leter to Dobbs, Rev. Rayand not Republicans, for the mond A. Waser, minister of the Communist Party and not for the First Congregational Church in Pasadena, Calif., wrote on July "I have studied the record of 13:

the Minneapolis case," he con-"I am in complete accord with tinued. "The trial of 1941 was a the expressions in your letter of trial comparable to the one on July 9th. The Conference to Foley Square. It was a trial of defend the Bill of Rights must be political opinion in peacetime. It inclusive of all groups. Otherwise was not a question of bearing it is even worse than the witch hunters. They at' least are honest."

letter from Henry A. Wallace to Farrell Dobbs declaring his sup-**CP LINE "REPREHENSIBLE"** 

On the same day another conference sponsor, Dr. Bernard Baum of the University of Iowa, wrote:

"I was very glad to get your letters expressing concern over the attitude of those sponsoring the Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights.

"I should be greatly astonished if any group earnestly fighting to preserve our civil liberties were not accorded full right to participate in the Conference on equal terms with all other groups. I have no reason for doubting the sincerity of those who drew up the Call for this Conference, which contains a statement of principles with which neither of us would disagree, I'm certain. "Like many others, I have con-

sidered it altogether reprehensible of the Communist Party to deny support to members of the Socialist Workers Party victimized by anti-democratic forces. One can only hope that it will become clear to everyone that none of us is assured freedom just so long as any of us is denied freedom.

"Although I shall not be able (Continued on page 3)

eign power. The defendants at the Moscow frameup their most consistent and irreconcilable adversaries.

tant actions that can save the proposal that the board may fourth round wage fight from choose to recommend. ruin and win substantial con-Meanwhile, the spotlight has ber 1945 that the General Motors turned on the auto union which is cessions for the workers.



## Why Stalinists Wrecked the Conference

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**Steel Strike Called Off** 

Monday, July 25, 1949

World Events

**By Paul G. Stevens** 

## Labor Union Trends -The UAW After the **Milwaukee Convention** By Bert Cochran

Many students of the labor | auto union has lost much of its | The Milwaukee convention made movement are asking the ques- former insurgency and has suc- clear that there is still lots of cumbed to a measure of con- juice left in the auto union. The tion, "Has the UAW gone conservative?" Even labor bureauservatism and bureaucratism. The bulk of the local officers and crats, when they relax among Milwaukee convention formalized | delegates may be Reutherites but friends and when their remarks what was already indicated by the they still have a healthy fear of are not taken down for the record. local elections for convention the rank and file back home. contrast the present UAW to the delegates - that Reuther has Thus, Reuther was slapped down good old days when the auto built up an imposing machine, on his scheme to hold convenmembership was cutting up, was that this machine has a firm grip tions every two years and forced roaring its challenge at the on the union structure, that it is to withdraw his proposals to jack powers-that-be, was a thorn in reaching out all the time for still up the dues as well as a number the sides of all the fat and staid more power, that it is trying to of his constitutional amendments bureaucrats of the older unions, tame this once rebellious organ- which would have increased the and when the auto workers, by ization, and that it has become their breath-taking daring and part and parcel, or to put it more ecutive board. The rank and file remarkable solidarity were lifting the labor movement to new heights of grandeur and achievedebilitating policies. ment.

Is this all a thing of the past? That is the question that is worrying many in the labor move- ministration but succeeded in it will impose those changes or ment. For despite Reuther's talents in jazzing up a situation. his pyrotechnics and pretense of in expelling from the union the militancy, the word is pretty well getting around that Reuther is inist caucus. It is true that the safe and sound, that he is flesh of Stalinists, as is their custom, gave the flesh and blood of the blood him ammunition by publishing a of the rest of the labor bureau- factional report that had been cracy.

Just the other day I unexpectedly ran across an interesting themselves as agents of the FE item dealing with this very ques- against the UAW. But the puntion in a column by Loren Nor- ishment ought to fit the crime. As that the old Thomas-Addesman, editor of Racine Labor, a paper published jointly by the and Democratic UAW" stated in decisively defeated at the 1947 AFL central labor body and the its handbill to the convention: UAW in Racine, Wisconsin. Norman, writing prior to the Milwaukee convention, states:

#### "THREE STAGES"

"These proposed splits [of districts], the move to have officers' terms extended to two years, members cause one to wonder if the UAW is going the way of all in our Cleveland convention to flesh — to the fleshpots. "Militant and democratic, the

union battles and has inspired outside the ranks.

"They say that organizations frequently go through three mind. Reuther meant to intimi- For the first time in the history stages: 1. Organization. The union is vital, militant and highly ceeded. democratic. 2. Consolidation. The union begins to 'setle down,' sign contracts, becomes more , conservative and less democratic. 3. Stratification. The union becomes conservative, conventions attempt is made to pile up a

fers.

correctly, a vanguard of the demonstrated that control hasn't Murray CIO bureaucracy and its slipped out of its hands entirely, that if it is determined enough, Reuther not only got overit can impose its wishes on a whelming convention approval for convention, and that when its his general course - and ad- thinking changes on other scores,

powers of his international ex-

Leonard group was not only

jamming through greater dicta- the union as well. torial power for his machine and FATE OF OLD OPPOSITION The fact that there is stil two leading officers of the Stalto maintain itself for the past buried by a previous international two years in the face of the executive board and by conducting witch-hunt and the general sweep of reaction. It must be understood

"The Committee for a Militant "While we are not associated with the group with which Doll and Sage are affiliated and have sharp differences with them inability to maintain the loyalty

which we have expressed in this of opportunist payroll men once convention and elsewhere, we believe a sharp reprimand would constitute sufficient punishment the story. The three musketeers changes in the trial procedure for this first offense. . . Beware are out of the UAW. Addes is and other moves rumored to be that the Doll-Sage incident not operating a saloon in Detroit. advanced by incumbent board he used to revise our whole trial Thomas and Leonard are high procedure which was developed class messenger boys for Murray.

protect the rights of union mem- Atlantic City, the anti-Reuther bers." Whether the expulsion of opposition reconstituted itself on UAW has led the way in many Doll and Sage presages more ex- a new basis with the best elepulsions to come or not, you can ments from the old caucus. Most thousands of workers inside and bet your bottom dollar that the of the payrollees fell away as next critic that comes along will swallow hard before speaking his chops to keep them interested.

date his opponents and he suc- of the UAW a sizeable opposi-

WHY CONSERVATISM AROSE | basis and anti-Stalinist in its Loren Norman certainly has a orientation. profound point in his article about The Stalinists after flounder-And the auto union is subjected their own faction with Tracy Doll

But that is only one side of the

unions of this type. Conservatism the militants had their number less one. "Given this pattern of growth, has arisen in the UAW not be- and wouldn't have any truck with



Steelworker John Puhatch and family learn from a Pittsburgh newspaper that the steel strike had been called off following the acceptance by the steel monopolists of Truman's "60-day truce plan." The wage dispute is referred for investigation to a threeman fact finding board.

## **Fiscal Troubles** elbow room in the UAW and that the tradition of militancy can still be appealed to is shown also by the ability of a new opposition Ailing Economy next fiscal year. This spells

By John G. Wright

Truman and his administration Atlantic City convention. It disinappear to be determined to out-do tegrated internally. The lack of Herbert Hoover's performance in any perspective of this leadership the Thirties. Big metropolitan was part of the story. The dailies, not to mention the national weeklies, are following suit. They gush with optimism. patronage was gone was part of Prominent academicians, like the story. Stalinism was part of Prof. Summer H. Slichter of Harvard, step to the fore to add their falsettos to the booming bassos, one and all intoning that "The Upturn in Business Is Not Far Away." As a witty Frenchman After the crushing defeat at once remarked in a slightly different connection, some men employ speech only to conceal their thoughts.

Instead of any improvement or reversal of current downward there were no longer any pork trends, there are ominous indications of further complications and declines.

Retail trade remains in the tion came into being, resting doldrums. Large-scale liquidation upon a progressive programmatic of inventories continues without making an appreciable dent in unsold goods, piled up to the tune

of more than 50 billion dollars. the stages of union organizations. ing around for a while set up Such a key sector of industry as steel is eating deeply into its are held less frequently, an to the same general laws of the as their front man. But the old dwindling back-logs while operaclass struggle and the same broad demagogic twists and cavortings ting at 75% of capacity. The heavy treasury, democracy suf- influences that affect all other have lost their magic. The best of overall picture is indeed a cheer-

> And in recent weeks still another economic thunderhead has

> > As of June 30, the government

### More AFL Unions **Vote Support to** Veteran's Fight

In the past two weeks several mportant AFL bodies have joined

the hundreds of labor organiza- Another 'Titoist' tions rallied behind James Kut-**Brought to Trial** cher's fight for civil rights. The nearly 100 delegates at the July

The press reports that Laszlo the working class there, ever 7 meeting of the Toledo Central Rajk, former Minister of the since the "liberation" of August Labor Union warmly responded to Interior in Hungary, arrested on 1944, gave repeated evidence of an apeal on behalf of the legless June 14, is to be tried soon for its readiness and will to abolish "selling Government secrets" to capitalism. forever. Bankrupt veteran by Rev. Milo C. Sawyer of the First Baptist Church, Cavendish Cannon, the U.S. Amrepresenting the Toledo Kutcher bassador to Yugoslavia, through could raise their heads only by the Civil Rights Committee. the mediation of Marshall Tito. grace of Thorez and Co.

Obviously the Kremlin is bent on The Toledo AFL resolution sent by Secretary Otto W. Brach to following the execution of Koci Stalinist leadership, beginning Atorney General Clark and the Dodji, Albanian "Titoist" by another example in Hungary. Toledo Blade, declares that "the practise of firing individuals from

government jobs because of their political beliefs without a public hearing or a chance to face their accusers or to see the evidence upon which they are designated behalf of a fair trial for the

as 'subversive' is a flagrant violaformer Hungarian Minister of tion of our basic constitutional Interior who has turned dissiguarantees contained in the Bill dent. of Rights." It demands that Kut-

cher "be restored to his job with- Anti-Labor Drives out prejudice" and "urges all its And Losses of the affiliates to support this case in Stalinists in France every way they can."

On July 1, the AFL Central abor Council of Santa Cruz, Calif., after hearing Kutcher, endorsed his case and voted \$10 substantial reductions in the toward his court fight. One memper expressed dissatisfaction at the amount donated and initiated an additional \$11 collection from with Marshall Plan requirements. those present.

On July 5 Kutcher addressed Local 1100 of the AFL Retail asked its executive board to ap-Deficit government financing in prove a \$50 donation to Kutcher's

peacetime imposes intolerable campaign. strains on the credit system. It | may force the government to borrow at higher rates, a very risky eventuality in the face of a national debt that has passed the quarter of a trillion mark. This is the fourth joint board of that that country has undergone In the long run, it endangers the stability of the dollar itself.

this important AFL international in the last year or so. Not so long ago the Paris corto come to Kutcher's aid. The delphia and Los Angeles joint American papers that a phone call Paris convention, spokesmen of from Maurice Thorez, French



## Launch Campaigns For 'Militant' Subs

Three branches of the Socialist Workers Party, Detroit, Oakland and San Francisco, announced

for subscriptions to The Militant and the monthly theore- while Harlem sold 80, which tion, etc. tical magazine of makes a total of 131 for four

ism.

campaigns last week

San Francisco and

Oakland are combin-

the champion sub-

Stalinist leader, would be sufficient to install "communism" in that country. And, in truth,

bourgeois politicians at that time

The repeated betravals of the with their entry into the capitalist coalition government headed by There were many union leaders de Gaulle; their dissipation of here who joined in the hubbub the revolutionary energy of the over the trial of Cardinal Mind- workers in the strike waves that szenty. They along with the others followed their dismissal from the have yet to raise their voices in government, brought about this

state of affairs. The workers have lost confidence in the Stalinist leadership and, not yet having found a revolutionary leadership to replace it, have marked time while the capitalists have rehabilitated their bankrupt system sufficiently to plan an offensive against

labor. The decline of what was A campaign has started in France, on the initiative of former once a monopoly hold of the Stalinists upon the French workers Premier Paul Reynaud, to make is indicated in a number of resocial security provisions for ports published and commented workers, in order to "balance" upon in the most recent issue of the economy and bring it in line La Verite (organ of the French Trotskyists) to arrive here.

One article deals with last That a discredited politician like month's convention of the Paris Reynaud, whose claim to fame Trade Union Federation, affiliated rests upon the spade-work he did Clerks in San Francisco, which in easing the way for the Nazi to the Stalinist General Conconquest of 1940 and the installafederation of Labor (CGT). It tion of the Petain regime, can was reported there that the memregain public prominence of this bership of the Federation had The San Francisco Joint Board sort, in itself speaks volumes. dropped from 1,100,000 in 1945 to of the AFL International Ladies That he can dare, as spokesman 579,000 in 1949, that is, a Garment Workers Union also for the French capitalist class, catastrophic decline of 50%. voted endorsement of Kutcher's to propose such drastic anti-labor Dissatisfaction among the activist fight for reinstatement and con- measures, indicates the tremend- rank and file has been sufficiently tributed \$25 to his defense fund. ous change in class relationships great, the article says, for the Stalinists to feel the need to reduce somewhat their strangle-

hold on democratic procedure respondents used to cable their within the unions. Thus, at this the "trade union unity" tendency, supported by the Trotskyists, had to be given the floor to present

their position. They received strong applause and considerable support, although the Stalinists were able to carry their rigged resolutions in the end.

addition to the subs obtained, In another article Pierre Frenk they sold 8 copies of the paper. cites figures from CP sources on 'We think these results are quite the Stalinist press. The central encouraging and we hope to build organ of the French CP, l'Huup the list of subscribers here." manite, reports its circulation at The branches of the Socialist 260,000 as against well above Workers Party in New York are 400,000 in 1945, when it led all registering substantial sales of other daily newspapers in Paris. The Militant at street meetings, According to the same report, 20 Literature Agent Harry Gold re- Stalinist federations have ceased ports. At a Brooklyn meeting, 4 publication of their official were sold. East Side sold 18 at papers; 10 daily newspapers have Fourth International, one meeting and 29 at another; been reduced to weekly publica-

Naturally, the Stalinist's receiv



have been able to juggle with billions as they pleased. But to- Bay Area, Detroit, day things have drastically altered. Voices demanding a "regime

of economy" are making themselves heard more and more insistently. To be sure, these 'economizers" have not as yet asserted themselves in Congress. But behind them, powerful forces are aligned. The biggest banks and monopolists and powerful politicians view with disfavor, if

trouble, plenty of trouble.

not apprehension, the prospect of

passing from the second to the somebody else but because the under the sway of the red scare. risen on the horizon. We refer to insist on rigidly limiting, if not third stage, in view of its present average auto worker in the in- The Stalinists had lost the moral financial difficulties which now altogether averting, this developmoves. Is it becoming just an- dustry today is a family man over leadership of the anti- Reuther face the Truman administration. ment. other 'business' union - or will 40 years of age - an outcome of progressive wing and even their it remain vibrant and unpre- the union seniority provisions - aggressiveness at the Milwaukee INTOLERABLE STRAINS dictable, with its stormy petrels who feels he has a certain stake convention has not helped them and its grand battles, its demo- in the scheme of things, pitiful to recapture it. cracy and its fighting spirit? The though it be, to protect. Furtherrank and file we hope will make more, the UAW, like the whole it plain at this convention that it union movement, is caught in the wants to stay on the militant steel embrace of the imperialist path that has made the UAW the state which aims to bend it to mittee for a Militant and Demoits own purposes.

#### fine organization it is." WHAT REUTHER GOT

I think it is undeniable - and tion all right at Milwaukee. But going in the teeth of red-baiting it becomes even clearer if you that does not mean by a long shot hysteria, the absence of broad divorce yourself for the moment that the UAW has been "Mur- support in the ranks, the presfrom the immediate factional rayized" and is now simply a sures, threats and powers of corpolitics in the UAW - that the carbon copy of the steel union. ruption of the administration ma-

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some tough sledding. It is no billion; with the prospect of anpicture. It was Reuther's conven- picnic to keep a militant caucus other deficit double in size for the

> Mt. Spring Camp ruption of the administration ma-chine, and the unscrupulous snip- Announces Lower ings and attacks of the Stalinists. The average progressive, after **Rates for Guests** all, wants to get elected to office.

When he finds that militancy The management of the newlylacks the same appeal as of old opened Mountain Spring Camp at on Truman to start balancing the he is inclined to trim his sails. Washington, New Jersey, has an budget may be gauged by the maximum opportunity to roll up to pass on a tip used by Comrade But the fact is that despite all these many difficulties and weekly and daily rates for the concluding section of his July 13 abilities, the Bay Area contest that we have no advertisers. This rest of this season. The new rates "there-is-no-depression fireside is based on a point system. For seems to get their attention and harassments, the opposition has received enough support from which go into effect July 24 are chat" to an oblique attack on each copy of The Militant sold, opens the way for further disthe membership to keep afloat, \$30 per week for dormitory ac- nameless "selfish interests" who the sub-getter scores 5 points. cussions." Articles about Negroes, gave a good account of itself at commodations and \$32.50 per the Milwaukee convention as the authentic anti-Reuther progressive opposition, and made an are \$4.50 per day for dormitory downward trend." nch or two of headway. quarters and \$5 per day for

This is of more than passing cabins.

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radical and insurgent youth the able reputation for the camp will union slogged into the mire of a be maintained. Through these bureaucratized and class - colla- reductions the management aims ahead economic conditions in the the Pocono Mountains within gravation of monetary troubles prepared and will be posted in trends with a real revolutionary ning their own candidates, they United States similar to the reach of most workers' budgets abroad, in the first instance, those both the Oakland and San Fran-background."

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sun. But if one is convinced that resort for a week or a weekend in the rest of the capitalist world. The sub-getter chalking up the clear stream of thought - very this country is facing critical outing have become enthusiastic They have arisen as the product highest score wins a book. Full refreshing amid the pollution of economic developments and boosters of its advantages. The of a highly unfavorable set of details of the campaign will be other parties." stormy upheavals in the class Mountain Spring Camp is easily economic conditions, only to be- announced later. struggle, than it is entirely accessible, being only two hours come, at a later stage, themselves Seattle is likewise rolling into ville, Ohio, recalling Farrell

movement. Washington, N. J.

huge government deficits. They

A bitter behind - the - scenes struggle is now in progress. One signal of the sharp disagreements deficit has reached the whopping now dividing the top echelons of

the capitalist class came early of one week's vacation, all ex- be given in the interaction their timepresent rate of federal expen- this month when James F. ditures is maintained and assum- Byrnes, former Secretary of Summer Camp. In case of a tie, ing the economic situation does State, broke openly with Tru- there will be two lucky vacaman. Delivering the principal tioners. They expect to cover the commencement address at the cost of this handsome prize Washington and Lee University through socials. in Virginia, Byrnes denounced

The Oakland - San Francisco the T-H Law has been and can Truman's "road to statism" and called for a reduction in federal contest begins July 20 and runs be used against workers will drive spending. "The only wise course for one month, ending on August home all the more the sell-out not yet found a substitute leaderis to reduce expenditures and live 21 when the winner will be an- by the top union bureaucrats on ship. This indicates two things: within our income," said this in- nounced at the Memorial Meet- this issue." fluential spokesman for the ing for Leon Trotsky. Southern Bourbons who, in coali- Official slogan of the contest tion side Pittsburgh plans "sales tion with the Republicans, now is: "Let's bring The Militant and at several steel locals at union

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dominate Congress. Fourth International to the Bay meetings." The intensity of the pressure Area working class!"

To assure every sub-getter the of Morgantown recently wrote us nounced sizeable reductions in its fact that he had to devote the a score in accordance with his F. in selling subs. "She explains

are "now urging drastic cuts in For each copy of Fourth Interna- he continues, "are easily the best week for separate screened cabins government expenditures" and tional, 20 points. A six-months conversations: makers with stu-Daily rates for room and board who would thereby "add to the Militant sub rates 50 points; a dents as well as miners. The one-year sub, 100; a one-year FI growing support for Kutcher has Fiscal disagreements among sub, 150; and a one-year com- begun to arouse reader interest.

the capitalist summits - a factor bination Militant and FI, 275. I met an old subscriber a few A quota of 750 points was set days ago and his first remark by the comrades as a goal for was on Kutcher."

"There is general enthusiasm N. Y., on renewing his subscrip- stand. In the June election they for this contest," reports Litera- tion wrote us: "I enjoy your What adds even more to the ture Agent P. B. of San Fran- publication very much, and though and against the Conservatives as

instability of the situation is that cisco, "and from all indications not a Socialist or even a 'radical' borationist middle age. If one to bring a visit to this pleasant these domestic fiscal difficulties it should work out very well. In- I can appreciate receiving a paper scene. were to assume for the years vacation resort in the foothill of are unfolding amid an acute ag- dividual charts are now being which interprets the news and

cisco headquarters."

L. M. and R. M. of Vancouver The Detroit campaign begins likewise mentioned how much counterpart of our Democratic in Western Europe are un- July 24, according to Literature they appreciate The Militant Party). Thus, they retrogressed formation which would wither The scores of guests who have mistakeable signs of paroxysms Agent Shirley Mason. Goal of the when they sent in their renewal: to a position closer to that of the away as grass in a hot noonday already enjoyed this vacation in the U. S. economy as well as campaign is 100 subscriptions. "Your publication gives the only American labor-skates.

And L. B. Courts of Sharon-

logical to conclude that opposi- ride by train, bus or auto from a cause of further dislocations action on the sub front. Litera- Dobbs' denunciation of the Attion movements, such as the one New York and Philadelphia. For and convulsions. Small wonder ture Agent Marianne Stanley sent lantic Pact before the Senate For that capitalist "experts" with in 4 Militant subs and one FI leaders in the next realignment for making reservations, write Truman as choir-leader prefer to sub. "Four comrades went out," eign Relations Committee, said: Mountain Spring Camp, R.D. 1, skip over all this as they peddle she writes, "and spent about an "That was worth a lot to the Washington N. I. hour and a half subbing." In people of the United States."

American Trotskymeetings. far greater passive support than

these figures of the decline of Literature Agent Gerry Woolf, reporting for Pittsburgh, says active support would indicate. The that "pensions, wages, insurance CP statisticians say, for instance. ing their campaigns and the demands of the current that their press is read by only in order to award steel talks have the workers here one out of every ten voters supbuzzing. I feel more space should porting the party in elections. getter of the Bay Area a prize be given in The Militant now to Similarly, in a recent election of shop stewards at the Renault penses paid, at the West Coast liness. Also to some of the more auto plant, the Stalinist-led CGT not only held its own, but inconcrete aspects of the Taft-Hartley Law. Many workers creased its total of votes by 5,000 over the reformist and know that generally it is bad for Catholic unions. labor, but not specifically why.

Clearly the Stalinists still hold Concrete instances showing how the passive allegiance of the French workers because they have that in spite of all betravals the

French workers have not been Gerry adds that on the distribudemoralized to the point of disorganization; and that as soon as new struggles raise before their eyes a new revolutionary Literature Agent Frank Rossi leadership, they will sweep aside the Stalinists.

> **Reformist Setback** In Canada Elections

The Canadian Commonwealth Federation lost some 20 seats in Parliament in last month's elections. The CCF has been held up as a bright hope by some of the younger, more "forward-looking" bureaucrats in the U.S.A., particularly the Reuther leadership in the UAW. The CCF leaders in

previous elections had attempted Russell W. Gibbons of Hamburg, a more or less "independent" plumped for the Atlantic Pact the greater evil on the domestic

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"Stalinism. . . is not an abstraction of 'dictatorship,' but an immense bureaucratic reaction against the proletarian dictatorship in a backward and isolated country. The October Revolution abolished privileges, waged war against social inequality, replaced the bureaucracy with self-government of the toilers, abolished secret diplomacy, strove to render all social relationships completely transparent. Stalinism reestablished the most offensive forms of privileges, imbued inequality with a provocative character, strangled self-activity under police absolutism, transformed administration into a monopoly of the Kremlin oligarchy and regenerated the fetishism of power in forms that absolute monarchy dared not dream of." - Leon Trotsky, Their Morals and Ours, 1938.

## United Action Is Still Major Need

As letters printed in this and last week's Militant indicate, a considerable number of sponsors for the Bill of Rights Conference agreed that the conference should undertake to defend the civil rights of all victims of the witch-hunt, including the civil rights of the Socialist Workers Party. At the conference itself the fight in behalf of this position was strongly supported by such prominent sponsors as Professor Thomas I. Emerson and Paul J. Kern in addition to the SWP delegation.

Involved in this dispute was the principle upon which a broad united front of resistance to the witch-hunt can be built. By rejecting this principle, the Stalinists utterly destroyed the possibility of the conference playing any part in such a movement.

In his letter to Farrell Dobbs last week. Professor Frederick Schuman of Williams College wrote, "I should be the first to repudiate any resolution or recommendations [at the conference] which seek to distinguish among varieties of political and social heterodoxy in the matter of the defense of civil rights." And Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of the University of Minnesota informed Paul Kern, "If the Communist Party would dominate the 'Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights' and would oppose principles of freedom in which non-Communists are concerned

... I would refuse to cooperate in the future. . . " The authors of these letters, who un-

questionably speak for a large body of public opinion which is eager for a principled fight against the witch-hunt, are confronted with the problem of what to do now.

As they well know, the need to organize a broad mass movement against the witch-hunt is greater than ever before. The Stalinist opposition to such a movement makes the task more difficult, but not less urgent. If the death-blow which the Stalinists dealt to the Bill of Rights Conference should be permitted to give rise to demoralization, apathy or withdrawal from the struggle, the only beneficiaries would be the witch-hunters.

Recent events have shown that the possibility of organizing the kind of movement needed today is growing greater. The public protest against the revelations about the FBI police spy system is one sign. Another is the wide labor and liberal support already mobilized in defense of the legless veteran, James Kutcher. If all those who advocate united defense of the Bill of Rights will get together and plan steps to raise the struggle to a higher level, they can provide the necessary stimulant to the incipient although still unorganized movement which alone can end the witchhunt.

## **Our Demand for Commission of Inquiry**

Having printed his slanderous and malicious attack on the Socialist Workers Party and James Kutcher in the July 11 Daily Compass, Howard Fast has taken refuge in silence.

This unscrupulous cats-paw of the Kremlin has chosen neither to reply to Farrell Dobbs' letter nor to accept Dobbs' challenge to prove his alleged charges against the Trotskyists before an impartial Commission of Inquiry.

When Farrell Dobbs repeated this demand for an impartial public hearing at the sessions of the July 16-17 Bill of Rights Conference, the assembled Stalinist delegates and their stooges tried to drown him out with boos and cat-calls. Anyone with clean hands and a clear conscience would have eagerly seized such an opportunity. What could be more equitable than this proposal? What better opportunity could anyone ask to substantiate his case?

at all only by virtue of constant and brazen repetition. But it falls apart at the least investigation and confrontation with those whom they so falsely accuse and who are able to produce genuine

facts and documents. Stalinist methods and practices, especially against incorruptible revolutionists, cannot stand the light - least of all the light which would attend their appearance before the bar of public opinion.

## Liberals Reject C.P. Line

(Continued from page 1) port of the campaign for a pardon

the 1941 Minneapolis trial.

Bert Cochran, chairman of the

SWP trade union committee, fol-

owed Popper and refuted his

ies. "First let me make clear that

we stand firm in defense of civil

rights for all in wartime as well

as in peacetime," Cochran began.

He then reminded the delegates

that the Minneapolis trial was a

peacetime case of persecution for

political opinions with no overt

"I think many delegates are

not unaware that the eyes of the

liberals are upon this conference,"

Cochran declared, "wanting to

know if you intend to defend

civil rights for all, or whether

despite any alibis you may make

you are interested only in defend

ing the rights of the Communis

Party and in fact oppose the

or are in opposition to the Com-

case," Durkin shouted.

STALINISTS CHALLENGED

Workers Party members who

were imprisoned under the Smith

acts involved.

**'BY YOUR CONDUCT''** 

the Smith Act. He then referred to a substitute for his resolution proposed in committee which called for support to the CP 12 and "all other anti-fascist victims of the Smith Act."

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"I oppose the substitute resolucause than support those with trial. ion," he told the conference, "bewhom you do not agree." cause as Is understand it, the sponsors of the substitute refuse Just before Dobbs spoke the to concede that the Trotskyists hair had reported that Professor Corliss Lamont of Columare anti-fascist and the intent of the substitute is to deny support bia University had asked to speak firings." to the Socialist Workers Party. I in support of the Emerson resoluthink it would be a most untion, but he was not in the hall fortunate thing if we terminated when the debate occurred.

meeting.

this conference with such a Announcing that he spoke for repudiation of the Bill of Rights." the Communist Party, Simon W Gerson, CP publicity director, Martin Popper of the National Lawyers Guild, a Stalinist stooge, called the Emerson resolution a took the floor to sponsor the sub-'monstrous trap . . . into which stitute resolution. "Some of our liberal defenders of civil rights liberal friends are misguided," may fall." he said, and attacked the proposal

AGAINST DISCRIMINATION to defend the rights of the Trot-"Prosecutor McGohey in Foley skyists as "an effort to provoke Square also tried to equate the as into division." Popper then ecited the standard Stalinist case of the 12 with the Minneapolis case," Gerson said. "We falsification of the facts about don't want to be bracketed with

the Dunne case."

Chairman Paul J. Kern then spoke in support of the Emerson resolution. "I say with Voltaire, the great French thinker," he declared, "that while I may not agree with what a man says, I will defend to the death his right to say it. I feel that we are compelled not to discriminate against any victim of the Smith Act. "Henry Wallace has supported

the request for a pardon of the 18." Kern continued. "I have been in touch with Professors Frederick

Schuman and Harlow Shapley and they agree that the proper position for this conference to take is that free speech cannot be denied to any political party. For these reasons I must sharply disagree with the amendment and support the original resolution of Professor Emerson.

rights of those who differ from

munist Party. By your conduct you will give the answer." Cochran's challenge was booed by the Stalinists and provoked an hysterical tirade from James Durkin, president of the Stalinist-controlled CIO United Office and Professional Workers Union. 'I don't want to listen here to a speaker trying to blackmail me by saying we must defend his

Trotskyites," he asserted.

was called to fight lynching, not Emerson made the principal Worker on the eve of the con-strict adherence to the Stalinists to whip up a lynch spirit against speech. He described the "loyalty" ference warned all liberals that own "subversive" list under "Either this conference is going theory of guilt by asociation, uses to vote to defend the civil rights the same deliberately vague

of everyone," Dobbs charged, "or phraseology that Hitler used to prove on the record that so far suppress freedom, and introduces as the Communist Party is con- entirely new methods contrary cerned you would rather wreck a to the whole tradition of public "The case of James Kutcher

has become a key one." he said. "because it so well illustrates the nature of the Loyalty Board

Professor Lamont, prominent in Stalinist front organizations, stated to the panel that he supports the civil liberties of all groups "from right to left capitalists, fascists, Communists socialists, Trotskyists and all other political parties.'

A Stalinist delegate, Sam Guirani of the CIO Chemical Work ers Union, rose to declare, "I will not lose one breath of air to defend fascists and Trotskyites." George Clarke, editor of Fourth International, managed to get the floor to answer the Stalinist slander. He told the panel about

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containing appeals for support to the Trotskyist victims of the witch-hunt were distributed at the conference and widely read by the

1,300 delegates from 33 states. BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURE The bureaucratic manner in which the Stalinists organized and managed the conference was vividly illustrated in the first hour of the opening session. After the chairman had in-

ROBESON'S HATCHET JOB

real Stalinist hatchet job on the you ask the Negroes to give freedom of speech to the KKK?

Would you give civil rights to Jefferson Davis? I went to Republican Spain in 1937 to sing for the Loyalist soldiers, and I saw some of the finest men go to their deaths because of the spying and the activities of the

"These people are the allies of for those who come among us as "Yes, there are 18 Socialist fascism," Robeson shouted. "These people come from the Woods in Congress, and from the FBI --Act. They are fingermen for the I say they are here as agents of employers," he lied. "Let's make the FBI. Never have this happen and fascists." Everybody knew it plain that we are not fighting again, that these people can come his vile attack was aimed at the

for the 18 Trotskyist victims of delegates trying to address the purge as a program for contain- they would be drummed out of which civil rights for Trotskyists ment of ideas that establishes the the Stalinist-dominated united and other political opponents of front if they insisted on defend- the Communist Party are denied. ing the civil rights of the Trot- The "new adherents" must accept skyists. In view of this brazen the Stalinist political blacklist as \* threat, it is all the more signifi- a condition for participation in cant than so many of the liberals the Civil Rights Congress. stood firm in their insistence that In a further effort to avoid

the conference defend the civil rights of all.

TOT TO CONTINUE Because of the Stalinist disrupion of the united front, the con-

ference was prevented from serving as a springboard for a campaign to deepen and extend the Committee," nor the Civil Rights united struggle in opposition to Congress nor any other creature the witch hunters. In fact a of the Communist Party can be scheduled discussion of ways and looked to for leadership in means to continue the work of mobilizing a broad united front he conference was not even that will defend all victims of the taken up. Instead, the July 19 Daily

Worker has announced that the its way despite the disruptive Stalinist-controlled Civil Rights policy of the Communist Party. Congress will seek "new ad- To forge such a weapon of herents as it takes the lead in genuine united struggle against defending civil rights." That so- the witch-hunt is the task of the called "lead" will be based on hour.

the CP's public attacks on Kutcher and called for a conference declaration in support of Kutcher to demonstrate its solidarity in defense of all victims of the witch hunt. Clarke was told he would have to submit his request to the resolutions committee, but his resolution on Kutcher's behalf died in that committee.

troduced two speakers without taking up the question of con-

Paul Robeson then rose to do a ference procedure, George Clarke made a motion that Farrell Dobbs. Socialist Workers Party. "Would SWP chairman, be added to the speakers' list. His motion was

ruled out of order with a promise the SWP could get the floor in the panels. A short time later Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., one of the CP defendants at Foley Square and a scheduled speaker, made a violent

disrupters, trying to break the unity of the progressive forces," Davis shouted. "This is not a defense meeting for disrupters **Workers** Forum executive board, had an easy time

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facing the issue of support to

the 18 Trotskyists convicted ander

the Smith Act, the CP has an-

nounced formation of a "Non-

partisan Committee to Defend the

12," who are now on trial at

Neither this "Non-partisan

That united front must make

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witch-hunt.

## **CP's Real Stand** On the Case of James Kutcher

Editor: As an observer at the Bill Rights Conference last week, I noticed that the Stalinists played "cagey" game on the case of James Kutcher. In the panel that dealt with the purge cases, they preferred to keep quiet about it, or to snipe at the defense of Kutcher only by innuendo.

But they did not choose to put up a fight about it and permitted the conference to adopt a resolution pledging support to all victims of the "loyalty" purge. This was more or less the position taken by Howard Fast in his

slanderous letter printed in the Daily Compass. Of course, as your paper has eported, it is in complete contradiction to the line they are taking on the West Coast, where the Stalinist People's World has editorially called on the labor attack on the Trotskyists without and liberal movements to oppose naming them. "Free speech is not

thus far failed to substantiate this claim with any factual or support to the fight of the legdocumentary evidence. Yet ess veteran. Some people are apt to wonder just what their real attitude is to this case of outrageous injustice. That's why I'd like to duces this evidence, it is obviously

Gorkin also claims that he has such proof in his possession. What then is he waiting for? Until and unless Gorkin proinform your readers of an in- necessary to place a big question cident that took place today (two mark over the credibility of his

inists are interested only in civil rights for themselves. So don't let anyone be fooled by what the Stalinists did at the conference. The reason they didn't

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## Says Gorkin Must On GPU Assassin

reveal their real position there was that they were afraid of the effects such a position would have on the liberals. But they haven't changed their position and are still doing everything they can

answering him and proving to all

who were present that the Stal-

to sabotage Kutcher's defense in the labor movement.

New York



Editor:

Julian Gorkin has made the

sensational claim that he is able

Jacson - Mornard," the GPU

to establish the true identity of

assassin of Leon Trotsky. He has

By their cowardly conduct Fast and the whole Stalinist crew demonstrate once again that they have no proof of their accusations. Theirs is a criminal tissue of lies, distortions and falsifications. It appears to carry any weight

They know this and they fear this.

Not a single plausible argument can be advanced against an impartial Commission of Inquiry. It is traditional in the labor movement. The Russian Bolsheviks, Lenin himself, appeared before and resorted to such tribunals.

The Stalinists have not even attempted to advance any argument against our challenge, they have not attempted to explain why they won't accept it. They hope to evade it.

They will not be able to evade an issue that stands so clearly posed.

Let them come before an impartial Commission of Inquiry or be branded for what they are!

## Paul Robeson and the N. Y. Times

The editors of the N. Y. Times on July 19 pounced with glee on Paul Robeson's role at the Bill of Rights Conference. They castigate Robeson for turning "the weight of his influence against a declaration on behalf of civil rights for members of the Socialist Workers Party because that group happens to be Trotskyite. Civil Rights for the Negro or for any other minority, in his book, are apparently valid only when the minorities conform to the party line."

Having pointed an accusing finger at Robeson, the Times' editors hasten to add: "That may be the way of the 'new democracies,' but it is not the way of American democracy."

It is hardly surprising that the capitalist demagogues should seize upon the sins and crimes of Stalinism at home and abroad in order, by way of contrast, to paint up their own regime as a paradise of democracy. Stalin's crimes against the working class and democratic rights are grist to the mill of Washington's cold war. The shameless conduct of people like Robeson only plays into the hands of the imperialist propagandists.

But the Times' editors have conveniently forgotten a number of important details. It happens to be the Truman administration, like the Roosevelt administration before it, that seeks to deprive the Trotskyists of the same civil rights - which the Stalinists aim to deny us.

Unless memory fails us, we do not recall that the "democratic" editors of the Times ever uttered any protest against the persecution of the 18 Trotskyists who were the first peacetime victims of the Smith Gag Act and to whom Truman still refuses the restoration of their rights as citizens.

Again, when did the Times ever speak up against the issuance of Attorney General Clark's blacklist, which, like Robeson's reactionary position, abrogates "civil rights for members of the Socialist Workers Party because that group happens to be Trotskyite"?

Or take the Kutcher case - a violation of civil rights as flagrant as any committed by the fascists or the Kremlin. Where do the editors of the Times stand on the fight of this legless veteran for reinstatement to his job in the VA? They have remained silent on all these cases, or given tacit support to the witchhunters conducting them, and are therefore hardly in a position to breathe indignation about the contemptible policies of the Stalinists.

The Times, Leon Trotsky. pointed out long ago, makes a practice of telling the truth about lesser things in order to be able to lie all the better about the big things. Now they exhibit another glaring illustration of this nefarious practice on the vital issue of civil liberties.

or civil liberties for scabs." nto such a conference and dis 'Farrell Dobbs, SWP national rupt the progressive fight. We chairman, defied Popper, Durkin cannot fight fascism and support and the rest of the Stalinist gang these people."

to submit their slanderous ac-KUTCHER CASE IS KEY cusations against the Trotskyists On a voice vote the Stalinists to an impartial Commission of leading labor and liberal figures rammed through their substitute

for investigation and a verdict. resclution. A sizeable group of The Stalinists booed and hissed iberal delegates voted for the Dobbs so loud and long that original Emerson resolution. Chairman Kern had to call them At the panel discussion

to order. He reminded the CP Thought Control by Executive disrupters that the conference Decree held yesterday, Professor



(Continued from Page 1) at the conference ample opportunity to demonstrate their will which Mr. Dobbs sent you. If the to defend those rights."

#### AGREES COMPLETELY

Dr. Ray A. Billington of North- principles of freedom in which vestern University, Evanston, Ill., ent the following letter to Dobbs m July 14:

"I have just read over very the cooperation of true liberals arefully the copy of the letter in the organization of a new that you have addressed to Mr. tern [temporary chairman of the Bill of Rights Conference] concerning civil liberties. This is just a note to assure you that I and I would refuse to cooperate agree completely with everything that you say in both that letter and in your letter to me. "These are indeed trying days

for those of us who follow the liberal path. Whenever we lift our voices for civil rights and human decency we are damned by conservatives as communists, and by communists as conservatives. That is why your letter was so heartening to me. May your point of view prevail at the Conference; if it does not the members have no right to advertise themselves as defending the Bill of Rights." On the same day Dr. I. M.

Kolthoff of the University of Minnesota sent Kern a letter expressing his views, with a copy o Dobbs. It said:

IN FULL SYMPATHY "Mr. Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman, Socialist Workers Party, was kind enough to send me a copy of his letter to you of

Dobbs went to the floor microphone only to find that the Stalinist slickers had shut it off after

The Stewards Council of Sperry Clarke used it to make his earlier Local 450 of the UE, which the motion. The SWP chairman then Stalinists no longer control and mounted the platform to make himself heard and after a sharp exchange with the chairman was denied the right to answer Davis attack, with the promise that he could speak in one of the panels. Later, in the panel on the Bill

of Rights in the Courts, Dobbs. got the floor and challenged loyalty purge." Davis to prove his slanders before an impartial Commission of

Inquiry. He told the panel the true story about the Minneapolis case and quoted from letters supporting the pardon demand of the 8 SWP leaders received from Henry Wallace, Professors Shap-

July 9. I would like to express ley. Schuman, Emerson & others. my full sympathy with the letter The Wallace letter was written September 21, 1948. Other letters Communist Party would dominate of support quoted by Dobbs were the 'Conference to Defend the received in reponse to his pre-Bill of Rights' and would oppose conference appeal to the sponsors of the conference for support to non-Communists are concerned, the SWP victims of the witch-

believe that you, would have a hunt hard time in the future to get Cbviously alarmed by the principled stand taken by many non-Stalinist sponsors, the Daily

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which has gone formally on record in support of Kutcher, had approved a resolution for Educational presentation to the coming UE national convention. The resolu-CP and SWP ATTITUDES tion asked the convention to aid TO THE NEGRO STRUGGLE James Kutcher and "the other

Friday, July 29 victims of President Truman's 423 Springfield Avenue A leading Stalinist in the local -0-

Visit your local headquarters of the

challenged the author of this SAN FRANCISCO resolution (who is not a member of the SWP) to a lunch-hour debate on the Kutcher case, and the debate was held. **American Working Class** The Stalinist went all-out in oncluding Lecture -

attacking Kutcher and the Trotskyists who, he claimed, were 'fomenters of war, fascists, igents of Wall Street and finger men for the FBI."

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## **An Ancient Heresy-Hunt**

#### - By James Kutcher -

Sitting in a West Coast hotel room one evening and idly turning the pages of the Bible provided by the hotel management, I came across the section entitled Deuteronomy. In this part Moses is giving the Israelites a number of directives on how to behave themselves after they get to the promised land. Chapter 13 had a particular appeal for me. The sub-titles are "Idolaters to be put to death. Idolatrous cities to be destroyed." It seemed to me that it could just as well have been called "Moses' Executive Order 9835."

Moses is talking, and he is saying, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams" and he says, "Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them," then "Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams" because "the Lord your God" is testing you, to learn if you really love him and fear him and obey him.

"And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death," Moses continues, because he is trying "to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in." Even if this prophet or dreamer should be "thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend. . . thou shalt not consent unto him. nor hearken unto him: neither shall thine eve pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die. . . And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.'

Furthermore, Moses says, extending the scope of this heresy-hunt, if you should hear that certain men have withdrawn to build their own city in which they propose to "serve other gods, which ye have not known; Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you; Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all, that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. And thou shalt gather all of the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and

all the spoil thereof every whit, for the Lord thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again." If you do this, Moses promises, then "the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers."

Now, it may be said that the comparison is unfair. After all, the Truman administration is not asking you to kill anybody or stone him with stones just because he harbors "abominable" thoughts, and they are not yet asking for the utter destruction of any city by either the edge Segregation Policy in Army of the sword or the atom bomb. It's true that modern' methods are somewhat different. All they do to the twentieth century "prophets and dreamers of dreams" is stigmatize them as "subdreamers of dreams" is stigmatize them as "subversive" or "disloyal" and deprive them of their livelihood if they happen to be working for the **Driven from Home** government or in plants with government contracts or as teachers in the public schools or even

heresy-hunters have learned that you can wipe out "wicked" and dissident thoughts just as effectively by pinning a yellow badge on a man several days. and driving him out of his job as you can by

using the less refined methods recommended by little town, pumping bullets in-

must insist that not all the differences are to dwellings. They have burned in the favor of the Washington policemen-of-the- the ground two houses and have mind. For one thing, Moses ordered the witchhunters of his time, before acting, to "enquire" community to ashes.

and "make search" and "ask diligently" and be certain that there really was an "abomination." the arrest of two young Negro Which is more than can be said for the FBI police veterans charged with robbing a spy system which assassinates the characters of white native and kidnapping his many innocent people on the basis of hearsay wife. Gangs of lynchers im-

did not call himself a liberal or the Biblical equivalent of a Fair Dealer; he did not preach the virtues of democracy while he was practicing the vices of dictatorship. Which again is more than you can say about the would-be architects of the involved. police state in Washington, D. C.

The Moses administration was more barbarous than the Truman administration, but it is a difference in degree and not in kind. The principles guiding them are essentially the same.

Groveland, Fla., a small town as clergymen in the churches. For the modern in the central portion of this Jim Crow state, has been the scene of unbridled Ku Klux terror for

VOLUME XIII .

Motor caravans have repeatedly raided the Negro quarter of this

But while I grant the difference in method, I discriminately into streets and threatcned to reduce the entire

and rumor and malicious gossip. And for another thing, Moses, with all his mediately converged on the loca!

iail but found themselves foiled faults, at least escaped the sin of hypocrisy. He by the removal of their intended victims to a different jail. The would-be lynchers then proceded to unleash their reign of terror. Two other Negroes are allegedly

The entire Negro population of froveland, some 400 in number, has been reportedly removed in trucks at night to neighboring communities and towns. State and

local authorities have issued re peated assurances that they have the situation "well in hand."

## **Brass Hats Refuse to Change**

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1949

**Bus Strike in New York** 



of the CIO Transport Workers Union, out on strike against two privately-owned bus companies in New York City. The strike began when four mechanics were arbitrarily fired. The union is now demanding a new contract, the major issue in the unfolding struggle. This contract is long overdue and the companies have been stalling. Mayor O'Dwyer, whose tenure in office has been marked by a series of strikebreaking efforts, is again running true to form. On July 20 he issued an ultimatum demanding that all bus workers return at once to work while the issue of a new contract is submitted to arbitration. The union has called a meeting where a secret ballot will be taken on O'Dwyer's ultimatum.



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tion policy toward Negro soldiers in any way, and within the next week or two it is going to flatly say so to the President's Fahy Committee on?

Equality of Treatment and Op- ministration took the trouble to portunity in the Armed Services, rebuke Bradley for his statement. according to the July 16 N. Y. Truman had paid his lip-service Times, which evidently has a to "equality," and that was good enough. Besides, few people expipeline to the committee. This story has a long history. pected Truman to get elected It goes back to a year ago this anyhow.

month, shortly after the 1948 But he was elected, and on a Democratic National Convention, strong civil rights program, and when Truman was making a des- Negroes began asking what was perate bid for the Negro vote. happening on his two executive Eager to get votes but not to orders. So the Fahy committee strike any blows against segrega- began to meet and make inquiries tion, Truman issued two executive as to how the armed forces were orders. One of them promised carrying out the directive on that Negroes would get "equal "equality."

Apparently, they had not been treatment" and "equal opportunity" in the armed forces. The other doing a thing. On April 6 of this set up a committee to make rec- year the newly-appointed Secreommendations on the first. Nei- tary of Defense Louis Johnson ther of them said anything about sent a memorandum to the three service branches, asking them to segregation.

Quick as a flash. Gen. Omar inform him by the beginning of Bradley, Army chief of staff, May what they intended to do made a speech at Fort Knox on about enforcing "racial equality." July 27, 1948, in which he said: On May 11 the Air Force re-"The Army is not out to make plied that it was going to do any social reforms. The Army away with separate Negro units will put men of different races in and integrate Negroes throughdifferent companies. It will out the service. The Army and hange that policy when the na- Navy also sent replies. Johnson said he was satisfied with the Air ion as a whole changes it." That was a dead giveaway on Force answer, but not with the

Truman's two executive orders, others, and he gave them until especially since nobody in the ad- the beginning of June to try again.

#### THE ARMY'S STAND

On June 7 he accepted the Navy's reply and again rejected the Army's, setting a new dead-line of June 20. Then the date was advanced to July 11, and now it is supposed to have been pushed up to Aug. 1. Nobody can accuse Johnson of being "unrea1

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sonable" or "hasty." But now, before the new deadline has come, the Army has let the Fahy committee know that instead of making any basic changes, it is determined "to conform to local opinion on racial matters," as the Times dispatch puts it.

Actually, of course, the Army brass hats have not even been hunt and the loyalty order. Labor doing that. They have been conforming in the South to Southern "local opinion" (that is, main-

The call for a march on Wash- taining segregation) and in the visited upon Negroes and other ington as a demonstration in North they have also been con-Southern

## 'Fair Deal' Beneficiaries

#### \* By Henry Johnson

Moses.

In his Mid-Year Economic Report, President Truman did not go out of his way to deal with the question of wages, especially wage raises. He mumbled a few words to the effect that he didn't think it was a good idea to cut wages now, and let it go at that.

My first impression was that the "Fair Dealer" must obviously be too harassed these days to bother with such trifles as the incomes and living standards of a score odd million American families now struggling at or below subsistence levels.

But on second thought I reminded myself that one of the first acts of his leaders in the 81st Congress was to take care of Truman and his family. They sure did a handsome job. Truman's salary was hiked from \$75,000 to \$100,000, plus a tax-free allotment of another \$50,000 to add to the \$40,000 he already has for "entertainment and travel." On top of this, he has one good yacht, one swanky private plane, several 'cars, chauffeurs and a roof over his head, all free and clear.

And to prove that your President takes time

should feel really impressed because like all the other Cabinet members Clark will be collecting \$25,000 per annum.

His under-secretaries and those of other department-heads will likewise be in a much better mood to turn in a fair day's work. Their "takehome" has been upped to 20,000 smackeroos, whereas previously most of them got only half as much.

The only one seemingly slighted in this big bondage. and busy White House family was J. Edgar Hoover, himself. This high executive who super- was illustrated in the resolution vises some ten thousand employees and spends 48 million dollars of your tax-money and mine Although supporting the Marshall (and who is going to spend a lot more installing Plan, the resolution also urged bigger FBI stoolpigeon networks) - this busiest the State Department to "adopt of busy men was originally scheduled to scrape and pursue the policy of disconalong on \$15,000 a year. tinuing aid to countries receiving

some eagle-eyed Congressmen who immediately engage in military action to supboosted the FBI chief's salary to a more substantial \$17,500 mark. J. Edgar Hoover will now freedom." be able to sleep more soundly while his spies

This resolution elicited the prowl around keeping innocent people awake greatest opposition of any questhese nights. Truman tion brought to the floor of the Truman's concern for his own and other famconvention. The second of two ilies' welfare is contagious. Some Congressmen, amendments, both of which inspired by the example he was setting, tried sought condemnation of the Marto hike their own salaries up to \$20,000 a year. shall Plan, attempted to replace Besides, they argued, how does it look for "serthis clause by one enumerating vants" (meaning Cabinet officers) to get bigger those countries which maintain pay than do the "masters" (meaning the Hon. their rule over colonials by other Representatives)? But their colleagues decided than purely military means, to to wait a while. all cf whom aid would be denied If you and your family find that you will have It mentioned Great Britain to wait a good deal longer before Mr. Truman France, Belgium, the Netherand his highly paid entourage get around to deallands, Portugal and Italy. This, ing with such problems as wages or unemployand the other proposed amendment, it might console you to remember that ment, were defeated, but apgress is in session." the "Fair Deal," like charity, apparently begins proximately a third of the deleat home, and what is more, stays there too. gates voted for them. Absent also in the sessions mittee "to produce the greatest devoted to international affairs outpouring of Negroes and their tely seeking to confuse the peo- that will make a shambles of the was any reference to the imallies in the labor movement, perialist role played by the United among the church, civic, fraternal here and the program of the States, and the struggles of native peoples under its domina-STRANGE AFTERMATH - The Stalinists burgh of a heart ailment at the age of 64. He mourned the death of Supreme Court Justice

**NAACP** Plans Mass Conference **Civil Rights in Washington** 

(Continued from Page 1) hold the native peoples

The dilemma of the NAACP as presented, and later adopted.

This oversight, however, was quickly noticed by Marshall Plan aid when they press movements for colonial

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of his speech was that Negroes should seek to re-elect those defeat those senators who voted against it.

> MILITANT PROPOSALS This ineffective approach was, however, as already indicated, far outstripped by the later action of the delegates.

On the positive side, the con-

| policy of reward your friends and | resolution: "We pledge our sup- | be earned by officials who are defeat your enemies. The burden port to the attempt of the Long- 'non-partisan' when the issue is shoremen's Union to equalize drawn between bigotry and diswages in Hawaii compared with crimination on the one side and senators who voted "right" on the mainland. We also warn the the American ideal on the the one key question of the people that any attempt by the other... He is the true subversive Barkley ruling on closure and government to deport the Presi- and deserves to be branded as dent of the Longshoremen's Union such." now while the strike is on would The NAACP showed itself far

be a direct interference by the out in front in its understanding government on the employers' of and condemnation of the witchside of à labor dispute." On the whole, the conference leaders could well follow their

was a working conference, deal- example. ing with the many disabilities ference called upon President minorities, correctly relating favor of passage of civil rights forming to

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

Governor Hastie, in his address,

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ple as to the real issues involved public school system.

ists.]

AN ANNUAL PROBE

out to think of other families than his own he has just jammed through the House a bill hiking the salaries of all his Cabinet officers and 236 other heads and assistant heads of departments and agencies. Most of these salary boosts range from 50% to 100%, with the total cost being estimated at \$1,250,000 a year.

Take the case of Attorney General Tom Clark. This intimate friend of Truman has had to scrape by on \$15,000 a year. That's less than \$50 a day for such a dirty messy job as drafting blacklists and supervising witch-hunts. For a skilled man like Clark, pay like this for work like that must have been like taking bread and butter out of the mouths of his family.

The next time Clark gets another veteran, like James Kutcher, fired from his job, the victim

Frank Murphy as "a staunch Roosevelt, New Deal progressive. . . even after FDR died." The

funeral services for Murphy were scheduled to

be given by Father Coughlin, the fascist priest.

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COURT OK'S-JIM CROW - The Court of Ap-

peals in Albany has ruled, in a 4-to-3 decision,

that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

has the right to bar Negroes from its Stuyvesant

Town housing project although the project was

made possible by tax exemptions and other help

A STEADY. PROFESSION - At least 100,000

former Nazi officers and soldiers are now serving

with foreign armies in Russia, Egypt, French

North Africa, Indonesia and various Arab coun-

tries, according to high-ranking former German

staff officers in Frankfort. Thousands of them

are also battling with the French imperialists

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Bill of Rights Conference: "What I can't under-

stand is if the Trotskyites are 'fascists,' as the

Communist Party calls them, then why are they

defending the Communist Party defendants on

trial? What kind of fascists would support the

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TIMELY DEMAND - The CIO Packinghouse

Workers Union is asking for a 30-hour week at

40-hours pay in its negotiations with Swift & Co.

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ney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad

Trainmen, died on July 16, at the age of 76.

Whitney attracted national attention in 1946 when

as leader of the national rail strike he denounced

Truman's strikebreaking actions and vowed to

oppose Truman's election, only to back the latter

in 1948. Three days later Van A. Bittner, vice-

president of the CIO Steel Workers, died in Pitts-

TWO LABOR LEADERS DIE - A. F. Whit-

civil rights of the Communist Party"?

PUZZLING QUESTION - Overheard at the

against the people of Indo-China.

from the state.

on congressmen;

tion, such as the Puerto Ricans. was a one-time lieutenant of John L. Lewis who broke with the miners' chieftain in order to line THE DEMOCRACY ISSUE

Another glaring weakness of the conference was the failure of

STALINIST JOURNALISM — As last week's the delegates to take a single Militant story on the UAW convention reported, step to democratize the Associa-Claude Bland, a leading member of the anti- tion by placing real control of Reuther, anti-Stalinist "Committee for a Militant policies in the hands of the memand Progressive UAW," declined nomination for bership. The majority of the the UAW presidency because, among other things Resolutions Committee rejected "the majority of this convention retains confidence the various resolutions that had in the present leadership." The July 15 Daily been presented by branches seek-Worker, deliberately distorting Bland's remarks, ing to achieve this end. But ? makes it appear that he said his group "retains minority of the committee adconfidence in the present leadership." vocated passage of one resolu-

tion which would have made the NEW ENGLAND UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH-EST — Almost half of the 98 biggest production of the Association. convention the highest authority centers in the U.S. had unemployment totalling 7% or more in mid-May, and the total reached 23% in some areas, according to one government agency. New England was hardest hit.

FEINBERG ACT HIT - Repeal of the Feinberg Act was unanimously urged by a special educational conference, sponsored by the New York fight is only in its initial stage University summer session students and faculty and that it will gain considerable at Chautauqua Institute.

ANTI-DEPRESSION FORMULA - The U.S. while speaker after speaker Steel Corporation, which says it won't pay high- pointed to the failure of Demoer wages and pensions to steel workers because crats and Republicans alike to that would cause depression, raked in net profits carry out campaign promises on in the first quarter of 1949 at an annual rate of civil rights and labor legislation, \$256 million - more than 25% higher than its the leadership, as well as the delegates, shied sharply away 1948 all-time profits grab.

from drawing the logical con-BIGGEST BOSS - The government today is clusions to this well established the largest single business enterprise in the fact, and breathed not a word world. In conformity with its size it is, naturally, about the need for a new party also the largest single employer. A recent survey of labor and the minorities. by Professor Solomon Fabricant of New York Roy Wilkins, acting national University estimates that last year one out of secretary, in his keynote address

"to summon Congress back for a special session for the express and exclusive purpose of passing civil rights laws;" Emphasized mass action as the

best means for exerting pressure sib lity doubly clear. Said he: what they want and are ready to Nothing but contempt should fight for their rights. Arranged for the setting up

of an emergency civil liberties committee, whose task it is to initiate a "national civil liberties CLARK LIST SOLE BASIS "culminate in a mass conference in Washington . . . when Con-FOR REGENTS WITCH-HUN1

The resolution said further that it shall be the aim of the com-

from every walk of life to the to democracy, to the labor move- schools, including members of the demand of the people for the Party and the Workers Party." speedy enactment of a compre- She coupled this slanderous

hensive civil rights program." for the recognition of the civil FOR ENDING PURGE rights of "those who have a stake

The delegates also condemned in democracy." the President's loyalty order as Dobbs answered this slander resulting in "police inquisition, with the following remarks: star'- chamber proceedings and grave injustice," and stated STALINIST PROVOCATION further: "We oppose wholeheartedly the President's loyalty afternoon a provocation by the and the other organizations at program, the Mundt-Ferguson spokesman for the Communist the hearing listed as 'subversive' bills and their counterparts in Party who has said, in effect, if their splinter outfits were unthe states such as the Ober bill in that it's perfectly all right for touched." Here is a perfect ex-Maryland. We call upon the you to declare the Socialist Work- ample of how the Stalinists President to revoke the loyalty ers Party subversive and deprive accuse their opponents of the order forthwith. We further our members of their right to crimes committed by the Stalin-

pledge the full resources of the employment in the public schools, Association to aid and assist in and that what's wrong with your every way in challenging the outrageous procedure is that you

ssistance to individuals affected."

a fair hearing.

The convention furthermore "We believe that if democracy will be followed in the witchreaffirmed the NAACP's tradi- means anything, it means you hunt. Among other things, they ing Negroes into the belief that tional support of organized labor, should defend the rights of those provide for a complete check, to even if Truman has done nothing called for repeal of the Taft- with whom you don't agree. We be made every year, on the poli- to push the civil rights program Hartley law, and took an ex- say that if you cause the dis- t cal beliefs and associations of in Congress, at least he is doing and increasingly vituperative from a single public school, beevery eight or nine workers in this country was contented himself, merely with attack against Harry Bridges cause of their political beliefs, of the New York state public pend on the White House and not employed by one government agency or another. advocating the outworn Gompers and the longshoremen. Said the you will have opened the door school system.

these inequities to government- legislation should be widely sup- ion" (maintaining segregation), condoned Jim Crow-segregation. ported. A mighty demonstration and that is what they intend to in the nation's capital will be the keep on doing.

clearest kind of an indication to "The Fahy committee is far wavering congressmen that Ne- from optimistic," according to made the government's respon- groes and labor are united, know the Times. "Although its members decline to list the points of dispute with the Army, members have indicated that talks to date have not been promising."

#### STRANGE PROCEDURE

Soldiers and veterans are apt o find the whole affair very puzzling. In the Army, they were told, you obey commands, you carry out orders, you do what your senior officer tells you to

to an unrestrained witch - hunt do, and you don't ask questions. Yet here are the top brass in

the Army and they are not obey-"Consequently, we defend the ing the commands of their senior organizations, fraternities, sorori- Communist Party by linking our rights of members of every or- officer, first of all those of Secties, national groups and citizens organization with groups inimical ganization to employment in the retary Johnson, and second of all those of Commander-in-Chief end that both the President and ment, and the cause of peace - Communist Party, despite the Truman as represented by the Congress shall feel the wrath and the so-called Socialist Workers Stalinists' contemptible policy Fahy committee.

where our rights are concerned, Instead, they are stalling for and despite our fundamental opall they are worth, complaining characterization with an appeal position to the Communist Party." that the end of segregation would [Three days later, the July 17 produce a flood of Negro enlist-Worker printed a report on the ments and the lowering of "effi-

"hearings," charging that the ciency" and "morale," and ap-Trotskyists "spent more time at. parently defying their superiors. tacking the Communist Party Does this mean that insubordinathan the bills" and "left the tion (which radicals are always definite inference that they would accused of fomenting in the arm-"You have heard here this be pleased to see the Communists ed forces) has seized hold of the top Army echelons?

NOT STRANGE AFTER ALL

On the contrary, as any soldier or veteran can tell you if he stops to think it over, it means that the whole "racial equality" program, including the executive orders and the memorandums and counter-memorandums, is a fraud from top to bottom. If the brass The accused organizations, who hats act this way, it is because have still not received any bill they know that the program was of particulars against which they never seriously conceived or intended.

All that Truman or Johnson has to do is give a "direct order" to the brass hats, and they will either have to carry it out or resign from their soft jobs. And as Today the Board of Regents long as they don't issue such an adopted the regulations which order, then the entire rigamarole is just another means of deceivon Congress.

Discussion showed a fairly widespread desire on the part of individual delegates for greater democracy, but the resolution was lost by a large majority. There were signs, however, that this

strength in the months to come. It must be noted, also, that

ponents.

constitutionality of this order in shouldn't have dragged the Comthe courts and to continue giving munist Party into it. "Now the Socialist Workers The House Un-American Ac- Party is fundamentally opposed could defend themselves, were

ivities Committee was branded to the policies and practices of allowed two weeks for the filing "a serious menace to the prin- the Communist Party. But we of briefs. The Regents are exciples of freedom," and Congress do not follow their blindly fac- pected to hand down their deciwas called upon to see to it that tional, utterly indefensible policy sion on the "subversive" list for every witness appearing before a of refusing to defend the civil teachers some time in September. congressional committee be given rights of their political op-

## Notes from the News

up with Philip Murray.