# Pittsburgh Civil Rights Violated in **Rising Witch-Hunt**

Vol. XIV - No. 12 PITTSBURGH, March 12 — The witch-hunt hysteria which has been deliberately built up here for the last three weeks and in which the Hearst and Scripps-Howard papers have played a leading Dr.

part, came to a head yesterday to renting his business offices, when a police squad, headed by wired to record all discussions. to an "under - cover" FBI agent, party committees.

staged a raid on the headquarters Dietze testified before the House of a travel agency and confiscated Un-American Committee that he files of the American Slav Con- had applied to the FBI for a job gress and other Stalinist front as informer out of a long-standing organizations who allegedly met hatred of communism and his there. distaste for communists prevented

The "under-cover" FBI agent is him from mingling intimately one George Dietze, well - heeled with local party members. The local jeweler and a gentleman of pressure of public opinion in some standing in the exclusive upper class Mt. Lebanon, Dietze residential district of Mount admitted, had been too much for Lebanon. He had posed as a CP him. He is the second stoolpigeon

Committee.

member for the last 10 years, but apparently confined his activities

## **General Motors Rakes in World's Biggest Profits**

**General Motors Corporation last** year raked in the greatest profits even his immediate family and ever squeezed out of its workers best personal friends considered by any corporation in the world. him an ardent Communist.

GM's report, made public on Cvetic's revelations - and later March 13, reveals that in 1949 its net profits after taxes were Dietze's - were seized upon in \$656,434,232 - a 49% increase sensational headlines by the over the previous record year of | Hearst and Scripps-Howard press. 1948. This represents an admitted These papers immediately began 11.5% profit on sales. The report publishing the names of 146 per-11.5% profit on sales. The report publishing the names of 146 perdoes not disclose the profit in sons fingered by Cvetic as active relation to invested capital — the local CP members, stating their For Bohannan sons fingered by Cvetic as active place of work, home addresses basis on which profits are figured and party activities. They profor tax purposes.

Ten days previously, the mised to list others as Cvetic Chrysler Corporation, whose work- released them from the files he ers are on strike for a 10-cent stole from the CP here. pension plan, reported its greatest profits — \$132,170,096 in 1949 INDICTMENTS SOUGHT

compared with \$89,187,240 in 1948. Last month GM announced it

was cutting the hourly wages of Simultaneous with the March 10 its production workers by two raid, County Court Judge Gunther cents in accordance with the and a local lawyer named Shersliding scale cost-of-living wage man have started "action" to contract which UAW President indict local Stalinist leaders on criminal charges of sedition and Walter Reuther signed in May conspiracy. This demand was 1948.

front-paged by the Pittsburgh (See article on Page 2 on the experiences of the GM workers Post-Gazette on March 11. Typical of the cynicism with with Reuther's sliding-scale con-(Continued on page 4) tract.)

## Stalinists Expel Member for **Opposing Anti-SWP Violence** which we have embarked upon as the other parties on such major and the other parties of the ot

JUST TRY IT ON FOR SIZE uncovered in recent weeks among the Stalinists here. The other is Matthew Cvetic, notorious in local Slav circles as a leading Stalinist for several years. Cvetic unveiled himself as an FBI agent on Feb. BILL 18 before the House Un-American Cvetic boasted that he had not only fooled such leading figures as Roy Hudson and district organizer Steve Nelson, but that

In New Jersey

NEWARK, March 14 - The Socialist Workers Party last week filed the necessary petitions to The newspapers have spared

ballot as its candidate for Conno pains in an effort to create gress from New Jersey's 11th an atmosphere of fear and hate. District in the 1950 elections. "We expect this to be the most effective electoral campaign for revolutionary socialism that our party has ever conducted in New Jersey," said George Breitman,

Gray

campaign manager for Bohannan. "The political conditions are ripe for such a campaign, and both

parties a run for their money."

mary election; and Bohannan.

The Socialist Party also failed

to nominate a candidate in this

Jersey and Michigan proves.

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week, it was learned that there struction days. She told the state pared to their phony claims to the 11th District congressional speech:

race next November — the in-cumbent Fair Deal Democrat, which we have embarked upon as THE STATE ISSUES

SWP PICKS CANDIDATES FOR CAMPAIGN IN PENN.

THE VERY LATEST MODEL -

GUARANTEED TO LAST A LIFETIME!

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#### By J. Minuit

PHILADELPHIA, March 12 - Socialist Workers Party candidates for U. S. Senator and Governor were izations. place William E. Bohannan on the named today at a conference here of delegates from all Pennsylvania branches of the SWP.

bearer for the Senate. Herbert paign for socialism." Lewin was nominated for the The delegates heard a report on

revolutionary socialism.

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ting ready to give the capitalist U. S. Senatorship from Pennsyl- devastating exposure of the seats in the Colombo Council and vania and the first Negro candi- records of the Democratic and When petitions were filed last date for that office since Recon- Republican candidates as com-

minorities."

Workers of the World, Unite !

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# Down United **Defense Pact Brushes Off Lewis' Proposal**

## 30,000 Attend **Ceylon Meeting Of Trotskyists**

A huge mass meeting of 30,-000 was held at Colombo, Ceylon, on Feb. 4 under the joint auspices merger.

Despite the organization by the government of another public the basis for indispensable joint meeting scheduled simultaneously action by all labor against the in order to create a diversion, thousands of people came from tons and their political agents, all parts of the country to swell will certainly astound many steel the attendance, all of them en- workers in particular. thused by the prospect of the unification of the Trotskyist organ- failure to attain such mutual

The mass meeting was chaired Last fall the steel workers fought by Comrade N. M. Perera. Among for six long weeks on the picket "This is not a campaign in sup- the speakers were Leslie Goona- lines to gain a picayune pension Clyde Turner accepted the port of individuals, as it is with wardena (Tilak) and Colvin R. de plan. Had they joined forces with nomination as the party's banner the capitalist parties, but a cam- Silva, both of whom urged speedy the striking miners against their

The organizations involved are tions, the steel workers and the gubernatorial candidacy. They Pennsylvania politics by H. Oliver, the Bolshevik Samasamaja Party miners together would have will campaign on a program of of Philadelphia, who pointed out and the Lanka Samasamaja Par- bowled over the companies in the exceptional opportunities that ty, who hold seven seats in the record time and both would have Comrade Turner will be the have opened up for the SWP in Ceylon Parliament. In the recent won far more substantial gains. our candidate and party are get- first woman ever to run for a the coming election. He made a municipal elections they won five **"USEFUL PURPOSE"** one of them was elected Deputy Mayor.

Never before in the last few struggle, and the General Motors will be only three candidates in delegates in her acceptance being "friends of labor and years have the Ceylonese workers workers, facing a new fight with demonstrated with such enthus- the most powerful industrial coriasm their solidarity with the poration in the world, aren't so able, as it did in your recent Trotskyist organizations. The uni- ready to assign "no useful pur- struggle, for every necessary and

For "Mutual Aid" in Strikes Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the United Steel Workers, on March 9 stated that "no useful purpose would be served by concluding" a common defense pact between the steel union and the<sup>3</sup> United Mine Workers, as pro-

posed by UMW President John L. Lewis. Murray's off-hand rejection of Lewis' proposal, which could lay combined attacks of the corpora-

They can best realize what defense up to now has cost them.

common enemy, the steel corpora-

The Chrysler strikers, now in the eighth week of their prolonged

PHILIP MURRAY

asked to join in. He offered this as an answer to the idea "increasingly prevalent in industrial and financial circles that our great industrial unions should be attacked and crippled, one by

#### WHAT LEWIS MEANS

Murray answers Lewis with the false claim that the CIO "will always make its resources avail-

unification.

of the two Trotskyist organizations who are now negotiating a

#### By John Black

Coast People's World on Feb. 24 announced the expulsion of Foster Williams, a young Negro student and worker, "as a Trotskyite, police-spy and The full text of his statement disrupter." follows:

inist bureaucrats for having "MALICIOUS SLANDER" spoken up against goon squad tactics used by them against a group of Socialist Workers Party members who were distributing literature at the Lenin Memorial Meeting of the CP. Thereupon, his organizer came up to him and told him, "Comrade Williams, you are suspended." He was then ordered to leave the meeting. The first notice he had of his expulsion was the smear article in the People's World.

This article says that "parad ing as a student, this traitor spread Trotskyite lies about the Communist Party, its leadership and the Soviet Union. In particular he tried to disrupt Negrowhite unity and to penetrate progressive youth organizations with his poison. Most recently he was exposed in a deliberate Trotskvite provocation aimed at disrupting the Lenin memorial meeting in Seattle."

It also charges that "in addition it is conclusively established that Williams is a stool-pigeon and police spy of long standing whose activities included gathering information for the police and their Trotskyite agents."

#### WILLIAMS' REPLY

Williams, educational director of his branch and chairman of his YPA chapter, has issued a public statement on his expulsion. He was also able to bring his case to public atention through a front page interview with a reporter for

the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. In explaining the real causes that led to his expulsion, Williams told the reporter that he still believes in Marxist theory of Communism but not in the policy of Stalin. He is quoted as Communist Party to bring forstating that the American Stalin- ward any evidence to back their mitted to be capitalist-controlled, who is putting up the big money of people you could meet anywhere."

SEATTLE — The Northwest edition of the West

Williams ran foul of the Stal-

"I brand as malicious slander most districts where Trumanites the accusation of the Stalinist are now in office. leaders of the Communist Party that I am a police informer operating in the labor and progressive movement and a disrupter of Negro-white unity. This | This is the first time in many kind of accusation is the usual decades that the SP will not enkind of name calling that the ter its own ticket. The SP is now Stalinist leaders use against engaged in discussing a proposal

members of the Communist Party who venture to express differences of opinion with official party policy.

"My expulsion from the Communist Party arose over the fact that I defended the rights of the Socialist Workers Party, the Trotskyists, who are working class opponents of the Communist Party, to distribute their literature on the street outside of a Communist party meeting. The Stalinists call the Trotskyists police spies. I believe that that

sent out a goon squad of about twenty men to prevent three or four members of the Socialist Workers Party from giving out literature. One of the people in

#### the goon squad assaulted one of the women distributors and tore the literature out of her hands. The literature consisted of an announcement of a Socialist Worker's Party forum on the Ne-

gro question. "I spoke up against the goon squad because I am opposed to the use of violence as a means of settling differences of opinion inside the labor and progressive

movement. I favor democratic procedures. "I challenge the leaders of the cutives, etc.

their rights being violated but the police or a disrupter of Ne- pared to the Democratic Party. al parties." they are the most despotic bunch gro-white unity. If they don't The Republican National Combring forward their evidence, let mittee could count similar contrib-

that they really are."

state issues of the campaign as the capitalist 'friends of labor' and 'friends of the Negroes'."

PP, SP ABSTAIN Lewin will carry the campaign The Progressive Party did not to the Pennsylvania workers not enter a candidate although it ran as an outside "sympathizer" with outrageous taxes, the shameful had been banking on a split in pact for common defense" in one in 1948 and has a larger mem- their problems but as a wellbership in this district than the known union militant who daily SWP. This abstention is in line faces the same problems in his except Mississippi, which has none with the 1950 Wallaceite policy own life. In accepting the nominof avoiding electoral struggles in ation for governor, he said:

#### **CIO Hits Mundt Bill** As "Totalitarian"

district - or in any other of the The CIO has joined in the state's 14 congressional districts. widespread opposition to the Mundt - Ferguson police - state bill, which was recently approved by the Senate Judiciary to withdraw from virtually all in-Committee with the support dependent electoral activity. But of Trumanite Senators. Nathan it evidently is not waiting until Cowan, CIO legislative direcits national convention in the tor, said the bill would confer spring to put the new policy into on the FBI "the power of life effect - as its abstention in New and death over all organizations." He said, "Under this In 1948 Addonizio was elected bill, organizations would be with 52,644 votes; his Republican judged not on the basis of opponent got 50,920; the Waltheir acts but on their beliefs. laceite 3,088; Bohannan 2,387; the Such thought-control is totali-Prohibition candidate 864; and the tarian. not democratic."

the state civil rights law, the miserable and unjust relief laws, the anti-labor judicial system, the ization among the Stalinists who

Workmen's Compensation Law, Trotskyist ranks. which is the worst of any state at all.

Michael Bartell, New York SWP organizer, was a guest speaker. "Socialism will be in this campaign from beginning to end," he told the delegates. "And while the Democrats and Progressives are busy denying the Republican charges of 'socialism,' we will vigorously point out that in this one respect they are telling the truth, that their bankrupt programs have nothing in common with the struggle for a socialist society." While other so - called "radical" parties are surrendering on the electoral front, "our party is forging ahead --- winning for ourselves the name of the party of socialism." The delegates from all parts of

the state described the favorable conditions in their areas for rousing campaign and mapped out a program of campaign action.

meeting, there were to be noted capacities and power to win vicunquestionable signs of demoral- tories.

Lewis suggested a "mutual aid strikes, with other unions being

Mass Meeting in Colombo



Shown above is part of the audience of 30,000 who assembled from all sections of Ceylon to attend the Trotskyist mass meeting at Colombo on Feb. 4, called by the two Trotskyist organizations who are in process of negotiating the unification of their forces.

CIO leaders to offer the miners in the ninth month of their struggle is not at all the equivalent of what Lewis proposes. He proposes to confront the corporations in advance of any major labor struggle with the sure knowledge that if they don't grant the unions' just demands they will face from the start the joint power of the greatest unions.

Murray claims he sees "no useful purpose" in thus defending the interests of labor against the nonopolies and their government ools. But he does see a "useful purpose" in joining with the AFL and reactionary labor leaders of the Marshall Plan countries in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to swing European labor into the camp of American imperialism. Murray also finds a "useful purpose" in forming political alliances with the AFL bureaucrats to back capitalist party candidates in the 1950 elections.

#### WHAT HE FEARS

But the biggest reason Murray opposes Lewis' proposal is that is against militant union action, joint or otherwise. He fears such a move as Lewis proposes will inspire the fighting spirit of the rank and file in every union. He wants to cling to his dirty political alliance with the Truman Democrats and

"defend" the unions by reliance on the White House.

The miners have just proved again that the way to win real In the light of who pays the gains for labor is by reliance on freight of the Democratic Party, the workers' independent strength those union leaders who talk and solidarity in action. And the about labor "taking over" the way to achieve this best is in

Let all the unions get together tic Party — they have it. And in a United Congress of Labor to money that shows they intend to action. Let elected representatives' of the rank and file discuss and draft and set in motion a prac-

kidding itself about the Democra- tical and feasible plan for mutual reports is nothing new. The Dem-ocratic Party, like the Republican, has always been financed by Big Business and has always have have been formed by Big tic Party being the "poor man's aid and defense. Labor would

"At the Lenin Memorial meeting on Jan. 29, the party leaders Big-Money Finances Democratic Machine

By Joseph Keller

inists, carries a list of 78 bigmoney boys who in 1949 contrib- GOP's \$260,445. uted from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each

National Committee. These 78 individuals who make and labor-haters in the country, manufacturers, liquor distillers WHY THEY SHELL OUT

and dealers, motion picture producers, aircraft corporation exe-Even the Republican Party, ad-

ists are "always screaming about claim that I am an informer for shows up like a poor relation com- to help finance our major politic-

ty? The current issue of The contributions than the Republican "apparently a lot of businessmen embarrassing the union leaders. Machinist, publication of the In- Party. The Democratic National now think the Fair Deal program ternational Association of Mach- Committee reported total dona- is good for business" as well as

tions of \$1,394,263 as against the for labor. This is to say that hard-headed around misrepresenting the Dem-

No union officials are included and tight-fisted business men are ocratic Party as an "ally of lato the coffers of the Democratic in the list of big donors of either laying cold cash on the line beparty. They prefer to spend the cause they believe in Truman's with the party boasts a Democratic Party sound pretty the spirit of Lewis' proposal. money of the union members to "Fair Deal" demagogy the way list of big contributors that reads

the biggest contributions to the Democratic Party nationally in- nes in operation, particularly the they're shelling out the big dough the way like a "Who's Who in Wall Street?" They've been blaming clude some of the richest tycoons Democratic Party, which they con-for the Democratic Party because the failure of Truman to live up they're spending the kind of formulate a program of joint tinue to palm off as 'labor's party.' they believe it is the only party to his "Fair Deal" promises solethat can fool the workers with ly on the opposition of the Re-

The Machinist explains that it from building a party of its own about the opposition of the big is publishing the list of big-mon- and retain political power for the capitalists who grease the wheels ey supporters of the two parties capitalist class.

But the paper draws the con-lusion that the list doesn't sig-canitalist party. Today, however them stand exposed for the liars utions from only 20 individuals. clusion that the list doesn't sig- capitalist party. Today, however, Democratic camp occurred in the controlled by the workers them- "one at a time" and go on to win The Democratic Party was fa- nify that the Democratic Party is the financial hold of the capital- very year, 1949, when Truman selves.

"socialist" and just after he obtained office primarily through EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS the labor vote.

How can they continue to go

soft-brained. The capitalists don't have to "take over" the Democrakeep it.

"Fair Deal" promises, keep labor publicans and Dixiecrats. "How Labor won't get any deal except a raw deal, until it quits of the Democratic Party and keep



vored not only by more big con- a bought-and-paid-for instrument ists on the Democratic Party is was being ding-donged by the Who owns the Democratic Par- tributors, but with bigger total of Big Business. It claims that becoming so conspicuous that it is capitalist press as a veritable

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#### European Notebook -

Page Two

### **Toward A Dictatorial State** In Western Europe? By Ernest Germain

The retention of a slight Labor-|chief of staff of the Belgian arite majority in the new British my, General Van Overstraeten. Parliament retards to some ex- The struggle taking shape around tent the evolution toward a dic- this "consultation of the people," tatorial state in Western Europe. which will formally permit Parlia-Several developments in recent ment to decide whether to allow weeks, however, tend to center the the king to resume his constitupolitical spotlight on this evolu- tional functions, has become transformed into a veritable battion. The "Scandal of the Generals," the over whether it was right or

reported in the main by the world wrong to have resisted Nazi impress, has greatly discredited perialism during the second most of the bourgeois-democratic World War.

The principal bourgeois party figures and parties in France. It seems evident that this scandal of the country, the Catholic Parwas organized by de Gaullist ele- ty, which is at the same time ments, and it is not even excluded the only one in favor of Leopold that the key figure of the scandal, III's return to the throne, has the crook Robert Peyre, may be made itself attorney for all the a direct agent of the de Gaullists. politicians and industrialists who "stuck to their posts" during the The publication of the correspondence of this crook, now in flight war, that is, who amassed imto Latin America, demonstrated mense fortunes through collaborthat the topmost figures of the ation with the Nazis. The Belgian Fourth Republic, including the bourgeoisie hopes to achieve by chief of the army general staff, the return of Leopold to the National Assembly, were intim- legislation, but even the release ately involved with Peyre, asking of the principal fascist leaders small favors from him as if he were an all-powerful personage. tion."

The profound corruption of the ITALIAN TRENDS milieu of professional politicians There has been a similar tenrectly by the fascists in 1934. The Fourth Republic now has its "Scandal of the Generals" ex-lini's fascist republic, a man re-"Scandal of the Generals" exploited by General de Gaulle who parades as the only "clean" fig-ure among all those rotten parties. Thus, an atmosphere is being created for a parliamentary com-bination which would provide a bridge for de Gaulle's return to power. Is it not rumored that the President of the Council, Georges of the MRP which played a leading role in bringing the scandal cret connections with his ex-chieftain de Gaulle and does not act Minister of the Interior, refused without his consent?

#### IN WESTERN GERMANY

Western Germany has been in papermen. recent months the scene of sev- STALINIST POLICY eral political and judicial inci-The adventurist policy now pur dents which showed plain as day sued by the Stalinist parties in how high reaction is raising its Western Europe favors to a great head. A rightist deputy in the degree the tendency toward set- he warned. It is 'necessary for the Social Democratic leaders, in Stalinists and ending invariably exile after 1933, as "traitors." In in defeats for the workers antaleads an organization for all. The strikes and political named "Patriotic Union" which demonstrations which the Stalinhas the same organizational ists are currently organizing structure as the old Nazi party against the Atlantic Pact and the lerite tradition.

to categorically reject in his Feb.

26 interview with foreign news-

### **Poised for Crackdown on Strikers**



Policeman draws his gun as members of the CIO Steelworkers picket American Snuff Co. plant in Memphis, where violence has marked two-month strike. The strikers are demanding 30c hourly pay boost, retroactive to last October, and dues checkoff.

the minister of National Defense and even the president of the National Assembly, were intim-legislation, but even the release **COCHRAN IN BOSTON** 

BOSTON, March 10 - Bert Cochran, chairman of the tradition. The Third Republic had dency in the evolution of Italian Trade Union Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, its Stavisky scandal exploited diment of a new left-wing in the D

American labor movement. The based on a socialist program and victory of the reactionary Murray educating the ranks in preparaand Reuther machines and their tion for the next upsurge of the success in bureaucratizing the labor movement.

**Cochran's Tour** Following is the schedule for Bert C.chran's national tour on President of the Council, Georges Bidault, head of the right wing sentatives of the parties compos-ment. "The trade union bureau-betroit "The Gutlook for Labor": ing the government coalition. And crats have utilized the fight with Milwaukee voices have been raised for the the Stalinists to saddle their own Chicago Minneapolis-St. Paul Apr. 1-4 machines on the membership, demands which the sinister Scelba, stifle all rank and file criticism, Seattle San Francisco-Oakland and tie the labor movement to the cold war policies of Wall Los Angeles Street and Washington," he said. St. Louis Cleveland All hopes of persuading the

Akron present top leadership of the trade Youngstown unions to follow a progressive, Pittsburgh anti-capitalist course are illusory,

#### Federal Assembly, Hedler, was ac- ting up of dictatorial states. "Ro- militant members of the unions Philadelphia quitted in court after insulting tating strikes" organized by the to start building a movement Newark

30 New York May 1 2 - 36 exile after 1933, as "traitors." In Munich, this notorious laboratory of all prefascist and neo-Nazi ad-venturers, a demagogue Feiten-and order be re-established once

districts the Labor candidates, this. When the victorious candi- "responsible government" will By T. Burns LONDON - The British gen- who included numerous petty- date, Dr. Jeger, came out of the wash the Liberals away. No one detail. eral election is over, but nothing bourgeois careerist types, were Town Hall to make a speech takes them really seriously, and In January and February we and lays public claim to the Hit- war in Indo-China take such ex- has been resolved. The battle of looked upon with hostility by the thanking the voters, the Tories their supporters are much nearer had quite a few such subscribers Deris Hilson. treme forms as acts of military the polls has resulted in stale- workers.

In the Bonn parliament occur repeated incidents following the line winging into action to help in the mighty battalions is by "shock squads" and has brought the might battalions is by "shock squads" and has brought the might battalions is by "shock squads" and has brought the might battalions is by "shock squads" and has brought the efforts of the Presidium to stifle even destruction of shipments, of labor, 13,000,000 strong, face to tical party in the history of face with the Tory capitalist British politics. The workers never seen before. the German trade union leaders Obviously any bourgeois state enemy and its temporary middle trudged to the polls not out of blind faith in its policy or trust THE MIDDLE CLASS denounced the fact that in the which strives to maintain itself the aid of the Un the which strives to maintain itself the aid of the Un the which strives to maintain itself the aid of the Un the which which the which strives to come — and the for several years to come — and the "nice spoken" gentlemen Morrison and the right wing set British Labor will be endowed ture Agent Gus Mason, in which Workers. Thank you." chancellory of President Aden- for several years to come - and auer there are: a certain Dr. Glob- no one should believe that the London, Birmingham, Glasgow, who were candidates, but out of out to woo the middle class by with a high political content. "red pins indicate active subauer there are: a certain Dr. Glob- no one should believe that the Manchester, Newcastle on Tyne, loyalty to a socialist ideal against studiously avoiding all references Their experiences with two minor- scriptions, white pins those exke, who was a co-author of the socialism during the campaign. ity Labor governments, one with piring in the current month. Dr. Kutscher, editor of theses on fiercely defending its class privi- the great mining areas of S. class issues were clear and they It fell on deaf ears. The truth of a huge majority, and now a stale- white pins with a black cross

present shouted, "Speak in Yid- the Tories than Labor. The fact in some areas. And so branches

class basis such as Britain has majority seems most likely.

How GM Sliding Scale Worked Out By Art Preis struggle with the corporation for pany foresaw better than Reu-cent original increase. In June

Militant said.

This month, for the first time

of the sliding-scale clause. Two As The Militant pointed out at preceding cuts under the clause the time, this company-designed had merely cancelled out the clause, put forward as a substithree-cent gain made in Sept. tute for the basic wage increases 1948 when the cost-of-living in- to which the workers were endex rose. The latest two-cent cut, titled, differed in fundamental effective from March 1 to May respects from the kind of sliding 29 when the present two-year scale which the GM militants contract expires, brings the total themselves were demanding. of sliding-scale cuts to five cents, or two cents more than the total WHAT REUTHER ACCEPTED

gain.

ly will put in a bad light the whole with previous rises in the cost of their sliding-scale program," The concept of the sliding scale of living. GM militants had proposwages, which progressive union- ed, in addition, a cost-of-living ists have advocated as the most sliding-scale bonus to provide for immediately effective method of automatic and proportional wage protecting real wages in periods increases above the basic scale to of rapid price rises. It would be meet price rises during the life ly defective GM contract reveals THE GM EXPERIENCE most unfortunate, however, if of the contract. They also decontract which UAW President possible.

Walter Reuther accepted in GM.

A PROTECTIVE CLAUSE

tive clauses in wage contracts to ten so as not to affect in any way from this 11 cents, to be adjusted

the basic wage scales. It was necessary to fight constantly for in the U. S. Bureau of Labor higher basic wages and at the Statistics cost-of-living index same time to make sure that these every three months, but cuts higher wage rates would not suf- could not total more than five fer hidden cuts due to inflation- cents. On top of this, Reuther

ary price rises. The sliding-scale signed a long-term two-year con-March 20-25 clause was proposed not as a sub- tract. 29-31

#### stitute for, but a supplement and protection to basic wage increases. MAJOR DEFECTS

5-8 During the eight-year period of Thus Reuther's contract was 9 - 12wartime and postwar inflation, defective in a number of vital 15 - 20Reuther bitterly fought our con- points. 1. It provided a basic 22 cept of the sliding wage scale. wage that was seven cents an He was joined in this by the Stal- hour less than that secured by 23-24 inists and others of the most con- the Chrysler and Ford workers. 25 servative and reactionary ele- 2. The sliding scale was introduc-26-27 ments in the union leadership ed not at the beginning or in the 28 who put forward the nonsensical midst of the inflation, but at the "roll-back-of-prices" program. very end, when all the signs But in May 1948, when the GM pointed to a period of declining workers faced a possibly bitter prices - a factor that the com-

basic wage increases to close the ther. It was a contract that tied 1949, it was cut another cent, thus since the CIO United Auto Work- huge gap between wages and pri- the workers' hands for a long cancelling out the first three-cent since the CIO United Auto Work-ers signed the sliding-scale cost-of-living wage contract with Gen-eral Motors in May 1948, the GM workers are getting a net cut in wage rates due to the operations ed by the company. a sliding-scale proposition offer-bed by the company. bed by the co

operations of Reuther's admitted-

The Militant pointed out on May for GM workers remained at 14 31, 1948, the GM sliding-scale cents until this month. Even with clause might work out to the dis- the latest two-cent cut, it is still advantage of the GM workers in a cent higher than the original the long run. "Naturally, in nego- raise.

tiating a sliding-scale contract, During the first 21 months of the workers must be wary of such the operations of the GM sliding 'gimmicks' as have been incorpor- scale, on a 40-hour week basis the ated into the GM contract. In tak- increases due to the sliding scale ing over the wage program of the totalled \$36.40. Now, however, the UAW progressives, the Reuther- sliding scale represents a net loss What the GM workers sought ites have distorted it and left out of two cents an hour, which will was a 25-cent an hour basic wage the safeguards which the progres- total \$10.40 for the period from lause has worked out undoubted- increase to bring wages in line sives have always included in March 1 to May 29. Over the whole period of the contract, therefore, the GM workers will have received a total dollars-and-HOW IT WORKED

cents gain of \$26.40 even from An examination of the actual Reuther's sliding-scale clause.

The GM experience is therefore the workers shun this effective manded the traditional short- of its duration it has maintained no argument against a properly weapon during inflation because term, one-year contract so that a one-cent higher wage increase designed and safeguarded slidingof the unfavorable experience they could renew the fight for for GM workers than the other scale program in periods of inwith the defective sliding-scale higher basic wages as soon as auto workers got in May 1948. Ilation. It does demonstrate that In September 1948, three even the best program on paper

months after the contract was can turn out good or bad in prac-Reuther's contract, however, signed, the GM workers got a tice according to who puts it for-

provided for only a six-cent in- three-cent sliding-scale increase, ward and administers it, how it is crease in the basic wage rate, bringing their total increase to set up and when it is used. An op-From the beginning of wartime while the Chrysler contract, for 14 cents, a cent more than the portunist union leader like Reuinflation, The Militant strongly instance, provided for a 13-cent flat increase won by the Chrysler ther will frequently pick up a advocated the inclusion of protec- flat increase. Another five cents and Ford workers. This continued good program, distort it, misapply was added to the GM rate as a for six months. In March 1949, it, advance it belatedly or at the keep wages automatically in line cost-of-living increase, making when the government's living- wrong time, and thus discredit it. with all rises in living costs. As the total 11 cents. The sliding- cost index fell, the GM wage rate This should be a reason not for we carefully explained, such slid- scale clause then provided that the was cut two cents, but still pro- the workers to discard the proing-scale clauses should be writ- wage rate could go up or down viding a cent more than the 11- gram, but to discard such leaders.

## THE MILITANT ARMY

#### SWP Branches Start Action on Renewals For 'The Militant'

In contrast to capitalist papers, The Militant has a very high proportion of readers who promptly

would sell seven or eight copies. Last week the comrades sold 20 copies, several purchasers asking if The Militant is the publication. of the Socialist Workers Party." A seaman who got a copy of The Militant at a distribution in New York came to a meeting of However, there the San Francisco branch commemorating Negro History week.

subscription push, according to

San Francisco's Literature Agent,

Dixon Woods. "Sales by the

The Akron branch has placed

sub-getting "No. 1 on the agenda," writes Literature Agent

We received \$10 from an Militant to the labor

Oakland comrades at the University of California campus seem to be jumping by leaps and bounds," he writes. "Last November we renew their subscriptions upon receiving an expiration notice. Thinking workers appreciate America's leading socialist weekly. are always a num-

#### ber of readers who "He said that when he saw our just don't get around leaflet was put out by the same to sending in their organization he decided to go. dollar until someone | The Militant leaves its im-

crops in for a neighborly visit pression!" and calls their attention to this

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Literature Agent Winifred Nel-

the opposition voice of the Social considered "suspicious" by Stal-Democrats. And recently, one of inist leaders.

denounced the fact that in the which strives to maintain itself class ally. methods of exterminating the leges! - cannot tolerate such Wales, Yorkshire, Durham, Ayr acted accordingly. Jews; and Dr. Behncke, author demonstrations without risking its and the Midlands, stand solid of the revised penal disciplinary own destruction. There is thus a against the agricultural, resicode under the Nazis.

#### BELGIAN PLEBISCITE

entourage pronounced partisans create the atmosphere favorable for the strategists of reaction no of the finest legal advice in the heavily, especially those on fixed the basis of its present reformist of a dictatorial state were active to a coup by authoritarian ten-less than the revolutionary move- country to his constituents, but incomes. They suffer from housing program. This must be clearly during the Nazi occupation, as for dencies among the bourgeoisie and instance his personal secretary, paralyze simultaneously the capa-Count Capelle, and the former city of the working class to resist. ment.



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curious and dangerous parallel be- dential and middle class areas --

tween the aims of the bourgeoisie Sussex, Dorset, Surrey, etc. The fellow-travelers were routed pre- antagonism. and Stalinist policy. By their country is sharply divided along cisely because of this fact. No

THE PROGRAMS

tween the candidates. In regard struggles ahead.

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the matter is that the middle niate, will provide valuable yard- those that have expired, and class had swung from the Labor sticks for an understanding of the orange pins to show where our

Party a long time ago. Morrison's present bourgeois parl'amentary newstands are." The CP and its "independent" opportunism simply deepened the setup. This is good and opens up splendid possibilities for the revo- startling picture of how many

This section of the population lutionaries.

subs are active, how many are Belgium witnesses these days maneuverist and bureaucratic pol- unmistakable class lines. What one will spill many tears over the undoubtedly has problems which Labor has scraped the barrel expiring and how many have exa referendum on Leopold III, the icy, which fails to correspond to are the lessons of this significant defeat of that old GPU agent, must be sympathetically treated of its supporters and can never pired in relation to the city as authoritarian and overtly anti- the actual interests and aspira- development? This question now D. N. Pritt, K.C. This man for if they are to be won back to again come to power with the a whole. It also shows very clearly parliamentarian king, in whose tions of the toilers, the Stalinists occupies the center of the stage years offered the powerful bribe Labor: taxation has hit them support of the middle class on how many of these subs are in each neighborhood."

A protracted period of in-

Literature Agent Bert Deck this time they rolled up in their shortages and rising prices the understood. Either the party reports that Los Angeles too is thousands for Labor. Not only same as the workers, only with adopts a real socialist program launching a campaign for subhas the British worker begun to this difference, that they remain or it will suffer the fate of its to The Militant. A goal of 60 has

To the average observer, the think in terms of class politics, completely unorganized. During international counterparts. British been set. election itself may have appeared but he also understands that the election we had the ridiculous Social Democracy is really at the Al Lynn of Los Angeles coma "tame affair." There were the "brilliant individualists" and spectacle of Labor speakers de- cross-roads.

ments on the "high totals that

articles."

usual speeches and cross talk be- small parties are little use in the fending taxation before middle This is becoming clear to the can be reached in sales of single class audiences, with the Tories rank and file. Although at the copies." A friend who has been to programs, there was on the It would, of course, be a mistake demagogically advocating a reduc- moment there is much confusion, selling 50 a week to acquaintances a political offensive by the left found on temporarily discontinu-

surface little to choose. The to imagine that the "left" line of tion. Tories lied and promised all things the CP did not receive support. The Laborite right wing ex- wing will undoubtedly make great ing sales that he "has been to all men, couched of course in Their meetings were well attend- pected great gains from the headway. The Socialist Outlook getting many requests from those the usual language of "ifs and ed and the questions in the main countryside, only to meet with and the Socialist Fellowship are who had been buying, some of whom he had thought were not perhaps," while the Labor leaders were advanced and intelligent, bitter disappointment. There is opening a campaign to rally the did everything possible to water There was a good deal of support absolutely no doubt that the farm left. Upon its success much will particularly interested. The things in which most were interested

down an already miserable pro- for the domestic policy of the laborers voted Labor to a man. depend. gram. Nationalization was dilut- CP, but as a party nobody felt In Norfolk especially, Labor held

ed. Not one leading spokeesman that it had much of a role to play. its seats mainly because of their Articles on Yugoslavia of the right wing mentioned it The general reaction was that it votes. But in the south of Eng- Featured in Current FI during the main speeches of the was a pity that the LP did not land the large and small farmers campaign. Wage freezing and have such a policy. In addit on voted solidly Tory, and this high taxation were defended, all there was much criticism of their despite the fact that they have in the name of a "responsible relations with Russia - their never been more prosperous. In government." blind allegiance and the lack of essence this is precisely the

Inside the Labor Party there democracy in the Soviet Union. reason why they voted Tory. was no enthusiasm for the pro- This certainly was colored with These people wish to protect gram. For one thing the party shades of the witch - hunt cam- what they have and as such had never voted for it. Morgan paign, but nevertheless there was represent today a most conserva-Phillips, the bureaucratic "ma- a good deal of genuine and tive section of the community. It chine minder" who masquerades legitimate hostility also to the is out of the question for Labor as a democratic secretary, ir Russian political setup.

company with the National Ey ecutive Committee took good FASCIST OVERTONES to win them because they became prosperous during its rule.

care to prevent a decision being | Tory meetings were also well AT THE CROSS-ROADS taken. Every serious conference attended and in many respects Labor has lined up the workers move was postponed right up to resembled fascist gatherings. and polled its maximum. The

There was the usual bowing and middle class has swung to the the election. Despite this, the Labor Party scraping every time Churchill's Tories, and almost swept them meetings throughout the election name was mentioned, and anti- to power. Can Labor at the next were in the main well attended. Semitic and racial outbursts were election win a decisive major ty But the audiences were by no frequent in some districts. The for its present program? This means uncritical. Questions on "Young Tories" especially are seems most unlikely. The Liberal bousing, wages and the cost of evolving towards fascism rapidly. Party, even if it contests, will living were continuously being An incident in St. Pancras after find its supporters drifting over pressed by the workers. In many Labor won the seat illustrates to the Tories. An urge for

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"Generally speaking, democracy is indispensable to the bourgeoisie in an epoch of free competition. To monopoly capitalism, resting not on 'free' competition but on centralized command, democracy is of no use; it is hampered and embarrassed by it. Imperialism can tolerate democracy as a necessary evil up to a certain point. But its inner urge is toward dictatorship. During the last war, 22 years ago. Lenin wrote: "The difference between the republican-democratic and monarchic-reactionary imperialist bourgeoisie is being effaced precisely because both of them are rotting." Further, he added: "Political reaction all along the line is inherent in imperialism.'

- Leon Trotsky, A Fresh Lesson, 1938.

## Was the FBI 'Vindicated'?

When the Coplon-Gubitchev trial ended on March 8 with their conviction as spies, the two chief government prosecutors immediately issued statements hailing the verdict as "a vindication for the FBI." The reactionary press promptly followed suit.

To show how maliciously absurd their contention is, we need only apply the same line of reasoning to other cases. Suppose, for example, that Hitler had won the war - would that have constituted a vindication of his countless crimes against humanity? Some newspapers in this country would probably have thought so, but most people 'wouldn't.

The same thing goes for the FBI. It won out in this case, but that does not vindicate its violations of the law in prosecuting the case. The guilt or innocence of the defendants on the espionage charges in the trial was a matter entirely separate from the issue of the FBI's guilt or innocence in breaking the laws which it is paid and sworn to uphold.

Regarding the FBI's guilt there can be no doubt whatever. Numerous FBI agents were compelled to get up in court and admit under oath that they had tapped telephones in violation of the law, and that in previous court appearances they had given false testimony under oath regard-

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ing these felonious acts. J. Edgar Hoover and Truman's Attorney General McGrath both publicly stated that wiretapping was going on, and that it would continue.

If the FBI wants to get credit for being vindicated of these crimes, then it should insist that the FBI law-breakers. and the men in high office who directed them, be indicted, brought to court and made to face the verdict of a jury in a fair trial. And the newspapers who support every act of the FBI should insist on it too.

But of course neither the government nor the capitalist press would support such a move. And the fact that they won't is the really significant aspect of this case. For it vindicates our charge, made at the start of the Coplon-Gubitchev trial, that the FBI not only breaks the law with impunity, but that it gets off scot-free with such crimes.

And the praise being showered on the FBI for its successful escape from the punishment it richly deserves vindicates our oft-repeated warning that the main threat to the democratic liberties of the American people today emanates from the White House, the Department of Justice and the FBI who falsely claim that they are acting in defense of those liberties.

## Be Careful of What You Don't Say

The role of the courts, as agencies promoting the witch-hunt and the assault on civil rights, was high-lighted last week by the unanimous decision of the Appellate Court of New York in upholding the notorious Feinberg Law. This law which decrees the dismissal of teachers belonging to "subversive" organizations had been ruled unconstitutional by New York Supreme Court Justice Schirick last November. The Appellate Court has now reversed this decision.

The argumentation of the Appellate

no provision in the constitution safeguard-

ing the given job. Heffernan's second argument is just as sweeping. It is that since the state legislature fixes the "standards" for teachers, it has the power to include other "qualifications than scholastic."

He then proceeded not only to dismiss out of hand the crucial issue of whether or not these "other qualifications" are flagrant violations of elementary democratic rights but also to assert flatly that thought-control was wholly and justifiably within the scope of these "qualifications." "The most important qualification is loyalty to our government," he said.

# Quit Whitewashing the Trumanites on FEPC!

**By Albert Parker** session? What would have stop- who know better, give fuel to such ped that committee from reintro- propaganda.

Roy Wilkins and Arnold Aronducing the Powell bill and con-Why, then, do they do it? The son, chairman and secretary retinuing the fight for it in the reason is bared by a further statespectively of the National Emer-gency Civil Rights Mobilization, while the stars of the instance of the state-thouse? The answer is: Nothing ment in their letter: "The basis would have stopped them from do- on which to judge the action of

last week sent a letter urging the ing so - if the Trumanites who your representative is the vote 60 national organizations sponsorcontrol that committee really on the adoption of the McConnell ing the mobilization to continue want to fight for an effective amendment, not the vote on final and increase pressure on the Sen-FEPC. passage." In other words, the conate for enactment of a strong They claim "the issue" is kept gressmen who voted against a FEPC bill.

alive by passage of the McConnell toothless FEPC when it was pre-We agree completely with the Bill - but what issue are they sented in the form of the McConstatement in their letter that the McConnell "voluntary" FEFC talking about? The only issue nell amendment but then turned this one has relatively the most liberal provisions for getting on the kept alive by that bill is the tooth- around and voted for it when it Bill, which was passed by the House as a substitute for the less FEPC - which will have to was presented in the form of the be killed before an effective McConnell Bill - they are the Powell Bill, "is unsatisfactory to all supporters of effective FEPC FEPC can be passed. Wilkins "friends of FEPC."

legislation. The Commission and Aronson seem to have forwhich it creates is empowered to gotten that what keeps the FEPC Wilkinses and Aronsons - the issue alive is not the way the Negro, labor and liberal leaders make recommendations, not to issue orders, and it is utterly House votes but the pressure of in general — are intent on prothe masses. without authority to deal with It is that pressure, and not tige of the Trumanites who stabthose who choose to ignore or de-

what the House does, that will bed the FEPC fight in the back fy its recommendations." However, we are compelled to force the Senate to act. If that by voting to pass an admittedly

denounce as unadulterated white- pressure is relaxed, the Senate "unsatisfactory" measure in the wash the subsequent statement in will not act, no matter what the House. They don't want to tell their letter which attempts to dis- House did. And the worst thing the truth about the Trumanites; cover something "progressive" about the Wilkins-Aronson drivel they want the masses to continue in the passage of the McConnell about the "purposes" served by to accept the line that the Tru-Bill by the Trumanites and Re- passing the McConnell Bill is that manites can be depended on as publicans after these same mem- it tends to reduce that pressure allies in the fight against Jim bers of the House had voted by obscuring the real issues. Crow. against it when it was present-HOW TO EXERT PRESSURE

TRUMANITE PROPAGANDA ed as an amendment to the Powell It would have been better, in

Bill our opinion, for the House to have ing the Trumanites is just what The passage of the McConnell Bill, writes Wilkins and Aronson, passed no bill at all than to pass has weakened the FEPC fight up "serves two purposes: (a) it keeps a bill bearing the name of FEPC to now. Instead of getting greater which will only confuse voters as concessions from the Trumanites, the issue alive whereas recommittal would have ended action for to who their real enemies are. it only encourages them to regard this session, and (b) it forces the | Then the issue would have been the Civil Rights Mobilization with Senate to act, which it would not more clear-cut than it is now, and contempt, and to continue their have done had the House bill been mass resentment would have shell-game on civil rights. Instead mounted; under those conditions of helping the fight in the Senkilled." nobody would have had to worry ate, it makes it all the more cer-

#### WHAT KEEPS IT ALIVE

about the issue being kept alive. tain that the most that will come This, we maintain, poses the But the Trumanite propaganda out of that body will be a measquestion falsely. Why would re- that the McConnell Bill is better ure along the lines of the McConcommittal of the McConnell Bill to than nothing at all has the op- nell Bill, if anything at all. the committee that sponsored the posite, harmful effect -- especial-Powell Bill have ended action this ly when Wilkins and Aronson, effective pressure on capitalist politicians. And that is by tell-



#### **By Charles Hanley**

King Leopold's victory is no great victory; but it is a modest success all the same, for he obtained some 57% the Democratic Party not to kid of the total vote in the March 12 referendum. This means itself into thinking it has the Nethat the peasants and many petty-

bourgeois in the towns, especially only one to come out with the in Catholic Flanders, voted for slogan of the Republic and with th's pro-fascist king who clasped a clear and consistent program. Repeatedly abandoning the hands with Hitler at Berchtesworkers in the economic and poligaden in 1940.

The workers voted against the tical fields, masking a basic polireactionary monarch, especially tical issue as a purely constituin the industrial regions of Wal- tional case against one man. all longer do these leaders think the lonia. The church had officially the Spaaks and the Stalinist Negro and labor rank and file are ordered all Catholics to support bureaucrats played into the hands him. The Belgian Parliament will of reaction and thus paved the



Out of the 467 seats in Congress to be filled at this year's election, the Progressive Party has decided to contest less than oneninth with 50 candidates of its own (about half the number it ranin 1948).

This decision, announced at the Progressive convention in Chicago last month, undoubtedly reflects the drastic decline in the party's membership, influence and morale since its formation less than two years ago. But it would be wrong to conclude from this that the decision to run so few candidates is due mainly to their decline in strength.

New Jersey, the state with the earliest date for filing of election petitions, proves otherwise. Of all the densely populated states, ballot. If the Progressive Party had wanted to, it could easily have got on the ballot in all the state's 14 congressional districts. In 1948 it ran seven candidates for the House of Representatives from this state. Last week it filed for only three congressional seats ---in the 3rd, 6th and 12th districts, each of which is now held by a What it means is that the

Republican. They did not choose to contest a single one of the five seats now held by Trumanites.

This demonstrates that the primary cause of the 1950 Wallaceite policy is a political rather than organizational crisis. In most of tecting and upholding the presthe cases where they will abstain from congressional contests, it will not be because they lack the strength to get on the ballot but bcause they will be satisfied on the whole with either the Democratic or Republican candidate (or both).

Their Platform for the U.S.

The Wallaceites' hopes have been raised by statements of Demoratic politicians like McMahon and Tydings who have suggested the need for seeking a deal with the Kremlin. The Progressive Party is not going to fight any capitalist politician who makes similar

statements, or might make them. And one of the methods of appeasing such politicians and smoothing the way toward a reconcilia-But this policy of whitewashtion with them was the domestic platform adopted by the Progressive convention.

Commenting on this in the March 11 Nation, Murray Kempton said: "It is not perceptibly left of the current Truman program, and it is somewhat to the right of the La Follette platform of 26 years ago. Its farm program is the Brannan Plan; its labor policy is Taft-Hartley repeal; its civil rights program and the President's are identical." If this is an exaggeration, it is a very small one. Granted that there are differences between the Progressive and Trumanite domestic programs, they certainly are not large enough to stand in the way of Progressive support, overt or covert, for most of the Trumanite candidates.

And just that was explicitly provided for in the report of the congressional campaign committee unanimously adopted by the convention. The report declared that "there are candidates in both old parties who are responsive to the strength of the peoples' demand for decisive action to meet their needs." Then it listed five different methods by which the Progressives could achieve their objectives in the 1950 campaign:

sins and deceptions - not by "1. By concentration in selected areas where the candidates appeasing them. Even so rabidly of the old parties offer the voters no real choice and where a vic- ' Democratic a publication as the tory or balance-of-power vote for our candidate will help unite and Chicago Defender, third largest strengthen the progressive forces. There our Party will nominate Negro paper, recognized this last its own candidates. . . week when it asked in an editorial

"2. By joining with peoples' movements for the defeat of the "what happened to the adminismost open and notorious reactionaries. tration's leaders in the fight for

"3. By using our strength and influence in alliance with labor a strong FEPC?" and warned and progressive forces in the old parties to compel the designation of peoples' candidates, or to secure their nomination in primaries. By influencing candidates of the old parties to take strong-

gro vote in the bag. er positions in issues and secure their commitment to a minimum Why should the leaders of the program. Civil Rights Mobilization and the

"5. By abstaining from dissipation of our forces in contests NAACP, who claim they are po-litically "non-partisan," be less where neither old party candidate merits our support and where our strength and the political alignments of the mass of voters do not critical of Trumanite treachery warrant the nomination of a candidate of our own." than a paper that has formally

backed the Democratic Party for

There is only one way to pu

ing the truth about their crimes,

almost 20 years? How much They Are Now a Pressure Agency

Subtract the deliberately obscure formulations and their policy going to tolerate a policy that boils down to this: In most cases they will not oppose the Democrasubordinates their interests to tic and Republican candidates; they will work within the old parties now have to decide whether 57% way for the Catholic party's those of the capitalist politicians? by participation in their primaries; and they will run candidates in

judges is the most sinister feature of their arch-reactionary decision. We single out for comment only two items.

First, it was argued by Justice Heffernan that no question of abridgment or violation of constitutional rights was involved inasmuch as "there is no constitutional right to be a teacher." There is, in the nature of things, no "constitutional right" to pursue any occupation, including that of teacher. But no one, including # teachers, can be deprived by arbitrary. legislative or judicial action of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. By shifting the issue from that of civil rights to that of occupation, the N. Y. Appellate Court has in fact decreed that any individual can be deprived of his or her civil rights on the mere ground that there is

## Looking Backward

The socialist child of the future will never be able to understand the capitalist system. He will ask, "What was capitalism like?" His old grandmother will say, "Under capitalism three-quarters of the people in the whole world went hungry and in rags in the fifth year of atomic energy, 1950."

"Why were they hungry?" the child will ask. "Because," his grandmother will patiently explain, "they produced too much wheat, too much corn, too many potatoes, too many eggs, too much milk. They went without clothes because there was too much cotton and too much flax and too much wool."

"But I don't understand," the child will say. "Why should people be without food and clothes because there is too much? What I'd do would be to distribute everything to the people who need it, and then there wouldn't be too much."

"Yes, that is the way a child would do it, but not the grown up capitalists back in 1950," his grandmother will say. "You see, they wouldn't permit it to be distributed, because it couldn't be sold for a profit. They had to see that it wasn't distributed, so that what was left would sell for more and bring them a bigger profit."

And as if to leave no doubt that ideas and ideas alone — "dangerous thoughts" they were called by the Japanese despots - are the real target, he went on to add: "It is not necessary to impart a thought by direct statement. The result may be accomplished by indirect, subtle insinuations; by what is left unsaid as well by what is said."

No greater aid could have been extended the witch-hunters who under this interpretation are free to hound their victims not only for what they may say but also for "what is left unsaid!"

"I don't understand why all those people just stood around and went hungry and cold because some other people wanted a profit - and I don't even know what a profit is!" the child will continue. "What did they do with all that food and stuff that they didn't want people to have?"

"Well," his grandmother will reply, "they got the American capitalist government to buy up 6<sup>1/2</sup>-million bales of cotton, and nearly 200-million pounds of butter, and almost a half billion bushels of wheat, and 627 million bushels of corn, and four billion eggs and 275-million pounds of milk and loads and loads of everything else. And they put it in warehouses and storage bins and even caves. And it just piled up until it began to go bad and rotten. And some, like the potatoes, they dyed blue and fed to the hogs."

"You mean, Granny, that they took good potatoes and fed them to the pigs and didn't let hungry people have them just because some mean old capitalists wanted to make - what was that word - profits?"

"That's right, son."

"Granny, I'm glad I don't live under that old capitalism."

"Not as glad as I am, son."

sufficient majority for demand for a Bonapartist plebi cite. Leopold's return to the throne.

In an article published on March This setback to Belgian labor 11 by the N. Y. Herald Tribune, comes as the direct result of the Paul-Henri Spaak, former ("somany blunders, betrayal and cialist") Prime Minister of Bel- cap tulations of the SP and CP assigned the job of collecting inleadership. But, whatever the formation in the "loyalty" purge. gium, expressed astonishment that the "royal question" had Parliament decides about Leopold, But in an amendment to the Nacome up again and was dividing the Belgian workers certainly will tional Science Foundation Bill not cease to be hostile to the passed by the House it is given the Belgian people.

But after World War II Spaak royal admirer of Hitler and to the right'to evalute the informaworked hand in hand with the the "strong" regime the bour- tion too, and to decide which other leaders of both the Socialgeoisie wants to set up because science students will be disist and Stalinist Parties to assure of the deteriorating economic qualified from participation in the recovery of Belgian capitalthe program. situation.

ism and ignored the vital interests of the Belgian working class. This treacherous policy

immensely strengthened the Belgian bourgeo'sie, economically and politically. Instead of struggling against the monarchy . the rallying center of Belgian reaction - those labor fakers merely "opposed" the comme mised personality of Leopold III, the Socialist Workers Party - a while continuing to support the reactionary- institution of the split which they sought to justify

Correction

cannot was printed as can.

Left Hand, Right Hand -

Truman's Flim-Flammerv

throne.

on the ground that their political The Stalinists even pretended program alone was consistently that the question was not so im-Marxist. Meanwhile the leaders portant after all, only a "bourand members of the ISL are engeois diversion." The small Belgaged in a discussion over electoral policy that was initiated by gian Trotskyist Party was the heir national chairman's proposal

to advocate the running of union-RADICAL PHRASES

sponsored candidates in primary elections of the capitalist parties, A typographical error in last and to give them support in genveek's issue distorted the meaneral elections if they win the caping of the sentence beginning at talist party nominations in the He claims its aim is to "deepen the end of the second column in

primaries. Li Fu-jen's review of Jack Bel-At a recent meeting of the ISL den's latest book on China. Li National Committee, Max Shacht-Fu-jen wrote that Belden be man introduced a motion whose lieved: "The Marxists are just all key section reads as follows: wrong in contending that the "If . . . it appears in the prepeasantry cannot play a leading. independent role in the revolu-

tion. . ." By error, the word of the left wing [for a labor

When he is seeking votes, Truman goes in for radical talk on other slogan or proposal. Where vil rights. But his two ap- the policy of supporting the candi- highly proletarianized localities, Appeals in the District of Columbia were the ones who upheld be correct for the left wing, after proved its application in specific the capitol's schools last month, views on the labor party and policy of the Reuthers which the and the man he is backing for recognizes the fact that its views Shachtmanites used to condemn the U.S. Senate nomination in Missouri is an avowed opponent jected, to propose that the unions A similar proposal was made

House Seeks to Expand **Power of FBI Purgers** 

Up to now the FBI has been

small number of districts in order to show the old parties that they are worth bargaining with because they still have some pressure (or balance-of-power) strength.

In short, the Progressive Party in 1950 is reduced - or more properly, has reduced itself - to the status of a pressure agency. operating partly within and partly outside of the two major capitalist parties. But why is a separate party needed to carry out such a role? And what happened to the original Wallaceite-Stalinist concept of the Progressive Party as the organization that would challenge the old parties for political supremacy in this country?

These questions are bound to occur this year to more and more. of the people who supported the Wallaceite candidates in 1948/ because they wanted a break with capitalist politics and capitalist parties. And as they do, the Progressive Party is fated to suffer greater and deeper demoralization and disintegration.

## Shachtman Advocates Participation in Capitalist Primaries

candidates for the nominations, Garrett and in another motion radical organizations, creating the By George Breitman chosen democratically by the by R. Ferguson. All of these soil in which renegacy, demoral-In a few weeks the Independent membership, and organize a fight proposals, including Shachtman's, ization and opportunism flour'sh. Socialist - League is going to for these candidates, in the elebrate the tenth anniversary primary elections, as against the Committee. of the Shachtmanite split from

official nominees of the capitalist A contrary motion, introduced party machines - pledging its by Ben Hall, stated in part: support of the union nominees "Where unions actually do run if they win in the primaries. The candidates in the primaries, they left wing should certainly give will run them as part of a laboraid and comfort to those mililiberal coalition within the Demotants who may make such a procratic Party against the right posal independently and should wing. Support to these candidates even stimulate them to do so."

n the primaries as in the regular elections will not be support of independent labor candidates but

Shachtman naturally tries to of Fair Deal coalition." aint up this proposal with some And he urges the rejection o radical phraseology and provisos. the new proposals "because ir the specific conditions of labor's and sharpen the conflict of inrole in the Democratic Party a

terests between the bureaucracy the present time, they would of the official capitalist parties make it impossible to present : and the labor leadership that has consistent pro-labor party posiattached itself to these parties, tion with a genuine working class thereby contributing to a separacontent."

Hall's motion was an attemp to more or less reaffirm the former Shachtmanite policy, but he weakened its defense con siderably by referring to the posi tion of his opponents as a "tactic" that would not be effective in stead of characterizing it for only in what it is.

In spite of Hall's conciliatory formulations, his motion was de feated too. This leaves the Shachtmanites, for the time being, without an electoral policy for 1950. But Shachtman's proposal discloses something far more serious and fundamental.

The present political situation of equal education for Negroes. at least put forward their own in an amendment offered by E. in the U. S. is difficult for all vanced gangrenous state.

were voted down by the National The only ones who can survive to play a truly progressive role when the situation changes and mass radicalization ensues are "hose who have firm principles ---that is, class principles - to guide and sustain them. The Shachtmanite entry onto the opportunist road being trod by the Socialist Party signifies beyond doubt that 'he ISL has rid itself of such brinciples. It is also a new index, and the most revealing to date, of he degeneration they have unlergone since they started out as

an independent organization ten vears ago.

WARNING CONFIRMED

In 1940, when Shachtman was irst beginning to nibble at his revisions of Marxism, Trotsky eminded him of Lenin's words:, "A mistake always begins by beng small and growing greater. Differences always begin with rifles. Everyone has at times uffered a tiny wound but should his tiny wound become infected, mortal disease may follow." Frotsky also warned Shachtman. while he was still a member of the SWP, to call a halt to his mistakes before it was too late: "Otherwise the scratch which has already developed into an ulcer can lead to gangrene.'

Shachtman's advocacy of entry into the political camp of the class enemy demonstrates that the ISL is already in a well-ad-

primaries for "the major and outstanding offices" and not merely

for "minor office." And because under certain conditions neces- portunist misinterpretation," he certain conditions

strict Jim Crow segregation in a declaration that it retains its cases. But in essence this is the

have for the moment been re- as capitalist politics.

election period [of 1950] that the tion between them." He wants the unions will follow their present unions to engage in capitalist policy unaltered, and if the slogan

party] is not accepted by the mion ranks, it is permissible, and the new policy is "subject to op-

sary, to present to the ranks an- wants it applied only under

pointees to the U.S. Court of date of a capitalist party is for example - and not until the adopted by the unions, it would ISL Political Committee has ap-

## **Rogge--Wallace's Successor?**

#### By John F. Petrone

According to some reports, O. John Rogge, the lawyer, is being groomed to take the place of Henry Wallace as the leader of the Progressive. Party when and if Wallace decides to quit. If this is true, he will have the support of the Stalinists. And he will have their support BECAUSE of Rogge's occasional remarks differentiating himself from Stalinism, and not in spite of them. For the fortunes of American Stalinism have fallen so low that they cannot hope to make any headway even through front organizations unless they are headed by people who disclaim, and once in a while even criticize, certain Stalinist policies.

This does not mean that Rogge is a consistent critic of Stalinism. Far from it. He says a few words for the record, but he never suits his actions to his words. At the Progressive convention in Chicago last month he declared: "We shall not bend backwards in order to attempt to justify the conduct of the Cominform countries toward Yugoslavia. . . In the field of foreign policy we must emphasize the rights of smaller nations to work out solutions for their problems in their own ways. The bullying, threatening, coercion or unequal treatment of a smaller nation by a greater one is a potential threat to peace — whether done by the United States, by Great Britain or by the Soviet Union."

But when the Progressive convention got around to voting on foreign policy, Rogge failed to get up and demand a condemnation of "the conduct of the Cominform countries toward Yugoslavia." He didn't bend backwards, he didn't bend forward, he just sat in his seat. For he was one of the leaders of the party who had met with the Stalinists prior to the convention and agreed that Yugoslavia is "an internal problem of Eastern Europe, not of the Progressive Party." The Stalinists were perfectly willing to let Rogge slap them on the wrist over Yugoslavia if he would not try to commit his party to the defense of Yugoslavia; in return, he was perfectly willing to avoid a fight over Yugoslavia just so long as he could get himself some good publicity for nothing.

Anybody who tended to misunderstand the mechanics of this cynical little comedy could quickly correct himself by checking Rogge's much publicized trip to the Soviet Union a few days later. Rogge plays a key role not only in Stalinist front organizations in this country but abroad as well. He went to Paris last spring as a delegate to the World Congress of Partisans of Peace, and later to one of its conferences in Mexico City. Each time he spoke a few words of implied criticism of the Kremlin - but always in such a way as not to really offend the Stalinists, always in agreement with the main line of the Kremlin.

Not just anybody is permitted to visit the

Soviet Union. A little over a year ago Louis Adamic applied for a visa; but because he was suspected of harboring the suspicion that the Kremlin's attacks on Yugoslavia might not be justified, he was denied admittance. Why then was Rogge given a visa when the Stalinists were aware of his remarks on Yugoslavia at the Progressive convention? Because they know their man. They know he is always open to a little deal; they know how to distinguish between his

words and his deeds. And he did not play them false. In Chicago he had said that the "bullying, threatening, coercion or unequal treatment of a smaller nation by s greater one is a potential threat to peace." But this "peace partisan" did not utter a word alon; these lines as he spoke on March 8 to the members of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) in the Kremlin. Instead, he confined himself to advocating renewed efforts for a U. S.-Soviet agreement on atomic and other weapons, and to advocating freedom of speech for every country.

This last point naturally got the most publicity. It was typical of Rogge's "criticisms" of Stalinism in that on the whole it did the Stalinists more good than harm. In the first place, nobody in the Soviet Union heard it but the members of the Supreme Soviet - that is, people carefully screened, selected and supervised by Stalin's GPU But this did not prevent the Stalinists all over the world from shouting about it as "proof" of the existence of free speech in the Soviet Union in contrast to the State Department's recent refusal to permit representatives of the "peace partisans" to come to the U.S. to present their point of view. And of course Rogge's speech was useful in calling world-wide attention to the Kremlin's present "peace offensive," its readiness

to listen to various proposals for a deal, etc. For Rogge the main thing was that it called worldwide attention to - Rogge. Before leaving Moscow, Rogge put a wreath

on the grave of John Reed, author of Ten Days That Shook the World. Reed was a revolutionist who was attracted to the Soviet Union by the Bolshevik principles exemplified by Lenin and Trotsky and who gave up his life in the cause of socialism. He would have been revolted by such people as Rogge - self-seeking careerists devoid of principle and shame, advocates of "progressive capitalism" and opponents of Marxism - who are willing to feather the nest of Stalinism as long as they can get something out of it for life of a revolutionist is much themselves. The gulf between these two Americans who came to Moscow - the first attracted the family as a unit in society. by Leninism, the other welcomed and made use of by Stalinist totalitarianism - is another of the many signs of the Soviet Union's frightful degeneration since Stalin got power.

**James P. Cannon And Rose Karsner** 

banquet honoring the 40 years of socialist labor and devotion to the movement by James P. Cannon and Rose Karsner was attended by more than 130 members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party here.

we have been condemned to live," said Cannon, "hypocrisy rules supreme. The most beautiful and holy words that people have used to express their best feelings have become like coins - used so much as to be worn smooth that we hesitate to use them. But here, in this audience, I can

in the struggle for socialism."

whatever level in the movement one participates, from leadership to my own level, that of a rankand-filer," they can contribute nia to 11.000 employees to 5and will grow to the extent that sign a special "non-communist" the compulsory oath a first step they do so.

Speaking especially on behalf face dismissal. Faculty members of the women in the party who and students alike have been ous stand has been taken by a are not bounded by the four walls aroused to mass protest by this group of non-tenure faculty memof the house, she demonstrated by threat to academic freedom from bers, including teaching and reher own life that the family in the corporation lawyers who control richer than the ordinary role of the Board of Regents.

Yesterday 900 professors met Among those to greet Cannon here as members of the Academic vas an Italian'anarchist worker Senate, self - governing faculty who first met Cannon in 1927 body, and voted unanimously to when his work in the Internarefuse to sign the oath even if it

tional Labor Defense helped to Academic Senate. cost them their jobs. They represave from the death sentence a sented the four campuses of the COURAGEOUS ACT worker threatened by the long northern section of the Univer-Their statement pointed out arm of Mussolini from Italy. sity. A similar meeting of pro-Murry Weiss, organizer of the fessors on four campuses of the

Dean Paul A. Dodd.

SWP Los Angeles Local, noted southern section is scheduled tothe move initiated by the New day in Los Angeles. York Local to raise a "Cannon The 900 professors charged Birthday Fund" which would be used as he desires for the good that the oath was not only an

of the movement, and announced "indignity" and "impractical" as the launching of this fund locally. a means for ferreting out "com" Pledge eards were distributed and munists," but discriminatory and the results will be announced a fundamental abridgement of academic freedom and detriacademic freedom. They called



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## THE MILITANT

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1950

Hit College "Loyalty" Oath

against order by Board of Regents that they sign non-communist

oath or resign. Here, two faculty members tell reporters oath

violates academic freedom. L. to r.: Prof. John W. Caughey and

**PROFS, STUDENTS FIGHT** 

oath of "loyalty" by April 30 or toward thought-control.

OF CALIFORNIA OATH

ion everywhere."

to protest the "lovalty" oath.

Nevland, one of the regents who

had voted for the "sign or be

fired" oath, was greeted with

laughter and hisses when it was

ment at the hesitant and cautious

tone of the speakers and shouts

of "What do we do now?" came

from the audience when the

student president made his con-

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destitute. So far, nothing has

Meanwhile. Reuther's "soft"

one-at-a-time strategy is being

criticized. A new demand raised

The Chrysler militants also take

seriously Reuther's recent state-

ment about making the corpora-

## Auto Barons Hit Union with 3-Way Attack

DETROIT, March 12 — The profit-swollen 'Big Three' in auto — General Motors, Chrysler and Ford — are developing a triple-pronged attack against the auto workers. Chrysler, backed by its record

'49 profits that soared 30% over strikers. Out of 11,000 that have the '48 high, has forced the pro- requested assistance, only 1,700 longation of the strike of its have been assigned to work pro-87,000 workers into the seventh jects. Welfare agencies use home, week, longer than any major auto car or television ownership as battle in the post-war period ex- excuses to deny aid. No single cept the '45-'46 General Motors man gets help, no matter how Provost Clarence A. Dykstra and over 55% of faculty of the strike. University of California at Los Angeles have signed protest

General Motors, with a new '49 been done to fight this dastardly world profit record, is stockpiling policy which demoralizes strikers. Militants are demanding organcars in preparation for a possible ization of demonstrations and shut-down, by operating at a parades at relief agencies and seven-day-a-week clip. At the same time. Ford is seeklocal and state bodies to combat

ing a weasel formula to evade outrages against hungry men and their families. his own signed agreement to put FAVOR NEW STRATEGY

aside 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cents per hour in a pension trust fund (a major point in dispute 'at Chrysler). If he wins, he could renege on pension payments during depressions when profits decline.

on picket lines is for a common BERKELEY, Cal., March 8 — A storm of opposition termination date for the Chrysler Against this three - pronged has broken out on the campus here against the ultimatum contract with the recently-signed attack, the CIO United Auto issued Feb. 24 by the Regents of the University of Califor-Ford agreement. If the same Workers leadership continues its "soft" policy. They negotiated demand should be sent GM, they with Chrysler for seven months point out, the next wage round could find a united UAW fighting before they called a strike, and jointly against the auto barons. then they advised workers to The firmest and most courage-Industry-wide unity won huge "show militancy by staying at concessions for the coal miners home." Then they made contract demands, but later offered to end and compelled the steel magnates to settle. Reuther's strategy perthe bankers, business men and search assistants, represented by the strike without them. Recently, mits the auto corporations, united in the Marysville plant, a picket the Non-Senate Academic Emthrough their Chambers of Comployees. On March 3 this body line of 60 sent down from Detroit merce and Manufacturers Assovoted 300 to 1 to strike if any simply checked office workers' dues receipts. Flying squadron ciations, to take on the auto member of the group is fired for workers one-section-at-a-time and refusal to take the oath. They members wondered whether they wear them out. A united program also voted "unified action" with were out to close plants during a and industry-wide bargaining was the senior professors in the strike, or whether they were or-

ganizing members for the office proposed by the "Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW" workers' union. to the last UAW national con-More of the "soft" policy was vention. indicated only a few days ago.

their "extreme vulnerability" be-Reuther announced plans to set cause of their lack of tenure, up a citizens' "fact-finding board." which means they can be fired Some 70 prominent people any time. Nevertheless, they professors, ministers and others tion pay for every day of strike. - have been invited by the UAW | They propose upping the 10 cent spoke out openly, declaring that

'the regents' policy on employto attend a meeting next Thurs- demand on Chrysler to 31c. - the day. (Reuther even invited same as that served on GM. Morement and the loyalty oath to implement this policy are in direct Chrysler officials, but they are over, since the GM contract expires May 29, they propose a conflict with the principles of not expected to attend.) While Chrysler militants do joint action alliance with GM not oppose the rallying of public workers if the Chrysler strike is mental to the cause of free educasupport, they feel these tactics not settled by then.

At the same time, they regret Some 8,000 students' packed are no substitute for a "hard" the Greek Open-Air Theatre on policy toward the company - a Reuther's refusal of the United the campus here two days ago in policy of shutting all plants down Mine Workers offer of a loan of response to a call by the Asso- tight. They feel that Reuther is \$1,000,000 to the Chrysler strikers ciated Students of UC. Although using this citizens' committee This gesture of unity by Lewis the meeting was called an "in- INSTEAD OF trying to tighten is looked upon with great favor.



Last month some 210,000 persons were added to the labor force, according to latest U.S. Census figures. But, the Bureau reports, there were only 6,000 new jobs for these new jobseekers. About 204,000 were added to the unemployed lists. And if it keeps up at this rate, by 1954 there will be more than 12,000,000 unemployed - that is, if we continue to have "prosperity.'

This is no pleasant prospect, particularly for the youth. And more and more of them are going to be seeking fundamental answers to why they can't get jobs. That's where the capitalist propagandists come in. There will be no lack of jobs for them - they've got the tough over-time chore of covering up for capitalism's ills and throwing



It's not capitalism that's at fault, you see. It's the fault of the person himself if he doesn't get a job. He lacks that job-winning personality. But you have to be a combination Arthur Godfrey, Milton Berle and Grover Whalen to charm yourself into one of those 6,000 jobs available per month for more than 200,000 new job-seekers That's in "good times," we mean. later.

James W. Hampton, director of "guidance" for Bloomfield High School, took the students on step further in the search for jobs via the personality route. He cited a recent study of 76 corporations which showed, he claimed, 90% of fortunate personality trait." Among these were not only "carelessness," "non-cooperation" and



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"In the society within which express my feelings.

"I believe in people and their unlimited capacity through cooperation. . . I believe in the power of fraternity in the party Comrade Karsner expressed identical sentiments on the 40 years she devoted to the socialist movement where each receives as much has he or she gives. "On

the blame for the plight of the working youth on anything but the profit system.

A typical wrinkle in the type of propaganda that's being handed out now was given quite a write-up in the March 11 N. Y. Times, under the heading, "Youths Advised on How to Get Jobs."

The Times gives half a column and top-of-thepage billing to a report about the advice given to 435 high-school students in Bloomfield, N. J., by several experts on "career guidance." According to the advice, what young people need today to get a job is "a lot of personality, a little ability and the willingness to learn."

Miss Anita Chandler, assistant director of Admissions for Packard Junior College in New York, informed the students that "skills alone are not enough - the student must develop his or her personality."

"laziness," but "lack of initiative," "lack of which the dailies are proceeding seized the documents hailed the ambition" and "attention to outside things." is the treatment they gave to a accident "an act of Providence,"

This gives a hint as to the "ideal personality" tragic auto accident which took which was also duly featured. employers seek. If you have "initiative" - that place in the midst of the Cvetic The fury has thus far been conis, always to play up to the boss - you'll get and Dietze revelations. Featuring centrated on the Communist Party along. If you have "ambition" - that is, always pictures of the shattered car, and its various fronts. Among last try to push the job and make an extra buck for whose youthful driver had been week's events are the following: the boss - you'll get ahead. If you don't "pay killed while four others were In a precedent-shattering acattention to outside things" - such as being seriously injured, the dailies here tion Judge Mussmano, presiding active in the union — that will please the boss hailed the event as a stroke of judge of the Allegheny County Ø Ø Ø Ø Ø 9 no end. fortune. The car full of young Grand Jury, dismissed from jury

But even that kind of "personality" won't keep people had been headed for a duty an alleged woman member you off the relief lines under capitalism when left-wing youth conference and of the Communist Party on the they start shutting down entire factories and in the rear of the car were found ground that only "persons of firing workers wholesale. That "new look" won't copies of the Daily Worker, known loyalty" are eligible for get the youth jobs then. And they don't give packets of documents and names jury duty in this country. (Musscourses in "career guidance" or how to get more of political friends. mano has now been picked as

A spokesman for the House

Democratic candidate for Lt.-Governor.) Morals of a Union Bureaucrat AUDITORIUMS BARRED

cluding speech. On the same day the Pittsburgh Board of Education announced an

"loyalty" oath was the regents' contribution to the growing witchend to its traditional policy of allowing the use of public school hunt in this state. It was first auditoriums to all political parties. adopted by the regents in June, Cancelling two reservations for 1949, when the state legislature meetings made by the Progressive was talking about a "loyalty in-Party of Western Pennsylvania vestigation" of the university. on the grounds that this organ. The regents at that time did not

ization is "communist-dominated." state any penalty for refusal to the Board issued a statement that sign. On Dec. 16, 1949, the Board of henceforth the auditoriums will

the U. S. Attorney General's tion, fired Irving Fox, a teaching assistant in physics, for admitted The Allegheny County Civil

Anti-oath sentiment had been seething for months and had of the constitutional rights of reached a semi-critical stage with because of the council's fear that

severed his connection with the in one of the law suits pending university as of June 30, 1950.' around the union's financial af-They took this action after 1,400 fairs that he had contributed had failed to sign the oath \$5,000 to pay legal fees which enabled a UAW member to go to court and sue for audits of union

#### **NEWARK FORUM**

ARTHUR WOOD Militant Staff Member office workers unit of UAW Will speak on: Local 12, filed a series of court Who Is Winning actions designed to air internal the Cold War? union matters. The coincidence of 423 Springfield Ave. the filing of these suits with the (2 blocks above Bergen St.) outbreak of the pension fight was Fri., March 24 - at 8:30 P.M. not lost on local UAW militants

Auto workers want greater unity formation" meeting, the students up the strike. On the other hand, relief to bring Chrysler, GM and Ford made it clear they were present authorities are "hard" toward to their knees. When the student body's presi-

#### dent, Dan Coelho, said "this is Publisher Paul Block Admits He not a protest meeting." his words were met with a chorus of "boos. **Financed Suit Against Toledo Union** Three professors who spoke against the oath were roundly applauded. The statement of John

TOLEDO, March 11 - New developments in the Plaskon strike for pensions considerably sharpened the struggle this week. The pickets barred office workers from entering the plant for the first?

read. There was some disappointoff by the company. Meanwhile the spotlight shifted to Washington where Richard

S. Cole, a local attorney repre-

chest to smash the union.

BLOCK'S TESTIMONY

records and other matters.

Several months ago John Bol-

man,' a member of the Spicer

wing administration, are energetically supporting the struggle against the union-busters. The revelation that Block was financing Bolman, who has been

senting employers in union negoexpelled from the union by the tiations, testified before the Sen-International Board, has confirmate Judiciary Committee that the ed the judgment of those milicity is "... completely dominated and stifled by the dictatorship tants who refused to have any of a labor monopoly" and ap- part of his activities. An interesting sidelight, however, is pealed for legislation to curb areathat the local Stalinists moved wide pension pool as an example heaven and earth in unsuccessful of "unfair" bargaining which Toledo industrialists are trying efforts to tie the militants to to avert. He was completely silent Bolman and as a result are now about the conspiracy of the local left holding the bag.

employers who have raised a war The emergence of Block as the financial angel in the Bolman suits, and the appeal to the Sen-The union is planning to send a ate Committee for help against delegation to Washington to answer Cole and to place the true the union, must be considered as moves on the part of the companies to bring their attack against the union to a head and A few days later a sensational to deal it a crushing blow. Block's development, which clears the air open bragging about his role is a as to who is on which side in sign that the employers feel themthis fight, took the center of the selves to be pretty strong.

The task of the union now is to mobilize all the power of the a millionaire by birth-right and workers in Toledo for a showdown leading sponsor of the union- fight. In an open struggle between labor and its enemies, the work-Save the Payrolls," so-called, ers can win, as the miners so

#### CHICAGO

BERT COCHRAN Chairman, SWP Trade Union Comm. will speak on The Outlook for American Labor in 1950 -at-Altgeld Hall 127 No. Dearborn, Rm. 744 Wed., March 29, 8 P.M. Donation 50c

#### buzzing over this, another phony bership - makes Quill only a telegram sent by Quill arrived. more ideal union leader in the This was signed with the name of eyes of the Times. It appeals for Douglas L. MacMahon, TWU support of Quill and explains he Secretary-Treasurer and opponent is "going to need a lot of help. . Here is how Quill lined up the of Quill. It said that the Interna- from the city authorities, the Omaha local in his camp in pre- tional Executive Board intended private transit companies." in quelling the militancy of the

TWU membership and making From the Times revelations sonally. His first act was to issue delegates had been elected - about Quill, we can draw some a false leaflet to which he signed naturally, Quill supporters. "But conclusions about the "morality" the names of oppositionists. This by that time no one could find a of the pro-capitalist union bureauwas a leaflet, says Raskin, copy. It was last seen disappear- crats as against the morality of the Marxist revolutionists. The Do Quill's lies, forgeries and Quills practice every kind of fraud against the workers and AFL." The hoodwinked members, bership offend the highly "moral" are "responsible" to the bosses; loyal to the CIO, accepted the N. Y. Times? Just the contrary. the Marxist morality consists of leaflet as genuine, and fearing For Quill, Raskin points out, is always telling the workers the the opposition really meant to "eager to make his union respon- truth and defending labor's interests, without consideration for bankers and capitalist politicians the "morality" of the witch-

Asked by a henchman if he was tures of 30 members of the local shows that Quill doesn't mean going to the meeting, Quill said who had been supporting the op- it, and is just trying to fool the no - because "the fact is there position. These members got up union members some more. won't be any meeting. I've just and heatedly denied having sent sent out 18 telegrams signed by the telegram; they assumed that stand the wrath of transit of-Austin Hogan calling the meet- national leaders of the opposition ficials," writes Raskin, "when he

ing off." Another time, Raskin caucus had used their names with- denounces them publicly in sulout authority. Raskin writes, "It phurous terms. 'Why does that continues, Quill "called a meeting in Hogan's name, but through never occurred to anyone that the bother you?' he asked one coma 'regrettable oversight' neglected message might have been wired plaining executive. 'You know it's to tell Hogan about it." The men to Quill by one of his own conjust for the record'." federates in Omaha."

Stalinist caucus, had called a which warned him to "stay out not to get excited when Quill

meeting of 18 section chairmen to of Omaha if he knew what was resorts to a bit of radical-sound-

line up the anti-Quill forces. good for him." It bore the signa- ing demagogy now and then. He

who received the "playful" message found the hall locked and were sore at Hogan. Forgery is a favorite device of Quill's in fighting opposition.

loudest about this sort of "immorality" are often guilty of the vilest fraud and deception of their DECEIVES THE MEMBERS

membership. But this kind of "morality" wins highest praise from the capitalist press. Thus, the March 5 N. Y. Times

By Ruth Johnson

and reactionary union officials

have joined the hue-and-cry

against the "immorality" of the

Marxists. They complain espe-

cially about union members who

are forced to protect themselves

against expulsion from the union

and loss of jobs by concealing

their radical political views and

associations. It's not "moral," the

red-baiting bureaucrats contend,

for these unionists to make it

harder to expel them on political

The very officials who complain

grounds.

Some of the most bureaucratic

drools over the achievements of Michael Quill, president - dictator of the CIO Transport Workers Union, who faithfully followed the Stalinist line for many years. In a special Magazine Section article sub-titled "Brains and Cunning Go With the TWU Leader's Plavful Bluster - As His Communist Foes Learned." A. H. Raskin delightedly and approvingly describes some facts about how Quill deals with his opposition that shed considerable light on the "morality" of red-baiters like Quill.

On one occasion, Austin Hogan,

paration for a TWU convention. to put the local under receiver-The opposition was strong in the ship. By the time a wire came Omaha local, so Quill went there from New York revealing that them "responsible." to take care of the situation per- Quill's telegram was a fake, the "denouncing Quill and urging the ing into Mike Quill's pocket." Omaha local to repudiate his red-baiting' by affiliating to the misrepresentations to the mem-

split from the CIO, decided Quill sible," that is, responsible to the was a lesser evil.

To strengthen the deception of who control the city's transit hunting bosses and their agents, president of New York's biggest the membership, Quill went to the system. Raskin advises the city outside or inside the labor move-TWU local and a leader of the meeting and read a "telegram" officials and capitalist interests ment.

"Quill finds it hard to underbe closed to all organizations on Regents, in an unprecedented acsubversive list.

This "morality" - that is While the meeting was still demagogic deception of the memwould fight the jury ban and the ban on the use of public school

> Reverend Murray, stated that this decision had been reversed

way into the civil rights fight."

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does not take the oath by April Communists would worm their 30 "will be deemed to have testified at a deposition hearing dramatically demonstrated.

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participation in "communist" ac- facts before the committee. Rights Council, a recently formed tivities, although he was not a arm of the local Democratic member of any organization Party, at first announced that it calling itself "communist" and had signed the oath.

auditoriums as flagrant violations later, the council's chairman.

minority parties. A few hours the firing of Fox, but the ex-

stage. Paul Block Jr., publisher of Toledo's only two daily papers, plosicn did not take place until the regents voted 12 to 6 several weeks ago that any employee who busting employers "Committee to