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# Police Make Brutal Attack On Bell Strikers in Buffalo Corporations' Challenge



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Police violence against Bell Aircraft strikers in Buffalo is vividly illustrated in pictures above. At left, Merton House, top bargaining committee-man of UAW Local 501 (in white sweater), is surrounded by gang of club-swinging cops and guards. Notice club raised to strike him from behind. At right, House is shown a few minutes later, suffering from severe head injuries.

BUFFALO, Oct. 3 - The Bell Aircraft strike entered its 17th week today amidst mounting tension on the entire Niagara Frontier. Eighteen leaders of the striking local were being sought by special deputies reinforced by Buffalo police, following mass demonstrations staged by wives of the strikers last week at the gates of the Bell plant.

In a move unprecedented in the local labor movement wives of been arraigned on several charges Majority Oppose the striking workers organized and some of them have been into an auxiliary unit, took over arrested more than once as a the picket lines last Tuesday result of collusion between the Free-Speech Curb, and Wednesday and successfully corporation and the district at-**Latest Poll Shows** warded off scabs and deputized torney as well as Sheriff Becker. hooligans hired by the company The company's latest move over to break the strike. The demon- the weekend was to obtain 18 stration by the women constituted warrants for the arrest of the

one of the highlights in the local leaders on alleged new drawn out battle between the Bell charges arising out of the stirring local and the corporation. demonstration sponsored by the Angered by the spectacular Women's Auxiliary Unit. It is success of the women pickets, the reported on reliable authority

company last Wednesday un- that if the defendants are picked leashed a series of assaults on up again they will be held in the strikers in which tear gas jail without bail.

and smoke bombs were hurled It is evident that these desindiscriminately at male and perate measures concocted by the female pickets. In addition, depu- company in collusion with the you believe in freedom of speech tics clubbed many of the women, police and the courts are a last- for everybody - that is, for manhandled several others and ditch attempt to break the back example, permitting anyone to arrested six of them. The com- of the strike by terror. At this say anything at any time about pany followed this up with writing deputies are roaming all our government or our country?" arrests of ten men and six women and held all of them overnight find the local leaders. They did in is in ichilitation with the local leaders in the second second

## **Truman Abandons All Civil Liberties Bills for This Year**

Truman has abandoned even the pretense of fighting for civil rights legislation in this session of Congress. Such legislation was a key plank in Truman's election platform last year and was on his "must" list when the 81st session began last January.

Senate Majority leader Scott W. Lucas announced on Oct 3 that the Truman Democrats had decided not to press for action on civil rights measures in this session. This decision, he said, was made in a conference with Truman and had his approval.

Among the promised measures which Truman and his supporters ave now consigned to the cooler are the Fair Employment Practices, anti-poll tax and antilynching bills. These are part of the 10-point civil rights program about which Truman talked so much before elections and which

A majority of the American he made his principal appeal for people are opposed to limitations the votes of the Negro people. on the "freedom to preach Com-

munism," according to a national PHONY MANEUVERS survey by the American Institute

Early in the present session, of Public Opinion, commonly known as the Gallup Poll. The the Truman Democrats made a half-hearted attempt to bring the Gallup Poll customarily slants its civil rights program before the questions to bring out responses Senate. Truman's Southern colfavorable to reaction.

eagues blocked action through In answer to the question: "Do Trumanites to rout by enacting a stiffer closure rule, making it more difficult than ever to halt a filibuster. Truman took the occasion of this crucial fight to

Since then, Trumar his lip buttoned about civil rights, A smaller number, 45%, said except for one or two ceremonial utterances. He has been chiefly speech, but only under the folconcerned about re-cementing his relations with the Southern "white supremacy" wing of his

### A Test of Strength



# Senate. Truman's Southern col-eagues blocked action through i filibuster and finally put the Trumanites to rout by enacting Kutcher Case Creates Stir in Legal Circles CHICAGO, Oct. 3 - James broken by the ordeal and his cident shows how the "loyalt

Government Intervention Main Danger

By Art Preis Goaded beyond endurance by the arrogant steel monopolists who are demanding nothing less than unconditional surrender, more than 500,000 workers in basic steel have chosen the only honorable course left. open to them - strike action. Including 380,000 soft coal miners who left the pits three weeks ago, American workers now on strike total nearly a million. Only in February 1946 when the whole steel industry was shut down for the first time has labor put a more massive force on the picket lines at one me

The steel workers did not want this strike — it was thrust upon them. They were prepared, even though reluctantly, to accept the most slim concessions from the steel corporations which have been raking in mountainous profits. Three times Philip Murray put off strike action in hopes that the companies would yield one small crumb that he might palm off to the steel workers as minimum acceptable settlement.

But the giant steel companies, ith U.S. Steel in the lead, have efused even a beggar's mite. They have maintained an attitude of brazen challenge throughout. It is now clear they mean to force the union to a showdown in which they hope to deliver a crushing lefeat and pave the way, at purge is an instrument of racial later stage, for an open-shop Francis Heisler, well-known as well as political discriminaoffensive. Thus, the battle of steel inful consequences of the Truman dicament of a federal worker in | Walter F. Dodd, noted constitu- volves not merely the immediate "loyalty" purge. Kutcher was the Chicago who was simply "in- tional lawyer and chairman of issue - contributory or nonfeatured speaker at the opening vestigated" by FBI agents. As a the Loyalty Board for this re- contributory pensions - but a forum of this organization of result of the FBI questioning, the gion, who was present to hear crucial test of strength to deterprofessional and business men neighbors in his apartment house Kutcher's story, was invited by mine whether or not the steel have boycotted the entire family; the chairman to comment on the workers union shall continue to

Board as affording accused work-



in jail in a deliberate move to not dare, however, to crash last

terrorize the workers. Sunday's membership meeting Bail was set the next day for which was attended by some of they favored some limit on free the 16 strikers at \$65,000. This the defendants. was in line with plans cooked up The company for the first time lowing conditions: "if governbetween the company and the today attempted to hire strike- ment or democracy is threatened" -- 19%; "slander, false state-Niagara County officials to set breakers from various employbail so high that the union would ment agencies. This is proof of ments"-6%; "free speech should be unable to obtain sufficient its failure so far to induce a sub-be limited to citizens only" -

funds for their release. Up to stantial number of Bell workers 4%; "limit free speech during by the House, but is now bottled today the amount of bail out to scab. It is also a new danger wartime" -4%. standing on behalf of the strik- signal, making it plain that the ing unionists is in excess of company has abandoned all pre-\$330,000. (Continued on page 2)

# **"PEACE" MANEUVERS MASK WAR PREPARATIONS**

### **By Art Preis**

Stalin's possession of the atomic bomb will not alter American imperialism's strategic aim to destroy the Soviet military preparations for World

intensified. Nevertheless, Washington is

forced to considerably modify its divided about whether the tical parties and the capitalist fits right in with the tactics of finally cleared of the charge, he of the ACLU, he was cleared and it has wherever Kutcher has the ideological and diplomatic military weapon, they agree that press. preparations for the war. The Moscow now has an effective American imperialists can no political and propaganda weapon." In short, the problem posed longer offer the lure of a "quick, cheap" victory to their satellites most sharply by the Kremlin's and allies. They can no longer atom bomb is its effectiveness in brandish a monopoly of the A- arousing mass anti-war sentibomb over the world and use it ments, of which Moscow can take for diplomatic blackmail. The greatest political advantage.

party. An anti-poll tax bill was passed

up in a Senate Rules Committee In his report on the survey sub-committee headed by the poll Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, published last week, Dr. George tax Senator Stennis of Mississippi, had set forth the facts in his case, get a transfer to another city or not read the entire record and Gallup admits that "limitations The notorious lynch-inciter Senof freedom of speech is now- ator Eastland of Mississippi heads adays under debate chiefly as the Senate Judiciary subcommitrelated to Communism." But tee which is sitting on several regard for judicial and demoonly a small proportion of other civil rights bills. Americans think of qualifying Lucas told reporters that the program. for that reason." Only 5% said "principal minority groups of the

they favor free speech curbs on country" had agreed to the Tru-"communists." These findings manite maneuver because "there Union and conquer the world. Nor will it moderate the are particularly significant in would be a better chance for view of the tremendous witch- success next session than in the after 30 years in the Department ers who happened to be Negro War III - indeed, these are being offensive in the United States hunt against "communism" con- tail end of this one." He did not of Agriculture, was accused of to his daughter's wedding. He was it is evident, has aroused deep and Europe and in the United ducted by the Truman administra- name the minority groups he "sympathetic association" with questioned whether he ever held feelings and widespread con-Nations . . . while the experts are tion, Congress, the major poli- claims agreed to this delay, which so-called "subversives." Although meetings in his home, held radical troversy in legal, academic and

the white supremacists.

Kutcher's appearance at the Chi- wife prostrated. cago City Club today touched off a lively discussion on the harmlabor lawyer, described the pre- tion.

held at the Central YMCA.

After Kutcher and George refuse to permit their children to case of the legless vet. Dodd Novack, national secretary of the play with his children or to speak refused. to express any opinion with them. The person cannot on Kutcher's case because he had another job and must remain defended the role of the Loyalty three noted Chicago attorneys took the floor to add testimony subjected to daily humiliation. from their own practices of the

#### cost in human life and the dis-

cratic procedures ensuing from the operations of the "loyalty" employee who was charged with cago Kutcher Committee, whether

RACIAL BIAS TOO Leon Despres, council for the DODD KEEPS SILENT Chicago American Civil Liberties Union. cited the case of a postal

"disloyalty" on the sole ground he thought Kutcher, whose apthat he "associated" with colored peals had been turned down, had make the fight of their lives. TYPICAL CASES Theopholus Mann, noted Negro people. The basis of the accusalawyer and veteran, told the story tion was the fact that he had in-

Boards. He declined to voice his of a government worker who, vited several of his fellow work- opinion on the matter. The case of the legless veteran. deas, etc. Thanks to the defense labor circles here in Chicago, as

lost his position; his health was restored to his job. But the in- visited.

**On**-the-Spot Reports from the Steel Centers

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ers the chance for a hearing. endure. This is the issue on which the steel barons, backed by all of American monopoly capital, Dodd was asked by Prof. Anton have taken their stand. This is J. Carlson, chairman of the Chithe issue on which the steel workers now realize they must

been given justice by the Loyalty never have been in so favorable The steel companies would a position to challenge the union had it not been for intervention of the government. Truman's "fact-finding" procedure delayed the strike several months and gave the corporations time to prepare for a long struggle while the workers' resources were being depleted, as described in our reports from major steel centers published on page 2. Truman's "fact-finders" whittled he union's demands down so

small, that they left no more room for compromise or maneuvering. In fact, the steel that the first reaction of the capitalist press and the industry's spokesmen was one of unconcealed jubilation. But the very

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### Next Week:

An analysis by Farrell Dobbs of William Z. Foster's deposition at the CP trial in Foley Square.

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A discussion by Bert Cochran of the role of the union bureaucracy and the Howe-Widick book, The UAW and Walter Reuther.

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Article on the strike scene, John Dewey's 90th birthday, Yugoslavia, etc.

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**Yugoslav War Danger Grows** 

Since Sept. 28 the Kremlin has tions with Yugoslavia to the Oct. 1 charges Moscow with in- of officers that "Yugoslavia was slavia; it will be further deepened the greatest political advantage. A new and vital factor has To counter this advantage and to struck one savage blow after an- breaking point, this action may spiring and engineering the threatened with war" and pledged by blood purges in the satellite favorable to the corporations been introduced: fear of retalia- represent the Soviet Union once other against Yugoslavia, bringtion. This fear now makes the more as the "aggressor" and ing its cold war to a fever pitch preparations for a Prague version plans which certain leaders of the idea of another war intolerable enemy of world peace, the Amer. and raising pointblank the quesnot only to the people of Europe, ican imperialists must now seek tion: Does Stalin intend to break blood purge in Czechoslovakia. including the countries of the to outdo Stalin in pacifist ex- all diplomatic relations with Yu-Atlantic Pact, but to the people pressions and "peace" maneuvers. goslavia and stop just short of To this end, Truman and Ache- military hostilities, or is he of America as well. The Wall Street-Washington schemers have son have softened their belligerent prepared to stop at nothing?

to reckon with these fears and tone of the period of American | The political meaning and aims firmed a mass purge in progress mats have not taken a "similar with the inevitable resistance to atomic monopoly and have of the Budapest trial now stand inside the Czech youth organ- step after World War II against of naked force. launched a major propaganda starkly revealed. It was made the zation, estimating at 100,000 the any other, even capitalist, counwar they inspire.

The attitude and sentiments of drive around the slogan of "in-central point in the Kremlin's the masses everywhere have be- ternational control of the atom denunciation of its pact of friend-'fall out," or approximately one been declared "as hostile and come the greatest obstacle to the bomb." The objective of that ship and mutual aid with Yugoout of every seven. war plans of American imperial- drive, as described by Richard L. slavia. It played exactly the same A hostile ring has now been ism. How high this obstacle now Strout, Washington correspondent role in identical actions taken forged by the Kremlin around looms to the imperialist war-lof the Christian Science Monitor, in rapid succession by Hungary. makers is indicated by Wash- is "to remove the weapon from Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania and ington commentator James the field of warfare or to pin Czechoslovakia. Europe. The Kremlin's action, goslav borders. Reston, in the Sept. 25 N. Y. responsibility for failure on So-The Czech Stalinists went and the corresponding moves of

viet Russia." Times. "I'he immediate concern in

Washington is not that the this calculated maneuver goes like of Yugoslav ambassador Stilino- slav replies. As Belgrade points were obviously designed as part cussion.

that they will now launch a new the atom bomb. We propose in- leader of a spy ring. Besides impossible. and particularly deceptive peace (Continued on page 3)

number of members who would try" - not even those who have anti-Soviet union.' Belgrade has also called world

public attention to "demonstra-Yugoslavia, isolating her poli- tive Soviet troop movements" ticaily from the rest of Eastern that have taken place along Yu-

Last week the Yugoslav army beyond all the others by demand- its satellites, have been branded engaged in large-scale maneuvers. The propaganda formula for ing at the same time the recall as warlike by the official Yugo, Despite official disavowals, these any possibility of political dis- lin's anti-Yugoslav campaign is

on the West," he observes, "but to do away with the threat of Prague press with being the ring- is being deliberately rendered hostile military and diplomatic Budapest trial; it has been rein- will henceforth provide all the moves. At the conclusions of these forced by the denunciation of necessary "arguments" so far as bringing Czech diplomatic rela- The official Yugoslav note of maneuvers, Tito told a gathering treaties of amity with Yugo- the Kremlin is concerned.

well be designed as part of Budapest trial as part of "sinister a fight to the death. countries, coupled in all likeli-As we have repeatedly pointed hood with other "treason trials." of the Budapest trial plus a Soviet Union and some other out, Stalin is determined to draw Howls for the blood of all countries" are carrying out a line of blood between himself "Titoists" who are allegedly Unconfirmed reports to this against Yugoslavia. In connection and Belgrade. The Kremlin despot nothing but "spies and police

louder and louder. piece of the Prague regime, con- emphasizes that Stalin's diplo- the field of political discussion

STALIN'S "ARGUMENTS" This calculated course is set

He most do so if for no other forth in the Daily Worker, Oct. reason than the fact that sym- 5. One Carl Fisher writes from pathies for Yugoslavia have been Budapest that the Rajk trial has growing not only in Eastern placed the Yugoslav question in Europe but throughout the world, an "entirely new perspective." in the U.S. as well as inside the The punch line comes at the end.

Soviet Union itself. It reads: "It is difficult to see To put an end to existing and how anyone can still treat Tito potential mass sympathies and as a political issue."

even doubts, it is first of all In plain language this means necessary for Stalin to rule out that whoever questions the Kremnothing but a "Titoist." Purges,

Russians will make atomic war this: "We want peace. We want vich, who is charged by the out, a "solution by agreement" of a reply to the Kremlin's This aim is served by the execution squads and GPU pistols

effect have been rife. Meanwhile, with the denunciation of the must at all costs transfer his agents of imperialism" must grow on Oct. 2 Rude Pravo, mouth- friendship pacts, this same reply conflict with the Yugoslavs from and controversy onto the plane

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Monday, October 10, 1949

# Strike Reports from Steel Centers Pittsburgh Men All Out; Companies Set for Siege

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 3 - The pioneer strike in 1892 and of sub-led an average of three or four steel workers here, to a man, sequent historic struggles in 1919 days a week; union militants were of Lackawanna poured out of the walked off the job on Friday and 1937. Local 1397 set up a weeded out, with Murray's help; huge Bethlehem steel plant at night, shutting tight every steel soup kitchen not. far away from older men, eligible for pensions, midnight last Friday in a supreme mill, rolling mill and plant in union headquarters, but there were indiscriminately laid off. demonstration of solidarity in the area. Their attitude is one were few who took advantage of Some of these older men, with support of the nation-wide strugof calm confidence. Believing that it. Pleasant weather made the 20 to 30 years on the job, fear gle for pensions and social inthe companies are aiming to break workers take the strike as a that they will be forced by the surance. One after another on their union, the strikers are brief holiday. Two or three men company to take physical ex- Wednesday, Thursday and Frifirmly resolved to remain out at each gate were enough and aminations before returning to day the coke ovens were banked until U. S. Steel and the other there were no disturbances of work or getting pensions. giants of the industry feel the any kind.

might of American labor. They are confident that the working doing little to prepare the work- board's recommendations they have not been still for a single class fully supports them and ers for a long tough battle. In would have no greater take-home day since Feb. 15, 1946, are now confident of their own strength place of a well-organized strike pay than before. Under U. S. silent. The smokestacks stand - a confidence born of previous committee, they have a girl in Steel's plan of contributory pen- like so many painted poles against victories over the arrogant steel the office who sends out the sions, their take-home pay would a clean sky. picketing assignments by mail! be cut. They will have none of

corporations. The men on the picket line and There are only two or three this. steel workers around the city have pickets to each gate, with the Murray has created the home. "fact-finding" board, will carry 60-day "cooling-off" period agreed and their families are determined struggle is involved, many more the day. Mass action, he tells to by Philip Murray. While Mur- to make whatever sacrifice is men are joining the line. ray played around with Truman necessary to defend their union them, is unnecessary. Strike regulations read, "The and his "fact-finding" board, from the attacks of Big Steel

strike at your plant must be U. S. Steel struck blow after and to gain their justified conducted orderly and peacefully. blow at the workers; men work- demands. "The pickets shall not bar management officials, superintendents or foreman, or office work-

the plant, mill or mine. Cc-operative relations shall be peaceful and all lawful regula-

tions shall be observed. Strike committees shall not be stampeded by newspaper photographers or thrill seekers into putting on mass demonstrations or mass picketing.

"Any picket signs or placards used on picket lines should be exclusively to the strike issues and deal with no other matter."

U. S. Steel, on the other hand. fosters no illusions of an easy fight. Straw bosses and supervisors have been ordered to remain within the plants for the duration of the strike. Rail sidings, normally reserved for finished steel. contain refrigerator cars loaded with food. Beds have U. S. Steel has settled down for a long and bitter struggle. Last month the mayors of Duquesne and Rankin were appealed to by company spokesmen for more gun permits and more armed

plant guards. Only token picket lines were established at U. S. Steel's Homelines. stead Works, scene of the heroic

BUFFALO, Oct. 3 - The men

off, blast furnaces banked and Pittsburgh steel workers point open hearth furnaces tapped out. Officials of Local 1397 are out that under the Truman These belching behemoths, which

Ten gates along the turnpike and a couple of side gates too, Under the circumstances the are being manned by a picket

been led by the union leaders to only reserves at union head- workers must look forward to a line 24 hours a day, and seven believe that the strike will be a quarters consisting of four or prolonged struggle. Pittsburgh days a week. With a slow start, short one, that Truman will five officials. The mass of work- stores, normally crowded on Sat- without the bounce and sponenter the picture in a week or ers have been told to stay at urday, were empty last Saturday, taneity of a real upsurge, the an indication that the steel work- workers at first came slowly to illusion that his skill at the \_The cash reserves of steel ers are saving their money for the picket line. But with each negotiation table, plus Truman's workers were depleted during the the grim days ahead. The strikers passing day proving that a real

STRIKE ORGANIZATION

This is being aided by the exefforts to recruit large numbers of scabs, the Bell management cellent organization of the allimportant picket committee, quickly agreed to the resumption of conferences with the union ofwhich is contacting the broad membership and arranging twoficials. These were conducted for day a week schedules of four several days with a whole flock hours apiece for them. There is of federal and state mediators already the foundation of a headed by the Rev. John P. taxi" service to transport pickets Boland. to the various gates of the three-After a week-long round of

mile long plant. Less organized, negotiation conferences and a but still very important, are the criss-crossing of proposals and informal "boat pickets" - steel counter - proposals by the state workers who are fishing on the and federal mediators the comlake just west of the plant and pany announced that it had can keep an eye on the water "accepted" the formula of the entrances. mediators to settle the strike. The

The food committee runs s kitchen on Gates Ave. from which

they send out a delivery truck at 3-hour intervals to feed the pickets ham, cheese, hamburger sandwiches, coffee and doughis on the massive scale of 1946. Unlike in the '46 strike, the the discharge of all those who company has now agreed that the have been arrested or indicted as union should see the plant maintained. Thus it will be possible to the company terms "subversive." begin work immediately after the strike is ended.

for this advantage. With 199 and points of reference," had not But a high price is being paid maintenance men going in every 24 hours, there are already rumblings in the picket line. Many rank and filers say, "To

is wrong. And they see, even with with the ovens." True, they will who were inclined to regard these



Amid clouds of teargas and smokebombs thrown by plant guards and deputy sheriffs, over 150 strikers and their wives at Bell Aircraft are shown escaping fumes. The violence began when the cops tried to bring a motorcade of strikebreakers through the main gate.

### **COPS IN BRUTAL ATTACK ON BUFFALO BELL STRIKE** at Sunday's membership meet-

ing which stated that the union tense of negotiations with the

strikers who read the early morn-

ing edition of the Courier Ex-

press were astounded to find out

that the mediators had sub-

mitted to the company and the

union what they termed "ideas

and points of reference" which

virtually amounted to going back

to work without a contract and

well as all those militants whom

The company, which had jump-

ed the gun in "accepting the ideas

demand more.

home pay.

was "willing to appear before any impartial agency or commission to plead our case, including a fact-finding commission appointed by the Governor."

It is difficult to see how any union leader can have faith in a pointed by Dewey, the very man Yugoslavia sent them to work in from, and in fact against the will who gave the green light to the our country." local authorities to carry out the

Sell-Out of Greek reign of terror against the workers and union leaders. The fact Struggle Exposed that the company, in a letter sent by President Lawrence D. Bell, By Tito General asked Dewey to set up such a commission should itself be the strongest condemnation of the widening ideological rift between

proposal. A "fact-finding board" set up by Dewey will certainly not be relation to the Greek guerrilla any friendlier to the cause of the struggles. In a series of articles strikers than the Rev. Boland and in the newspaper Borba one of Tito's generals, Louba Vuckovic, his staff. While no suggestion is made here that the union stand attacks the whole military policy pat and reject any and all inter- pursued by the Stalinists in vention by federal or state media-

events there during World War tors, it must be understood that the mediators can, at the very best, only validate the relationship of forces between the union and the company. At present there is no evidence to warrant the conclusion that mediators especially Dewey's mediators can serve any useful purpose, so far as the strikers are concerned.

The great need is to enlist more reckoned with the sentiments of ections of the labor movement the striking workers. The fact in the cause of the Bell workers. that the mediators had submitted Such opportunities are more such a proposal was an eveavailable now than before. The 21,000 steel workers now out on strike in this area constitute a powerful contingent of CIO man-The same, however, cannot be

power with whom

disproved.

L'ke the confessions, the verifi- core and a foundry of cadres able "evidence" in the frameup because they were obeying advice of Laszlo Rajk at Budapest follows the pattern of crude GPU and, perhaps, by others." The fabrication. In the Moscow Trials reference is obviously to the there were the notorious Piatakov-airport and Bristol Hotel other statements. (Copenhagen) incidents. There are similar incidents in this latest

given to them by the English Russians, as appears clear from

"They obeyed advice," the general continues, "to concentrate in frame-up that are just as easily the main on liberated territory to be as near as possible to

For instance, the indictment towns, in order to take them at alleges, among other things, that | the moment of German with-Rajk established contact with drawal with the aid of organized, former Yugoslav fighters in the but poorly armed and unarmed Spanish civil war's International workers in the towns. Such an Brigades at the French concenopportunist stand . . . brought tration camps of Gurs, Vernet, about the capitulation of the and Saint Cyprien, who were armed struggle at Varkiza on Feb. 12, 1945." allegedly foreign spies. It men-

This marks the first time Beltions the names of Ales Bebler, Ivan Gosnjak, Bozidar Maslarić, grade has denounced the Varkiza agreement as a Stalinist sell-out Kosta Nadj and Karlo Mrazovic. Citing from this indictment. - a confirmation of the charge ledged by the Trotskyists against the Yugoslav Embassy Information Office makes the following the Kremlin at the time. Furthermore, Vukovic discloses that the refutation: "It is well known . . that neither Mrazovic nor Bebler renewal of guerrilla warfare were in these camps. Maslaric later on was entirely spontanewas evacuated from Spain to ous. After Varkiza, he says, "It North Africa and thence to the was clear to ordinary members of the CP that they had been USSR in 1939, while the other tricked. A part of the party memtwo were evacuated from Spain seriously wounded in the summer bers and party patriots again of 1938, directly to Paris and took up arms and went to the "fact - finding commission" ap- then the Communist Party of mountains. without any directive

of the CP of Greece. Among the first fighters of the former Naional Liberation Army (ELAS) to take up arms were the chiefs of staff of the Macedonian group of divisions, Markos; of the 10th division, Kikitzas, and of the 11th, Lazanis.

Among other signs of the The account then goes into the successful tactics pursued under Tito and Stalin is the dispute General Markos until his mysterithat has been raging around their ous removal and replacement by Zachariades (the Kremlin appointed leader of the CP (last year. It concludes:

"Zachariades' aim is clear: to liquidate the national liberation Greece, going back over the struggle of Greece, who knows for whose interests, and to throw responsibility for all this on to 1

Yugoslavia. The leaders of the In this case as in all others of a similar character, the Yugo- USSR, who have already anslav official does not speak out nounced through their representawith full clarity. But what he tives and official news agency does say is a sure indication that that they are ready to discuss liquidation of the struggle in the men around Tito are breaking with Stalinism on major Greece, are also mixed up in this questions of policy. They stand dishonest business. . ."

ready to expose, from intimate | It appears evident that theknowledge, a number of the great story has been written by somebetrayals in recent years. For one intimately familiar with the instance, Gen. Vukovic attacks whole course of the struggle in the whole concept of the organ- Greece. As such, it is of particular ization of the original guerrilla significance and probably only forces in Greece, the ELAS, dur- the beginning of a more thoroughing World War II and says: going exposure.



YOUNGSTOWN, Oct. 3 - In this steel city and its vicinity; all of the basic steel producing plants were shut tight last Saturday morning. The steel workers, 45,000

opposition, quit their jobs. They | but not stopped completely, and decided that the steel corpora- the workers feel this strike may tions have forced a strike and help to do something about solving that problem.

Assembled at the gates at midnight, they watched the last workers leave the plants, and best demonstrated by their attidemonstrated their desires to tade on the question of main- nuts. But so far neither this "shut 'er down." All understand taining the plant. The Interna- operation nor the picketing itself that this strike is not just for tional Union's policy is that the pensions and insurance, but to plants should be manned to provide power and steam. In defend the union.

1946 U. S. Steel challenged the Most workers feel they may be in for a long fight - and they union on who should be allowed been installed in the plants and are digging in. Picket lines have entrance to do the maintenance been established at all the gates work. In this strike, U. S. Steel of the plants. Most locals have and the other companies have erected shanties and tents at the agreed to have the plants maingates, and equipped them with tained by union-authorized workas many facilities as possible to ers. The workers here feel that lighten picket duty. Strike

maintaining the plant for the kitchens have been set up, running hot coffee and food to the

The strike followed a period of this agreement, that the corpora-not feel this way when the strike mediators as "friends of labor." speedup in the plants with the | tions are still trying to chisel on

strong, to a man, without any

have to be taught a lesson.

The strong feeling of the workers to "shut 'er down" tight is

companies, who forced the strike, hell with the furnaces. To hell opener to many of the workers

(Continued from page 1) union Following the mass demonstrations of Sept. 8 and 9 which successfully halted the company's

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Meeting on STALIN-TITO CONFLICT Speaker: Morris Stein Sunday, October 16 North Hall, Embassy Auditorium 839 So. Grand Avenue

title when he's finished.

do the work. When the first maintenance men who are percutbacks in steel took place a few months ago, hundreds were gets hotter, there is a strong laid off. But when production was possibility that the maintenance stepped up after July 15, to agreements will blow up in build up a stockpile for the strike, smoke. only a small percentage of laid-Many workers also feel that

now that they have been forced other for little favors. The comoff workers were called back to work. This speed-up was resisted, to hit the picket lines, the union pany gives each picket post a

should again demand the full package of 30 cents; they feel that the first demands were every 24 hours. bargained away, but now that

The free food of course fools there's no bargaining, the union nobody. (Although everybody should go back to its original eats it, figuring there is no demands. chance of poison this early in

Every day the Youngstown the strike.) But the whole "cooperation" business definitely posed to yield them so much Vindicator, the propagandist for tends to soften and blunt the emboldened the companies to the steel barons, keeps hammering away at the union, as it has workers' hard edge and to lull been doing consistently for the many.

strike the only publicity put out dough. Plenty. More than ever.

Tube Company sent letters to all around on Ridge Road are ask-

its employees, trying to explain | ing the same questions by and

why and where the union is wrong large. As they see the answers

for calling the strike; no sooner unfold they will act accordingly.

The bosses of America face workers close together, all rub-

formidable opponents; for the bing shoulders, all passing the

are engaged in a fight against forth and comparing notes.

#### last few months. It isn't sparing WHAT THE MEN SAY even Mr. Murray this time. This

in the Vindicator; the union has Is this IT?" and so on.

not as yet distributed any

has the strike been called than

the company has started to act.

first time in their history they

the miners and steel workers at

This steel city feels the full

effect of these strikes coming at

the same time.

publicity material of its own.

Like the ancient Achilles, steel the most powerful sector of daily sheet, true to form, gives U. S. industry is not as invincible as its past record might inthe best publicity to the corporadicate. It too has its vulnerable spot - the declining rate of tions' stand. This is in strong profit. In a brilliant article, the first part of which appears in the October Fourth International, monthly theoretical magacontrast to its attitude in the 1946 strike, when for a short pany. Chins are scratched, forezine of American Trotskyism, V. Grey puts the spotlight on while the Vindicator stopped its heads are crinkled and the men this fatal weakness of the modern champion of capitalism. attacks on the union. Grey tells about the lush days of the steel industry when

the Pittsburgh millionaires "bought huge mansions, hired experts to give them a family tree," indulged in "ivory toothpicks and decorated their lawns with gold-plated statues." He tells how the roaring steel industry expanded at a thousandfold pace in the early days, then he presents striking figures that dramatically reveal how steel has slowed down until now in its old age it sees a "horrible prospect" and "reacts to every chill wind with a fit of ague, to every tremor with a shock."

**Steel Achilles** 

Achilles, champion of the Greek hosts who laid siege to

Troy, was invulnerable according to legend save for one spot

rior went down the same as any other holder of the world's

- his heel. When an arrow struck that spot, the mighty war-

If you wan to know why the steel barons are worried about the future despite unprecedented profits, why they have refused to increase plant capacity despite insistent demands from all sides, why they feel impelled to initiate a life and death struggle with the unions, this article is a must. For a better understanding of the basic issues in the current strike, it furnishes indispensable background material.

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s over. But now they are at the peak of their militancy and said of some of the top union ers can forge real solidarity and corporations using fewer men to working conditions of the few suspicious of any moves that may leaders who continue to play effect mutual aid. It should be around with all sorts of appeals obvious to everyone engaged in mitted to enter. If this steel fight weaken the strike.

There is not much talk of pen-

sions on the picket lines - either

contributory or non-contributory.

But much is said about the com-

are saying, "What is the company

And the big numbers who are

still sitting at home or standing

Lackawanna is a company town

- and it is a union town, the

same good or bad news back and

The great majority did not be-

and well under way. And Lacka-

wanna workers are determined to

stick it out until it is won.

The union maintenance in- to state and federal authorities the Bell struggle that victory evitably produces an atmosphere to set up "fact-finding boards" or can only be obtained as a result of "cooperation" between the other such paraphernalia to win of aligning the entire labor moveunion and the company. Both the strike for them. This was in- ment on the side of the Bell sides are constantly asking each dicated in a resolution introduced union.

pany gives each picket post a radio and even provides the pickets with food four times STEEL STRIKE ANSWERS **EMPLOYERS'** (Continued from Page 1)

N. Y. Times calls a "temporary pension plan pending action by fact that Truman's board pro-Congress." The companies would, under this plan, pay the difference between what the gov-

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ernment pays and a fixed maxi-They were not satisfied that mum, with the companies' share Murray, because of his virtual reduced as the government's incommitment to accept whatever creases. Eventually the companies the board proposed, agreed to will pay nothing, while the workscrap the union's most significant ers will be forced to pay more demand - for a "fourth round" into the government's fund. wage increase. They now refused

While the steel workers wait to grant the one miserable confor the government's next move, cession recommended by the Truman has begun to intervene board — a company-financed wel-Since the outbreak of the up to? We know they've got the fare plan. The companies said in the coal strike, which involves the steel owners of the so-called they were not against paying they set an example of energy, by the steel union is what appears Do they just want to break us? 10 cents an hour per worker for captive mines. It is widely repersistence and good organization ported he will seek to halt the insurance and pensions - prowhich many branches, in our mine strike through "fact-findopinion, should find instructive. vided the workers would also ing" procedure. He can do this contribute through a deduction Youngstown which has been The Youngstown Sheet and up against the bar or hanging from their inadequate takethrough the Taft-Hartley Act, lown on the bottom rungs for which he has not hesitated to use months so far as sub-getting was

in the past against the miners. concerned undertook a modest Truman did not let out a peep In the formidable array of the campaign in September. The against this provocation of the corporations and the government, results speak for themselves. steel corporations. He encouraged the steel and coal workers contheir refusal to accept the board's front a powerful force. But the recommendations by stating these scoreboard. workers have an even mightier were merely a "guide to negotiapower. Time and again, they have tions." And when it was clear beat the corporations to their some months and took third that the companies meant to force knees and they can do it once

a strike, Truman took a "plague more — if they stand firm, if they on both your houses" attitude do not let the government trick lieve there was going to be a that treated the union and the them, if they mobilize their strike. But now the strike is on, company as equally responsible ranks for mass action. All American labor must be

for the strike. summoned to their support. To pushed up into the top brackets Government intervention reof the scoreboard. In July they mains the deadliest threat to the begin with, the entire CIO must bettered branches many times strike. There are indications that be organized into a solid phalanx their size. Last month they came Truman and the steel companies and brought unitedly into the are cooking up a formula for fight. Every union local, regard- third in the country. This month they have the satisfaction of ty-"compromise" that will, in effect, less of affiliation, must declare ing a Local the size and weight give the companies everything its solidarity with the steel and of New York for fourth place. they want. The Ford settlement coal strikers and offer the Well done! gives a possible clue to what the maximum material aid. Let the

government may next propose. slogan of the mighty American This is a pension plan tied to labor movement be: "The mono-The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party ordered federal social security, whereby polists asked for it - now let 10,000 copies of last week's issue the companies agree to what the 'em have it!"

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[in the capitalist world] will operate more completely, more openly, and more ruthlessly than in the period of boom. The United States will seek to overcome and extricate herself from her difficulties and maladies primarily at the expense of Europe, regardless of whether this occurs in Asia, Canada, South America, Australia, or Europe itself, or whether this takes place peacefully or through war."

-Leon Trotsky, "Third International After Lenin."

TROTSKY

### **Democracy and Violence**

In carefully chosen words two prominent politicians expressed the real attitude of Big Business toward democracy and free speech at a meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Troy, N.Y., on Sept 29 U. S. Senator John Foster Dulles called for action to check the trend to what he. calls "the all-powerful state" — by which he means not so much the Truman administration as a government representing the great majority of the people and legislating in their interest. If this isn't done now; he said, it will have to be done in the future "in a bloody way" by "revolution" — which is his designation for counter-revolution.

Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley, acting as Governor of New York in the absence of Dewey, described the fascist-like assault on civil rights at Peekskill as "that little escapade" and said he favored putting "a stop to free speech" for persons who advocate destruction of "the things we believe in."

Hanley said, "I am speaking just for myself now." That may be so, but what he said represents the views of many other people in high office. Dewey, the titular head of Hanley's party, doesn't speak so plainly as his lieutenant, but his actions do — especially his action in whitewashing the Peekskill hoodlums and their police collaborators and in launching a grand jury probe of the vic-

### Lesson of the Bell Strike

The strikebreaking activities of the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo accurately reflect the arrogance and viciousness of the American capitalists' attitude to the union movement. For 16 weeks Bell, whose objective is unconditional surrender by the union, has been hammering away at UAW Local 501 with every weapon at its disposal, including force and violence wielded by state and local authorities and police, and a reign of terror and intimidation upheld by the

tims of their violence. Truman too would not use Hanley's terms, but as is proved by his witch-hunts, "loyalty" purges and persecution of those on the "subversive" list, he too is an active enemy of free speech for his political opponents.

Dulles' speech likewise voiced the true sentiments of the American ruling class and its political henchmen. They never tire of telling the people about the virtues of democracy and the major theme of their war propaganda is the superiority of capitalist democracy over every other conceivable way of life.

But if the working class majority should become conscious of its class interests and set up a government free from Big Business domination - why then, as Dulles makes it clear, the capitalists and their politicians would not hesitate to resort to the "bloody way" in overthrowing such a government and reestablishing the rule of a minority.

The American ruling class is in favor of free speech and democratic rights ----but only so long as the exercise of these rights does not threaten their political rule, economic power and social privileges. Once these are threatened, their attitude becomes indistinguishable from that of Hitler. The workers should bear that in mind as they are bombarded with war propaganda and apologies for further assaults on their hard-won liberties.

was by replacing this leadership with another that was more reasonable, less radical, readier to engage in "give and take," etc. Overwhelmed by the redbaiting flood last spring, a majority of the union voted in a new leadership associated with the Reuther group in the union.

But like a tiger that has had a taste of blood, the corporation was not satisfied - it wanted more. Instead of displaying greater friendliness to the union, it bared its teeth and refused to yield an inch in the negotiations for a new contract. Emboldened by its first victory and aware that the injection of redbaiting had divided and weakened the union, it kept pushing and provoking the workers until they were forced to strike in self-defense, and now it is trying to beat the union to its knees so that the workers will be forced back to work on the corporations's terms. One of the big lessons of the Bell strike is that it doesn't pay to follow the company line in the illusion that you will get concessions in return from the bosses without militant struggle. Give them a finger and they will try to take two arms. Give up a leadership they don't like, and they will take that as a signal to declare all-out war against you. Lessons like this one are learned at such a costly price that no union member should forget it.

# **Devaluation Brings British Political Crisis**

By John G. Wright The crisis precipitated by the devaluation of the pound has found its first expression on the parliamentary arena in Britain.

The three-day special sessions of Parliament were used by both sides in the debate as a smokescreen to hide from the mass of the people two vital truths. First, that the devaluation was nothing but an emergency measure to salvage bankrupt British capitalism. Second, that the brunt of devaluation shall be borne by the masses; the workers taking a deep cut in their real

\$2.60.

wages, the purchasing power of their meager savings, if any, slashed proportionately, and a similar blow struck at those on fixed salaries and the middlelass layers with fixed incomes. The parliamentary debate was sham from beginning to end. In his speech, Churchill levelled his "criticism" not at devaluation itself but only at its belated timing and the manner in which it was carried out. When it came o voting on the issue, the Tories hypocritically abstained.

### EFFECT ON PRICES

New depths of deception were olumbed by the Laborite chieftains. The "moral" Cripps once igain tried to wave aside the dire threat of inflation. With bread and flour already steeply higher and the price of meat obviously scheduled for another hike, Cripps vowed again that living costs would not rise "by more than one index point." "Other prices will rise slightly but they need not cause alarm," he blithely asserted.

Even the Tory spokesman Eden vas more candid. He estimated that living costs would rise from to 10%.

Members of the General Counil of the British trade unions eportedly expect a rapid "climb of five to six points" in living osts in the next six months. These estimates, much higher than Cripps', are likewise colored with fraudulent optimism. As matters stand, primary necessities onsumed nowadays in England must be paid for in dollars or their equivalent in pounds. The

average wage of English workers is reportedly five pounds a week, and a large number get considerably less. Yesterday this average weekly wage amounted to a purchasing power of \$20; now it amounts to only \$14, or in indirect wage cut of 30%.

STILL UNSTABLE

The tendency of primary necessities in Britain will be to shoot Cripps asks them to "sacrifice" up in price toward this new level. a picayune 5% of this new Provided, of course, that the bonanza. pound can be stabilized at its new price. But there are no PROFITS AND WAGES

doubt that a serious inflation of able or wish to pay. They can sterling prices and costs can be meet the increased tax without avoided and insists that "it must the slightest reduction in dividend first be shown" that \$2.80 is a payments, and sock the rest away realistic figure for the pound. in reserves, as they have been Meanwhile, following the debate doing. Such is their "sacrifice," in Parliament, the pound dropped while the pressure on the living below its cross rate with the standards of the British workers cllar on the French black market, has become intolerable.

where it has been selling off at Two weeks after devaluation, he members of the General Devaluation and the possibility Council of the Trade Unions have of still further cuts are not the not yet given their endorsement. sole factors that feed the infla- They are "still pondering" what tionary spiral. Another factor is their policy shall be.

the drive for bigger exports. We Kinding themselves more leave aside here the question of directly than the government whether any significant increase under pressure of the ranks, can be lastingly achieved in this these union leaders are stalling field in the face of currency for time. They want more devaluation by Britain's chief plausible political alibis to cover-European competitors. Let us up the sell-out. According to an assume that more goods actually Oct. 2 dispatch from London they begin flowing into exports. are "exploring other means of draining off extra profits."

EXPORT EFFECTS They are ignoring one simple Far from being a boon that the and efficacious way - and that Laborite misleaders picture it to

is to back to the hilt the workers be, the flow of goods abroad can justified demand for higher wages also act to increase the inflaand better working conditions. tionary pressure on the smaller

quantities that will be left for

parently staking everything on the hope that the full inflationary effects of devaluation will not make themselves felt for a period of six months or so. To keep

down the price rises, they are banking on government controls, first and foremost the wage freeze. and on available stocks of food and raw materials. They are also obviously banking on military preparations." Washington's support in keeping

the pound at its current level. That they are sacrificing the vital interests of the English workers trol," or, as James Reston called is evidently of little concern to

If any additional proof were needed that Attlee, Cripps and Co. are deiberately duping the pushed in the UN for the past workers, we need only cite their attempt to distract the workers' attention from the terrible imperialism, through its dominasqueeze on their living standards by a pretended squeeze on profits. We refer here to Cripps' profits" or dividends would be subject to an extra tax of 5%. equipment. To begin with, what is the meaning of Cripps' announcement

if not a public admission that the capitalists stand to benefit hugely from the devaluation? Into their coffers new streams of lush profits are bound to flow.



Page Three

Pickets of the CIO Longshoremen's Union seek to halt unloading of "hot" pineapples by AFL-manned trucks at The Dalles, Ore., docks. Union solidarity and public protest forced port commissioners to order removal of barge sent from Hawaii, where the longshoremen have been on strike for over five months.

destroyed its a-bomb stockpile. disarmament of the popular op-

the vast reaches of Russia's UN as "the hope of peace" and

# quantities that will be left for domestic consumption. The work-ers will find out, as they already have in recent years, that the more they produce for export, all the higher are the prices they have to pay at home. The Laborite chieftains are ap-

"make certain that nowhere in

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ternational, control through the What then? How could the U.S. position to war. United Nations, an international agency. The Russians refuse to This is most suspicious. They obviously have warlike designs. Now everyone can see we have no choice but to continue and intensify our strictly defensive

The gimmick in this formula is the expression "effective UN conit, "foolproof control." What Truman and Acheson mean by "fool-

proof control" is embodied in the Boruch plan, which the U.S. has three years. This is nothing less than a proposal to give American tion of the United Nations, a world control and monopoly over all production of atomic energy, announcement that "distributed all raw materials and sources. and even related industries that might be used to produce needed A UN commission, controlled more flexible scheme.

by the U.S. and its allies, would be empowered to "inspect" every country for "violations" and any - a legal cover for launching which negotiations would proceed the next war. While the UN con-

grounds as yet for such an There is already a "gentleman's U. S. would continue to keep its then "a new atomic energy or- crisis but war."

accept effective UN control. Asiatic empire . . . were Russian about the possibility of "removfactories producing the very ing the atomic threat" through weapons which we ourselves had "international agreement" can so recently destroyed?" The only sow illusions among the answer, of course, is that the people. It can lull them with U. S. could not make certain of fulse hopes and disorient their Moscow's "good faith" any more own independent struggle against. than the Soviet Union could make war. In this sense, the Stalinists are certain of Washington's.

For the propaganda about the

From the standpoint of "displaying a most pernicious and rmament" maneuvers, however, deceptive role. They are spreadthe U.S. finds itself in a less ing the fiction that the Russian favorable position than it held a atcm bomb opens the way to few weeks ago. The U. S. could "disarmament." They are telling make capital of the Baruch plan the masses to put their faith in only so long as America held, or the UN, an agency controlled by believed it held, the A-bomb the imperialists and designed to monopoly. But to adhere rigidly give the legal cover for a new to a proposal based on this pre- war.

The Stalinist line weakens the. viously-held monopoly and so obviously loaded to the advantage genuine mass struggle against of the United States puts Washwar and fosters dependence upon ington in a bad light. And strong the imperialist agencies for voices are being raised in the "peace" like the UN. It would councils of Washington for a leave the decision on war or

peace in the hands of the top One such scheme, as reported ruling circles of the warmakers. by Reston in the Times, is for a Whatever new tactics the imlimited agreement for "some kind perialists might be forced to "violations" could be halted by of moratorium" on the use of devise, whatever "peace" and armed force if a majority of the atomic weapons - "for, say, six "disarmament" agreements they UN Security Council so decided months or a year" - during might sign, in the end they will seek to plunge the world into for an "acceptable atomic treaty." war. That is the very nature of trol commission would be "in- If this did not produce a "fool- capitalism, which can find no specting" the Soviet Union, the proof system" of atomic control, other solution for its deepening

So long as the masses of people

courts.

The other corporations are following the development of this struggle with eagerness to see what lessons they can learn for use against the unions in their own plants. The unions can also learn some very useful lessons from this fight,

Local 501 was led for several years by a group of militants who were hated by the corporation for their aggressiveness and success in fighting to improve the conditions in the plant. Early this year a furious redbaiting campaign was opened against these militants by the corporation, the local press and the conservative elements in the union.

The workers were told that a militant leadership only made it harder for the union to gain concessions in negotiations with the corporation, and that the way to make gains with a minimum of effort

### Green's Attack on CIO Wage Policy

We are accustomed to AFL attacks on the CIO from the right — for alleged "irresponsible strikes," "radicalism" and even, so help us, "communism." But when the ancient mossbacks who head the AFL attack the CIO from the left - for yielding to the employers and government then it is clearly time for CIO members to take stock of their leaders' policies.

It should be of particularly grave concern to CIO workers that AFL President William Green, who is scarcely noted for progressive ideas or militancy, could hold up to public scorn the CIO wage policies. Speaking before the AFL convention in St. Paul on Oct. 3, Green assailed the policy of agreeing to wage freezes and of permitting government boards to fix wage standards.

His attack was clearly aimed at the CIQ leaders in steel and auto, Philip Murray and Walter Reuther, who not only approved Truman's intervention in the steel negotiations and the establishment of the "fact-finding" board, but agreed to accept a wage freeze for the steel and auto workers on the basis of the board's recommendations.

Green boasted that, contrary to the CIO, the AFL had never reached the point "where we will waive the right to

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demand increases in wages for the workers of the nation, and we are not going to do that now. . . We don't want government boards. . . We are opposed to government boards setting our wage standards anywhere or any place."

We hold no brief for the AFL's leadership as against the CIO's. We are mindful that Green himself was a chief initiator of the policy of collaboration with government boards, back in the NRA days when Roosevelt established his notorious boards that blocked the demands of the auto and rubber workers when they were still in AFL federal unions. We recall more recently that the AFL participated in the War Labor Board which established the first general wage freeze.

But it should be all the more galling to CIO members that a pious old hypocrite like Green, against whose conservative policies the CIO revolted 13 years ago, is now in a position to accuse the CIO of capitulation to the employers and government and of pursuing policies detrimental to the welfare of American labor.' The CIO leaders' policy of collaborating with government boards and accepting a wage freeze must be bad indeed, if even Green denounces it.

agreement" whereby the corporaassumption. The highly conservative Na- tions are voluntarily limiting ional City Bank of New York their dividends. They have been n its October letter expresses paying out far less than they are

them.

## **Carey Group Prepares Expulsion of Fitzgerald from UE Local Lynn**

### By Carl Martin

LYNN, Mass., Oct. 3 — The pro-Carey group of UE Local 201 laid the groundwork at last Monday's meeting for the expulsion of four local supporters of the Stalinistdominated national UE admini-

stration. The basis for this expulsion is hat these men voted at the recent Cleveland convention contrary to the instructions of the local union. refusing their opponents the right In a referendum vote of the to defend their actions. Boos and membership they were ordered to vote for the Carey-ACTU candidates. Among these delegates tion stand. were executive board members Flynn and Corcoran, International Representative Turkowski and International President Albert Fitzgerald, and at the convention they voted for the Stalin st-dominated group. This local action is indicative of how rapidly things are moving toward'a wide open split as both International President Fitzgerald and the Carey bloc candidate for this of-

fice, Kelly, are members of Local 201. The red baiting Carey machine under the personal leadership of Kelly himself, mobilized



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Washington was could never produce any. vould not agree to a proposition which would mean its disarma-

ment and the turning over of its and proposals being made by U. S., which would continue to be armed to the teeth.

Against the U.S. plan, the Kremlin has advanced its own "disarmament" scheme. This calls is not the disarmament of the warmakers, but the ideological proof. for an agreement for the im-

ACTU following for the decisive mediate destruction of all atomic struggle. These shouters about weapons and the simultaneous establishment of a UN comdemocracy" demonstrated their mission of "inspection" to see belief in democratic practices by that no further atomic instruments of war are produced. But like such "disarmament" hisses greeted all attempts of the proposals of the past, this one Stalinist opposition to take the too confronts an immediate obfloor and explain their convenjection: What guarantee is there

that the parties to the agreement The Kelly machine jammed through a motion to bring the will act in good faith? This, in four officers of the UE to trial. fact, is the argument raised by The "fair trial and hanging" is the spokesmen of American imscheduled to take place Tuesday. perialism. Suppose, asks the Obviously both sides are moving N. Y. Times editorially, the U. S. agreed to Stalin's proposition and quickly toward a show down.

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stockpile of atom bombs until ganization will undoubtedly be "completely formed in the West." That is, the can be deluded into putting their satisfied" that the Soviet Union end object of this move would hopes for peace in the present bloe on an atomic war footing.

be to justify placing all the im- rulers, from Truman to Stalin, Naturally, the Soviet Union perialist nations in the U.S. war is inevitable. But once the masses understand that capital-When we examine the moves ism offers no hope, that if they entrust the decision to the poliatomic energy industry to a UN both sides in the UN we find tical gangsters of imperialism commission controlled by the that not a single one holds a and Stalinism they will surely guarantee of peace. On the con- get war, they will take upon trary, each is devised as a themselves the task of solving maneuver to justify a further ad- the problem of war by their own vance toward war. The net result | means. And that solution will be revolutionary and really fool-

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# **Charlie Weldon's Injury**

### By Harold Robbins

SWP Candidate for President of Borough of Manhattan

We tried to make Charlie Weldon comfortable on the sidewalk while waiting for the ambulance to cart him off to the hospital. He had tumbled from a 16 foot loading shed and bounced off a steel pipe rail before landing on the sidewalk. The rags tied to the bottom of the ladder failed to prevent the ladder from slipping.

Charlie is 61 years old and the painters union put him in the shop as foreman. Before that Charlie was trying to feed his wife, son and himself on \$17 a week unemployment compensation. Charlie was trying to hold on to the job so he took the chance. He had taken hundreds of chances before this one, for the same reason most of us take chances — to hold onto a job.

After the ambulance took Charlie away the boss complained to the steward that Charlie had taken an "unnecessary chance" which would cost him money because there was an accident on his job. He also wanted to know if he had to pay Charlie for the full working day or only for the two hours he had worked before his accident. Where sentiment conflicted with business practice the boss showed he was a businessman.

I phoned the hospital that night to learn how Charlie made out. They reported his leg badly gashed, his lung punctured; they were giving him something to relieve his pain and he was resting. They didn't know yet when he would be out but it would be more than six weeks.

Charlie Weldon's case provides a lesson in the workings of capitalist democracy. Relief, unemployment compensation and workmen's compensation are law today because the working people wanted the state to provide them a living when they were in need and unable to earn a livelihood.

But how is the will of the people carried out? Despite these laws, Charlie is in a tough spot. In this state, capitalist enterprise pays premiums incapacitated. If Charlie gets out of the hospital alive, he will have to hire a lawyer to fight the

injured workers. Before he gets a settlement, Charlie may find himself on home relief. New York City's Welfare Department will allow him the usual starvation allowance and will deduct from his relief check allowance and will deduct from his relief check

ments. That is, if he is lucky enough to get a settlement. In other words, the democratic process is sty-

mied by the capitalist politicians - the "best men" who asked for your vote because they wanted to "serve" you. Instead of providing the people with the things they vote for, they deal with the problems of unemployment, illness and injury by introducing capitalist enterprise, profiteering and chiseling into the picture and by setting up capitalist standards for the unemployed and poverty-stricken. This is only one example but it applies to their handling of all social problems.

To end this swindle of the workers and this circumvention of their demands, it is necessary to oppose the capitalist politicians in every field of activity. To make such opposition effective, it is necessary to build the independent party of labor.

everything he receives from the union welfare fund and from the compensation insurance pay-**Of Robeson Rally** 

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DETROIT, Oct. 3 - The leaders of the Wayne County CIO and the Detroit NAACP were asked last week to call a broad conference of labor and liberal organizations to plan for a united defense of the Paul Robeson rally to be held in this city on Oct. 9. The appeal was made in a letter from Howard Lerner, chairman of the Detroit Socialist Workers Party.

Recalling the role played by he police in abetting the hoodlums at Peekskill, the SWP letter said:

"Detroit Police Commissioner Toy has already announced his intention of packing the area with police riot squads. . . To place confidence in Toy's presumed inent physicians organizations and progressives in tention to protect this meeting

would be sheer folly. . . "The way to prevent a Detroit Peekskill is neither through abstention nor reliance on Toy' police force but, on the con trary, by an aggressive mobilization by Detroit labor and Negro leaders for a united defense.'

labor leaders who failed to mobilize against the early Nazi attacks upon political and racial minorities."

policy of the Communist Party, which refuses to defend the civil ights of its political opponents the letter pledged the support and assistance of the SWP in defending the rally.



asleep" if the ordinance passed

Robert W. Gilbert of the Amer-

remedy the situation.

a few extreme psychopathic cases provided detailed statistics and

thrown in for good measure. The other evidence to prove that

Christian Nationalist spokesman, discrimination in employment

picked out personally by Council- exists in Los Angeles, that the

man Ed Davenport from the proposed measure would help

The most thorough case for the

rights." LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1-Paul Robeson's concert here last night the letter goes on. You have opwas marked by a complete ab-

Local 401 in Elizabeth, N. J., where 9,000 are came to hear Robeson sing at the witch-hunts, or are you for civil vocated a united, non-partisan tractual right to demand a "re- increase. still on strike over the same issues. Delegates of concert at Wrigley Field sponrights only for the Communist defense movement to defend ALL view" of wages — an opening

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# to insurance companies to handle workers' claims, instead of having a tax by the state on industry to provide for workers during the period they are incapacitated. If Charlie gets out of the heavital alive, he will have to hire a lawyer to fight the insurance company for enough compensation to provide for his needs. Insurance companies make their profits by paying as little as possible to injured workers.

Ford Pension Plan Signed



The new Ford pension plan (analyzed elsewhere on this page) is signed by UAW President Walter Reuther (center) in Detroit. Seated at left is Ford negotiator John S. Bugas, at right UAW Ford Director Kenneth Bannon. Among spectators is William Clay Ford (standing second from right).

# Marcantonio Challenged By "We cannot afford to repeat SWP on Civil Rights Stand

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 --- Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor, today challenged Vito Marcantonio to state his position on civil rights for Trotskyists. "We know he would like to duck •-

this question, but we intend to the issue. "Now that you are force him to state just where he running for the highest office in stands," Bartell explained. public has a right to know where of speedup, which provoked a In a letter addressed to Marcantonio, Bartell points out that you stand," Bartell stated. He bitter strike last spring. The new the mayoralty candidate of the then added: "The position of the Socialist sole right to fix work standards American Labor Party has re-

Workers Party is well known, and, in fact, virtually commits peatedly called for the voters' Our record is clear. In spite of the union to aid the speedup. support on the basis of his record as a fighter for civil our irreconcilable differences with through a clause whereby the the Communist Party, we declared union agres to a joint "study" of "You have condemned the our support to the defense of certain Ford operations "with a

frameup trial, and offered a standard pretext for speedup. posed the trial of the 12 Com- united front for the purpose of For the first time, the company of Reuther's pension agreement, sence of the violence employed munist Pary leaders in Foley mobilizing a broad mass move- is also given the right to reopen particularly his willingness to against his Peekskill appearances. Square. But are you for the ment in defense of their civil the contract on wages. After Jan. have Ford's payments reduced as was a crippling blow to the larger Singer UE An audience of almost 11,000 defense of ALL victims of the rights. We have persistently ad- 1, 1951 the company has the con- federal social security benefits

The worst settlement ever made in a major section of the auto industry was concluded on Sept. 29 between CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther and the Ford Motor Company.

In return for a miserable pen- tually provides for payment by sion plan to cost Ford only 83/ Ford of between \$55 and \$65 a month average to workers who cents an hour per worker, Reuther agreed to a 171/2-month qualify. Ford pays merely the wage freeze for the period from difference between what the retired worker gets in federal July 16, 1949, when the last consocial security and \$100. If govtract expired, until Jan. 1, 1951. ernment benefits are increased For the 81/2 months between last in the future, Ford will pay a July 16 and next April 1, the Ford correspondingly smaller portion workers get no gains at all, since pension payments will not begin of the \$100 maximum. Thus, Reuther's contract estabuntil the latter date.

The new contract will extend lishes a far - reaching precedent that total retirement pensions for an unprecedented 21/2-year period. from Oct. 1, 1949 to April for workers shall not exceed \$100 1, 1952, during which there can a month. By contrast, the United be only one wage reopener, but Mine Workers pension is a full not until after Jan. 1, 1951. \$100 a month paid by the com-Pension demands, however, may panies, regardless of benefits not be raised again before March, the worker may get from any other source. The UMW pension  $1955 - \text{that is, } 51/_2 \text{ years.}$ is payable on retirement age of Reuther also agreed to retain he infamous "company security" 62 after 20 years' service. lause, which permits Ford to

AFTER 30 YEARS

discipline" union members whom The Ford pension is payable the company provokes into strikes in full only after the age of 65, not formally authorized by the with 30 years' service. These must nternational union. The only modification in this clause is to pe full calendar years in which the employee has received pay give the "impartial" umpire for not less than 1,800 hours. The who has almost always ruled in amount of the pension is reduced avor of the company - the ight to "review" penalties handin proportion to lesser time of service, both as to the number of years and the number of hours Reuther's renewal of the "com-

worked in any given year. No pany security" clause directly credit is given for any year in violates the decision of the last which an employee works less UAW convention, which instructthan 750 hours. ed all UAW negotiators not to

Few Ford workers can be exsign any agreement containing a pected to take the Ford speedup for 30 years in order to qualify for the maximum benefits. miserable as these are. With Reuther capitulated completely this city, the labor and liberal to the company on the vital issue recurrent layoffs, most workers would have to be in Ford's employ much longer than 30 years contract gives the company the before qualifying for pensions.

This settlement is based on the recommendations of Truman's "fact-finding" board for the steel industry, which were accepted by CIO President Philip Murray. It is reported, however, that the outrageous assaults at Peekskill," their leaders in the Foley Square view to reducing costs" - a steel union officials have "little enthusiasm" for some features

> The net effect of the settlement is to tie the Ford workers down Falsely labeled a "10-cent to a long-term contract under a Marcantonio comes out for the package" by the company and wage freeze. In the long run, Ford defense of the Trotskyists and Reuther, the settlement actually will come out ahead in dollars other labor and liberal groups on includes 11/4 cents that Ford was and cents, particularly if the the government's "loyalty" purge already paying into an insurance federal pension payments are inlist, "he along with the Com- plan to which the workers also creased, which will mean bigger payroll deduction from the Ford The pension plan, publicized workers but no increase in their as a \$100 a month benefit, ac- total \$100-a-month benefits.

### Socialized Medicine XI oluntary vs Compulsory **By Grace Carlson**

Despite early opposition to all medical prepayment plans, the American Medical Association bureaucrats have now seized upon voluntary insurance as a weapon to be used against a national compulsory health insurance plan. In this session of Congress, the AMA lobbyists have supported the Hill and Taft bills, which are based on a voluntary insurance idea in opposition to the Truman Health Plan.

The bill introduced by Senator Lister Hill (D, Ala.) is based upon a charity concept of medical care. Membership cards in voluntary hospital and health insurance plans would be issued to those certified by local welfare authorities as requiring financial assistance. Federal and state funds would then be used to reimburse the voluntary health insurance organizations.

Senator Taft's bill proposes to establish a National Health Agency to be headed by a doctor and to take in the Public Health Service, the Food and Drug Administration and other health functions now administered by the Federal Security Administration. It would also make grants to the states for assisting in the payment of medical care costs for those unable to pay their own, in a manner somewhat similar to that proposed in the Hill bill.

Trade union spokesmen, members of independ-

Notes from the News

"UNFAVORABLE" - In the Shadow of Fear, issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, lists the following among the "unfavorable" developments of the year: "The failure of President Truman to act on a petition to restore civil rights to eighteen members of the Socialist Workers Party convicted in Minneapolis . . . under the Smith Sedition Act of conspiracy to advocate revolutionary doctrines. The dismissal of James Kutcher, legless veteran, from his job with the Veterans Administration on the sole basis of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party, upheld by the Loyalty Review Board (to be appealed to the courts)."

general have attacked the Hill and Taft bills because they are based on doctor-control of public funds, have a charity concept and offer an inadequate medical care program. Very few voluntary insurance programs, whether union-sponsored, employer-sponsored or sponsored by some "benevolent" society offer a comprehensive medical care program — payment for home and office calls; home nursing care; pre-and post-natal care; periodic check-ups. So long as an insurance plan is voluntary, the young and healthy will not join, and if the aged

and sickly join in large numbers, the cost is raised to a prohibitive point under capitalist insurance operation. For these reasons, the large majority of voluntary insurance plans now in operation in this country fail to provide full medical coverage to their subscribers.

Dr. Michael Davis, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Research in Medical Economics, once summed up the case against voluntary health insurance this way:

"Voluntary plans do not offer broad enough coverage at low enough rates to a large enough portion of our people to justify serious consideration as a national solution to a national prob-

Also warning against the false

HOOK CONDEMNED - The Sept. 30 Square Bulletin, student paper of Washington Square College, New York University, prints an article sharply condemning Professor Sidney Hook's advocacy of the anti-communist purge of teachers, and an editorial expressing opposition to educators like Hook "who leap pell-mell into the fire of Bilboism to escape the menace of William Z. Foster." \* \* \*

STAB IN THE BACK - UE Local 227 in Bridgeport, Conn., last week called off its fivemonth strike against Singer Manufacturing Co. by accepting a settlement which marked a complete victory for the company on the crucial "works standards" speedup system. This move

the Bridgeport local voted for the Carey-ACTU | sored by the California Eagle, | Party and its allies? group at the UE convention while those of the Negro weekly. Elizabeth local backed the Stalinist leadership.

\* \* \* REJECTS CP ENDORSEMENT - James Imbrie. Progressive Party candidate for Governor of New Jersey, has rejected the Communist small, it was significant in view own candidate. Imbrie said that although he is "fundamentally opposed to Communist doctrines" he is still willing to work with Stalinists or others who join the Wallaceite party "to fight for the principles for which it stands."

\* \* \* VILLARD DIES — Oswald Garrison Villard, This appeal was reported in O. John Rogge, I. F. Stone and liberal editor, died in New York last week at the articles in four Los Angeles age of 77. Villard was best known as editor of dailies as well as on more than ing the Bill of Rights Conference The Nation for many years, a founder of the a half-dozen radio news broad-NAACP, a defender of civil rights and an isola- casts. tionist opponent of war.

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SETBACK FOR MELISHES - The Episcopal of the paper, all that were avail- victims of the Smith Act and for convention in San Francisco has in effect turned able. Militant salesmen well outdown the appeal of the Rev. John Howard Melish numbered and outsold the Staland his son against their dismissal from the Holy inist People's World. More than Trinity Church in Brooklyn because of their 100 other copies were sold during associations with groups on the "subversive" list. the afternoon.

Lined up against the measure

were spokesmen for reaction

Commerce to the Christian Na-

group waiting to speak and

escorted to the microphone, in-

dulged in an orgy of obscene race-

ARGUMENTS MADE

baiting.

**COUNCIL VOTES DOWN FEPC** LOS ANGELES CITY

the City Council a few years ago, representatives of the official emphasized the fact that in a By J. Blake LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27 - A They had guarded against any labor bodies, minority groups, state referendum three years an skirmish in the fight for, fair publicity or involvement of churches and workers' parties. FEPC measure was defeated by employment practices was lost masses. The Council just as Spokesmen for the Socialist more than 2 to 1. They warned Davis, speaking for the Comhere today. The City Council voted | quietly filed their proposed FEPC | Worker's Party and various Com-8 to 6 against a proposal to ordinance in the waste-basket munist Party groups were exestablish a municipal fair em- without further ado. through collusion of the Councilployment practices ordinance. This week, however, it was an-

The proposed measure would other story. Growing unemploy- men and "labor and liberal to assurance that "we are orhave made it illegal to dis- ment, victimizing the minorities leaders." criminate in employment because most acutely, has reached such of race, color, religion or na- proportions that all of the Countional origin and set up fines and cilmen with sizeable Negro and ranging from the Chamber of jail sentences as penalties for Mexican populations in their districts had to commit themselves tionalists of Gerald Smith, with ican Federation of Labor, who violation.

Most important lesson of the to support of the proposed action today: Minority group ordinance. The council chamber workers cannot rely on capitalist was packed with an overflow politicians. Gains in securing crowd for more than five conequal job opportunities will be tinuous hours.

made only in proportion to the extent that minority and labor HOW HEARING WAS RUN groups rely on their own strength | Particularly important this time in the economic and political was the fact that Edward Roybal, baiting, red-baiting and Jew- flagrant discrimination by the fields to fight discrimination.

candidate of the Mexican com-Today was the first time that munity, was elected from the sentiment against job discrimina- Ninth Councilmanic District last

tion reached the organized spring in a campaign where strength to secure a public hear- FEPC was a major issue. Roybal speaking against the measure did against consistent refusal by ing and vote by the City Council. led the fight in the Council for not bother to dissociate them-As minorities began to lose the the ordinance.

gains they had made in industrial At the public hearing today the labor and church spokesmen the bland statement: "There's no and other jobs during the war- the Council voted to allot an hour for the measure hastened to provision against discrimination time labor shortage, a few of each to those citizens speaking dissociate themselves from radical in our civil service code. We may

their community leaders quietly for and those against the measure. supporters of the measure. and respectfully appeared before 'Lined up for the ordinance were ' Opponents of the ordinance 'highest names on the list."

"You were a sponsor of two

Wrigley Field seats 23,500, and conferences in New York City the sponsors had been calling for which put to the test the sincerity a demonstration of 25,000. Alof all participants; the Conthough the turnout was relatively ference for Civil and Human Rights on June 25, and the Bill Party's endorsement, made when it withdrew its of the previous Peekskill violence of Rights Conference on July and the threat of violence hang-16-17. You were one of the main ing over this concert.

speakers at the Bill of Rights A strong impression had been Conference, where the issue was made in the city by the Socialist posed pointblank: For or against Workers Party's appeal to the the civil rights of the Trotskytrade union movement for a guard ists? of 3,000 to defend the meeting.

"Thomas Emerson, Paul Kern, other prominent liberals sponsorhave taken their stand in favor of restoring civil rights to the

A large crew of Militant sales-18 leaders of the Socialist Workmen sold more than 300 copies ers Party, who were the first reinstatement of James Kutcher, legless veteran discharged from his clerical job in the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the SWP. Henry

Wallace has called for a presidential pardon to the 18 SWP victims of the Smith Act, and the restoration of their civil rights, 'in consonance with the platform of our party'.

"But your running mate on the ALP ticket, Councilman Benjamin the Councilmen against ignoring munist Party, rejected support the "voice of the people" and for the Trotskyists and viciously cluded from speaking, however, threatened them with everything slandered them." from defeat in the next election

conference, but chose to duck ganized and will not be caught

ordinance was made by Attorney On Stalin-Tito Fight

Oct. 14 Oct. 21-23 Oct. 25-27

Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Milwaukee Nov. 2 Chicago selves from him or his kind as fied Negroes have been met with Detroit-Flint Toledo Philadelphia Nov. 13 Additional dates to be anchoose any one of the three nounced.

victims of the witch-hunt." for wage cuts. Bartell commented that unless munist Party must bear respon- contribute.

sibility for betraying the civil rights struggle."

# lim Crow Is Maintained Army's New Program

d out by Ford.

"company security" clause.

GAVE IN ON SPEEDUP

#### By J. Meyer

to be able to continue freely with its policy of Jim Crowing the large majority of American Ne-troes in every department of the groes in every department of the federal service. AS WE PREDICTED

The latest manifestation of this is the "new" program for Negro tion to an article on "The Talenttroops announced by Secretary of ed Tenth" which we wrote in the the Army Gordon Gray and ap- April issue of Fourth Internation- ratings than hitherto. proved by Secretary of Defense al. The article traces the nation-Louis Johnson. The wording of the wide upsurge on the Negro ques-For example:

All military occupational spe- administration. cialties will be opened to all qualified personnel "without regard to race or color."

All promotions will be by open race or color." or color."

up, or that Negro personnel of these units will be scattered throughout the Army."

In other words, the vast major- sary "or the American bourgeoisie ity of Negroes in the Army will would face disaster on the Negro continue to be Jim-Crowed "with- question with all its national and international implications." The out regard to race or color."

The Americans for Democratic article stated also: "The admin-Action have denounced the plan istration, there is not the slightas a "sham" and a "feeble ges- est doubt, is preparing to make ture" that was "only a little bet- some token moves in regard to ter than previous attempts by the segregation in the armed forces." Army to sidestep the issue." The Here then is the move, and mis-ADA called upon President Tru- erable as it is, its political aim is man to reject the plan and order clear. To quote Secretary Gray 116 University Pl., New York 3 the end of segregation in the on what his new policy means:

Army. This is indeed big talk |"It does mean that qualified Necoming from the ADA, especially groes, including members of these The Truman administration when two of their leading lights, existing units, will have the opcontinues its plan to build a basis Senators Douglas of Illinois and portunity to learn those skills for itself among the "talented Humphrey of Minnesota, covered previously unavailable to them. tenth," as W.E.B. Dubois, the Ne- themselves with disgrace not only Hereafter, Negroes who acquire gro writer, once called the layer of well-educated Negroes. This is the concession it makes in order ing and education bills in Con-applied in the manner most use-

> Gray does not even promise that qualified Negroes will have full opportunities, but the promise is held out that qualified up-

We would like to draw attenper-class Negroes will have equal opportunity in training, and can look forward to some higher

It is an old game this - divide program is a study in cynicism. tion and shows the strategic tions in India. But here as elsecounter-measures of the Truman where, American imperialism begins too late. Today the decisive

It notes that hundreds of Ne- elements among the Negroes are groes were invited to the Truman proletarians, workers trained and inaugural celebrations; there has disciplined in large-scale produc-All promotions will be by open competition "without regard to high posts to Negroes; politicians vitations to the White House and All members of school units will of the ADA stamp have been ap- the officers' bars on a few subbe trained "without regard to race pointing Negroes to their person- servient Negro shoulders will not al staffs; certain big industrial corrupt the determination of the But, says Secretary Gray, "This firms operating through the Ur- great masses of Negro proletarbrogram does not mean that ex- ban League have been taking ians and semi-proletarians to put isting Negro units will be broken qualified Negro personnel into an end to Jim Crow. And this, their engineering departments. even when some of it is administ-The article points out that some | ered "without regard to race or such change in policy was neces- color" by selected Negro stooges.

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Marcantonio was present at this Morris Stein's Tour

The following is the schedule of Morris Stein's lecture tour, under the auspices of the Social-

ist Workers Party, on "The Stalin - Tito Conflict and the Crisis of World Stalinism." Youngstown Oct. 9-10

Akron Neither he nor any other Cleveland speaker, however, exposed the St. Louis Los Angeles city government itself, which, San Francisco more directly than other employ-

ers, could be affected by an Seattle St. Paul-Minneapolis His respectable collaborators FEPC ordinance. Complaints some departments to hire quali-

Nov. 3-5 Nov. 6-10 Nov. 11

Oct. 11 Oct. 12-13

Oct. 15-19