Labor, Liberal **Leaders Honor** Kutcher in N.Y.

By Ruth Johnson

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 - One of the most important and representative civil rights rallies in many years gathered here tonight to honor James Kutcher on the 158th anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

wings of organized labor joined opportunity to earn a living," the with outstanding figures in the wire said in part. "Even though Progressive Party, Liberal Party, we disagree with his political Americans for Democratic Action views, we shall continue to do all and Socialist Party in denouncing we can to support and fight for Truman's "loyalty" purge and demanding reinstatement of the legless veteran fired from his George Novack informed the Veterans Administration post be- audience, is the filing of Kutcause of membership in the So- cher's appeal in the Federal Disc alist Workers Party.

On his return from his sixmonth national tour, Kutcher received a standing ovation and ringing applause from the audience of 500 men and women who filled the Oak Room of the Capitol Hotel. With him on the platform were Arthur Chapin, Civil Rights Director of the New Jersey State CIO; Benjamin J. McLaurin, International Organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL; Roger Baldwin, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Professor Thomas I. Emerson of Yale University Law School; Socialist umnist; and George Novack, secretary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Defense Committee, who chaired the meeting.

IMPORTANCE FOR LABOR stated by Arthur Chapin, whose | with a sprinkling of representaopening speech stressed the im- tives from the Soviet zone. Of portance of the Kutcher case for the 23 delegates attending the labor. The same courts and the founding convention of the "Insame people engaged in the witch- dependent Workers Party of Ger-14 years ago tried to prevent the former officials of the West Ger-

CIO from organizing. He warned man CP. that "the CIO itself could well Karl-Heinz Scholz, 41 year old have been put on that 'subversive' | Berlin engineer, was elected list if it were not six million party chairman. The new party strong today." openly sided with Yugoslavia and

Because the freedom of labor called for the reunification of itself is at stake, "We in the Germany on the basis of 1933 New Jersey CIO came to the sup- frontiers and for the withdrawal port of James Kutcher. The CIO of all occupying powers. The and "ideological disorientiation" in New Jersey and nationally will Associated Press reports that always be in the forefront fight- Scholz also declared that the new ing for civil rights of all people party "would fight both East and regardless of their political West in the event of war." views.

Carl Holderman, president of that applied for a license four the New Jersey State CIO, 'un- months ago as the "Free Comable to be present, sent a tele- munist 'Party" and whose apgram underlining the organiza- plication was rejected at the time tion's support. "The New Jersey by the Allied commandants. State CIO was among the first | The split among the German

Prominent spokesmen of both deprived James Kutcher of the his reinstatement.'

The next stage in that fight, trict Court at Washington, D. C., within the next two weeks. Meanwhile, support for the case

mounts daily. Applause greeted the announcement by Benjamin J. McLaurin that the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters at its quarterly executive are concerned. meeting in Chicago last week had endorsed the Kutcher case.

"I am proud to be here tonight," McLaurin said, "both as an individual and as a representative

High Output, But More Unemployed Even if production continues at high levels, more and more persons are going to be without jobs. That is the prediction of Louis Levine, chief of reports and analysis of the Bureau of Employment

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Security. Levine told a meeting of the Federal Advisory Council in Washington on Dec. 15 that the economic outlook for the next years can be viewed only with "relative optimism" which must be "even more restrained" so far as job conditions

He pointed out that 600,000 more workers enter the labor market each year. Also, fewer workers will produce the same amount of goods.



Yugoslavia was formally launch- here was clearly revealed last week at a meeting of the Austroed in Berlin on Dec. 18 by dissident German Stalinists, most of Yugoslav Society, the majority of The mood of the rally was well them from the Western zone and whose members are Austrian CP'ers.

The Society refused to pass a resolution condemning Tito and to dissolve itself, as ordered by the Central Committee of the hunt today, he said, are those who many," four were reportedly party. The headquarters of the society were then occupied by Soviet troops, its archives confiscated, and the occupants evicted.

The crisis in the Italian CP is also extending. In his Dec. 14 speech to the Central Committee, Togliatti openly acknowledged that there is some "bewilderment" in the ranks and called for a struggle against Titoist "infiltration?"

EXPULSION IN ITALY

This organization is the same Four days later the Stalinist Prices in Profits-Grab daily Unità for the first time officially launched the purge by announcing the expulsion of a party member for "going over to the Titoist traitors." The very

to recognize the dangers implicit Stalinists is paralleled by a grate to minimize the source of the

for months.

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Framed "Trenton Six" Denied Own Lawyers Judge Bars Counsel; Takes **Cue from Witch-Hunt Trials**

Three defense attorneys in the retrial of the six framed-up Trenton Negroes have been barred from further participation in the case by the very judge who illegally sentenced the six to death 9-

in their first trial almost two produced in court, a white jury years ago for the alleged murder whipped up by vicious prejudice of a second - hand furniture found them "guilty." dealer.

P. Hutcheson on Dec. 16 in Tren- prestige and cover up the sordid ton, N. J., accused O. John Rogge police frame-up even if it means and two other attorneys "among | that six innocent men must die. other things, of stirring up un- He is using the increasinglyfavorable public opinion against popular weapon in frame - up this court." He withdrew their cases against political witch-hunt out-of-state permits to practice victims and persecuted members n the New Jersey court.

This vindictive misuse of judicial full and free defense. power deprives the defendants of Judge Hutcheson undoubtedly their constitutional right to has taken his cue from the recent counsel of their own choice. The trial of the 11 Communist Party particular counsel are the very leaders and the perjury trial of ones who successfully appealed Harry Bridges now going on in before the New Jersey Supreme San Francisco. Judge Medina, in entence of the previous trial.

ILLEGAL SENTENCE

The Supreme Court had ruled sentencing five of them to jail. that the six had been convicted Judge Harris, in the Bridges trial, on the basis of extorted confessions and that vital evidence torney of "contempt" and sentending to show the innocence of the accused had been suppressed permitted him to continue in the by the prosecution. The Supreme case and serve sentence after the Court also ruled that the trial udge — Charles P. Hutcheson —

Steel Monopolists Hike had illegally sentenced the accused for first-degree murder, although the jury had failed to Judge Medina and Judge Harris specify the degree of guilt. Jim-Crow terrorism unleashed by lawyers with harassing contempt put into effect" price reductions. tubing, \$5 to \$8, plus "extras"; under fire for their laxity against completely. the Trenton police, who had been citations - he has barred them

But the judge is evidently Mercer County Judge Charles determined to vindicate his own of minority groups --- denial of

Court against the verdict and the Foley Square case, sought to intimidate the defense attorneys by threatening them with "contempt" action and, after the trial,

accused the chief defense attenced him for six months, but trial.

RECALLS KOSTOV CASE

Judge Hucheson has gone one better. He has not only The six accused are victims of sought to intimidate the defense

in the government decision that similar development in Austria.

U. S. Relieves "Embarrassment" Of France on Use of Arms Aid

Secretary of State Acheson reported on Dec. 21 that 'substantially complete agreement" has been reached between American imperialism and its junior partners in Western Europe as to the "general conditions" under which the U. S. will supply them arms.

The American authorities had asked certain limitations on the use of arms provided under the North Atlantic military alliance. The French objected.

However, the United Press happily reported on Dec. 17 from Paris, agreement has been reached. A French Foreign Office spokesman said:

"We have obtained the withdrawal of all conditions which might embarrass us."

What was the source of this "embarrassment"? "Informed sources" said that the French government had asked "for elimination of a clause prohibiting use of United States war materials outside the Atlantic area."

The dispatch adds the simple observation: "France is engaged in a military struggle against native elements in Indo-China."

To put it plainly, Washington has agreed to defend "democracy" by arming the French imperialist butchers for their slaughter of the Indo-Chinese fighters for national independence.

Here is demonstrated the first aim of the Atlantic Pact: To crush every liberating struggle of oppressed peoples.

'disorientation" in the ranks is admitted profits for the first nine an infallible sign of the severity months of this year are 50% of the crisis.

greater than for the same period Allied intelligence services re- in 1948 - announced on Dec. 15 port from Rome that Albania is that it is putting the bite on the sents 25% of materials costs in now seething with discontent. The American people for another number of Albanians joining the \$80,000,000 annually through imguerrilla bands opposed to the mediate price boosts "averaging" Hoxha regime are said to be "in- \$4 a ton. The rest of the industry creasing daily." The Yugoslavs is expected to follow suit, for a have reportedly organized Al- total steal of not less than banian units along the 300-mile \$250,000,000 a year.

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border who are only awaiting the Benjamin F. Fairless, Big signal to cross the frontier "to Steel's president, claimed that the support insurrectional movements price boosts "reflect actual and from inside Albania." A sweep- approaching changes" in producing purge of government and tion costs, particularly the meager party ranks has been taking place insurance and pension program recently wrested from the corpora-In Czechoslovakia trade union tion by a 42-day strike. officials have been subjected to :

By Art Preis

Steel Corporation-whose

weeping attack for "laxity" by RECORD PROFITS

Premier Zapotocky. In an opening address before a recently ist press - can swallow that held Trade Union Congress, gag, since U. S. Steel has ad- March." Zapotocky accused union officials mitted first nine months' profits | of being so "inefficient" as to be of \$133,223,000 compared to the incapable of even collecting corresponding 1948 take of \$88,union dues (which are deducted 042,000. Moreover, Truman's Steel by employers from wages). "Fact-Finding" Board, which Under Stalin, charges of "laxity" denied any wage boost, never- to \$8, or more. Sheet steel and and "inefficiency" have tradi- theless said the major steel com- galvanized products, used mainly tionally accompanied the severest panies could afford to pay in- in the auto, and appliance inof purges among union officials. surance and pensions and "still dustries, are up \$6; pipes and

than enough to compensate for electrical appliances, everything any additional costs due to pen- that uses steel, will cost more. sions. Scrap steel, which reprelast week compared to \$43 a year been ranting about union "monoago. Also, increased production

has meant lowered unit costs. illegalize industry-wide collective The industry is now running at | barga ning. Now the steel innear-record 94% capacity, comlustry comes along and vividly pared to 85% and less in the lemonstrates who the real period of highest profits before monopolists are.

the strike. THE REAL ROBBERY

leave to anyone - the rest of in-And, as N. Y. Times business dustry, the government, the steel operative until next They just said, "Pay our price become

commentator C. F. Hughes noted, union or the consumers. The the corporation disclosed its monopolists didn't wait for any greedy motive when "it decided to fact-finding board. They ignore raise prices before costs had the inflationary effects of their actually been increased. The pen- action on the general economy. Nobody - not even the capital- sion and insurance plan does not They didn't consult the union.

> or else!" Or else they'll cut off Even the claimed "average" the steel supply.

This brazen flaunting of its \$4-a-ton price boost is a propaganda figure to conceal the real monopoly power and open disrobbery. Increases on the most regard for the public welfare has important items range from \$5 even the N. Y. Times disturbed. 'he Times doesn't oppose the price boost as such, but does complain of its "unfortunate timing" and "psychological impact" - that is, the effect on public opinion.

The steel barons put into effect

price rise without a by-your-

MUCH TALK, NO ACTION Capitalist politicians are expressing "surprise" and "shock." Some, like Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Representative

Celler of New York, are threatenindustry's decision. What have scores of ' such "investigations" They are no longer satisfied yielded in the past? O'Mahoney's center their main attack on the in recent years Truman and his party system. If they did that, system that has produced so much "probed" the steel industry's \$5 price boost in March 1948, and in July 1948, when the industry candidates today, even if those posted another general increase of \$11 a ton, there was still more Congressional squawking. But no action.

To force the steel industry into line, Congress and the Truman (Continued on Page 2)

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The decline in raw materials hot-rolled strip, \$8.50, etc. This crime. When witnesses claimed The press has heaped scorn on costs over a year ago is more means that autos, new housing, they saw two "light-complexioned the Stalinist court in Bulgaria Negroes" fleeing the scene of the where the defendants Kostov's murder of a furniture dealer, the own attorney "confessed" for him. U. S. Steel's "unilateral" action police used this as the pretext for But the frame-up system in the a wholesale raid in the Negro U.S. is working toward a similar has proved most embarrassing to the Big Business press. They have area. They picked up at random goal. If the judges here can get six Negroes — all dark but one — away with intimidation of the polies" and demanding laws to and tortured them for four days lawyers, defendants in this coununtil five of them "confessed." All try will also be denied protection six were tried, however. Al- of legal counsel who will honestly though unshakeable alibis were fight for their rights.

The Death Camp **Of Makronissos**

The following report appeared in the September issue of Workers Struggle, underground publication of the Internationalist Communist Party of Greece (Trotskyists): Off the southern tip of Attica

there lies the island of Makro- In the military camp, life is nissos whose name has become truly unbearable. The soldiers are synonymous with horror for the lodged in tiny tents and, since working masses of Greece. Before there are so many of them, they it was turned into a deportation dig underground shelters like center, this island was un- tombs and crawl into them. As a inhabited. This wasteland, with- consequence they all sooner or out trees or vegetation, is in- later fall ill of acute rheumatism. cessantly lashed by fierce winds The rations are very meager and from the Aegean sea and from before they can be eaten they bethe sea of Crete. There is no come mixed with the fine sand.

water. Clouds of dust hang per- There is no restaurant or canteen manently over Makronissos, truly of any kind; everything takes place in the open air whether the a hell hole.

For all these reasons the temperature soars in the summer sadistic bourgeoisie of Greece and drops below freezing in the chose Makronissos as the site for winter.

Water is brought in by boat its camp of extermination. For three years all workers, peasants and there are frequent shortages and soldiers whom the rulers when the seas are rough and the view with suspicion have been boat cannot dock. The soldiers shipped here. Under a regime of bathe exclusively in sea water. indescribable terror and torture, Another scourge for the sold ers the bourgeoisie has been seeking are enormous rats; these attack to root out every trace of class- at night, inflicting horrible consciousness among the depor- wounds, virtually from head to tees. All the appropriate means toe.

to this end have been applied. TWO CAMPS .

The soldiers work the whole day at forced labor at entirely purposeless tasks like transporting

There are two different camps rocks. Most insufferable is the at Makronissos. One is for mili- psychological pressure exerted tary prisoners, virtually all of upon them. They are compelled them soldiers who have been to sign declarations repudiating classified as "leftist" or who have their ideas, to send out letters refused to fight against the into the same effect and to parsurgents. The other is for politicipate in "re-educational" meettical prisoners, workers and ings. Three times a day they are peasants who had been sub- compelled, again in open air, to jected by the thousands to preven- listen to nationalistic speeches. tive arrests prior to the launch- to applaud and shout "Long Live ing of military operations in a the King." Those who do not (Continued on page 4) given area.

Socialism to Be Debated in 1950 Elections

failures.

By Albert Parker . long rush.' If the Democrats don't make No final decisions on the GOP hig gains in the 1950 congressional elections, it won't be the fault of the Republican leadership.

chairman.

At a meeting of their strategy committee in Chicago on Dec. 13. the GOP leaders decided to move by the Trumanites. sharply to the right and to stop agreeing with Democratic-sponhis labor lieutenants more than development of socialist consored social reforms in principle such an attack; nothing will help sciousness and independent poliwhile claiming "we can do it better."

more to drive toward the Demo- tical action by the mass of the cratic candidates the support of American people. The 1950 campaign "will be a the great majority of the workfight between the Republican ers and poor farmers, who want openly anti-security program can- the Trumanites should be able to offers the genuine socialists an

Party and the Democratic Party more and not less social reforms. not claim the credit for checking win next year's elections easily, opportunity to intervene and In fact, the GOP line fits right the growth of anti-capitalist, judging on the basis of present to prevent the socialization of the country," promised Arthur E. in with Truman's own strategy -Summerfield, the GOP strategy which is to make big promises the workers. The accomplishment developments.

about security while achieving is Truman's, even though it will The difference between the little or nothing. Denunciations last only until the workers get not aware of it, the socialist label with both hands and use it to Reosevelt and Truman administra- of his program as a "rush to wise to his demagogy. tions, he said, is that "with socialism" will help divert atten- Instead of denouncing Truman American politics that it used to socialist path to the security,

there is no drift — it's a head-blame the Republicans for his capitalists by all rights should ferment produced by each, the be down on their knees, thanking fear of a new depression and a ing "investigations." But no one The GOP condemnations of the Truman for helping them to rake new war, have all had their expects these to alter the steel platform were made at the Chi- Fair Deal program as "socialism" in profits surpassing even those impact on the thinking of the

cago meeting; that will be done will help strengthen belief in the of wartime and expressing their American workers. in February. But it appears cer- saying that "there's no gratitude appreciation for his hithertotain that the Republicans will in politics." For the truth is that successful defense of the two- with praises of the capitalist Joint Economic Contractive

"welfare state" reforms proposed labor and liberal cohorts, not the however, Truman's usefulness in misery before their very eyes. conservative Republicans, have deceiving the masses would im- They are willing to listen to Nothing will please Truman and been the chief obstacle to the mediately be destroyed.

> THE SOCIALIST LABEL Despite the label of "socialism'

that will be pinned on them The Republicans and their (falsely and against their wishes), even if initiated on a false basis,

pro-Labor Party sentiment among trends and barring unforeseen

Although the Republicans are it's our duty to seize hold of it is no longer the handicap in show the American workers the Roosevelt we were drifting to-ward socialism, but with Truman his promises and enable him to "free enterprise" system, the pression and the war, the social them by the capitalist system.

candidates are accused of being

present the truth. The 1950 elections will provide

us with such an opportunity and

socialist. And that's all to the good. Any public discussion of socialism,

ing the major develop. ments of 1949 and the

prospects for 1950.

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THE MILITANT

Monday, December 26, 1949

My Rights Are More Precious Than My Legs Text of Speech by James Kutcher Text of Speech by James Kutcher

DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS TOO

At New York Bill of Rights Meeting

I am going to assume that you already know about the main facts in my case, and so I am not going to go into that. Instead I want to discuss some of the impressions and ideas I have brought back

with me from my tour, which will never be destroyed in this was highly successful thanks to country.

the support given by people and groups such as are represented beyond question by the way in here tonight. The first thing that struck me and liberal movements responded

was that there is a rising to my plea for support. Not only resistance to witch - hunts and Democrats but even workers who thought - control and purges vote Republican showed that they throughout the country. I can want to defend the civil rights of testify to this from my own ex- all victims of the witch - hunt. periences. In fact, it was this Negroes and other minorities which encouraged and inspired showed that they understand no me to go through a schedule that one's rights can be won or prewas sometimes grueling, five or served so long as the rights of six speeches a day.

I can testify to this, I say, al- Jews and Catholics, including though if you confine your ob- members of the Association of servations to the daily news- Catholic Trade Unionists, and papers, you will find little direct atheists as well, showed that they evidence of it. It is not only the are ready to join in common Supreme Court that follows the defense of their own liberties elections; sometimes it is also which they realize are threatened the lower courts that are im- by the precedent set in the

pressed and persuaded by mass "loyalty" purge. sentiment. I believe this mass ROLE OF STALINISTS sentiment is at the bottom of such recent decisions as the ones that threw out the Feinberg Act but strictly speaking that is not in this state and the Ober Law in true. There was one group whose Maryland and the law requiring official line was hostility to me a "loyalty" oath from all candi- everywhere I went. Of course I dates for public office in my own

state.

SOURCE OF MY SUPPORT The greatest source of my sup- paper of the Communist Party, port has come from the organized warning the workers not to suplabor movement. That began with port my case because it was a the New Jersey CIO a day or two booby trap, having no relation civil and constitutional rights of after I received notice of my whatever to the fight for civil the Stalinists as well. And when years ago. I think there is a big sense and it served a real purpose pending discharge and has since rights. And for several months workers heard this, and then saw extended all over the country to in any organization I spoke to the Stalinists get up to oppose include AFL and independent where they had any influence, me, their wrath was something and especially to the leaders of unions. If I did not know, it be- they did everything they could to to behold.

fore, I would know it now _ sabotage my case, openly or bethat the labor movement is the hind the scenes. That is because greatest bulwark of our demo- the Socialist Workers Party is on attitude toward my case that they by your political differences with cratic liberties and that it has Stalin's blacklist as well as Truthe ability as well as the duty man's.

to assume the leadership of the entire nation. Of course it wasn't only the unions that helped me, although fraternal, academic, political and

social groups and organizations bers disagree — and sometimes make democracy work." violently - with the social and political views for which I was people have been constant victims when we will consider the Kut- kind of "loyalty measure" against

purged from my job. Some.

That was demonstrated to me

which all tendencies in the labor any are in danger. Protestants, I just said "all tendencies"

JAMES KUTCHER

ever. Instead of hurting me, it refer to the Stalinists. At the boomeranged and hurt them. I of the 18 Trotskyists in Min- point of the liberals, that it just have seen meetings of two and neapolis under the Smith Act, does not seem to make sense to beginning of my tour last spring, was greeted in Seattle by a

three thousand workers get up and continue to sabotage all them and they would not act in vicious editorial in the West Coast and boo them angrily. You see, efforts to get a presidential this way if they were in office. wherever I went I always spoke pardon to restore their civil But from the viewpoint of the not only about my own case but rights. Today they are the victims government itself there was about the need to defend the of the same repressive law whose nothing fatuous or foolish about enforcement they applauded eight the way they treated me; it made lesson to be learned from that.

were so badly discredited by their made in 1941. Don't be blinded thought out in advance, it was

their position was too unpopular the Stalinists were in 1941. Don't Their shabby behavior had ef- to be presented in public at a make the error of thinking that



(Cont. from page 1) who came to my aid morally and of several organizations. All my torious," he said. "The past op- devoted to explaining why the government in this aim, only do, you folks know, there are today considered a disgrace. I am leighs who give state secrets to a achieve. He pointed out that the Negro confident that the time will come foreign power" and to direct some

of hysteria in the past, and fully cher case equally disgraceful. the Stalinists. people are not only understand the need to defend all "But we cannot rest upon past While condem

Besides, their position was so if you permit the precedent to be untenable that their own mem- set against the Stalinists, as the bers and sympathizers began to Stalinists did against the Trotbalk and even to get up and skyists in 1941, then it will be express support for me in spite your own turn next. And your fight against reof the party line.

By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager

The campaign is really getting warm as the branches push topression will be all the harder to ward the 100% mark. New Haven, win then if it can be shown that accepting the challenge to do as I want to say one more thing you stood aside and refused to good or better than Flint's 102%, came through with 112%, enough

about the Stalinists. In one or uphold civil-rights for the Staltwo cases I was asked by of inists because these scoundrels to give them top place this week. ficers at meetings where I spoke refuse to support the civil rights New Britain and Buffalo likewise to omit all remarks about their of their political opponents. What fulfilled their quotas, making a defense. "Don't mention them," I say about the need to defend the total of six branches that have I was told, "because they are so rights of minorities applies not already completed their goals in discredited that the members are only to racial and political the \$12,000 Party Building Fund liable to react 'unfavorably minorities but also to moral and campaign.

against your own appeal for sup- religious dissidents, such as the Comrade Grace Carlson export." Perhaps that was the conscientious objectors and the ploined when she sent in the payreason; perhaps they just didn't Jehovah's witnesses. ment that put St. Paul - Minwant to defend the Stalinists' I would like to conclude with a neapolis over the top: "Now that civil rights themselves. few remarks about the signifi- we have done our Christmas duty But in all cases I said that I cance of my case. One of the by the campaign, we can turn to would prefer to let the members younger leaders of the liberal working out the final details of know exactly what I stood for, movement, Arthur M. Schlesinger the Children's Christmas Party. even if it might be a little un- Jr., recently published a book in We are bringing up a new and large - group of Trotskyists in popular. Of course I was not which he condemned my disdemanding that the various meet- charge by the government as Minnesota, who will aid maings must express support for "fatuous." That word means terially in future Party Building the Communist Party's civil rights "silly" or "stupid." Now of course Fund campaigns, as well as in if they wanted to defend mine; I am grateful for his support,

other essential work." but I wanted to make it clear to but I am sure that he will not Toledo Branch is so near 100% everyone I spoke to that it would demand that I must accept his that a \$4 line buck will take them be inconsistent for them to take line of reasoning any more than over for the touchdown the position that everyone's civil he must accept mine. A payment of \$100 took Milrights needed defense except the WAS IT A "BLUNDER"?

waukee way up the scoreboard . from 48% to 88%. Another push I want to express the opinion half that good and Milwaukee

make here too. As you know, the here that what was done to me will reach the 100%ers. Stalinists hailed the conviction may seem fatuous from the view-The 83% tie still stands beween Cleveland and the Bay Area. Next week will probably tell the tale, not only for these branches but for the campaign nationally. One more week, and t should be an exciting one! Some of us will have to do some real

'jumping" to get over the finish ine by Dec. 31. Remember the for them. The government did not campaign slogan — IN FULL AND ON TIME!

Not a week goes by without contributions from friends of the party. With their excellent help in this campaign 78% of the "General" quota has been fulfilled to date.

A Friend in Madison, Wis. Some people thought that the wrote: "Please accept this \$10 to that had they known at the begingovernment would voluntarily your fund-raising drive. Yours ning of the campaign what they back down and reinstate me be- is the only authentic voice speak- discovered during the month's

cause of the bad publicity it was ing for socialism, peace and a getting in my case. I also hoped workers' world today." this would happen, but I doubted I.H. of Roxbury, Mass. and it. I doubted it because I knew N.S. of Baldwin Park, Calif. both Bert Deck of the Los Angeles that the purpose of the purge is sent in \$1.

to terrorize and intimidate dissi-S.A.M. of Portland, Oregon. Party, which had the heaviest dent political opinion, especially renewed his sub to The Militant quota, writes: "The sub camrevolutionary socialist opinion. and Fourth International and enpaign was tough. After getting The special circumstances in my closed \$1 for the fund. He wrote: very little results through

"In part we have been vic- from the other speakers, was case, instead of deterring the "Jobs are at a premium and well neighborhood visiting we set to financially, although the over- life I have been on the side of pressions, the Alien and Sedition government had to "protect made it a more dramatic demon- billions for bullets and battle- tacts and former subscribers who those individuals attempting to Laws and the Palmer Raids, are itself" against the "Julian Wad- stration of what they wanted to ships, but nothing for bread and had failed to renew for one reason fellow-workers has paid off. And butter. Thus, here's to a gigantic, or another. The bulk of our subs

They had plenty of chances, all success for the Socialist Work- came from there. Unemployment during my appeal to the various ers Party this coming year and and the general political situa-

echelons of the Loyalty Board, may the unfortunate laboring tion seemed to be big obstacles. lass awaken by obtaining The to retreat and give me back my Inexperience weighed a bit heavy

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
New Haven	\$ 25	\$ 28	112
Flint	200	•204	102
Buffalo	500	500	100
New Britain	30	30	100
St. Louis	75	75	100
St. Paul-Minneapolis	900	900	100
Toledo	75	71	. 94
Milwaukee	/250	219	88
Cleveland	250	207	83
San Francisco-Oakland	800	666	83
Pittsburgh	150	122	~~81
Boston .	200	155	78
Philadelphia	600	467	78
New York	3,000	2,311	* 77
Seattle	200	150	75
Chicago	400	295	74
Morgantown	25	17	68
Detroit	1,100	732	. 67
Los Angeles	1,500	1,000	67
Akron	100	65	65
Newark	350	228	65
Worcester	40	26	65
Allentown	5,0	25	50
Youngstown	400	173	43
Lynn	75	26	35
General	705	547	78

THE MILITANT ARMY

After the Saturday football went over their quotas. It seems victory comes the Monday morn- to me that if we had to do it ng quarterback session. In this over again, we could have done it case it's the disbetter.'

tional

have done an even better job.

campaign.

cussion among sub-The St. Paul branch, which did getters and literabang-up job in the campaign, ture agents of The likewise found friends and con-Militant on the retacts to be the best source for cently-concluded nasubscriptions. "We are especially subscription pleased over the fact that the comrades in the shops and fac-

A substantial suctories have really given us some cess was registered. brand new readers for our paper." This is recognized reports Literature Agent Winifred by all. Some com-Nelson. "This campaign was difrades feel, however ferent from previous ones too

when we went door-to-door and picked up new subs. This year we found the door-to-door method intensive activity, they could didn't seem to work - mostly because people don't even have 50c. For instance, Literature Agent to spare in these days of unemployment and high prices. They Local of the Socialist Workers were friendly but there it ended. Our new readers this time have come in a larger percentage than ever before from personal contact in the shops and factories. The policy some of our comrades have followed of taking a few Mili-

that is very encouraging.' In New Haven on the other hand, the comrades achieved a real success in neighborhood visit-



And that's a point I want to

alarmed but discouraged and minorities against racial or polidemoralized by the trends in tical oppression. "The constituthat have been made toward the pursuit of happiness become transforming this country into a empty words if thought-control hysteria. . . The inevitable out- government rather than on the and consistent from its own point police state. Alarm is certainly exists."

come of the Loyalty Board Pro- threat of the capitalist govern- of view. in order; in fact, there ought to Professor Emerson whose study gram is the establishment of a be more of it., But there is no of "Loyalty Among Government professional political police," trouble with the present "subgood reason for discouragement | Employees" contains a sharp inwhich can destroy all constituor demoralization: the over- dictment of Truman's thoughttional freedoms. whelming majority of the people control system, hailed tonight's Roger Baldwin paid special are on our side. And if we re- meeting as "in the finest traditribute to the Kutcher Commitdouble our efforts and reach them tion of American democracy." He tee for its defense of all victims with the truth, they will come to traced the long history of the of the witch-hunt. "The Ameri-

our aid and guarantee that the American people's fight for civil can Civil Liberties Union will liberties won in the Bill of Rights rights. always be delighted to join in such a genuine fight for civil rights," he said. Like Emerson, he greeted the rally as a major

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victories," he warned. "We are Act and supporting Kutcher's job. The fact that they didn't Militant, a paper which tells the in the campaign but the coliving in a period of profound case as an individual injustice, take these opportunities is proof, truth. After all, the truth shall operation of the leading comrades Washington and the advances tional rights to life, liberty and change and it is fear of change Thomas dwelt mainly on the in my mind, that the government prevail against all enemies." pulled us out. All four branches that induces this wave of threat of the Stalinists to the had an objective which was logical

We have called my case a test

case. The government and the

evil forces behind this inquisition

THE SIGNIFICANT THING

are the rights that belong to any

STEEL BARONS BOOST PRICES IN 250-MILLION PROFITS-GRAB

(Continued from Page 1)

'is ridiculous intellectually and regard it in the same light. If the insatiable steel moguls are they can get away with my disholding up the consumers through administration would have to fix I. F. Stone, popular columnist charge, then they have really for the Compass and consistent made the purge stick. This may a price-gouge that will net more prices, kick out the steel owners, seize and nationalize the steel hundreds of millions in profits success in the sub campaign was and add to the more than billion due largely to the number of defender of civil rights, promptly seem fatuous from the point of took issue with Thomas. "The veiw of those who don't want capitalists will smash strikes and dollars of undistributed profits comrades involved. Harry DeBoer purge is not intended to get an thought-control in this country; dictate a wage freeze for steel in the coffers of the steel inoccasional Julian Wadleigh," but it's not at all fatuous from and other industrial workers. But dustry. Again the ruthless power it is ridiculous to expect it to touch the profits and property in-torests of the inclusion of the American people is glar-had made the more detive com-Stone insisted. "It is to prevent the viewpoint of those who do liberals and radicals from being want thought-control. And I want staffed in Washington. The gov- to emphasize this point because terests of the giant monopolies. ingly displayed. ernment didn't worry about the we gain nothing - and weaken

But what of the unions - what MASS FIGHT NEEDED

will the powerful CIO and its This power must be smashed. His advice was to divide the town tycoons known to have ties with about the aims of our enemies, United Steel Workers do? The Organized labor must take adsteel workers accepted a wage vantage of public sentiment ferent comrade responsible for

There are some people who have freeze under pressure of Truman's aroused by the steel industry's each and so spreading the respon-"That there are real problems connected with the Communist offered me their aid primarily Steel Board. But this same board latest big steal to launch a sibility. People were called on Party I will not deny," Stone because of the fact that a mortar said that if the industry's present real anti-monopoly campaign. A concluded, "But either you have shell and my legs happened to high levels of profits "do not genuine, militant mass countera Bill of Rights for all, or you meet in the same place in Italy result in benefit to the consumer offensive would win tremendous have no Bill of Rights and when in 1943. I have said it before and in the form of lower prices, there popular support. it comes to selecting who shall I will say it again: I dont want would be justification for the

The only effective answer to scribers." monopoly rule is the nationalization of the basic industries, start-

ing with steel and the largely

He praised the conduct of man or woman. The significant With a significant With a significant with the struggle difference in the struggle about my case is not that against the purge. "Kutcher has lost my legs but that I l done a very great job in the fight rights, which are infinitely dearer director in Philadelphia, on Dec. workers. This indispensable pro-15 expressed the view that if gram can be implemented by the steel prices are increased the demand to "Open the Books" of have an opportunity to strike a thousands of men and women who union would seek corresponding the corporations for union indecisive blow against the Loyalty didnt lose their legs whose plight wage increases, Philip Murray's spection, so that the full facts Board and its whole procedure." is just as bad as mine because office publicly slapped him down. of the concealed profits, the swindling and thievery of the monopolists can be laid bare. Only organized labor has the

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ing. They uncovered a place or two where the general political mood seems to have changed. As a result they took top honors. 'We never expected to lead the country," Literature Agent N. S. acknowledges; "but don't think it didn't give our morale a shot in the arm.'

Literature Agent C. E. S. of Minneapolis passes on part of the secret of the resounding score rung up by that branch: "Our pointed out that the system we had followed previously of each rades responsible for more and more visiting and the less active ones responsible for less and less. up into districts, making a difaccording to where they lived rather than according to who knew them. We emphasized calling on friends and former sub-

Milwaukee's experience pretty much mirrored that of the other branches. Biggest obstacles were "the effects of red-baiting and an underlying fear of the future," according to Militant Manager Fred Martin. The Milwaukee comrades nevertheless ran up a score of 196% which helped "pep up morale." Now "we are going to try to continue getting subs through mailings and visiting preferential prospects."

San Francisco, comparing subpower and genuine will to halt getting today with what it was while the difficulties are conthe pockets of every American be done to widen the circulation of The Militant. After the first of the year, writes Literature Agent D. Woods, plans call for a mobilization regularly once a month to get subs.

We wish one and all the warmest season's greetings; and after you've brushed the New Year's confetti off your shoulders, here's a resolution we hope can really be kept during 1950: to make sure we have more readers at the end of each month than at the beginning.

Most of Norman Thomas' speech, striking a note different have these rights or not, you any special sympathy or pity be- union to renew its demand for indon't get Norman Thomas, you cause I lost my legs; all I want crease of wage rates. ..."

the Nazis during the war. No

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It was Kutcher himself who like me they have been stig- An unidentified "spokesman" for concluded the meeting with a matized and blacklisted for dar- Murray promptly told the press

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stirring speech that called for a ing to hold or to express ideas dif- that "that director should have genuine united defense of civil ferent from those of the ruling been listening instead of talking" rights. (The text of his speech class. And never forget, it's not and that under the contract re- the monopoly crooks like the at the close of the war, feels that is reprinted in full on Page 2.) just my rights or their rights you cently signed "the union cannot steel barons who are openly and The meeting contributed \$238 are fighting for, but your own as ask for a wage increase until boldly sticking their hands into siderably greater, much more can to carry forward the struggle in well. What happened to me can November of next year" and

the federal courts and voted un- happen to you too - unless we animously to send the following all fight now to prevent it. telegram to President Truman:

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legram to President Truman: "We, 500 citizens assembled at all of you again for your position that the steel workers' the Capitol Hotel in New York sympathy and support. If we go hands are to remain tied, the City on the 158th Anniversary of forward in our efforts to arouse wage freeze is to continue, while the Bill of Rights, urge you to the American people to the the corporations are free to grab restore James Kutcher to his job terrible dangers facing them, if with both hands.

and rescind the unprecedented we maintain confidence in our First, the steel monopolists political blacklist arbitrarily cause and show boldness in fight- robbed the steel workers of 42 issued by the Attorney General ing for it, we can sweep all of days' pay by forcing them to which violates the basic freedoms the obstacles out of our path and strike for the meager insurance and civil rights of the American establish a new reign of liberty and pension program recomsuch as the world has never seen. mended by the Steel Board. Now people."

"cannot strike for an increase worker and consumer. until Dec. 31, 1950."



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"The most indubitable feature of a revolution is the direct interference of the masses in historic events. In ordinary times the state, be it monarchical or democratic, elevates itself above the nation, and history is made by specialists in that line of business — kings, ministers, bureaucrats, parliamentarians, journalists. But at those crucial moments when the old order ecomes no longer endurable to the masses, they break over the barriers excluding them from the political arena, sweep aside their traditional representatives, and create by their own interference the initial groundwork for a new regime."

TROTSKY

-Leon Trotsky, History of the Russian Revolution, Vol. I.

LENIN

Aid the Victims of Makronissos!

On the front page of this issue our readers will find an eye-witness account of the bestialities which have been taking place for the last three years on the Greek island of Makronissos in the Aegean Sea. This ten-mile strip of sand and rock has been converted by the Athens government into a huge torture and death chamber for tens of thousands of its political opponents. The Greek Trotskyists have appealed, in the name of international solidarity, for help.

The Greek executioners of revolutionary worker's and peasants are repeating, with minor variations, what was done by the Hitlerites in the infamous concentration camps of Dachau, Buchenwald and Sachenhausen. And Makronissos is only one of a network of death camps they now operate.

For American workers the horrors and crimes in Greece have a special meaning. The responsibility goes beyond the Athens government. It is the Truman administration in Washington that also bears direct responsibility here. Without the intervention of the American imperialists, without American arms, equipment and money under the Marshall Plan, the despots and sadists of Athens could have never imposed their rule on the Greek people. The label "made in USA" is indelibly affixed to Makronissos.

It is not accidental that the Greek beneficiaries of the "democratic" Marshall Plan aid conduct themselves in a manner indistinguishable from the fascists. Brute force, unbridled reaction, a descent to the depths of savagery - that is the only way in which decaying capitalism can be preserved in present-day Europe.

It is not accidental that the promoters of the Marshall Plan cover up and wink at the bloody handiwork of their Greek and other capitalist partners among the Western "democracies." They are themselves preparing for the biggest bloodbath in history. When the time comes, they will not hesitate to move at home in the same direction as their junior clerks in Greece.

If for no other considerations than those of sheer self-interest and self-preservation the American workers must raise their voices in protest against what is now being perpetrated in Greece. They must come to the aid of the martyred. Greek soldiers, peasants and workers.

All the victims at Makronissos merit our support and aid. And the most worthy among them are the heroic Greek Trotskyists, who are suffering from double persecution — from the hirelings of the Kremlin as well as those of Athens.

struggle. But regardless of their motives. the issue is there, and responsible Negro leaders must answer the questions being posed about the relation of the cold war to the Negroes.

By J. Blake

Paul Robeson's statement that

Negroes would not support the

United States in a war against

the Soviet Union set off a noisy

counter-offensive by the propa-

gandists for American imperial-

ism and opened an important

controversy among Negro lead

In most cases injection of the

cold war into the Negro com-

munity has been a deliberate

diversion aimed at preventing a

united, independent struggle for

complete equality in American

economic, political and social life.

Both Trumanites and Stalinists

are trying to use the controversy

to promote their own reactionary

interests and cover up their

rotten records on the Negro

should reject both these evils.

RANDOLPH'S POSITION

A. Philip Randolph, president perialism at home and abroad. of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, formulates the quesas it serves Stalin's interests, and tion this way: "Should Negroes fight for the U.S.A. in a war with Soviet Russia?" His own answer Stalin finds it timely for his s that they should and will. diplomatic maneuvers. By this answer he gives a go-

changes.

ahead signal to the very same protection of the interests of U. S. groes to assist them in this a Workers and Farmers Government leading to socialism. ruling class that is responsible imperialism; that is why he is for the oppression and segregawilling to subordinate the in- war aims of the American ruling tion of the Negro people at home terests of the masses in this class as well as the policies of - for a war that will be a procountry. The Stalinists are no the Stalinists. ection on the international field

with defending the interests of THE CORRECT POLICY of the same reactionary policies that they are pursuing in the This, then, is the policy to guide the masses either in this country

United States. or the Soviet Union; their main the American workers, black and How supporting an imperialist objective is the defense of the white: No political support, no var will benefit the Negro peointerests of the reactionary, moral support to any imperialist ple, how it will aid them in batterprivileged caste of bureaucrats war, whether against the Soviet ing down the walls of Jim Crow who oppress the Soviet masses Union or any other country. - Randolph does not say. And and whose overthrow is required Don't be deceived or bought off the reason he does not is because for the liberation of the masses. by the picayune concessions and he cannot. Instead, he concenhypocritical gestures being made trates on describing the evils of THE SOVIET UNION by the American capitalists so Stalinist despotism and tries to

American workers and Negroes that they can have a free hand persuade the Negroes that they are limited to a choice between have nothing in common with the for the cold war abroad. Carry Stalinism and capitalism, when Soviet bureaucracy (or their on the fight for full economic, the truth is that they can and agents) just as they have nothing political and social equality at in common with U. S. capitalism home, where the main struggle In support of his position (or its agents). But they do have for emancipation must be waged

Randolph falsely identifies com- common interests with the masses | Carry it on to a successful conmunism (Marxism) with Stalinist of the Soviet Union, and should clusion - not merely when it totalitarianism. In a Kansas City act in solidarity with them in suits Stalin's diplomacy.



speech early this month he even | wartime as well as in peacetim

there never was any democracy Soviet Union has changed for the

in the Soviet Union, saying, "Not worse in most respects since the

even the old line Bolsheviks like days of Lenin and Trotsky. For

Trotsky, Bukharin and Zinoviev one thing, the equality of the

could challenge the gospel of the masses that existed in those days

fications in order to sell Negroes system of government ownership

went to the length of implying

But genuine workers democracy

xisted in the Soviet Union in

Lenin's day; it wasn't destroyed

until Stalin rose to power. Ran-

dolph has to resort to such falsi-

the idea that there is no difference

between Marxism, which insti-

reforms after the 1917 revolution,

and Stalinism, which has destroy-

ed most of those progressive

Robeson and the Stalinists (who

Kremlin on any question. .

THE STALINIST LINE

But, as they proved during the capitalism the results will be

the Negro struggle as soon as Soviet masses can have gressive consequences for

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as the Soviet masses. Only the

War and the Negro People

This is true even though the

has been destroyed and replaced

under Stalinism with the "equal-

ity of slaves," none of whom has

rights that the Stalinist bureauc-

Nevertheless, there is one great

achievement of the Russian revo-

lution which still survives — the

racy feels bound to recognize.

necessary task is by opposing the

Like Truman, Henry Wallace believes not only in the preservaion of capitalism but also in the rejection of the class struggle and independent labor politics. These beliefs were strongly reaffirmed in Wallace's Dec. 4 speech on "The True Meaning of Religion in the Modern World," parts of which were discussed here last week. Wallace knows that the interests of workers and capitalists are

WALLACE PAINTS FALSE

PICTURE OF MARXISM

By George Breitman

Page Three

of industry instituted when the different, but he hopes to reconcile them through his brand of "procapitalist system was abolished. gressive capitalism." His primary appeal is not to the oppressed tuted fundamental progressive Not only the Soviet masses but masses but to the "forces of good will," among whom he includes American workers and Negroes not only the masses but also their exploiters, the "progressive capihave a stake in preserving this talists." It naturally follows, then, that he does not favor the forsystem, for its destruction in a mation of an independent class party - a Labor Party - and that war by U. S. imperialism would he advocates only an all-class party, a party of class collaboration, mean a new lease on life for a party essentially like that of Truman and his labor lieutenants. also pretend that Marxism and dying world capitalism. The

Thus in his speech he urges the creation of a political (and religious) leadership which understands "by personal experience the problems of small business as well as labor and farming" and he says that the philosophy and program he offers "can never find satisfactory expression either through great corporations, LARGE UNIONS, or associations of wealthy farmers." (Our emphasis.)

A Middle Class Party Can Solve Nothing

This juxtaposition of large unions and great corporations, which last war, they do so only as long harmful for the American as well by the way is reminiscent of Hitler's demagogy, reflects a genuine fear on Wallace's part. In the past, when he was a leader of the they drop the issue and sabotage overthrow of Stalinism by the Democratic Party, and now, when he leads the Progressive Party, he has always been an opponent of independent political action by the labor movement because he knows that such action will inevitably world working class, and the way be a prelude to revolutionary political action directed toward the Randolph's main concern is the for American workers and Ne- abolition of his beloved capitalist system and the establishment of

Wallace is a man of many political contradictions and inconsistencies, but you've got to give him credit for being consistent on this. His opposition to independent labor political action meant the certain defeat of his hopes for the Progressive Party in 1948, but he stood firm on this question then and he's still standing firm on it today

The non-Stalinist chairman of the Progressive Party in New lersey described it, during the recent election campaign, as a "middle class party," and that's just what it is if you add the clause. which accepts the capitalist system while seeking to reform it in this or that way." The question that serious Progressive Party and YPA members must answer is: Can such a party solve any of the problems created by the decay and death agony of the capitalist system?

The answer — in the negative — is conclusively attested to by the experiences of reformists of all stripes in all the countries of the world, including the experience of outright capitalist reformers like Roosevelt in the U.S. and that of the reformist labor leadership now in power in England. The great need of militant workers and youth today is a Marxist party, a Marxist program and a Marxist leadership.

'Marxism Is Dated," Says Wallace

Wallace's supporters will get none of these from him; in fact, as the above-mentioned speech will prove to anyone who reads it, they won't even get an accurate or honest description of these things from him.

"Marxism is dated," says Wallace, the defender of the outlived ind dying capitalist system. Why? How? "It is based fundamentally on 19th Century science, which oversimplified the world in purely mechanistic terms. Personally I believe that all men are just as truly sons of God as Jesus was son of God." That's what Wallace would call 20th Century science, and of course no "19th Century science" could possibly find an answer to it.

Wallace has other, more specific objections to Marxism. For him it is "the secular authoritarianism of the left" and just as much to be rejected as "the religious authoritarianism of the right." In fact, he constructs the following amalgam between Marxism and Catholicism: "Both demand complete dominance in that ultimate, all-important field where man gives an allegiance outside of himself. Both operate through a self-perpetuating hierarchy. Both maintain an Index Expurgatorius. Both use excommunication, Both operate from a holy city to influence devout followers in their political activities in many countries." And so: "We do not want the Marxist single party state in the United States with its insistence on absolute, undeviating adherence. . . "

The "Morals" of SIU Leaders

The complete text of the resolution Jim Crow ships and Jim Crow hiring branding the Socialist Workers Party as "dual and hostile" which officials of the Seafarers International Union jammed through the New York branch meeting on Dec. 7 has been made public in the Dec. 16 issue of the union's newspaper, Seafarers Log. The resolution makes it clear that the slander, threats and redbaiting hysteria against the SWP are aimed in the first instance to stifle dis-

halls. 5. Opposition to discrimination , against Puerto Ricans and the policy of driving them out of the union. 6. Opposition to extortionate and blackmail methods against permit men, comprising over one-third of the SIU.

Only a pack of hypocrites like those running the SIU could justify a strongarm regime by references to Trotsky's Their Morals and Ours. They cite Lenin's famous advice to revolutionists on how to "carry on communist [not Stalinist] work in them [the trade unions] at all costs" but deliberately omit Trotsky's comment which follows:



The Socialist Party National tion" does not alter the essence electoral activity can be conducted Executive Committee's proposal of their proposal, it is certain in an organizational vacuum," to discontinue independent elec- that opposition in the ranks will because it fails to take into account the growing weakness of toral activity has aroused so much continue. the SP dissatisfaction among the mem-READING UNANIMOUS Barshop makes another big bers of the party that two mem-The opposition has already reconcession to the NEC majority bers of the NEC have been comeived important support in Readwhen he urges "In local electoral pelled to issue a "clarification" ing, one of the strongest centers situations where we are unable denving that certain parts of of the SP. There the annual mem- to run candidates that we pursue their resolution mean what they bership meeting of Local Berks an ad hoc policy depending on actually say. met on Dec. 11 and voted un- the factors in the given situa-The NEC majority resolution animously to endorse the NEC states: "Democratic socialism retion, regarding endorsements, minority resolution, advocating a and/or other actions." This would quires a mass electoral party continuation of the present elec- lay the ground for just that consciously devoted to it. Contoral policy, and to send a full working alliance with liberal ce vably such a party might be delegation to the next national achieved by the basic conversion Democrats" which Barshop had convention where the issue will of one of the major parties. We condemned. believe it far more likely - and be voted on. Finally Barshop's proposal for The same issue of the Call definitely preferable - that it work of SP members in organizaprints discussion articles by tions like Americans for Demowill be achieved by the establishment in the electoral field of a Seymour Steinsapir and Irving cratic Action is that they should party like the British Labor Barshop criticizing the majority not publicly support any ADA -Party or the Canadian Coresolution. Steinsapir finds it endorsed candidates running in shocking not so much for its operative Commonwealth Federaopposition to SP candidates but conclusions as for its analysis that they "may go along" with tion. . . and its implied reasoning," and Aaron Levenstein and Harry capitalist candidates in cam-Pleischman, NEC members, have claims that it indicates "a compaigns where no SP candidate attempted to answer the critic- plete change in Socialist orientais running and if they have tion." He makes the point that previously gone on record for inism's of this resolution by writing the NEC does not propose to dependent political action. in the Dec. 16 Call: merely "limit but to eliminate independent electoral activity be- 3RD POSITION LACKING LAME "CLARIFICATION" "As supporters of that resolu-Barshop calls this a "third posicause such work has already been limited "of necessity" (the weaktion we want to make it clear tion" but it is a position that the that neither we, nor, we are sure, ness of the party) to a few NEC majority will gladly accept any other NEC member, believes f their own cannot be passed. A reas. real third position — showing that the Democratic Party can be **POLITICAL DEBASEMENT**" the medium for the establishthat the Thomas leadership's new Both Barshop and Steinsapir proposal is an inevitable consement of Socialism in America." Nevertheless, Levenstein and condemn the section of the quence of their pro-capitalist resolution which says: "Candileischman speak only for thempolicies on the Marshall Plan, the dates should not be nominated Atlantic Pact and the coming war selves. The other NEC majority - apparently has not yet been members, including Norman where a campaign would con-Thomas, haven't issued a similar tribute, or seem to contribute, to advanced in the SP discussion. denial. But if they do, it will be the triumph of reactionary candi-Rejecting both NEC resoludifficult for them to come up dates and policies opposed by ions, Barshop, advocates a "third with a weaker or lamer explana- labor and liberal forces." They position," which, however, turns tion than the one furnished by note that in Bridgeport, Reading ut on examination to be much Levenstein and Fleischman: and Norwalk, where the SP has closer to the NEC majority than "When we said 'conceivably in the past received sufficient to the minority. For one thing, such a party might be achieved support to elect its candidates, he too wants to limit electoral by the conversion of one of the this policy would mean the abanactivity "to those localities where major parties,' we were referring donment of all electoral work bewe can be effective in terms of to the conceptions of some peocause in all these cases the labor votes polled." This would mean leaders and liberals campaign ple in the labor movement and giving it up in most areas for liberal organizations." against the SP. t would change the criterion for The "clarification" is so patently Barshop calls it "a rather abject deciding on campaigns from the thin that it is not likely to statement of political debasement, number of people who might be deceive many. The resolution said and further appears to remove reached by election propaganda more than the NEC majority power to make decisions from our to the number of people members had intended; it gave own hands to strange hands . .. night be convinced by it. away their real intention and it seems to us that the majority motivation - namely, to become wants to create a formal working left-wing of the Democratic alliance with liberal Democrats." If you have not yet sent your Party, which is indicated in While Steinsapir appears to be supporter of the NEC minority contribution to the Socialist other sections of the resolution resolution, Barshop is critical of Workers Party Building Fund, do anyway. Now they are trying to explain away their real aims, lest both majority and minority. Of it now!

content among the seamen and to crush any opposition, actual or potential, against the union leadership.

The resolution declares "that any man who is a member of, contributes to, or as a fellow-traveller, knowingly follows the policies of any of these organizations [Trotskyists and others], be declared an enemy of the SIU and be made to stand charges and, if found guilty, be expelled from the union."

Thus, for instance, a member of the SIU could be hauled on charges, expelled from the union and thereby driven out of the industry not only for membership in the SWP but for the following six reasons which could be, and are, classified as "policies" of the SWP:

1. Opposition to strikebreaking. 2 Opposition to raiding other waterfront unions during strikes. 3. Opposition to using Taft-Hartley Law as a weapon in inter-union struggle. 4. Opposition to

Stalinists and Jerusalem

The Kremlin's shady maneuvers have embarrassed the American Stalinists more than once. Now they are trying to "explain" how Stalin's delegates in the UN General Assembly lined up with the delegates from Vatican-dominated and Arab countries to push through a resolution for "internationalization" of Jerusalem under UN control.

There are few Arabs in this country, but in several cities the Jewish people form an important part of the population. Hence, Stalin's support of the Vaticaninspired UN resolution has the American Stalinists squirming. The Daily Worker and the Jewish-language Morning Freiheit have been running big articles and editorials trying to appease their Jewish readers and, at the same time, defend the Kremlin's action.

Kremlin support of "internationalization," says a Daily Worker report on a Freiheit editorial, has warded off the danger of "phony internationalization" on an imperialist pattern. Presumably the "internationalization" wanted by the Vatican is not "phony."

"The necessity for evasions and maneuvers, according to Lenin's explanation, is called forth by the fact that the reformist bureaucracy, betraying the workers to capital, baits revolutionists, persecutes them, and even resorts to turning the bourgeois police upon them. 'Maneuvers' and 'subterfuges' are in this case only methods of valid self-defense against the perfidious reformist bureaucracy."

Lenin and Trotsky knew about the Paul Halls long before he ever heard their names. The "methods of valid self-defense" he speaks of apply not only to revolutionists but to every worker who favors honest, democratic unionism and wants to keep from starving.

Unlike the Worker and Freiheit, which are official Stalinist organs and are forced to defend Stalin's policy publicly, the American Labor Party which is run by the Stalinists pretends to take a different position. The ALP state executive committee, at a meeting chaired by Vito Marcantonio, loudly asserted, "Jerusalem belongs to Israel. That is now and always has been the ALP position.

Thus, the Stalinists' electoral machine in New York State represents itself to Jewish voters as a defender of the Jewish state while the Communist Party as such. upholds the Kremlin policy which has aroused ire among the Jewish people. Neither tells the truth - namely, that Stalin is using the Jerusalem issue solely to extend his influence in the overwhelmingly Arab-populated Middle East.

The Kremlin - like the Vatican, the American and British imperialists, the Arab leaders and the Jewish national leaders — is against settling the issue in the only just and progressive way: By letting the people in the disputed territory decide their own fate through a democratic vote.

the members reject their resoluthe latter, he says that "it is tion. But because their "clarifica- fantastic in its assumption that !!

Marxism Is a Democratic Movement

Wallace's description here certainly fits Stalinism, which practices all the dictatorial methods listed by him - and more besides. But it does not fit Marxism, which is a democratic movement, responsive to and controlled by its members, and in a state of permanent war against all forms of authoritarianism. (Not the least of Wallace's political crimes is his constant equation of these two opposites a lie that the Stalinists also assiduously propagate.)

Marxism does not believe in the "single party state," does not advocate it in the United States or anywhere else, and never did not even in Russia. What happened there was that all the other parties refused to participate in the new Soviet state and took up arms against it. What began as a temporary necessity forced on the Marxists led by Lenin and Trotsky was transformed into a program and a norm when Stalin destroyed democracy within the party and the state and took over dictatorial control of both.

It's not Marxism that is dated but the kind of ignorant and malicious criticisms of it made by Wallace. Progressive Party and YPA members who are beginning to re-examine the entire course of their movement are invited to study Marxism — not as portrayed by Wallace or the Stalinists or the adherents of Washington's cold war - but as elaborated in the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky and the documents and program of the Socialist Workers Party.

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80 Warren Street

By Ben Stone

This is the slave market of New York City. 80 Warren St. is where wage slaves offer their labor power for sale and the employers buy it through the intermediary of employment agencies who collect their 10% before the transaction is completed.

Under the system of chattel slavery the slaves were herded together at the slave markets under the lash of whips. Under capitalism the workers are herded into the labor market by the whip of starvation.

There are five stories of employment agencies at 80 Warren St. From early in the morning until late in the evening a constant stream of unemployed walk through the halls and from floor to floor in search of a job. Men and women. Boys and girls. They stream through the building by the thousands. The men far outnumber the women. The signs on the agency boards listing the jobs show a ratio of about 10 to 1 favoring the women. Many of the jobs call for attractive young women. Paradoxically, many of the men stare fixedly at the jobs for women.

How many unemployed are there in New York? The official figures say about 500,000 but these figures do not tell half the story. How many more work only part time? How many days and weeks are lost through sickness and injury? And of course the figures do not tell the story of human heartbreak. They do not tell of the anxiety, the gnawing fear, the desperation of the permanently unemployed.

One week spent at 80 Warren St. soon develops the knowing eye; you learn to recognize familiar faces by the scores. Two weeks of this brings home the fact that new thousands are shuffling through the building. Three weeks may start sprouting the seeds of personal demoralization. What do the unemployed talk about? One says he failed to get a job because he hasn't got the fee. But he keeps looking, hoping that one of the agencies will give him a break. Another says the agencies are all fakes, they work in cahoots with the employers. But he also keeps looking. Another says wistfully that he's just trying to get back on his feet; another temporary job and

he'll have the money to buy a steady job. Then he'll save up some dough for a rainy day. The lines are starting to form on his young face. His jaw is set and grim. He never smiles. He keeps **MAYOR TAKES A WIFE** looking.

What do the agencies say? No fee, no job! But you'll pay the fee from your wages. No good. Scram, bum. You got the fee? Sit down. How much experience you got? Ten years? O.K. Business is lousy. Stinks. No business. Supposed to be the season now. Hell, there ain't no season no more.

So goes the cry of the agencies. No jobs, no and enjoy the benefits of democracy" is all agog at the fees, no profits. The cry of the unemployed is deep and muted. It is the cry of degradation. Hopefor wife. It is like a story out D lessness. Starvation.

80 Warren St. is only a segment of the vast of Horatio Alger. A poor Irish employment machinery of New York. But it is immigrant boy had risen from a also got into the mood of the day. symbolic of the whole. A day spent there leaves cop to the head of the biggest The transport workers could have an indelible impression. One walks out of the city in the world and now before their wage increase and reduction building a little groggy; it is like the after-effect it is too late his busy successful of hours. Sure, but somebody of a morbid movie, only this happens to be grue- life is again being crowned with would have to pay. Subway fares somely real. Going out into the cold fresh air is the joys of connubial bliss. an escape. But you'll be back tomorrow. You and But the City Council in its cents and bus fares to a dime. the other thousands.

forgotten nothing. It had acted who had blazed a trail by putting The thousands streaming through 80 Warren promptly while the less practical an end to that cheap, degrading St. have already swelled into millions all over the country. The country's economy is backing and filling while the capitalist demagogues who the country. The country's economy is backing and filling while the capitalist demagogues who boast that they have surely learned how to make their system work are denying that there is even their system work are denying that there is even the penic a threat of depression. The crash and the panic will again overtake them by surprise as it did in new wife in the style to which 1929 and then maybe they'll start jumping out of windows in droves again. For they can't take it. she was accustomed. Except for a few, vindictive political opponents, the motion was heartily approved to give the mayor the

It may perhaps be a salutary lesson for capitalist economists — yes, and the "labor 'states-decent salary of \$40,000 and in that is, when the majority was men," too — who are so sure they can tinker with the capitalist system, to pay a visit to 80 Warren top officials got a little boost too St.

P. S. The U. S. Army has detailed a Recruiting Sergeant to 80 Warren St. But business is not so good here either. Somehow the unemployed have a singular lack of enthusiasm for the army barracks.

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THE MILITANT



ROSS DOWSON, Trotskyist candidate for Mayor of Toronto in the Jan. 1 election, who is It wasn't reported but it is waging an active campaign on rumored that Joe Curran was a militant labor program. sending a little token of his esteem Dowson is the only working and apreciation to Florida. O'class candidate for the post. Dwyer hadn't forgotten him when



YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 16 About 150 people attended a mass

any official notice of the wedding. Not that he had forgotten about meeting called by the Youngstown ginning with the New Year, New the mayor. The Central Trades branch of the National Associa-York's relief clients will have to learn to make up their monthly tion for the Advancement of housekeeping budgets on from "AFL policy." There has to be two to six dollars less. That's the discipline (not conformity) in the mobilization of the NAACP.

Chairman of the meeting, and of the Defense Department. The east they can do for their loving ranks of labor. What business has n charge of arrangements, was Wright Aeronautical Corporamayor. Besides they're a lazy, Dubinsky to be represented in the athaniel C. Lee, treasurer of hiding bankrolls and fur coats in top union body in New York Local Union 1330, CIO United Steelworkers, and member of the executive board of the local NAACP. The featured speaker was Clarence G. Smith, Toledo attorney and newly-elected president of the Ohio State NAACP. Mr. Smith has been touring the Ohio branches, and reported on ome of the conditions which he found on this tour. He urged that the branches not sit back with

fat treasuries, but use their funds John Thornton, PAC Director of District 26, United Steel-

workers, flayed the police for

oaths from government empoyees

Stewart-Warner Orders 'Loyalty' Oaths in Plant

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Five workers who refused to sign non-Communist "loyalty" affidavits demanded by the Stewart-Warner Corporation, holder of a number of government contracts, were ordered to leave the Chicago

The Stewart - Warner policy plant on Dec. 20. They were given "10 days to think it over" or follows the pattern of Truman's "loyalty" purge and the in-

famous Taft-Hartley Law. Tru-This followed an announcement in the company's paper that the man's purge, based on the blackfirm will enforce its own ban on list of "subversive" organiza-"Communists." Henceforth, Ste- tions issued by former Attorney General Tom Clark, is being exwart'-Warner will bar from emtended from government employment in its main Chicago ployces to all workers, even in plant all "suspected" members, ex-members and sympathizers of private industry, engaged on govthe Communist Party. ernment contracts. Stewart-

"The only persons who might Warner officials, in announcing be asked to sign" an affidavit, their own version of the "loyalty" the company statement assures, purge, cited a Department of "would be those suspected of Defense directive on those "in-Youngstown Plays "would be those suspected of ligible for access" to military pany, of course, decides who is information.

The "non-Communist" affidavit 'suspect." of the Taft-Hartley Law model William W. Miller, company director of industrial relations, for the Stewart-Warner affidavit, emphasized the coercive nature applies only to top leaders of of the affidavit: "Refusal to sign unions which seek to use the will result in immediate dis- procedure of the National Labor **Relations Board. Both Philip Mur**missal."

ray and John L. Lewis have re-Stewart - Warner's policy goes far beyond the methods of the fused to sign such affidavits. "loyalty" purge so far used in Stewart - Warner is now putting Colored People on Dec. 15, as private industry. Workers have its own "Taft-Hartley" measure part of the national civil rights been fired as "poor security risks" into effect against all its workin a number of plants on orders ers.

Stewart-Warner's new policy, is directed, in part, against the tion, near Paterson, N. J., has United Electrical Workers, the demanded, that United Auto former bargaining agency. The Workers Local 669 sign a con- company cancelled its contract tract granting the company the with UE last June prior to a right to fire workers alleged to company - petitioned NIRB elecbe "subversive," but the union tion in which the AFL Internarejected this as an invasion of tional Brotherhood of Electrical the workers' political rights and Workers was the only union on freedom. Stewart - Warner, how- the ballot. The IBEW failed to ever, is proceeding to put into get the necessary outright maeffect its own political ban with- jority of votes cast and the UE has been demanding a new elecout asking anybody's leave. What worker's job, what active tion. The purge is designed to unionist's job will be safe if eliminate UE supporters from Stewart-Warner gets away with the plant and thus enable the this and other companies take up company to dictate the choice of the practice? lunions.



CHICAGO. Dec. 18 - "We live in the epoch of the fantastic falsehood," Vincent R. Dunne, veteran leader of police are very active in arresting | the Socialist Workers Party, told an audience of workers Communists, he pointed out, but and students here at Altgeld Hall 3geld who denounced the legal "We are bombarded with the lynchings of the 1880's," he said. "Vincent Dunne, the speaker of monstrous twin lies that there is the evening, stands among those true democracy in the United States and true socialism in the who will long be remembered as defenders of the rights of all the Stalinized Soviet Union," he said. exploited and the oppressed. He "Our job is to fight the Amerwill also be honored as a builder ican imperialist and the Stalinist of the labor movement and a lifeliars with the weapons of truth," long fighter for revolutionary so-Dunne declared, "and to encourcialism," Swabeck predicted.

Who Wants Germany Armed?

By Charles Hanley

There is much talk nowadays about the need to rearm Germany and possibly create a Western German Army to be integrated into the Western European "defense system."

After World War I, militarism was still popular with many German petty bourgeois. After World War II, after the total defeat of the Wehrmacht, its lost battles on German soil, its complete breakdown and the appalling misery and degradation which followed the deadly Anglo-American air offensive — after all these horrors, the Germans had their fill of militarism. They did not want to spend one more mark on armaments. They thought only of rebuilding their towns, feeding their starving children.

With the introduction of currency reform the food situation greatly improved in 1948, the stores were filled again, although money remained scarce and the buying power of the population remained insufficient on the whole. German capitalism was unquestionably strengthened by the policy of the U. S. State Department. The Western German. Federal Republic, created in 1949, spelled a greater share of profits and power for the German capitalists.

Yet they never dared openly to discuss the question of German rearmaments in all these years. very well how extremely unpopular the idea really is among the German masses. Even neo-fascist organizations and groups which have sprouted in recent months do not appear by and large to have openly asked for a new Wehrmacht as yet. The German bourgeoisie has shied away from militarism not alone because of fear of mass hatred for it. For the moment they do not depend on armament profits because they are drawing rather lush profits from reconstruction and are the major beneficiaries of the currency reform. In brief, no one in Germany originated the propaganda for the "need" of rearming Germany to complete "the defense system of the democracies."

authority was plumping for it in 1948 and where Field Marshal Montgomery is intriguing for it with American Brass Hats behind the scenes. The origin is in the Kremlin which is now working might and main to build up a "People's Army" in Eastern Germany.

Britain where General Fuller, a leading military

in a speech, he is merely responding to a cue by his imperialist protectors and senior partners who want him to probe public opinion in Germany (and Western Europe). Since reactions are still very far from enthusiastic, the American and British imperialists then step in to point out that Adenauer's remarks, that he had better abstain from making them, etc., etc.

These calculated denials also have the effect of project on Adenauer, their useful friend. Meanwhile they have succeeded in having the discussion publicly opened by a German, thus creating cialist Workers Party. Russia.

European workers understand far better than was the working class and that by the violations of civil rights youngsters were being beat up

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do the American workers that the German masses other abrogations were designed and the demand for "loyalty" by white hoodlums. The security

When Chanceller Adenauer refers to the topic UCLA Students Organize Marxist Forum, Hear Speech by Murry Weiss

AND HANDSOME PAY RISE

By Fred Hart

infinite wisdom and foresight had He too was thinking of O'Dwyer

- ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 Port of New York.

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come from. It was all set. Be-

shiftless lot anyway. Probably

the salary increase would

New York, "where eight million people live at peace

William Reid, Deputy Mayor,

would have to go up to thirteen

By Cyrus Berne

"friend?"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 - A group of UCLA students they think the moment is not well chosen for have organized themselves as a Marxist Student Forum. in pressing the civil rights fight. The first meeting, held across the street from the UCLA

campus, which bars "partisan". unloading the responsibility for their unpopular speakers and groups, was address- method of analyzing these prob-

The group, he said, was con-Speaking on "Civil Rights" and the impression that it is the Germans themselves who are asking for an armed force and who want the growing attacks on them, ican militarism and its intrusion a share in military preparations against Soviet Weiss drove home the point that into their line, the the real target for these attacks into their lives. It was disturbed police stood by, while Negro

The origin is in the United States. It is here that leading weeklies like Life and other periodicals including the dailies have come out in favor of German rearmament. The origin is also in

actually are hostile to remilitarization, but that with this ultimate end in sight. Wall Street is anxious to recruit German soldiers Weiss gave his opinion on the posfor World War III. The international and particularly the American working class alone can sibilities of the united front, destop imperialist war preparations. It is however, claring that the biggest obstacle impossible to stop these preparations without to its formation was the Stalinist putting an end to imperialist control over Ger- attitude towards united action, many, without calling for the immediate with-Minneapolis "sedition" trial. drawal of all occupation troops. Failing this, the Answering a question concernimperialists on the one side and the Kremlin on the other will increasingly favor German neoing civil rights for fascists, he exfascists and the former Nazi generals. Both sides will collaborate with them in building up new gard the government as a disin- problems by means of free and would send one, and maybe two, age others who believe in truth auxiliary forces. The resurgence of militarism in both the Soviet and Allied zones will make the

Big Brass and all the reactionaries so much the bolder everywhere. It is equally certain that once Germany is rearmed, mankind will be pushed to the very threshold of World War III.

and on the university campus itself, because here "loyalty" was do nothing against the fascists. tonight. defined as conformity. It was impressed with the significance of the rise of revolutionary move-

exemplified by their role in the crises in Western Europe, resistinist bureaucracy.

The purpose of the Forum, he local union was contributing \$50 plained that it was foolish to re- said, is to further analyze these to the local NAACP work, and terested umpire on the political open discussion. Participants scene and that therefore the work- would have the chance to fairly ton civil rights conference on ing class would have to rely on its test the value and contributions Jan. 15 to 17. own organized strength for de- of the Marxist method.

fense against attacks by the fas- | In practice, the Marxist Student Forum will function primarily

One of the members of the For- through lectures, forums and open um gave a talk explaining how discussion. It plans to have outaudience. the group had come to be organiz- side speakers address the group

ed. Several of the students, in- and to contribute, in the light of formally exchanging their views their particular experiences, to on current problems, had come to the students' consciousness of so- tribution to the Socialist Workers fights to defend civil rights today the conclusion that the Marxist cial reality.

SOLDIERS RESIST

Harry Green, representing Local 1330, said that his local ments throughout Asia, political does not believe in just lipservice when it comes to civil ance by the Yugoslavs to the Stal- rights. He urged that everyone get behind the civil rights program. He announced that his

representatives to the Washing- and justice to join in that fight."

A donation of \$25 from the Mahoning County CIO Council was announced, and a collection whom the meeting hall is named, of \$35 was taken among the

pardoned the few Haymarket martyrs who had not been executed before he took office. Have you sent in your con-

"The Socialist Workers Party Party Building Fund? in the tradition of John Peter Alt-

Comrade Dunne's visit here will be rounded out with an open-Arne Swabeck, pioneer revoluhouse social at the party headtionary socialist and a well-known Marxist writer, presided at the quarters where all the members meeting. He told how former Gov- and friends of the party will have a chance to meet him. ernor Altgeld of Illinois, after

> CALUMET, Dec. 19 - Vincent R. Dunne today addressed a group of steel and railroad workers and their wives here in this teeming industrial area next door to Chicago.

He told about the victimization of militant workers by the union bureaucrats who are helping the American imperialists extend their witch-hunt into the unions. Comrade Dunne described how

John Mahoney, a militant seaman, has been victimized by the bureauare concerned. But they are spared cause. They work among the crats of the Sailors Union of the the "re-educational" meetings mass of the deportees, and many Pacific because he dared to ask who gave the order for the SUP to break strikes of other unions. "The only thing wrong with Comrade Dunne's visits," said a steel worker comrade, "is that they don't happen often enough."

> what new great demands have Schedule of Dunne's **Tour on Civil Rights**

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Notes from the News

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY in New Jersey is discussing whether to enter its own candidates or support candidates of the capitalist parties in the 1950 congressional elections.

JAMES P! THOMPSON, well-known IWW leader, died in Seattle this month at the age of 76. Big Jim was active in the Lawrence textile strike and the Bisbee mine fight and was one of the IWW members indicted and sent to Leavenworth in the mass trials during World War I. A talented orator, he is credited with the expression that a scissorbill is a man "who is a worker from his ears down and a capitalist from his ears up." * * *

THE NAACP has asked for "immediate clarification" of the new amendments on Federal Housing Administration regulations regarding race discrimination in federal government-aided housing. The NAACP maintains no finances should be given to applicants unless they sign a written guarantee not to practice discrimination, which FHA rules do not do.

LARRY GARA, youthful Bluffton (Ohio) College dean of men, has been released from jail on parole after serving seven months of an 18-month sentence for allegedly counselling a conscientious objector to stick by his beliefs in resisting the draft.

THE UAW NEWSPAPER discloses in its December issue that a General Motors executive and a General Motors lawyer are actively involved in the "American Guard," a mysterious "new secret bipartisan organization specializing in midnight meetings" and having a strong anti-labor, pro-

fascist tinge.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN was asked, to grant in a letter by 70 prominent educators, scientists, writers and clergymen last week, a Christmas amnesty restoring the civil rights of conscientious

objectors "who have already paid heavily for their beliefs with long prison terms." Truman did not answer the letter, but his Justice Department announced that he "had no plans" to issue any Christmas pardons. * * *

NEW YORK'S AFL Central Trades and Labor of Joseph Tuvim, ILGWU representative on the "the Syrma," a special depart- to "the Syrma." council's executive board. Tuvim was "requested" ment of the camp for incorto resign by council president Martin T. Lacey rigibles. because the ILGWU refused to support the re- To this day, after three years election of Tammany's Mayor O'Dwyer, who had of the existence of the Makrothe backing of the AFL and CIO. ILGWU Presi- nissos camp, not a single person dent David Dubinsky had previously said that it has come back from this Syrma was "unthinkable" that the council would try to to relate exactly what transpires

dictate the political views of its affiliates.

HARVARD STUDENT COUNCIL last week none talks about it. Many have adopted a resolution banning discrimination for been killed on the pretext that their constitutions. * * *

DAVID McDONALD, secretary-treasurer of this sinister place, have told of Makronissos. This is by no means the CIO United Steelworkers, announced on his catching glimpses of veritable an isolated example. On the return from the conference of the new Interna- human specters wandering around, whole, the soldiers prefer a tional Confederation of Free Trade Unions, that often atrociously mutilated, with hundred times to remain in exile he doesn't want it "to be a branch of the world legs and arms broken, eyes rather than go free to fight under teach "our idea of trade unionism" to European off.

AFL leaders do here.

tended for another three years.

THE DEATH CAMP OF MAKRONISSOS (Continued from page 1)

One would think that after all this, the morale of the soldiers would be quickly broken, but this there. It is certain that the sol-

diers disappear quickly there, and Last year, when a battalion was selected among the deportees and brought to the front to fight the race, color or nationality in all college organiza- they sought to escape. No one is partisans, before the battle has always had worthy militants tions. Affiliated groups were given until October permitted to come near "the started most of the soldiers and has never taken fright in the 1952 to remove all discriminatory clauses from Syrma." But soldiers, who during deserted to the partisans. The face of the waves of reaction. their forced labor chores have bloody hangmen were thus obliged Unwavering fighters in the revolu-

been brought in the proximity of to bring the others back again to

socialist movement" and that U. S. unions must gouged out, noses and ears cut the orders of the bourgeoisie and for its interests. labor. McDonald just can't understand why they To crown their cynicism, the At the other extremity of

don't support capitalist parties, as the CIO and Greek bourgeoisie from time to Makronissos is located the camp time sends notable visitors to the of the politicals. They number model "re-education" camp at many thousands; together with

fense Secretary Louis Johnson has told President forced to appear gay, singing and statements of the Athens govern-Truman. This means that one of the planks in shouting glory to the King and ment, they total some 30,000. next year's "welfare state" program will be the the paternalistic government. The politicals are better or-

continuation of the draft, which is scheduled to. Those who do not extert them-expire next^{*} June and which Johnson wants ex-selves in displaying their joy and their labor gangs. They are break their nerves and their will Greek militants now in prison or and enthusiasm are quickly naturally subjected to the same to resist.

[ferreted out by informers planted harsh treatment as the soldiers] But our comrades have dedicat-Council last week voted to accept the resignation applaud are immediately sent to among the deportees and sent off so far as food, water and tortures ed their lives to the proletarian

> and speeches. workers who have broken with The revolutionary struggle, as the Stalinist bureaucracy follow always is exacting a toll from them. They suffer, they die, but no word of complaint has passed our party. Our comrades continue is not at all the case. The soldiers their heroic struggle on the crags their lips. They have never asked aid from our party because they

know how poor the party is and skyist revolutionists continue been imposed on it by illegality. their fight against the horrible But we who know their suffercapitalist oppression. Our party ings are appealing to all the or-

the world: Help the heroes of Makronissos! Extend moral and material aid

Organize a campaign in the

press and hold solidarity meetings

The abolition of the Greek ex-

termination camps at Makronissos

to demand:

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are there to remind the working class, every hour, every moment of its duty.

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tionary struggle, dozen of our comrades deported to Makronissos to those who are giving their lives for the socialist revolution; to those who are and who will

remain symbols of the revolu-The militants who have spent

jected to a double oppression: not their henchmen in the camp, who

continue to resist in their own of Makronissos. Young comrades side by side with veteran Trot-

ganizations of the Fourth International and to the workers of