## **Cominform** Issues **Formal Orders to Overthrow Tito**

By John G. Wright

After a lapse of 17 months the Communist Information Bureau met once more amid greatest secrecy "somewhere in Rumania" to take up as the first and main point on its agenda Stalin's struggle

A cursory comparison of the to crush dissident Yugoslavia in text of the current Cominform blood. All the other Cominform declarations - on the danger of declaration with the one adopted war, the intensification of "the in June 1948 shows how far struggle to unmask the right- Stalin has moved in preparing wing Socialists," the orientation politically for this onslaught. A to win over Catholic workers, the brief 17 months ago Tito himself was labelled merely as an "adplan to organize city and village "committees all over the world venturer" and his followers accused of a whole gamut of poliin the defense of peace," etc. all these are intended as mere tical deviations, including "Trotskyism" and nationalism. Today trimmings and a smokescreen they are all "assassins and hirefor the conduct of Stalin's warfare against Yugoslavia. ling spies.'

Last time the Tito regime was It should be recalled that the raising of the war-danger, more charged with pursuing a "hateful accurately, using the actual war- policy" toward the Soviet Union danger as a screen, has been one and of "conspiring" to sell out of Stalin's favorite methods of Yugoslavia to Anglo-American struggle against all his political imperialism. This time Yugoslavia is denounced as "an anti-comopponents. In the present instance the imperialist war threat serves munist police state of a fascist not only to whip waverers into type" and an "American center of espionage and anti-communist line but also to mask Stalin's own ruthless preparations to destroy propaganda."

physically the Tito regime, the Last time the Cominform Yugoslav Communist Party and prescribed as the cure a purge of to subjugate Yugoslavia herself. the Yugoslav party leadership

### **Phila.** Convention Founds IUE-CIO **Electrical Union**

and an honest "confession of mistakes." This time it demands nothing short of a violent overthrow of this "police, fascist-type state" and orders Stalinists everywhere "to give utmost assistance" to achieve this goal. This can only mean a reiteration by Stalin him-self that he will stop at nothing and that Stalinist leaderships

NOV. 30 - The atmosphere everywhere must do likewise. and actions of the founding con-From the first dispatches, the vention of the CIO International only ones available at this writ-Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, which opened ing, the Yugoslav government is Nov. 27 in Philadelphia, can only evidently the only one whose over throw is being openly demandrepel rather than attract militant workers. "Anti-Communism," redbaiting, bureaucratic methods and crude demagogy are no substiever of Franco's Spain. As for tute, in the opinion of most workers, for a militant program that will win them better conditions. True enough, CIO Secretarytiating an agreement with those membership into submission. Treasurer James B. Carey, whom whom it branded only yesterday Philip Murray hand - picked to head the new organization until permanent officers are elected about such trifles as organizing Fri., Nov. 25, immediately followsome time next year, promised for their overthrow. Yugoslavia ing the Thanksgiving holiday. the delegates that IUE-CIO will do a better job on wages and pensions than the Stalinist-led last two Cominform declarations. United Electrical workers which the CIO expelled several weeks

He even introduced an "ecopainlessly liquidated by the nomic report" proposing a cam-"healthy" forces inside the Yugopaign for fourth-round wage increases as well as pensions like slav party itself. No such confithose obtained by the steel and dence is now expressed. On the auto unions. But the Carey report | contrary, the report on this topic was hedged around with qualifi- is eloquently entitled "The Yugoing statements, such as the union | slav Communist Party Which Is "will take into account the in the Hands of Murderers and ability to pay of the various com- Spies." panies" and will not "resort to No less eloquent is the fact 'Alice in Wonderland' tactics and that there was no representative or spokesman of the "patriotic demands." Besides, who will take seriously and revolutionary" Yugoslav this talk of fourth - round wage clements present at this conraises when the major CIO ference. The official explanation (Continued on Page 4) (Continued on page 2)

# Curran Goons and Cops Terrorize NMU Ranks

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PLEDGE BYALTY TO

JUE CURRAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 - Members of the CIO National Maritime Union in the Port of New York were given a demonstration last week of the kind of regime Presied and covertly organized under dent Joseph Curran is seeking to establish in the union. Having lost the support of civil rights, calling for defense Cominform auspices. For ex- the membership, Curran moved in

ample, there is no mention what a gang of imported gorillas to men, detectives, mounted cops, from the hall by the cops. Known prowl cars, motorcycles, etc. "capture" the union hall with the Greece, the Kremlin, after liqui- aid of the New York Police De-To get into the hall, members were compelled to line up on the their books taken, beaten up and dating the Greek guerrilla strug- partment and loosed a reign of gle, is obviously too busy nego- terror designed to intimidate the street and were permitted to enter only one at a time. Inside The Curran putsch took place the door were stationed a gang as "monarcho-fascists", to bother in the early morning hours on of thugs and a fingerman surrounded by cops. As each member entered he was forced to sur-- there is Stalin's "main enemy"! Members arriving at the shipping render his union book, ostensibly We come now to another highly hall Friday morning found all for the purpose of "identificasignificant difference between the entrances sealed with the extion."

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ception of one narrow doorway at Those suspected of opposition In June 1948, the Cominform ex- the front of the building. A large to the Curran machine were pressed confidence that the Titoist concentration of police surround- fingered and their books taken 'deviation" would be speedily and ed the entire block: foot patrol- away; they were forcibly ejected



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# Judge Voids Witch-Hunting Law in N.Y. Civil Rights Defense Must **100 YPA DELEGATES BACK**

## **CIVIL RIGHTS FOR SWP**

CLEVELAND, Nov. 28 - Approximately 100 delegates at the second national convention of the Young Progressives of America (Wallaceite youth), which closed

here yesterday, voted in favor the real issue was civil rights port of the 18 Trotskyist leaders and only three people had gained the floor to discuss it, and the who were the first to be conchairman put the question.

victed under the Smith Act. The amendment was defeated, with about 300 delegates voting against it, and another 150 abstaining. (Representation was based on one delegate for ten members.)

A resolution was introduced on of the eleven Communist Party

leaders convicted at Foley Square, oppositionists were taken to a for defense of their lawyers who back room for "questioning," were sentenced to prison for "contempt," and for repeal of thrown out the back door. These the Smith Act.

beatings occurred with cops Expressing support for the swarming all over the hall. They resolution, a delegate from the eral line with Henry Wallace's conveniently turned their backs, West Side Manhattan YPA inexcept in a single instance when troduced an amendment to the the screams of one victim impelled resolution, asking for the defense

make a show of preserving "law tims of the Smith Act and supand order.' port for the campaign to win

In the first few days after Cur- presidential pardon for the 18 an and the cops took over, it is leaders of the Socialist Workers estimated that approximately 100 Party who were tried and conmen had their books taken away. victed under the Smith Act in Many were not involved in the 1941.

dispute but had remained neutral The introduction of this amendtions were not invited to par- Anti-Subversive" law and New in the internal struggle. Their ment produced a hysterical Trotticinate in the NAACP-initiated Jersey's "loyalty oath" law for protests were in vain. Once they skyist-baiting attack by the Stal Civil Rights Mobilization because political candidates have been were fingered as suspect by a inist forces at the convention. of the Stalinist betrayal of the similarly declared unconstitution-Curran hatchet-man, their book | The entire arsenal of slanders Negro struggle during the war al. was taken and the cops shoved about Trotsky it "sabotage of the and the Stalinist attitude toward

Not Relax The witch-hunt against academic freedom in New York State public education

After the amendment was voted down, a call for a civil rights berg Law violates the state and federal constitutions. caucus was answered by 20-odd

delegates. Their effort to hold a meeting was broken up by an organized group of Stalinist hacks hunting" and a "dragnet which who moved in on the group shouting charges that it was a "Jim for a change of government," was Crow caucus" plus other lies. (Five of the group were Ne- ture early this year. It directs the groes.)

was no important differences manifested at the convention. which adopted a program in genpolicies.



the Minneapolis trial of the 18

Wilkins, acting secretary of the

Stalinist - dominated organiza- to coast. Maryland's "Omnibus

received a judicial set-back on Nov. 28 when State Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Schirick, in a test case, ruled that the Fein-This law, which Justice Schi-

rick branded a "resort to witchmay enmesh anyone who agitates jammed through the state legisla-State Board of Regents to com-

Aside from this issue, there pile a list of "subversive" organzations, membership in which would constitute "prima facie evidence of disqualification for appointment to or retention in any office or position in the public

schools of the state." Justice Schirick's courageous and honest ruling, made in the face of heavy pressure and threats from reactionary organizations and politicians, is the third judicial blow in recent months against the thought-control laws enacted by state legislatures from coast

## **MINERS DEMONSTRATE** THEIR IRON SOLIDARITY

DEC. 1 — Eleven hours after the country's 400,000soft coal miners began their fourth strike this year, the United Mine Workers Policy Committee, on the advice of John L. Lewis, today instructed

the members to resume work on the report of his "fact-finding" Monday, Dec. 5, but on a 3-day board in the steel case. That report declared against any genweek basis. This continues the UMW tactic eral wage increases not only for of harassment and pressure on the steel workers, but for all inthe recalcitrant mine owners, dustrial workers. It recommended while conserving the resources a standard for pensions far below and fighting strength of the that provided in the old United miners. In a further move that Mine Workers contract, let alone the new pension demand. enraged the arrogant operators,

the UMW Policy Committee NEED SOLID BACKING authorized the negotiation of in-The fact that the CIO leaders dividual contracts to split the - Murray, Reuther, etc. - have operators' front.

accepted the wage freeze-pension With iron solidarity and disciformula of Truman's steel board pline, the miners had renewed has strengthened the operators their strike for higher wages and and government in their insistence pension royalties. No formal call that the miners drop their wage was needed. Precisely at the time and pension demands. In fact, set for ending the three-week the mine companies have countruce, the mine workers shut tered the UMW demands with down the pits. their own demand that the pay-

the miners have attained neither During the period of the truce, ments out of the UMW welfare the capitalist newspapers had fund be "regulated" - that is, spread reports of alleged "disaf-|that benefits be cut - and that average income of the miners fection," reflecting Big Business the "able and willing" clause this year will be about \$2,800, a and government hopes that some winch leaves the miners condecline of \$800 from last year, or miners might balk at a fourth tractually free to strike at any about \$1,000 below the officially strike this year "just before time be eliminated. ecognized minimum decency and Christmas." If the mine owners thought health standard for an average

This propaganda, designed to to test the UMW's solidarity and family. undermine the miners' morale determination to fight, they have It is because conditions in the and divide them, has proved fruit- received their answer. The miners industry threatened to materially higher wage scales and bigger less. They know their enemies.

reduce their income that they are still no pushover, despite the royalties to maintain their take-They know that the rich coal great sacrifices they have been were forced to strike. They hope home pay and welfare fund. operators and the Truman ad- forced to make so far this year by increasing their wages and other benefits to make up for the NEW MINE DEVELOPMENTS ministration are conspiring to and the depletion of their reweaken their union and deprive sources. What is needed to assure

them not only of new concessions them of speedy victory is the through the periods of unemploybut of vital past gains. solid backing, morally and Truman has already given the materially, of the whole Amermine owners a potent weapon in ican labor movement.

## **Mass Meeting to Be Held Dec. 15**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 - The New York City CIO Council at its meeting this week approved the resolution submitted by its Executive Board endorsing the case of James Kutcher. In a letter sent Nov. 22 President Michael J. Quill and Secretary-Treasurer Morris Iushewitz urged all affiliates of the Council to act immediately in giving moral and financial aid to the legless veteran in fighting his dismissal and defending his civil rights.

The resolution notes that "Kutcher's persecution has been condemned as an outrageous violation of free speech and the right to hold public and private employment, regardless of political beliefs." It requests the Veterans Administration to restore Kutcher's job and calls upon the President to grant Kutcher's request for a public hearing at which his party can defend itself against the charges of subversiveness.

This action by the New York City CIO Council adds impressive support to the mass meeting to welcome James Kutcher home from his national speaking tour scheduled for Thursday evening, Dec. 15 at the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and 8th Ave.

Speakers at the meeting will include I. F. Stone, Roger Baldwin, Carl Holderman, Benjamin F. McLaurin, Professor Thomas I. Emerson, Norman Thomas and George Novack. Tickets can be secured by writing to the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 19 West 10th St., New York 11, N. Y.

or reduced to part-time work.

This, however, could be only a

the work, it also spread the

poverty. Moreover, declining pro-

duction meant less royalties in

the health and welfare fund. The

temporary expedient. If it spread ber two decades ago.

spread the available work.

**By Art Preis** 

won the highest industrial wage

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of the '20s and '30s.

DEPRIVED OF LIVELIHOOD

them cutside the hall.

To take a seamen's union book during the civil war had amputat-NAACP. is to deprive him of a livelihood. On Nov. 14 William L. Pattered the legs of Loyalist soldiers With the exception of a very few as a means of helping the unorganized shipping companies fascists. all men are hired through the Rights Congress, sent the NAACP

war effort" was thrown at the

delegates. It was even charged

that "Trotskist doctors in Spain'

WALLACE'S LETTER union hiring hall. A seaman who

a letter offering the CRC's "suphas his book taken is denied The delegates, including many port" and "cooperation" to the access to the hiring hall and is of the Stal'nists, were left stunned Civil Rights Mobilization and therefore deprived of the opmomentarily when they were read asking why the CRC had not Henry Wallace's letter to Farrell been included in the list of orportunity to get a job.

The union constitution provides Dobbs last year, condemning the ganizations invited by the NAACP that no member's book can be Minneapolis trial because the to participate as co-sponsors. On defendants had been convicted Nov. 22 Wilk'ns answered Pattaken unless charges are preferred, a trial is held, and the "solely by reason of their ex- terson's letter. Part of his answer membership votes to expel. Mem- pression of political views and said: "We of the NAACP remember

bers who had their books taken cpinions" and offering his suphave instituted court action to port to the efforts to get a presiprotect their right to work in the dential pardon to restore the civil industry. Because of the fundarights of the 18. mental issues involved, the Amer-A Negro delegate took the floor for decent treatment in the armed

ican Civil Liberties Union has to say that he was tired of services we could get no help from (Continued on page 4) discussing Trotskyism, although (Continued on page 4)

**The Chronic Crisis in Coal--and Its Solution** 

other industry. A miner who tions of instability and chaos at repeatedly, year after year, to get That means the mines must be The coal miners, by their earns \$1.91 an hour still cannot the miners' expense. There are some of the benefit of their in- nationalized, with private profit magnificent strike battles, have live in minimum decency if he some 8,000 operators in the coal creased productivity. But they eliminated. The coal industry has only one, two or three days industry. They are in bitter com- have not been able to keep pace. must be operated under the conscales, welfare benefits and pen- of work a week and intermittent petition. To realize a continuous The lion's share of increased trol of the miners themselves lay-offs of longer periods.

growth in their profits, they have production goes to swell the mine through their own organization A big increase in man-hour to cut costs in relation to their owners' profits. Every rise in and democratically-elected comman-hour output means a reduc-Mine Workers has elevated the cutput, combined with a sharp prices — with labor costs first mittees. By eliminating the tion in the labor force or partunder the knife. tremendous profits of the mine living standards of its member- decline in the markets for coal, Over the past 20 years, by time work that cuts the take ship far above the abysmal levels resulted this past spring in owners, by introducing safe and home pay. efficient techniques of mining or tremendous coal stockpiles. Large rationalizing the industry more a national planned basis, the

But the fact also remains that numbers of miners were laid off and more, by the introduction of THE OWNERS' AIMS

overhead of the industry can be mechanization, the operators have There can be no solution to this the incomes of decency and The UMW then ordered a general cut down the number of softdrastically reduced, prices to conhealth nor genuine security. The three-day week to equalize and coal miners from 700,000 to 350,problem so long as the coal sumers cut and wages raised. Inresources of this country are concreases in labor productivity will 000. These 350,000 can produce trolled by a few thousand private mear not lay-offs and unemploymore coal than twice their numowners whose sole aim is to ment, but a shorter work-week Two years ago, coal production ransack these nature - given rewith no reductions in take-home

was close to 650 million tons. This sources for their own private pay or welfare benefits. year the markets could absorb gain. They raise production or The coal industry is sick with less than 450 million tons. Even lower it in terms of their own miners therefore had to fight for if the miners had not struck or pocket-books. They are indifploitation. Indispensable to a cure instituted their own three-day ferent to the welfare of the men is nationalization under the week to equalize the work, the who risk their lives to extract and miners' control. As they have operators would have curtailed process the coal. spearheaded the fight for farproduction and employment any-The coal industry needs to be organized and coordinated accordway.

But even this cannot solve the losses they have been sustaining Under the present capitalist ing to a national plan. No effec- the miners can again point the miners' basic problem of incontrol and operation of the tive plan can be based on the way for all American labor by mines, the miners are bound to profit interests of the mine own- boldly championing the program ment and part-time work that are security arising from a cutplaguing the coal industry to a throat capitalistic industry that get the dirty end of the stick. ers. These parasites must be of nationalization under workers' and all other victims of the witchgreater degree than almost any for decades has maintained condi- They have been forced to strike eliminated from the industry. control.

NO RELAXATION In all three cases, however, Trotskyists, according to Roy there is grave danger that the rulings of individual judges may be reversed. State officials are son, national executive secretary pressing for speedy action by apof the Stalinist - controlled Civil peals courts to uphold these laws. This means there can be no relaxation in the fight against them. Teachers unions, civil rights groups and minority political organizations, including the Socialist Workers Party, actively fought the Feinberg Law. At a Board of Regents hearing, SWP National Chairman F. Dobbs was a principal speaker against the Board's proposed blacklist, based on the list of "subversive" organthat during the war when Negro zations issued by former Attor-Americans were fighting for jobs ney General Tom Clark as part on the home front and fighting of Truman's "loyalty" purge of government employées.

> Issuing a permanent injunction estraining the Board of Regents from enforcing the Feinberg Law, Justice Schirick declared that the law violated "due process." It is, he said, "a legislative finding of guilt of advocating the overthrow of the government by unlawful means without a judicial trial and without any of the forms and guards provided for the security of the individual by our traditional judicial forms."

**"GUILT BY ASSOCIATION"** 

He found that the law "fails to meet the minimum standards of fairness required by any administrative procedure." In finding a teacher "guilty" for mere membership in an organization, he said, "no proof of the doctrines and program of the organization need be offered," according to the law. "As to the individual, no proof of illegal purpose is required. . . This is 'guilt by association' with a vengeance."

This phase of Justice Schirick's opinion calls into question not disease called capitalist ex | only the Feinberg Law, but the whole procedure of the Truman administration's "loyalty" purge. It should encourage defenders of reaching social demands like civil liberties to intensify their health benefits and pensions, so fight on behalf of James Kutcher, the legless veteran fired from the VA for membership in the SWP, hunt and political purges.

#### Page Two

#### THE MILITANT

**AFL Leaders Off for London** 

Shown aboard the Ile de France just before sailing for England

are three top AFL leaders (l. to r.), ILGWU President David Du-

binsky, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and AFL Presi-

dent William Green. At the London conference to set up a new

international labor body, AFL and CIO leaders joined in forcing

the European unions to invite the priest-controlled Catholic unions

inghouse local union.

Monday, December 5, 1949

## **Class Struggle Flares** Anew in France, Italy

#### By Paul G. Stevens

Two major events last week served to point up the precarious character of the "stabilization" achieved under the Marshall Plan in Western Europe. One was the 24-hour general strike in France. The other was the resurgence of land seizures by the poor peasants in Italy.

Both these events, it must be noted, are reported as taking place without the initiative of the Stalinists. Their significance is thus doubly emphasized by the capitalist apologists themselves. It should be remembered that the widespread social unrest and instability in Europe following World War II was in the main attributed by the Western powers to the machinations of the Kremlin. While the Marshall Plan was in part designed to patch up the dilapidated economies, the U. S. State Department did not rely on economic measures alone. It intervened directly in a political sense as well, primarily in the French unions and in the Italian elections of 1948.

SPLIT THE UNIONS

In France, through the agency resulted from the economic of paid AFL and CIO func- "stab:lization" measures. It was tionaries working in cahoots with disrupted entirely by the recent the FBI, the State Department devaluation of the currencies. engineered a split in the General In order to justify its existence Confederation of Labor (CGT). at all, the reformist "Workers In the course of the adventuristic | Force" leadership had to do some-

"strike waves" organized by the thing about this deteriorating Stalinist leadership of the CGT situation among the workers. At in 1947, when the CP was ousted first it brought pressure upon from the cabinet, the American the "Socialist" ministers in the "labor statesmen" convinced the successive anti-Stalinist coalition old line reformist leaders, headed cabinets. The "Socialist" minby Leon Jouhaux, to part comisters, in turn, could not conpany with the Stalinists and to sequently agree fully to the form their own "Workers Force capitalist stabilization measures. Federation." The maneuver re-When the French bourgeoisie sulted in a considerable weakenstarted to get tough with the ng of the trade union strength reformist ministers, the Jouhaux of the French workers. The trade union leadership decided relative social calm that has folupon demonstrative strike action

lowed since has been interpreted generally as a victory for this 'grand strategy."

Certainly the Stalinist leadership in France has lost appreciable ground in the trade unions as vell as politically. But this was andoubtedly due as much to the treacherous class collaborationist policies pursued by Thorez and Company while they were in the postwar coalition governments, as to their later adventurism. Their impotent adventures only served to make Stalinist treachery plain to larger masses of workers. The calm could not, however, last very long in view of the uninterrupted

decline of living standards that in size, still appeared as the strongest trade union force. By

**COMINFORM ISSUES CALL** FOR OVERTHROW OF

quely. It warns that to guard delusion. The class struggle, in (Cont. from page 1) is that they have all been either against "the penetration of hostile France as elsewhere, can neither jailed or executed. But the fact agents into the party milieu" is be stage-managed by Stalinists remains that Stalin is in dire need "of decisive importance." It adds nor conjured away by the State of some plausible Yugoslav figure- for good measure that these Department and its "labor statesheads at the head of these alleged same "hostile agents" are "the men."

elements and up till now he hasn't bitterest splitters in the ranks of ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS been able to find any! Un- the working class and democratic questionably it will be part of movements." It omits to explain the Cominform's job to manu- just how "fascists, spies and backing of Washington, brought facture both a "native" Yugoslav murderers" could possibly gain a victory to the Christian Demomovement and also to find suitable mass following big enough to crats of De Gasperi, were also cause serious splits inside such "native" figureheads to lead it. Even more embarrassing to the movements.

conditions. Here, too, undoubtedly The Cominform's directive to Kremlin than its inability to find the Stalinists have suffered a Yugoslav puppets has been the Stalinist parties everywhere to considerable decline. But the spread of Titoist "heresies," and "increase revolutionary vigilance needs of the masses make dissident views into other Stal- to the utmost" is, of course, a inist parties. The Cominform signal for still bigger and more stabilization no less illusory here takes cognizance of this develop- ruthless purges. But it also means than in France. "Land hunger has characterized ment very cautiously and obli- that the Yugoslav experience is having broader and broader the Italian peasantry for decades.

ominform text.



as its only way out. The general strike call for Nov.

24 was thus issued originally by the "Workers Force Federation." The Stalinist CGT, whose own strike calls had been receiving less and less response, was quick to join. The Catholic trade unions although their leadership opposed the general strike, voted on a local scale nearly everywhere to norteinate with the other unions. Kutcher Rallies Support narticipate with the other unions. Thus, what the Stalinists, with Thus, what the Stalinists, with all their machinations have never been able to attain in the postwar In Buffalo, Pittsburgh been able to attain in the postwar period, came into being: the first genuine French general strike

action in 12 years. The action itself was merely varning of things to come, if a Buffalo for many years, James 5-Kutcher completed the last lap Louis L. Jaffee, dean of the UB substantial upward adjustment in wages is not forthcoming. The of his nation-wide tour. Stalinist CGT, although reduced The gathering, composed of

Negro and white steelworkers ACLU; Richard Lipsitz, CIO atfrom smoky Lackawanna, stu- torney; and Ted Wierzbic, presicomparison the reformist unions dents from the University of Bufevealed relative weakness. But falo campus, and noted labor and the universal response to the liberal figures of the city, roundstrike call showed the power of ly applauded Kutcher's excellent

speech flaying the "loyalty" purg- Join the Kutcher Committee in its united action sentiment among the French workers. es and the political persecution It proves beyond doubt that which he has suffered at the talk of stabilization in France in hands of the Justice Department.

a social sense is a complete was unanimously passed, and copies of it were dispatched to

President Truman, the Attorney General, the press and the national Kutcher Committee.

into the new organization

The chairman of the meeting, Barton Bean, member of the Uni-In Italy the last elections, in versity of Buffalo teaching staff which the Vatican, with the open and outstanding local liberal, said that he spoke in two capacities when he supported Kutcher: as an individual and as a member of supposed to have been a decisive the Erie County Civil Liberties turning point in stabilizing social Committee, a branch of the Amer-

can Civil Liberties Union. Robert A. Hoffman, chairman in the local Kutcher Civil Rights stated that the Kutcher case is nart and parcel of a general hysteria that is sweeping the world," repercussions in one country after | The fall of Mussolini in 1943 and another. Anxiety and fear of the turbulent postwar years witnounting opposition, alarm lest nessed a widespread movement for the Yugoslav experience be re- the seizure of the landed estates arrested.

are clearly discernible in the This was curbed only by the class Both Attorney Clarence Malo- At 4 P.M. Kutcher talked to the line. collaborationist tactics of the CP, ney and Tim Smith, president of entire steward body of Local 610 M. Tanner telegraphed \$100 for

# Flint First to Complete Quota in Fund Campaign

#### By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager

Only four more weeks to go in he Socialist Workers Party campaign to raise a \$12,000 Party Building Fund. Through Nov. 29 party branches and friends have contributed \$6,351 - 53% of the national quota. The campaign nationally is dragging 16% behind schedule, which means a concerted effort by everyone is required to finish the campaign IN FULL AND ON TIME by Dec. 31.

Flint Branch went over the top by 102%. These comrades set a steady pace and completed their quota without being fagged. Comrade Genora writes: "We chalenge the other branches to take the spotlight away from us now - we've had it long enough and we socialists believe in sharing and sharing alike!"

New Haven still holds second place with 80%. St. Paul-Minneapolis came back

from sixth to third place on the BUFFALO, Nov. 28 - Speaking in the Statler Hotel scoreboard with a \$100 payment last Saturday night before well over 100 persons, who com- on their quota. "We had a very inspiring meeting on Nov. 19,' prised the largest civil rights audience of its type here in reports Grace Carlson, "to honor the 21st Anniversary of The Mili-

> tant. Part of the \$100 is the profit Law School; Rabbi Joseph L. of the affair that the Twin Cities Fink: Dr. Jacob L. Hyman of the branches realized on this affair." A payment of \$27 from the St Louis comrades held them in dent of the 4,000-member West-

> ourth place. For three weeks Boston Branch Following the meeting several has held fifth place. "We hope to persons expressed the desire to wrap it up within the next couple

> > very confident," says Comrade Gus, "that we shall be able to go over the top and on time, if not

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25 - The campaign on the Kutcher case in this steel center was given a big for Cleveland, stating: "We have lift by Jimmy Kutcher's five-day some unemployment in the branch visit here. On Nov. 19 the CIO and fund collections are lagging. sponsored a press conference for But, 'where there's a will, there's

of the Erie County Liberal Party, Committee tendered him a wel- Branch moved from 35% to 47%. coming reception in the evening. Monday morning Kutcher appeared before two student groups at present many of our comrades and likened the "loyalty" purges at the Pennsylvania State College are laid off and this has slowed to the administration of the Es- for Women. That afternoon he down their payments." However, pionage Act of World War I, un- made a broadcast over Station the Detroit comrades have assured der which not German spies, but WLOA, discussing his case with us that unemployment will not Socialists and labor leaders, were Robert Kirkwood, business agent prevent them from fulfilling of UE Local 610 (independent). their quota by the campaign dead-

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Flint	\$ 200	\$ 204	102
New Haven	25	20	
St. Paul-Minneapolis	900	672	75
St. Louis	75	54	72
Boston	200	140	70
New Britain	30	21	70
Morgantown	25	17	68
New York	3,000	1,881	63
Chicago	400	242	- 60
Buffalo	500	292	58
San Francisco-Oakland	800	465	58
Cleveland	250	142	57
Toledo	75	43	57
Pittsburgh	150	80	53
Newark	350	179	51
Allentown	50	-25	50
Seattle	200	100	50
Worcester	40	19	48
Detroit	1,100	513	47
Philadelphia	600	230	38
Los Angeles	1,500	475	32
Akron	100	25	25
Milwaukee	* 250	57	23
Youngstown	400	56	14
Lynn	75	10	13
General	705	389	55

dollars and pennies to help fulfill | City, \$1; Canton, Ohio, \$.25; Milthe quota assigned to "General." waukee, \$.20.

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Our heartfelt thanks to these Point, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$.92; Anonymous: Los Angeles, \$5; Ft. friends for their contributions to Wayne, Ind., \$1.30; New York the Party Building Fund.



lets, four copies of Fourth International, the monthly magazine of American Trotskyism, were sold. With 267% of Goal

New Britain jumped from the zero column to 100% this week. A total of 40 points put the Literature Agent Dottie Saunders Cleveland branch of the Socialist says that two of the new sub-Workers Party at 267% of its goal scribers have almost 60 years and gave it the lead seniority between them at an tional subscription auto plant. "They were more than glad to subscribe to a newspaper campaign for The that fights for the working man.' Militant. Cleve-Another old subscriber took out land's Literature a sub for a shopmate "as a Agent, Bob Kings-Christmas gift to show him how ley, writes: "In to really get 'peace on earth and spite of the bad weather and Kut- good will to men'."

San Francisco too made a big cher's visit here, all of which tended spurt, jumping from 31% to 94%. They found neighborhood visiting rather slow at the first area selected but on a second try in a different place netted encouraging results. Advance distributions help, writes Literature Agent D. Woods. "They make it easier for the sub-getter to approach the prospective subscriber. He immediately knows who we are and has had a chance to read the paper and judge it."



ionists broke into applause, and there were cries of "Attaboy, Jim," and "Keep up the fight!" sooner. Our slogan here is, 'Over the top before we stop.'

Comrade Almeda sent in \$50 the legless vet and the workers a way."

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to whom the peasants naturally TWO FACTORS. Capitalist journalists have generally tended to dismiss the new them instead a parliamentary, civil liberties, and Mr. Maloney personally introduced to each one Cominform decisions as unim- legal solution of the problem. The Catholic De Gasperi, who portant. After all, they add nothing new to the already existing won the last elections, vied with situation. This is true only in a Togliatti in promises to the most general way. Actually, at peasantry. But as usual, perleast two important factors have formance lagged far behind promises. The land seizure movebeen introduced.

In the first place, the Comin- ment again arose sporadically. form has now issued what The Stalinists, discredited and amounts to a formal declaration their following dejected by their of war upon Yugoslavia. These reformist tactics, could not gain are not just empty words but more than local leadership here orders issued by the Kremlin. and there of these peasant out-Actions must of necessity follow | bursts.

orders. Such actions, at least for |. Last week however, the press the next period, will take place reported that land seizures have under the banner and sanction once again taken on the aspect of of the Cominform. The struggle a large scale movement, paris now pointed officially to the ticularly in Sicily and southern phase of direct or indirect physical Italy. From isolated dispatches it

assaults on Yugoslavia. What still becomes clear that the leadership assaults on Yugoslavia. What still becomes clear that the leadership remains unknown are only the of this vast movement has been GHOICE GIFTS OFFERED AT form and timing of these assaults. taken, not so much by the Stal-In the second place, the Comin- inists, as by local Catholic priests,

form declarations bring important who find themselves in constant additional evidence that the in- conflict with the Vatican hierarternational crisis of Stalinism is chy. Here too, it is evident that unfolding with surprising speed the class struggle supercedes the

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Bethlehem Steel Local 2603, USA- which had been especially conlooked for leadership. The Stal- CIO, stressed, as Negroes, the vened to hear the victimized SWP ing us in time for this scorein st leader Togliatti promised necessity to fight unceasingly for member tell his story. He was board. emphasized the fact that the At- of the stewards and given assur- stacles - widespread unemploytorney General had labeled the ance of their continued interest ment and illness - Reading what little we have accomplished Socialist Workers Party and oth- and support. This local has been Branch could not take on the to want to continue this necessary er organizations "subversive" among the foremost backers of additional obligation of fulfilling activity of pushing our best orwithout "due process of the law." the case in Pittsburgh. William Kitt, hard-working Tuesday the Pittsburgh chapter ever, a comrade could not see the secretary of the Buffalo Kutcher of the American Civil Liberties campaign go by without con-

was taken. The sponsoring committee of fight. Later that afternoon he the meeting comprised a score of spoke to a gathering of the Woprominent Buffalonians, among men's International League for whom were attorney David Dia- Peace and Freedom. He concluded mond, who was active in the de- his activities on Thursday by fense of the Bell Aircraft strik- making an appeal for support to

dren's clothing.

ers; Sub-Regional Director Ed- the executive board of Local 601, ward F. Gray of the UAW; Dr. UE-CIO.

## ACEWR DEC. 9-10 BAZAAR

NEW YORK - Many beautiful things have been collected by friends and members of the American Committee and on a rapidly expanding scale. machinations of the big powers. for European Workers Relief for their Fourth Annual Bazaar to be held on Dec. 9 and

On Saturday afternoon, a dinner 10. Everything to be sold at this Xmas Bazaar, which opens on Fri- will be served from five o'clock day, Dec. 9, at 6 P. M., has been until eight for the convenience of donated and will be sold at those working at the counters and any shoppers who care to stay bargain prices.

From the department stores and on for the auction Saturday the Madison Avenue shops, the evening. There is no admission Bazaar has received many choice charge to the bazaar. All of the donations, including a navy blue proceeds of this affair will be taffeta raincoat that retails for used to send food, clothing and \$55, an electric toaster, leather medicine to European families cigarette cases and bookends, a who fought against fascism. In great variety of men's ties, all the last year, the ACEWR has kinds and prices of costume received many letters from these jewelry, lingerie, children's cordu- militants describing the difficulties they encounter in their roy overalls, toys, games, lampshades and lamps, including a tall daily existence. The chief sufferbrass one, blouses, sweater, books, ing is caused by undermined records, an electric refrigerator, health - the result in most cases bric-a-brac, hats, alarm clocks, of imprisonment in Hitler's concentration camps. Some of the lady's wrist watch, French perpeople on the committee's lists fumes such as Chanel No. 5, Weil and Schiaparelli, linen table sets, are aging fast because of their handmade leather belts and lowered vitality. To them, the ACEWR sends food packages as jewelry, imported chocolates, and many other items. often as possible.

The prices will be so reasonable The continued existence of the that everyone will be able to find ACEWR depends on the success something within the range of his of the annual Christmas bazaars. purse. Those Christmas shopping So everyone is urged to do his for children will find many in-Xmas shopping early - on Dec. teresting toys as well as chil-9 and 10 at 130 West 23rd St.

Because of insurmountable oba quota in this campaign. How- ganizer, The Militant." Committee, pointed out the neces- Union held a luncheon for Kut- tributing every single dollar that sity for funds to carry on the cher at which he presented the is- he could possibly spare. He sent fight, and a collection of over \$80 sues in his case. The members in \$7 to be credited to the "Gen-

present donated \$25 toward his eral" quota. Militant readers and friends of the party are contributing their

#### "Peace in Greece" **Body Hears Truth** From SWP Speaker

DETROIT, Nov. 27 - A poorly attended conference called by the Michigan Council for Peace in Greece was held here today. The meeting was sponsored by people comnonly referred to as "Stalinistfronts." However, a representative of the Socialist Workers Party was given the floor during discussion.

He explained that the plight of Greece today was the result of Stalin - Roosevelt - Churchill deals at Yalta and Teheran. and that a solution for the oppressed masses of Greece could on British break with relian American or S SWP literatur leaflet on the was distribute

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to cut down on the otal number of Militant sub-

scriptions for the month, the comrades are inspired enough in Boston shot up from sixth place

last week to second with a score of 240%. In addition to subgetting, Literature Agent Rena Breshi reports continued sales of ndividual copies. "Josephine Joyce is our champion sales girl. She sold 15 copies two weeks ago

and 11 copies last week." St. Paul managed to keep its narrow lead over Minneapolis last week but had to hit the 200% mark to do it. Some going! And take a look at the points Minneapolis has rolled up, - 144, the highest in the country, topping even Los Angeles.

The energetic Seattle comrades hit 200% this week. That's a remarkable score in view of the fact that Seattle had just completed a local sub campaign when the national campaign opened. "Seattle is driving into another literature selling campaign," reports Literature Agent Marianne Stanley. "We are planning to sell

at all conceivable meetings, unions and on the campus in conaection with the tour of Vincent R. Dunne."

With a score of 180%, the only be found by a complete Milwaukee comrades are within listance of the 200% e Milwaukee Milihas been cruising eady rate," writes ent Fred Martin. lev and Frank are nine points each. are steaming close six points each." "We got good ich preferred proer election petition of union members and from approto the Editor' excellent record which has won date of 128%, the rades have made the University tly \$5 worth of

The Flint comrades continue to roll along right on schedule. Although a plant shutdown has created obstacles, "we expect to go over the top all right," reports Literature Agent D. Seymour. The Los Angeles comrades, according to Al Lynn, are finding the best results among contacts and former readers of the paper who for one reason or other failed to renew. "The sub drive has given a very desirable

impetus to contacting." Although Akron got off to a slow, start, Literature Agent Doris Hilson writes that "we should attain our goal by 'the

end of the month." Since most of the branches cannot get their subs in to us in time for the deadline of this issue, we will run the final scoreboard in the campaign next week.

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hance on British, Stalinist policies. re was sold and a ne Greek events ed.	striking distance of the 200% mark also. "The Milwaukee Mili- tant Task Force has been cruising ahead at a steady rate," writes Literature Agent Fred Martin. "Comrades Shirley and Frank are
Ingeles	leading with nine points each. Betsy and Jim are steaming close behind with six points each."
<b>R. DUNNE</b> speak on:	Fred reports, "We got good results from such preferred pro- spects as former election petition
Civil Rights" airman	signers; lists of union members in newspapers and from appro- priate 'Letters to the Editor'
NNER WEISS 11 8 PM	writers." Besides their excellent record in sub-getting which has won
LL EMBASSY TORIUM	them a score to date of 128%, the Pittsburgh comrades have made progress on the University
9th Street on 25 Cents—	campus. Recently \$5 worth of pamphlets were sold there, the best seller being Socialism on

oriptions: \$2 per year \$1 for 6 months. Foreign: \$3.50 per yr; \$2 for 6 mos. "Entered as second class matter Mar. 7, 1944 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y., under the act of Mar 8, 1879."

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TROTSKY

-L. Trotsky, Ninety Years of the Communist Manifesto, 1938

## Another Service for Imperialism

The provision for admitting the Christian (Roman Catholic) unions into the new "non-Communist" world trade union organization being set up in London is sufficient to indicate the kind of "free unionism" the CIO and AFL leaders are sponsoring in competition with the Stalinist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions.

Wherever these so-called Christian unions have operated they are regarded by the bulk of workers as company unions. They are not free organizations in any sense of the term, being adjuncts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in its struggle to destroy independent unionism and impose the authority and program of the Vatican on labor. Even in overwhelmingly Catholic countries like Italy, these priest-ridden unions have been largely scorned and rejected by the workers.

At the so-called Free World Labor Conference where the new world body is being established, the admission of the Roman Catholic unions was opposed by the delegations of the European unions' led by Social Democrats. They correctly pointed out the Catholic unions are part of a Catholic International, directed from Rome, which aims to bring all labor under the authoritarian rule of the Vatican.

It was the delegates of the American CIO and AFL - with such non-Catholics as Walter Reuther and David Dubinsky putting the heat on the Socialist unions - who forced acceptance of a proposal to admit the Catholic unions on condition that they disaffiliate from their own International "within two years."

The action of Dubinsky and Reuther in opposing their own political co-thinkers and supporting the admission of Catholic unions was not dictated by any considerations of principle, least of all independent trade unionism. They acted to carry out a line laid down by the U.S. State Department.

American imperialism has used two props in Europe, the reformist Social Democratic organizations and the Roman Catholic political organizations. At first, the American overlords leaned more heavily on the Social Democrats. Now, the Wall Street-Washington Axis is utilizing the Catholic forces against the Social Democrats and as the political base for the most reactionary type of capitalist rule in West Europe.

So completely are the CIO and AFL leaders the creatures of the State Department that they have complied even in this ultra-reactionary policy. It is clear evidence of how far to the right they have moved and how willing they are to sacrifice the needs of the European workers to the "cold war" maneuvers of Washington.

First the State Department used the Social Democrats to split and divide the Stalinist-led unions. Now it uses the Catholic unions against the Social-Democrats. Tomorrow American imperialism will try to crush them all under military dictatorship. That is the kind of "free unionism" for which the policies of the American union leaders are paying the way.

### They Will Rearm Germany

Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense, and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both issued public assurances in the city of Frankfort to the effect that there is "no intention" to rearm Germany.

Both cited Truman as authorizing this

original denials that the Marshall "aid"

plan was a prelude to the arms pact. The arming of Germany is the unavoidable supplement to the rearmament of Western Europe. It must follow not after a "thousand years" nor in the course of eternity, but when the first favorable opportunity presents itself or is deliberately manufactured. Denials are now in order because this is indeed a very big pill for the people to swallow, not only in Europe but in this country as well. For one thing, it will bring the danger of war so much closer home. It will not be easy to peddle the rearmament of Germany as a measure to "defend the peace." Denials are now in order because of the concessions and new powers already granted to the Bonn regime and the industrialists who backed Hitler. The economic basis for the revival of German military power, independently of when Washington openly sponsors it, is already being laid. This alone is stirring discontent and alarm in Europe. Hence the cynical denials which should fool nobody.

## **Future of the Socialist Party**

By George Breitman

The Socialist Party leadership's proposal that the party discontinue its independent electoral activity was long overdue. It will merely confirm in a formal sense what had already become a fact several years ago-namely, that the SP no longer plays any kind of independent, let alone socialist, role in American politics. The new policy, preparing the way for the SP's submergence. referendum. into the swamp of capitalist

politics by way of the ADA, PAC, NEC MINORITY LEPL and Liberal Party, was nade inevitable by the Thomas eadership's support of the last war and its promise to support the next one, by its avowed support of the Marshall Plan`and its shamefaced support of the Atantic Pact — the chief milestones in its development since it expelled the Trotskyists in 1937.

As Norman Thomas' and Co. now recognize, the same policies can be promoted just as effectively and far more economically within the camp of capitalist olitics. What is the use in having SP candidates run against Fair Deal Democrats when on essential ssues they have no differences especially when doing so hampers the careerist elements in the SP who are looking for soft berths with the trade union bureaucrats and the U.S. State Department?

THEIR PROGRAM STOLEN

From the viewpoint of the SP leadership the proposal is logical and consistent in every respect. They have been complaining for quite some time that the capitalist parties have "stolen the socialist program," by which they mean the reform measures on social security, housing, etc. incorporated in the Fair Deal platform.

If all the "socialist program" amounts to is such reform measures — and that really is all it means to the Norman Thomases and especially in the YPSL, will -then obviously there can be no valid reason for the SP not to go into the capitalist parties that in fact as well as in name. In the the question merely by the already have their program, try to clean them up a little and take hem over, etc. This very perspective is hinted at in the SP majority resolution (reprinted in | of the Thomas leadership. last week's Militant), which speaks of "the basic conversion of one of the major parties" to a socialist program as "conceivable.'

The new policy is also designed o promote the unification of the the process of assuming a new the SP crossed over the dividing SP with the Social Democratic role on the political scene. The line from party to Federation, a proposition on new policy signifies the trans- sect." which both groups are voting by formation of the SP into a referendum this month. The SDF propaganda and educational group

tion to support' Roosevelt. Declining steadily in membership and influence, the SP has been trying desperately for some years to effect a merger. The coolness because the SP main- from Workers Party to Inderunning its own candidates. The Shachtmanites did not propose, if it does not have a mass follownew proposal will tend to increase the chances for an af- the left wing of the Democratic political role to fulfill, a distincfirmative decision in the SDF Party; they assigned themselves tive political banner to unfurl:

Five of the 13 members of the

SP National Executive Committee voted against the majority proposal and for the continuation of the existing policy. But the minority lacks the political arguments as well as the influence to dependent revolutionary party. carry their position at the convention. Their own resolution mildly points out that socialists who go into the Democratic Party true sense of the term," but, will give up their own socialism rather than convert others" and that efforts to win control of the Democratic machine and use it as ligerently demanded that all a vehicle of social change are bound to end in failure SWP and the SP do the same. But the over-all effect of their Their argument on this score is

arguments is necessarily feeble worth repeating as an example because they either share or do of unrestrained petty bourgeois not combat the pro-capitalist fantasy: policies (on war, the Atlantic "To continue to pretend that Pact, etc.) which are the theoretical foundation for the majority's deceive themselves but to stand electoral proposal. How can they in the way of the formation of argue successfully against a con- the real party of the American clusion that is fully consistent workers [a Labor Party] and to with premises they are willing to impede the progress of the ideas accept? Furthermore, the mino- of socialism in such a party." In rity NEC members are themselves other words, the refusal of the advocates of unity with the SDF, SWP to change its name or conwhich as everyone knows is ept of its role is impeding the

possible only on the SDF's formation of a Labor Party, terms. To fight effectively in the SP changing their name and abandonagainst the new proposal requires ing the traditional Marxist cona fundamental re-evaluation of cept of the party, are contributand struggle against the over-all ing in some mysterious fashior to the building of a Labor Party! political premises of the leadership. There is no doubt that in-The new Shachtmanite position on the role of the revolutionary dividuals and groups in the SP. party is more than ludicrous, however; it is also reactionary. Like undertake such a fight because they really want a socialist party the SP leadership, they gauge

course of this fight, they will be criterion of size. Thus they denied compelled to consider the ques- that the SP was a party in 1949 bottom of the liquidationist move one. Even with this gauge, they are careful not to get too specific - to indicate, for example, just PARALLEL MOVE how big or influential an organ-

Whether or not the name of the ization must be before it can Socialist Party is retained after qualify for the role of party, or, the merger with the SDF, it is for another example, precisely clear that the organization is in when, according to their estimate,

"FARTY" AND "MASS PARTY" But a party and a mass party Alfredo Filippone, secretary of has never made any bones about and its renunciation of the role its s u p p o r t of capitalist of a party, that is, of a distinctive are not the same thing and no the provincial organization of politicians; in fact, one of the political organization competing one ever "pretended" that they the partisans; Cesare Masserini,

| the SP in 1936 was its determina- | tions on every possible field for | deliberately set out to. confuse | a left wing. With such a perthe two as a cover for renouncing spective it is perfectly natural the support of the masses. In this respect, the SP proposal some more of their past ideas that they should abandon the parallels "the most striking deci- and for justifying their "neutrawhole theory of the independent sion" of this year's convention of lity" in the struggle between the party as "sectarian" and "sterile' the Shachtmanites, which con- revolutionary Marxist SWP and nonsense, just as it is natural chief obstacle has been the SDF's sisted, of changing their name the reformist Social Democracy. that the perspective of the SP A political organization can leaders should persuade them to tained its 48-year old tradition of pendent Socialist League. The properly be called a party, even abandon the practice of inde-

pendent electoral activity. as the SP leaders do, to become ing. when it has a distinctive A POSITIVE SIDE

The defection of these two orthe role of "loyal socialist wing" when it acts, or tries to act, not ganizations — one into the camp of a future Labor Party whose merely as the wing of another of capitalist politics, the other formation they regard as "the movement but as a challenger to into the no-man's land between supreme task of the times" and all other movements for the lead- Marxism and reformism - has a which they expect will be led by ership of the masses. The question positive side. For one thing, it the present labor bureaucracy, of size is relevant with regard serves to clear the way for the Nevertheless, just as much as the to a mass party, but the decisive authentic revolutionary party, the SP leadership today, the ISL thing about a party is the ques-SWP, which still lacks a mass renounced the idea of the in- tion of program, of the direction following but guarantees that it in which it is trying to move will overcome this lack by its In fact, the Shachtmanites not and of course the activities it tenacious adherence to Marxism, only voted to "relinquish all claim | engages in to achieve its goal. its tested ability to resist hostile This is not merely a matter of class pressure, its historicallyto being a political party in the terminology; it involves a funda- justified conception of its own role and its confidence in its swept away by their own en- mental concept. The history of thusiasm over the belated burial the last half-century has taught ability to carry it out.

of the Workers Party, they bel- us, at a terrible expense, that By demonstrating that the socialism is impossible without Shachtmanites have no greater other organizations such as the an independent vanguard party in aim than serving as the left wing the leadership of the revoluof a reformist labor party, the tionary masses. This precious ISL convention decision has alconcept has now been thrown ready helped to clear up the overboard by the Shachtmanites question that bothered many in their effort to find a shortcut workers - which is the Trotthat will compensate for their skyist party, the SWP or the they are parties is not only to steady loss of membership while Shachtmanites? Similarly, the SP trying to build a party. proposal to enter the capitalist

For them the "supreme task" parties and support capitalist is the formation of a Labor Party candidates will clarify the queswhich they are certain will be reformist in character and led by the tion - which is the real socialist labor lieutenants of capitalism, party, the SWP or the SP? And and in which they will operate as clarity is always a good thing.

## formation of a Labor Party, while the Shachtmanites, by, ITALY CP LEADERS FEAR **GROWTH OF DISSIDENTS**

ROME - For the last few months the Italian Communist Party has been in the throes of a crisis precipitated by the bankruptcy of the policies imposed by the leadership - a mixture of opportunism and

adventurism — and by the reper-Italian CP, carried a front page cussions of the Yugoslav events. article by the leader of the party Among the latest manifestaapparatus, Pietro Secchia. It is permeated with alarmism and tions of this crisis two may be tion of program, which is at the while admitting that it used to be singled out as especially notepanic. After stating that the worthy: "traitors of the Tito gang" are

1. There has been a split virtually from top to bottom in the Terni federation of the Italian CP. This federation, located some 100 kilometers north of Rome comprises one of the principal industrial regions of Italy. Among those who have broken "socialist with the CP are: Communardo Morelli, former mayor of the city

tisans and intellectuals into Yugoof Terni who resigned from his slavia. post upon leaving the party; VEILED ALLUSION

Frightened by the rise of the pirit of criticism. more a

sending "agents in large num-

bers" into Italy who pose as "genuine communists," as com-

munists "independent of Moscow

and as authentic revolutionists."

Secchia declares that these agents

have succeeded in infiltrating the

adical parties in order to organize

a great number of trips by par-

'flat denial." Secretary Johnson hypocritically implied that this question was therefore settled once and for all "with no hedging, no dodging." Gen. Bradley thought it better to qualify his denial with the conjecture that the situation might change, "who can tell what the situation will be in a thousand years?"

The N. Y. Times editorially pretends to take these diplomatic assurances at their face value and assumes that they will suffice to "reassure those in the West who continue to fear Germany as much and possibly more than Soviet Russia." Of course, add the editors, hastily, this doesn't mean that "the issue is closed for all eternity."

Many leading British publications were franker; they pointed out editorially that it was impossible to keep Germany disarmed "forever."

What do these denials mean in the face of the North Atlantic pact, the foreign arms aid, and Washington's drive to turn Western Europe into a huge military stronghold? They mean as little as the

### Handy Weapon for Bureaucrats

No one raved and ranted more loudly against "communism" at the recent CIO convention than Emil Rieve, Textile Workers Union president. We can understand his eagerness to direct attention to a scapegoat when we examine what he has to offer the workers in his union. On Nov. 26, the TWUA-CIO leaders announced that for the third time since February 1948 they have waived the union's contractual right to present new wage demands for 90,000 workers in the New England and Middle Atlantic woolen and worsted mills. They aren't even going to ask for the picayune pensions that CIO unions have won in other industries.

The excuse used for this policy is simply that the companies would oppose wage increases and pensions and that these could not be won without a strike. Besides, the textile millionaires might find pensions "too great a burden" and anyway "the industry lacks pension plans to serve as a guide." Also, the union is conducting a Southern organizing drive and doesn't want to push any program that might lead to a strike — though

The Kremlin, for its part, is accusing Washington of its intent to turn the German masses into cannon fodder. The Stalinist scoundrels omit to add that they are playing exactly the same game.

how a fighting policy that wins gains can hurt an organizing campaign is something we can't fathom.

Every excuse is used for not fighting for the workers. But they skip over the two big reasons why they should fight: 1. Wages of textile workers are among the lowest in any industry. 2. The textile manufacturers are making handsome profits and can afford to pay higher wages and pensions.

On the latter point, we have the Textile Workers Union's own news release of Nov. 26 citing Rieve's speech at the Massachusetts CIO convention in Boston. "He declared that despite their 'moaningand groaning,' nearly all textile firms in New England made a profit during the first 'and worse' half of the year."

Red-baiting and purge laws in the unions are inspired by the government witch-hunt. But they are also handy weapons for a union official like Rieve to have around when workers start wondering out loud what he's doing about winning them better conditions.

main reasons why it split from with all other political organiza- were until the Shachtmanites

# A Factual Account of Japan Under U.S. Rule

By Charles Hanley

T. A. Bisson, a specialist on friends. Japanese questions, is not a revolutionist. However, his recent book "Prospects for Democracy in Japan" (Macmillan Co., New York, 1949), dealing with the evolution of that country under American occupation, confirms what we Trotskyists have said disappear; they went "underabout the effects of imperialist policy after World War II. parties.

The proclaimed aims of Amercan imperialism after Japan's surrender in August 1945, were the destruction of the big family trusts ("Zaibatsu"), of the extreme concentrations of capital and power, of the military, political and economic machine which been the most dangerous had competitor of American imperialhand, the conservation of the traditional pillars of Japanese capitalism, in order to prevent the social revolution.

#### GOVERNMENT TACTICS

The Japanese bourgeoisie (and the state bureaucracy) faced an impressive popular upsurge which developed very quickly, surpassing all expectations - after many years of autocracy, militarism liberal election law of 1946 so many. and thought - control. Needing American protection against the masses, they were ready to humiliate themselves, to pay lipservice to "democracy," to sacrifice their military leaders, to make all sorts of painful conessions to the conquerors. They had to buy time, to safeguard their basic positions and the possibility of a subsequent ecovery.

The participation of Emperor erament workers went on strike Hirchito in the Japanese policy for decent wages, the governof aggression and pillage before ment imposed a strike ban on all from Japan - at least not in and during World War II was government employees, followbeyond doubt. Yet Hirohito re- ing "advice" by MacArthur's other logical conclusion from his mained on his throne by gracé of headquarters. MacArthur openly analysis of developments in post General MacArthur - while some engaged in the anti-red drive, war Japan.

them up to that point.

of his former generals were being | collaborating with the Japanese hanged by his new American bourgeoisie, and seeking - not too successfully - to transform "Purges" had to be carried out, Japan into the anti-communist the constitution was "democratiz- bulwark of Asia (a policy which ed" in 1946; but the big capital- has been considerably intensified ists and landowners and the old since the collapse of nationalist

state bureaucracy remained in China). command. The Zaibatsu did not "REFORM" ERA ENDS A consistent anti-red policy ground" and continued to deterbeing impossible without giving mine the policy of the bourgeois

capitalism, the 1945 policy of CAPITALISTS GET BOLDER destroying the Zaibatsu was ren-But there was a force rising dered obsolete. The era of timid against the trusts and the land- reforms was closed. In 1948, the ords. In 1947, when the economic U. S. "Draper Mission" recomsituation deteriorated under a mended a new policy which has government which did nothing to in practice been adopted by Macstop the inflationary spiraling of Arthur and the State Departprices, the Japanese unions were ment. It provides for the strengthened by a mass influx, strengthening of Japanese capiism in Asia. And, on the other growing to a membership of five talism and of the conservative million. The Farmers' Union state bureaucracy; the Japanese nonarchy and support of the reached one million. The Com- trusts are not to be abolished, munist Party also grew in num- but simply integrated in the economic system of American bers and influence. Important strike movements developed. The imperialism. In 1945, Wall Street Japanese bourgeoisie became wanted to crush Japanese comfrightened. So did the American petition; in 1949 it finds itself occupation authorities. obliged to accept Japanese capital-

The strikes were partly defeated ism as an important junior because of adventurous Stalinist partner. This evolution is fundatactics. The ruling class gained mentally the same (and for much new courage and abolished the the same reasons) as in Ger-

In their struggle for a better that the conservative parties would find it easier to keep con- standard of living and for a free trol of the government without labor movement, against the police the aid of the Social Democratic state of their Zaibatsu exploiters leaders who had collaborated with and the semi-feudal landlords, the Japanese workers and peasants In 1948, the financial situation cannot be successful while the of the state improved slightly. occupation troops remain in their Bankruptcy was averted thanks country. Occupation spells active to a tax-collection effort aided all American support for the Japaover the country by American nese reactionaries against labor troops. When the underpaid gov- and the peasantry.

Bisson does not ask for the withdrawal of American troops his book. But there can be no

leader of the trade union compronounced each day, this bureaumission of the chief steel mill in the area, and other prominent comrades and all the organizamilitants. An important section of the rank and file who formed ever before. It is necessary to unthe workers' core for the CP here mask and denounce the activities appear to have followed Morelli of Titoist agents, who with their when he broke with the party. In an open letter addressed to party militants, Morelli has sub-

imposed on the party since 1944 by "conceited and incapable functionaries" at the top. He accuses them of leading the Italian proletariat once again on the same ranks. Among the former there road of defeat as the one followed are corrupted individuals whose prior to the rise of fascism by the aim is to provoke splits (!) ment. The same open letter condemns the excommunication of positions and thus theoretically the Yugoslav CP by the Comin-

form because "Tito has given tivities." firmer support to Japanese land to the peasants and handed over to the workers committees the factories destroyed by the Germans and since then rebuilt." L'Unità, central organ of the Italian CP itself.

crat goes on as follows: "All the tions must be more vigilant than work of disorganization and provocation are lending a firm hand to the Anglo-American jected to criticism the entire policy agents. . . We know that the enemy is working might and main to introduce its agents into the ranks of the democratic parties from the top bodies down to the leadership of the labor move-|inside democratic movements and parties by affirming political disguising their wrecking ac-

These last remarks are a thinly veiled allusion to the discussions which appear to have broken out 2. The November 22 issue of among the leadership of the

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### The "Higher Morality"

#### By Joseph Keller

In the name of its special brand of "morality," the Vatican has ordered Catholic jurists - where they can get away with it - to ignore, evade, misinterpret, misapply and violate governmental laws that are in conflict with the dogmas and decrees of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its infallible Pope.

In the name of this same "Christian morality," Catholic judges and lawyers are mandated, under threat of spiritual penalty, to deny to appellants before the courts their rights under law if these rights do not conform with the "justice" ordained from the Vatican.

In the name of a "higher morality," every Catholic is instructed, in effect, to violate an oath of public office where that oath requires decisions and actions not in line with the pronouncements from St. Peter's.

That is the essence of the Nov. 7 speech by Pope Pius XII to guide Catholic lawyers throughout the world in solving the "harrowing problem of applying unjust laws" - said "unjust laws" being any the Vatican opposes.

The Pope laid down four principles to guide Catholic jurists. 1. A Catholic judge "cannot shirk responsibility for his decisions and place the blame on the law and its authors." 2. The judge "can never pass a sentence which would oblige those affected by it to perform an intrinsically immoral act, that is, an act which in itself is contrary to the law of God and the church." 3. "Under no circumstance can a judge acknowledge and approve an unjust law."

The fourth principle leaves a loophole for Catholic judges to hold onto their jobs. "However, the application of an unjust law does not always mean acknowledgment and approval of it. In this case the judge may — sometimes even must allow the unjust law to run its course if this is the only way to avoid a greater evil."

That "greater evil" is among other things, the loss of Catholic control or influence in the judiciary. Thus, a judge can pass sentence under an "unjust law" in order to keep his post and "preserve for the people an honest judiciary and to avoid a much worse fate to the church and the faithful."

The capitalist press in this country, which is trying to put the best interpretation on this papal pronouncement, claims it is really designed for Catholic jurists in Russian-dominated countries. However, the Pope declared himself specifically on the question of divorce - a question on which the laws in this country are as much at variance with Catholic usgma as in Hungary or Rumania.

"The Catholic judge cannot pronounce, unless for motives of great moment, a decision of civil divorce in a marriage valid before God and the church," stated the Pope. The Church, of course, recognizes no divorce that it does not sanction, including divorce of Protestants. However, explained a statement of the National Catholic Welfare Council in this country, a Catholic judge may transgress these "fundamental norms" for 'reason sufficiently weighty," such as, "if the judge were in danger of losing his office. . . or even if serious antagonism and loss of prestige ensued.'

The implied threat of sin and its penalties weighs on the devout Catholic in all spheres of government who fails to conform to the dictation of the hierarchy. He must oppose the laws the people want if the Church disapproves them; he must seek to break down the wall of separation between church and state, as the Catholic dogma prescribes; he must deny freedom of speech and press and assembly to those with political views which the Vatican has stigmatized. If he cannot do it openly, he must do it secretly, behind a cloak of pious hypocrisy and that peculiarly twisted and opportunistic "morality" that the authoritarian Catholic hierarchy, controlled from Rome, seeks to impose on the world as a bulwark against "immoral communism."

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#### **Bridges' Lawyer Victimized**

Repeating the tactics of intimidation used at the Foley Square trial of the 11 Communist Party leaders, the judge at the perjury trial of Harry Bridges (left) has sentenced the chief defense lawyer, Vincent Hallinan, (right) to six months in jail for "contempt of court." Sentence will begin after the case goes to jury.

#### **New York M-Day** in

#### By Ruth Johnson

Behind Washington's hypocritical chatter of peace can be heard the rumbling of artillery as it rolls into line for the assault on the Soviet Union. Preparations go on relentlessly, no matter what words flow from the glib mouth of the politicians.

Writing for the N. Y. World-Telegram, Nov. 23, Roger Stuart reported that the plans are ready for war on a moment's notice. His article, "How N. Y. Area Will Jump if World War III Bugle Blows," also tells who will do the jumping and who will call the tune.

The M-Day scheme is ready even to the names of the men picked to rule the vast military machine. The Wall Street tycoons will work hand-inhand with the top brass. Monopoly capitalism will be given dictatorial control over the country, and over the lives of their workers who are thrown into the gigantic army of American imperialism.

"In New York it's 2 p.m. on M-Day. President Truman's mobilization order has been flashed to the six Army commanders," writes Stuart in an article okayed by the Defense Department.

"New York's 77th Infantry - the Statue of Liberty Division - starts moving." The big boys put away their silk hats, and reach into their desk drawers for their officers' caps.

"Major General Julius Ochs Adler, commanding the 77th, has anticipated M-Day. . . A batch of new orders spring from his desk." Julius Ochs Adler is the immensely wealthy, powerful Vice-President and General Manager of the N.Y.

organization, however, will lose one of its execu-tives — Lt. Col. Winthrop Rockefeller, who already will have reported for duty on Gen. Adler's

Staff." to the training camp with the help of another capitalist, "Col. W. S. Carr, who until an hour or two ago, was general manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford." He will be in charge of the "Second Transportation Railway Service." If you reach the 1441st Signal Regional Office,

you'll be under the command of Col. Ralph L. Hart, presently District Manager of Western Electric Co., whose workers can tell you what charge. You won't even escape from landlords in this

millionaire-run army. "A real estate broker in Long Island City becomes Lt. Col. Ira H. R. Genet, commanding the 1490th Signal Photo Center in Long Island City.'

The wealthy playboys will shine forth in Brooks-tailored uniforms and give you orders. "Out of this [M-day] reservoir of specialists comes Col. Van Ness Phillips of the Dongan Hills Country Club, Staten Island, to command the 1524th Signal Section (training)."

In case this doesn't sound democratic to you, another New York officer is qualified to pour out propaganda by the ream. The army will reach into "the offices of Elser & Cothran, public relations counsellors at 521 Fifth Ave. One the 305th Infantry Regiment of the 77th."

### **Chicago Conference Demands** Staff." You will be herded from the induction center Action to Stop Mob Violence

CHICAGO - A Conference to End Mob Violence, sponsored by the Chicago Urban League, last week called for If the pension finally negotiated the removal of Police Commissioner Prendergast and the

impeachement of Mayor Kennelly. This action was proposed as an that a Chicago bank had offered answer to the series of mob at- to buy the house for a high figtacks on Negroes, climaxed by ure. He also charged that police qualifications he has for driving the men in his the Peoria St. assault on Negroes action on the side of the hoodlums and their friends as the police was not the result of individual prejudice, but a conscious policy stood by.

Nearly 200 attended the confer- enforced by the highest city offience. Steel, packing and long- cials.

shore were among unions repre- PROGRAM ADOPTED The program presented to the

A representative of the Mayor's conference for action included Committee on Human Relations proposals to break down the conwas invited to explain the role of spiracy of silence by the Chicago that body in the crisis. He said press on mob activities; to launch the committee had no power to a program of education to be clirecommend the removal of preju- maxed by "End Mob Violence diced police officials and advised Week;" and to take legal action "interested parties" to stay away against officials derelict in their from scenes of tension lest they duty.

No proposal was made to or-He did not explain what good ganize the physical defense of mob demagogy about being the "true

## Flint GM Conference **Called by Buick 599**

#### By Arnold Cramer

of the conference is to let the locals air their views on the the swamp of phony Reuther milicoming GM negotiations and on methods for preventing a repetiwas imposed on the Ford work- the most pressing minimum needs

Reflecting the universal resentand unconstitutional setup in the UAW's GM Council, Local 599 voted to have representation at the Flint conference on a per capita tax basis.

ers.

opposition to the policies of the Reuther administration. The Ford negotiations and from the promise anything to keep the ranks quiet through the spring

The big publicity campaign which the International is conducting on the union shop question indicates that they intend to win the union shop (an insignificant gain in GM, which is over 90% organized) and use reach from the local level to the that to hide their failure to win any improvement in the contract.

(Continued from Page 1) the Michigan National Guard unions like steel, auto, textile and units. clothing have already capitulated The audience responded enthu-

to the wage-freeze recommendasiastically to these plans and to tion of the Truman administra-the report made by Ernest Dillard On Trial of 18 tion as put forth in his steel on the progress of the branch's board's report? Moreover, noth- fight against restaurant discriming in Carey's "economic report" ination, which was launched early and speeches to the delegates in October. hinted at a program of militant

Dillard's report centered around action that would win any "fourth round" demand. Emile Rieve, president of the teen-aged girls, which has receiv-Textile Workers Union, sought to give the convention a line of local press.

partner is Col. Ben J. Cothran, commander of the committee was if it had no victims, nor was the labor move-staticals," while he termed the had gone to the Presto Restau-order to help the Soviet Union. power even to recommend, or how ment appealed to for aid. One Stalinists "the worst bunch of rant, operated by Anthony Rep-During the war years the dis-

with General Motors does have | speedup which at the very least FLINT, Nov. 27 — At its mem- some slight improvement over must give the union equal rights the Ford plan - which is by no with management in setting work bership meeting last Sunday, UAW Buick Local 599 voted to call a conference of all GM locals certain that GM workers will have ten-year retreat of the GM workin Flint on Dec. 17. The purpose paid heavily for it in terms of a ers under the inroads of a powerwage increase and contract gains. ful corporation and a timid union There is only one road out of leadership.

In second place stands pensions and economic demands which must tancy. That is to set clearly betion of the rotten settlement that fore the rank and file workers include the long delayed wage increase which Reuther promises so which must be satisfied. glibly and the 30 hour week at

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40 hours pay needed to prepare First and foremost, there is the contract which is making con- for the coming depression. If the ment against the undemocratic ditions in GM shops intolerable. union shop can be won in addi-A new contract with GM must tion, that's so much gravy.

If the Flint auto workers conhave as a minimum a return to the steward system, scrapping ference embarks on a program of of the infamous section 117 (com- | this kind, it will mark a milestone pany security and no-strike in the development of the UAW

The conference can become a clause), an end to the unmpire since Reuther consolidated his sounding board for the militant system, and a protection against power.

## Reuther strategy in GM has al-ready been made clear from the DETROIT NAACP WANTS meeting of the GM Council held recently. Reuther is willing to 1000 FOR TRIP TO D.C.

DETROIT — The Detroit Branch of the NAACP is calling for more than 1,000 people from this city alone to participate in the nation-wide mobilization in Washington Jan. 15-17 to exert mass?

pressure upon Congress for the not guilty. (There has been only immediate enactment of civil one conviction under the state rights legislation. anti-discrimination law since it The NAACP's plans for a miliwent into effect six years ago.) tant drive against Jim Crow The NAACP intends to carry forward the fight against this very steps of the nation's capital, type of discrimination. Dillard's said Gloster B. Current, national report ended on the note that a director of branches, at a Detroit militant and vigorous prosecution membership meeting on Nov. 18. of this campaign could win the

An important part of this cammass support of the Negro people paign was the Detroit branch's for the NAACP and make it once call upon Governor Williams for again the biggest branch in the a special session of the State country, as it was in the early Legislature to pass a state FEPC 1940's. law and to abolish segregation in

## **Hit Stalinist Line**

(Continued from Page 1) the organizations on the extreme

Left. They abandoned the fight for Negro rights on the ground the case of Mrs. Jessie Dillard, that such a campaign would 'inher daughter and three other terfere with the war effort.' As soon as Russia was attacked by ed considerable publicity in the Germany they dropped the Negro

question and concentrated all Mrs. Dillard and the children effort in support of the war in

**Phila.** Convention **Founds New CIO** 

local union elections. REUTHER'S STRATEGY

Times, the most authoritative newspaper of Big Business.

"At the office of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., 26 Broadway, preparations are made to fulfill previously established defense commitments. The

World War III. **Divide-and-Rule System** Of the SIU Bureaucrats

By R. Bell In the language of SIU Vice-|From beating up members who Whenever the membership be- President Paul Hall and Morris oppose or criticize the officials to gins breathing down the necks of Weisberger, who wrote the article, breaking strikes, the permit man the union bureaucrats the labor "volunteer organizers" is a perfollows orders - or else.

skates seek to divert attention fumed phrase designating the The "volunteer organizers" who from their crimes by dragging a "permitmen" who crashed the crashed the Oil Workers picket big red herring across their trail. picket line to sail Union Oil Com- line were recruited from this the victims of Curran's purge. This technique has become stand. pany ships after CIO National group. And when an old-time ard practice in the fraternity of Maritime Union men had walked nember, a veteran of the 1934 labor fakers. So, when members off in support of the Oil Workbegan to question the raiding, ers strike. According to the code is branded an enemy of the union ployment in the shipping industry, while the large majority has strikebreaking policy of cannibal of cannibal unionism, veteran and expelled. Through the permit Curran's terror campaign utilizes "abstained" in fear of losing their unionism practiced by the officials union fighters are expelled while system the bureaucrats pit one outright force as well as more jobs. of the AFL Seafarers Interna- strikebreakers are rewarded with section of the membership subtle forms of intimidation. In tional Union and Sailors Union union books. of the Pacific, the latter retorted The practice of using permitmen weeded out to make room for Curran has the shipowners on with an hysterical attack on to do the dirty work for the SIU- those who have demonstrated his side. Opposition officials have

SUP officials has been reduced to their loyalty to the officials. Trotskvism. We penetrated the redbaiting a system. There is nothing In addition to the division be-mokescreen in previous articles "voluntary" about these so-called tween boom men and permit men, smokescreen in previous articles to disclose how John Mahoney, veteran SUP member, was example, almost half the memvides the membership along color illegally expelled for raising a bership are permitmen. The last lines. The SIU is the only sea-

"point of information" question- membership figures recorded in faring union which maintains a ing the right of the officials to the Seafarers Log, Feb. 27, 1948. Jim Crow hiring hall in the Port of New York. Recently a drive Washington, one of the large proceedings. break, the Canadian Seamen's shows a total of 20,069 members, has been initiated to drive the passenger liners, for example, Union strike. We told how SIU divided as follows: Book mem-President Harry Lundeberg sent bers, 11,003; Permitmen, 8,637; Puerto Rican members out of the Vice-President Warner gave his intends to use his cops and goons designations of "loyal" and "submen through a picket line to man | Trip Cards, 429. union. Twenty-nine Puerto Rican A permitman has no rights in the strikebound ships of the

Union Oil Company on the Pacific the union. He can get a job only. Coast. We cited known cases of when no book member wants it. raiding and strikebreaking by He is limited to one trip or sixty took their case to court. SIU-SUP officials. The only days on a ship and then has to answer thus far has been a front get off. He pays all dues, assesspage editorial in the SIU Seafar- ments and "contributions." His ers Log with a lot of drivel about permit can be taken away at any Trotsky and the Kronstadt time without charges or trial. And, according to the rules: sailors.

adopted prohibiting any member Office. It would be instructive to ex-"Any permit men desirous of amine one of the methods used becoming a Union member shall from paying off a ship in that The "loyalty" pledge cards were by the SIU-SUP officials in be allowed membership only sub-American territory. According to the same as those circulated by collaboration. conducting their strikebreaking ject to the recommendations of law a seaman can pay off in any the Curran caucus at the recent American port. Many Puerto Ri- NMU convention. Those who re-

operations. One of the "crimes" the Organizers."

Some are kept on the permit can members have their wives and fuse to sign are put on the list of which John Mahoney was accused in a six - page diatribe list for years. Others are "allowfamilies in that country. But if of "suspects." The presence of against Trotskyism in the Nov. 4 ed membership" after a few days they pay off a ship there, they shipowner representatives at a Log, is that of making a motion or weeks. It all depends on the are subject to charges, fine or ex- union meeting was a not too at a Seattle membership meeting officials. If there is a dirty job pulsion. subtle hint to the crew members And the hard-bitten bureau- to "vote right."

"to non-concur with the issuing to be done the permitmen are of probationary books to per- given the choice of following crats of the SIU-SUP have the The same technique is being mitmen who had served as volun- orders or losing their permits. cast-iron gall to point the finger used on all the ships coming into teer organizers on the Union Oil Loss of their permit means virtual at the Trotskyists as "enemies of New York harbor. This object elimination from the industry. democratic unionism." lesson in blackjack democracy is Company's ships."

victims of mob violence could be speaker proposed that hoodlums If you're not impressed with your prospects defended if "interested parties" be "educated" in the way unionby this thorough preparation for M-day, you have one course open right now. . . Join us in the fight must stay away while the police ists take care of scabs, but this such talk carries little conviction help the hoodlums. was not acted on. for a workers' government that will prevent

sented.

lead to violence.

detectives.

"PLEDGE" CARDS

A conference speaker put his finger on one of the true sources gram of legal action and gradual in his industry for the third time him to court in line with the of the mob outbreaks when he re- education. But from comments since February 1948. vealed that pressure was being around the hall it was clear that exerted to foreclose the mortgage the Negro people are looking for knew that the CIO leaders set on the Peoria St. house, that its a more militant and effective proinsurance has been cancelled, and gram against race terrorism.

### **CURRAN'S GOONS AND COPS** TERRORIZE NMU MEMBERSHIP

(Continued from page 1) I not lost on the crew. Despite the made its legal staff available to enormous pressure, the open threats of physical violence and Every union bureaucrat plays the implied threat of shipowner upon the fear of the worker for reprisal, resistance has been trike, objects to this practice he his job. With large scale unem- manifested by a militant minority

The Curran putsch took place against another. Old timers are addition to his goons and cops on the very day in which the opposition officials in the Port of "loyal" body. New York had been notified to

risk the charge of being "subappear before a hand-picked trial been barred from the ships. The In addition to the division be- larger ships have been boarded by committee. With the stage thus versive" and "disloyal" by conducting any kind of real strugset for a "hanging," the mock Curran officials accompanied by "organizers." In the SIU, for the SIU officialdom further di- as many as 20 muscle men and trial was prepared to behead the gle for higher wages in opposition opposition. However, none of the to the administration's policies?

14 opposition officials appeared, Although Carey is on record as having previously challenged the opposed to Truman's "subversive"

he said nothing about Truman's

"lynch - the - opposition" report to take over the next membership versive" unions. permit men had their permits flanked by officials of the United meeting on Dec. 1 to railroad One of Carey's big pitches at taken away without reason. With States Line. At the same time, through the trial committee the convention was his threat to Chicago - Dec. 18-25 no recourse within the union they yellow-colored pledge cards were verdict against the opposition of defy court injunctions which the Toledo - Dec. 27. circulated to crew members "to ficials. The jerking of books and old UE leaders have been secur-Detroit - Dec. 28-31. Flint - Dec. 29-30. The Oct. 7 Seafarers Log gloats join with the officers" in driving beating of oppositionists was a ing to block transfer of funds that the judge threw the case out all so-called "communists" from prelude to that meeting. Curran and properties when UE locals Detroit - Dec. 31-Jan. 2. of court because as permitmen the union. The cards were printed dare not face the membership go over to the CIO union. He Cleveland - Jan. 3-4. they had no rights in the union. in duplicate, numbered and sign- without his outside support. Once urged that the IUE "not get too Akron - Jan. 5. The SIU hall in Puerto Rico has ed, one to be kept by the member having embarked on this course, damned legalistic" and said, Youngstown - Jan. 6-7. been shut down and a measure and one turned in to the National the Curran machine can continue "It's high time delegates and Pittsburgh - Jan. 8.

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reactionaries that ever afflicted pas at 3603 Woodward Ave., and the trade union movement." But coming from a union leader who against him for violating the

The conference adopted the pro- had just agreed to a wage freeze state civil rights code and took NAACP policy.

Reppas told a lily-white jury Everybody at the convention and a Jim Crow judge that he had up the new union not to win been home with a serious cold, and not even in his restaurant, on better conditions but to enforce the day in question. Naturally, the Murray machine's "national policy" on foreign affairs and

domestic politics. In an hour-long tirade, Murray made it clear to the convention that the only issue Dunne Opens Tour the CIO leadership had in mind At Seattle Meeting was "Communism."

TRUMAN'S OK

SEATTLE, Nov. 29 - Vincent Nor will it be any reassurance R. Dunne opened his national to workers in the industry that tcur in this city tonight with a Truman and his top cabinet officials have put their OK on the Hall, which was well filled. new organization. Truman sent his blessings in a message expressing confidence that the new union will shun "subversive activity" and conduct itself as a

war.

Morgantown - Jan. 9.

Buffalo - Jan. 12.

Rochester — Jan. 13.

Will Carey and the CIO leaders

At a meeting called on the S.S. constitutionality of the entire list and "loyalty" purge order,

It is apparent that Curran attempt now to set up the San Francisco-Oakland - Dec. -7. Los Angeles - Dec. 10-13. St. Louis - Dec. 17.

> local officers took steps to defy irresponsible actions of irresponsible and ignorant judges."

Carey doesn't act so defiant when Buffalo - Jan. 14. it comes to the "legalism" of the Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn - Jan. 17. Taft-Hartley Act. There is no question that the Worcester - Jan. 18. majority of electrical workers New Britain - Jan. 19. would prefer to remain with the New Haven - Jan. 20. New York - Jan. 21. ClO, if they had some assurance it would help them win better Philadelphia - Jan. 22-23. Allentown - Jan. 24. wages and working conditions. But they are getting little en-Reading - Jan. 25. couragement on this score from New York — Jan. 26. Newark - Jan. 27. the top CIO leaders.

ciples of the extreme Left soundwere refused service by him on ed very much like the worst of Oct. 10. They filed charges the Negro-hating southerners.

"American Negroes, and especially 'the NAACP, cannot forget this. It seems to us to prove conclusively (even if there were not mountains of additional proof)

that the organizations of the extreme Left, when they campaign for civil rights, or in behalf of the restaurant owner was found a minority, do so as a secondary consideration, activity upon which is certain to be weighted, shaped, angled, or abandoned in accordance with the Communist Party 'line.'

"We can have no truck with such unity.

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"We are wary, too, of your successful meeting held at Swedish asserted devotion to civil rights. We recall clearly that when the He spoke on the urgent need Minneapolis' truck drivers were for all workers to join in the indicted, tried and convicted under defense of civil rights in the face the Smith Act, neither the Civil of Wall Street's drive against the Rights Congress nor its prede-

labor movement, as part of the cessor, nor the Communist Party preparations for the next world or its associates made any move to assist them. The Civil Rights Congress did not provide tens of

Dunne discussed the Taft-Hartley Law and showed how this thousands of dollars in bail. The Stalinist organizations across the open attack on the unions was linked up with government country were not circulating 'loyalty" purge and the witchpetitions, invading meetings and demanding the passage of resoluhunts inside the unions, \$21 was donated in the collection. tions, nor were they conducting Dunne's tour schedule follows: picket lines.

"This line of action-or, better, inaction - indicated to any thinking person that the Stalinist groups are for civil rights for some people, but not for all. The Minneapolis men were not Stalinists, therefore not a hand was lifted to aid them. If the Smith Act is a monstrous piece of legislation when used against the 11 Communist leaders, it was no less monstrous, no less an instrument for the suppression of civil liberties when used against the Minneapolis men.

"We reject such a 'part-time' concept of civil liberties."

Among other reasons cited by Wilkins for the NAACP decision not to invite the CRC were "the campaign of slander in the Daily Worker" against all those who did not accept the Stalinist "unity" policy in the Scottsboro case, and the attacks on the NAACP made by the Stalinists in connection with the case of the Trenton Six.