Puppets of U.S. Wage War On Filipino People

By Li Fu-jen

American imperialism is waging war in the Philippines - a war directed against the Filipino people in an effort to stamp out the greatest popular uprising seen in the Islands since the Spanish con-D

quest 400 years ago.

the U.S. imperialists perform Weapons which only a few their nefarious role under cover Weapons which only a few off a reactionary native govern-years back were employed to de-stroy the Japanese invaders — weapons made in U.S.A. — are now being directed against the native inhabitants and fresh mili-net weapons for the princi-net weapons made in U.S.A. — are now being directed against the native inhabitants and fresh mili-net weapons for the princi-ple of self-determination. tary equipment is being poured in ple of self-determination.

as fast as ships can carry it to RECORD OF THE HUKS Manila.

Fighter-bomber planes are bombing and strafing jungle villages. Artillery fire reverberates ganization formed in 1942 at the through the mountains. Warships stand offshore and pour destructive fire into areas where "rebel" forces are operating.

In the Philippines as in Greece

Telephone and Railroad Unions Postpone Strikes

APRIL 26 - Two major strikes. Loth scheduled to begin at 6 o'clock this morning, were called off as negotiations were resumed for a settlement of the disputes.

The threatened strike by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was postponed until May 10 at the request of the National demanding an extra fireman be of each of four major railroad lines.

The projected tie-up by some 250,000 telephone workers in 43 states employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was postponed indefinitely sions as to the post-war intentions Workers of America resumed fine phrases about liberty and mission," the union's demand for a 15 cent shattered by the "liberation" of sistently rumored? an hour increase. Union spokes- the Islands in 1944-45. One of men expressed an optimism that MacArthur's first acts after landwas not shared by company ing on the main island of Luzon Science Monitor, wrote on April representatives about the outcome was to order the arrest of the Huk 19 that "known information" is of current negotiations.

SCABBING OKAYED

Prior to the postponement of the railroad firemen's walkout the formal sovereignty over the Is- crew of 10 - an unusually large

Leading the insurrectionary struggle of the people is the Hukbalahap, a peasant guerrilla orbeginning of the Japanese occupation. "Hukbalahap" is a contraction of the Tagalog phrase, "Hukbo ng Bayan sa Hapon," meaning "The People's Army Against Japan.' The Huks fought against the Japanese in collaboration with the Americans who smuggled arms to them. These peasant warriors linked the struggle against the in-

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vader to hopes for a better life after the war. The U.S. imperialsts encouraged these hopes. Above all, the peasants, who form the overwhelming majority of the population, wanted an end to the hateful and oppressive landlordplantation system which kept them in poverty and insecurity. Wherever the Huks succeeded

in wresting territory from the Japanese, they divided the landlords' estates and set up their own Mediation Board. The BLF is village governments. The landas previously they made common cause with the American and Spanish conquerors.

U. S. IMPERIALIST ROLE If the peasants had any illu-

leaders and the restoration of the $\begin{vmatrix} 15 \\ cf \end{vmatrix}$ a character that "strongly confiscated estates to the land-

lords. In 1946, the U. Se relinquished

leaders of the Brotherhood of lands and the Philippine Republic one — included "experts in Locomotive Engineers announced was born. But the treaties and electronics." Secondly, it crossed that their members had been agreements accompanying this the German coast at "the Apparently Apparently the German coast at "the result "unus



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demanding an extra fireman be placed on the diesel locomotives of each of four major railroad with the Japanese invaders what the bapanese invaders what the bapanese invaders whether the **DOING IN THE BALTICS?**

Just what was the lost U.S. Navy plane actually do- Michigan Ballot ing in the Baltic area? Was it on a routine flight to Copenwhen the CIO Communications of the U.S. imperialists with their hagen, as is officially claimed? Or was it on some "secret

reconnaissance work Neal Stanford, staff cor-"judiciously silent" about it "for respondent of the Christian the most part."

that the vanished Navy plane had suggests" the Navy plane was not on a routine flight at all. work of some sort," and points In the first place the operating out that this has neither been denied nor affirmed officially by

Apparently the only thing tures.

It Qualifies for DETROIT, April 24 - The

Socialist Workers Party annegotiations with the company on democracy, these were rudely and the like as has been con-staging reconnaissance flights nounced today that it has reover each other's military posi- ceived official confirmation from tions, with both sides keeping the Secretary of State in Lansing that the SWP has qualified for a Harsch also concludes that place on the Michigan ballot in

there is "presumptive evidence" the 1950 general elections. The SWP filed 13,811 petitions been "engaged in reconnaissance at the state capital last week. When the Secretary of State's office tabulated them, 12,449 were designated as acceptable signa-

"Loyalty" Purge **Boomerangs on Democratic Party** But Truman

Open Letter to Truman From James Kutcher April 25, 1950 To Witch-Hunt

Mr. President:

Workers of the World, Unite !

THE MILITANT

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NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, MAY 1, 1950

Listening to your speech before the Federal Bar Association last night. I realized that you and your party are extremely upset about the "subversive" charges made against your administration by Senator McCarthy.

I think you have now gotten a small taste of how I and the Socialist Workers Party felt when you put the SWP on your "subversive" blacklist and then fired me out of my clerical job in the Newark Veterans Administration because of my membership in this lip - service to labor and civil working class party.

From the tone you used, it was clear that you don't like the taste of the smear medicine which your administration has dispensed rather freely to people like myself who advocate socialism as the alternative to capitalism and Stalinism.

I use the word "taste" because what is being done to you and other targets of McCarthy is by no means as bad as what you did to me and my party. Whether or not the charges against Owen Lattimore have any

substance, at least he was told what they were, and what the alleged evidence was for those charges. At least he was given the right turn the tide and are defeated to attend an open hearing where he could defend himself against those charges.

As for the Socialist Workers Party, it was put on your Attorney General's "subversive" list without being told what the evidence was for the charges against it. No hearing was offered before this hunt a few years ago. was done. After the list was published, both the SWP and I asked you and the Attorney General for an open hearing. Our requests were ignored or denied. We were put in the position of being "convicted" without having had a "trial," fair or otherwise. This fact alone proves that your statements last night about operating 'within the framework of the democratic liberties we cherish" is no

more accurate than some of McCarthy's claims Has it occurred to you, Mr. President, that the arbitrary methods you used against me and my party encouraged and emboldened McCarthy to imitate you and use similar methods against your administration? He probably figures that if you can smear your opponents without being required to submit proof, why can't he do man who is now pointing his the same?

Last night you also said: "We're going to keep the Bill of Rights. the jitters. on the books." It would also be very helpful if in addition to keeping it on the books, your administration would begin to observe it in

practice. As a first step toward again making the Bill of Rights that their members had been given permission to cross the ingmen's picket lines "if they chose." Both disputes have been in progress over an extended period with several previous postponea reality for all, the unconstitutional "loyalty" purge order should

By George Breitman The Democrats are really frightened now. For despite all their carefully-cultivated "Welfare State" demagogy and rights, they feel that they stand a good chance to be beaten in the crucial 1950 congressional elections as a result of the Washington witch-hunt proceedings inaugurated by Republican Senator McCarthy's charges about "communists" in the State Department.

Vows No Halt

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If the Democrats are unable to next November, it will be an example of irony difficult to equal. For it was the Democrats themselves who set loose the witch-

It was the Truman administration that created the political atmosphere of the cold war against "communism" in which McCarthy's accusations thrive.

And it'was Truman's Department of Justice that first made a public "hero" and "credible" witness out of Louis Budenz, the ex-Stalinist professional fingerfinger in a direction that gives the Democratic high command

THEIR OWN FIRE

JAMES KUTCHER through vague and unproven ac-

If the Democrats get burned

cusations: all he had to do was

borrow and adapt it from the

Trumanite "subversive" list which

proscribes minority working class

parties, both Stalinist and anti-

Stalinist, on the basis of similarly

vague and unproven accusations.

And as is pointed out elsewhere

GM LOCALS URGED TO PREPARE FOR STRIKE

By Emmett Moore

military circles" and Washington FLINT, Mich., April 19 — In answer to the warlike in testing the development of the preparations of the General Motors Corporation for a pos- Soviet "radar fence" which would sible strike. UAW Chevrolet Local 659 has called on all have a high priority in the Baltic. It is no secret, says Stanford, GM locals to gear themselves for 9strike action by immediately elect- ago laid off several hundred that "the USSR is constantly ing strike committees, revitalizing workers in a return to prewar testing America's fence as well the flying squads and laying the working levels, has recalled all as that of Western Europe." The groundwork whereby relief can be seniority employees and hired a- implication is that the U.S. is new. All GM plants are working doing the same. Finally, adds obtained.

This action was taken at the overtime and have reached war- Stanford, there are rumors that largest Chevrolet meeting in time levels of productivity. many months. The resolution In the light of these develop- a surprise landing on the Danish adopted by the membership also ments it is incomprehensible to island of Bornholm" - an addicalls on the UAW international many members that the interna- tional reason for reconnaissance. officers to convoke "a national tional has made no effort to preemergency conference of per ca- pare the members for strike. Resolute action by the interna- Joseph C. Harsch, one of the best pita elected delegates to discuss strike policy before any strike is tional and the locals can reverse informed Washington corresponthe present trend. The action of dents, states that it is "highly called in General Motors."

Sharp criticism was leveled the Chevrolet local points the way probable" that both Moscow and against the international's one- for other GM locals. at-a-time policy at the meeting. It is apparent that the Ford set-

Chevrolet meeting was made by Jack Palmer, former president of the local, who showed that GM workers are in a bad situation the Ford and Chrysler settlements.

water they poured into the soup. The GM worker is at the end of the line."

GM PREPARATIONS

union for a possible strike at GM. labor."

hand, has evoked surprise and AFL TO ACT MAY 8 consternation by its extensive The United Mine Workers and the alarm: preparations.

Chevrolet parts warehouse in decisive word remains to be ready created widespread unem- social welfare legislation; the in- the "common program" of which the logic of this development was Flint, which only a few months spoken by the AFL.

"inevitably would involve a reconnaissance of some sort along Normally, such operations are the part of the Baltic coast" held conducted behind a veil of secrecy occupied by the Republican, which is never lifted for anyone." by the Kremlin. Next there is the strange and

complete radio silence observed by the plane from the moment **Denied Jobless Aid** it crossed over Germany into the For His Politics

Baltic. Along with that is the admitted interest of "western Nebraska witch-hunters have gone one step beyond the rest of the snarling pack in this country. In Nebraska the victims of witch-hunters are denied not only their civil rights and an opportunity to carn a livelihood but also the right to collect state unemployment compensation. This ruling was made in the case of John E. Hester who "adthe "Russians might be planning mitted participating in Communist activities." Judge James M. Patton ruled in Omaha that Hester was "in-In the same issue, the Monitor's eligible" for jobless aid bechief of the Washington bureau, cause he "made himself unavailable for work by declaring himself a Communist. No one in this part of the country will hire a Communist." Washington have been regularly

The first four positions will be

L'emocratic, Progressive and And apparently what most Prohibition Parties, who received enough votes in the 1948 elec-(Continued on page 4) tion not to be required to submit any this year.

Other parties may qualify before the May 6 deadline, but the Socialist Party has already indicated that it is not going to run its own candidates in this state this year.

STATE CONVENTION NEXT The SWP branches in Michigan | Workers Party in this state). are now making plans to hold a state convention which will have and outlining a vigorous cam- Both live in Philadelphia. paign to get the widest possible

hearing for the socialist message of the party.

The members and sympathizers tional Ladies Garment Workers ism and joined the SWP. of the SWP, encouraged by the Union, AFL. She also belongs to response they got while can- the Philadelphia Branch of the vassing for petitions, are con- NAACP. She was born in Norfolk, fident that the coming campaign Va., and raised in Cleveland, O. will be the most effective in the She attended Heidelberg College, history of the Michigan party. Tiffon, O.

yourself and McCarthy. the method for stigmatizing and Yours truly. discrediting the Democratic Party



HARRISBURG, Pa., April 26 - Nomination papers, bearing 12,146 signatures, were filed at the Bureau of from his VA job because he Elections here today by the Militant Workers Party (the belongs to the Socialist Workers ballot designation of the Socialist

The candidates named for the Philadelphia, where for a time could defend himself - which is 1950 general election are Mrs. she participated in the activities more than Truman's Loyalty the job of adopting an election Clyde Turner for U. S. Senator of the American Friends Service Board was willing to afford to platform, nominating candidates and Herbert Lewin for Governor. Committee and was in charge of Kutcher or the SWP.

Comrade Turner is now em- Program of the YWCA, before fight the McCarthy offensive is ployed as a garment operator she became acquainted with the by repudiating the entire heresyand is a member of the Interna- principles of revolutionary social- hunt and appealing to the Ameri-

inghouse Corporation, Lester, Pa. state. He was born at Rockaway, N. Y.,

on this page by James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was fired Party. Owen Lattimore at least After graduating, she moved to got an open hearing at which he

the Defense Workers Recreation | The only progressive way to can people to mobilize for action The Militant Workers Party in defense of their civil rights, candidate for Governor, Herbert which are being subverted by the Lewin, is a mechanic at the West- proponents of an American police

But since that would also mean

repudiating their own past and

present witch-hunt practices, it

is the last thing the Trumanites

have in mind. Instead, their

defense consists of showing that

they are really the best, most

efficient and most reliable witch-

clear in his speech before the

Federal Bar Association on April

24. His anti-"subversive" ac-

tivities had been unceasing, he

said - which was true; and he

Truman himself made this

TRUMAN'S DEFENSE and studied forestry at the N.Y.

hunters available.

State Forestry School at Syracuse. For the past 13 years he has been an active member and has held various posts in the CIO Auto Workers and Electrical



tlement has become a tremendous obstacle to any major gains either in pensions, wages or contract. The keynote speech at the Chewnote speech at the

By C. Thomas

Independent and Railroad Brother- and CIO. The CIO unity proposal ing each of the post-war years.

the depression," Palmer said. ecutive Council meeting on May 8 business will result in wrecking "The longer the lines, the more which will be called upon to act the organized labor movement -1. To establish a joint com- the experience of the past few to seek and obtain effective govon the following proposition: mittee "empowered to coordinate years. This anxiety permeates the ernmental action with this alarmour efforts in the economic, legis- utterances of the labor leaders as ing problem."

lative and political spheres," and they view the "Fair Deal" debacle ganized employers.

International Association of Ma-

hood unions, has been left hang- reflects the fear that continued ANXIOUS CONCERN minds me of the soup lines during ing fire pending the AFL Ex- control of government by big "It is the inescapable responsibility of organized labor," Murray concludes, "acting unitedly, a fear that is amply justified by

In his "unity" letter CIO over industry and government by present predicament.

"Our economy suffers from the to a-major depression; growing support behind the Truman Demo-All reports indicate the corpo- chinists, largest of the independ- unrestrained greed of the trusts unemployment at a time when crats on a national scale. It seeks

with negotiations coming after organic unity, addressed to AFL, the original split between AFL approximately by one million dur- blood-letting that labor is forced periences. to undergo by the "economic overlords," to gain a few piddling DISASTROUS RESULTS

concessions. etc. These are symptoms of an im- discarded the sterile Gompers pending social crisis which raise policy of "pure and simple" trade political problems of the first unionism which kept the Amerimagnitude. While the CIO letter can working class politically raises these problems, it carefully atomized and completely suborrefrains from posing a funda- dinate to the bosses of the Demo-

From beginning to end the mental solution. On the contrary, cratic and Republican parties 2. To "seek to achieve the in Washington and the mounting Murray letter is anx ously con- the remedy prescribed is a larger With the establishment of Labor's and anti-labor offensive by the orclothes and took the first step President Philip Murray sounded a small clique of greedy monopol- For the CIO proposal, in toward independent political ac-

ists whose course leads inevitably essence, is designed to unify labor tion. The virtue of LNPL and its successor, the CIO Political ration is stockpiling cars and ents, have responded favorably; and monopolists. Their program high prices and higher profits to effect this "unity" in time to Action Committee, was in the ration is stockpring cars and ents, have responded the components. Then propries have swollen corporate income to make its weight felt in the 1950 attempt to organize the working trucks. Dealers are ordering parts the half out promethod until but the lits, and too low wages has al-

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ployment. Millions of Americans, creasing arrogance of corporate they speak, the cornerstone of

HERBERT LEWIN

hadn't violated any democratic rights in the process, he boasted - which was untrue. But the essence of his line was: We Democrats are the best witchhunters and purgers in the business; why try somebody else without our experience and finesse, when you can depend on us to continue this witch - hunt even while we are dodging the effects of its Republican counterpart? Labor and liberal leaders, who

have been hoping against hope that the administration would discontinue the witch-hunt sooner or later, are here offered evidence that Truman proposes to maintain

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This latest of a whole series of willing and able to work, cannot interests bolstered by the Taft- their unity proposal. These labor The two-part CIO proposal for similar proposals is the most find jobs. The number of unem- Hartley Act, in "rejecting labor's leaders have learned literally Page Two

Monday, May 1, 1950

To the imperialists, Stalinist in-

The perfidious deeds of Stalinism

Regardless, however, of the

– European Notebook – **California Jobless** The 25th Hour Increase Reported By Ernest Germain

LOS ANGELES - Mid-Feb uary reports on unemployment in California disclose a total of

The merit of literature consists among other things 493,000 jobless out of a total in its power to reveal truth by conveying the feeling of labor force of 3,935,000. The reality to those who are still incapable of understanding it February figure represents an increase of 19,000 over January and scientifically. Among the books that today give us a striking of the tragedy that was suffered is the highest recorded since "feeling of our times" should be by scores of millions during the March 1949, when 531,000 were noted The 25th Hour, a novel by last decade. In fact, these perunemployed. As reported, the a young Rumanian bourgeois in- sonages were neither gassed at tellectual and refugee named C. Auschwitz, nor burned alive at figure represents 12% of the labor Virgil Gheorghiu. (Librairie Plan, Iwo Jima, nor frozen to death in force of California, which puts the

the camps at Kolyma, nor Paris. 1949.) The 25th Hour is the story of atomized at Hiroshima, nor blowr a simple Rumanian peasant, sky high like the unfortunate Iohann Moritz, his wife Suzanne victims of imperialist repressions and several other petty-bourgeois in Madagascar.

types: the priest Koruga; his son PUSHED AROUND a poet and novelist, Traian; and

his wife, the journalist Nora West. All these people have been served that most precious boon engulfed by the whirlwind of their lives which 60,000,000 be catastrophes that has uprooted ings lost during the five years of the Balkans during the last the second imperialist war. They decade.

Iohann Moritz seeks above all were constantly pushed around, to escape the crushing poverty of pushed around by the state, figure for this category has his village. He wants to emigrate pushed around by the rich, pushed reached a total of 190,000 as comto the United States, but the around by the army, pushed pared with 126,000 in January father of Suzanne bullies her and around by the police, pushed 1949. compels her to remain where he around by the bureaucrats who can protect her. Thanks to the snuff out the last spark of their generosity of the priest and his humanity under mountains of red son, Moritz succeeds in buying tape. The 25th Hour is a novel of

Comes the war and the persecu- strongly conveys man's misery to interned as an forced laborer in Germany.

Moritz is released from the camp, enrolled in the German army and tariat. married off to an equally submissive "Nordic" nurse. But after the invasion of Germany Moritz helps some French prisoners whom he is supposed to be guardiug, to escape, and accompanies them behind the Allied lines. Misfortune dogs him there, for he is immediately arrested as an enemy soldier and interned as a prisoner of war. He languishes in a dozen different camps until, by accident, he again finds his wife Suzanne who has fled from Russianoccupied Rumania, where she suffered severe cruelties.

For several years the reunited family continues to taste the joys of the American camps - "We cannot consider individual cases," an American officer tells them

entire state in the "critical" class. The average monthly unemploy. nent figure for 1949 is given as 17,000. The figure for one year

go. February 1949, was 486,000. his would indicate that rather For the most part, they prethan a temporary unemployment problem, we are witnessing the reation of a permanent army of remployed. This is confirmed by the number of those unemployed were only pushed around. They who are no longer eligible for un-

employment compensation. The

a small plot of land and building simple folk pushed around by our rotten society! himself a house. But impressive as this novel i

MISFORTUNE WITHOUT END in its description which s

tion of the Jews. A policeman who day, it is misleading in the concovets Suzanne denounces Iohann clusions which flow from this Moritz as a Jew and has him description. To be sure. the arrested. He is forced to dig author guards against putting the trenches under inhuman condi- responsibility for this misery on tions. By a supreme effort he "totalitarianism" or some other succeeds in fleeing to Hungary. cliche of the same type. He re-There he is promptly arrested, jects the alternative of American "undesirable imperialism as a "lesser evil." He alien," then "sold," along with likewise understands that the thousands of other aliens, as a

found in the fact that "slave One day an SS monomaniac techniques" tyrannize over "hunotices Iohann Moritz and dis- man slaves." The Marxists long covers in him "a racial Nordic ago expressed this truth as foltype of exceptional purity." lows: dead labor, machines, tyrannize over living labor, the prole-HE SEES NO WAY OUT

source of all this misery is to be

But Gheorghiu presents misery as an inevitable product of "our technological civilization." That is, he is incapable of pointing any way out whatever for martyred mankind. His charecters are all docile, obedient to the law and resigned to a fate that tortures them. The will to resist is expressed only on the plane of individual escape; all orcanization is considered tyranical. That the organization of vorkers is capable of awakening

in them the first sparks of lumanity and self-awareness this seems inconceivable to the author. He believes in nothing in 1950. lut the Spirit. In his presentation, Cochran Sidewalk Supper



Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Barry and their five children eat supper on a Chicago sidewalk after being evicted from their apartment. Cause of the eviction was Barry's inability to pay the high rent demanded by the landlord. There will be many more scenes like this all over the country if rent controls are ended.

Letters Why Starvation in The Richest Valley?

Editor: I have just read an article in Newsweek magazine purporting o give a report on how conditions in the San Joaquin Valley of California are exaggerated.

According to the writer, the ed at peak employment or those has to be done. death by starvation (polite name: who worked part time and are malnutrition) of 28 children last counted as fully employed in these the story: uotes an "authority" who said, can exist and yet some "author- with a sign denouncing his em-

demic" **Of Bureaucracy**

LOS ANGELES, April 17 – A Simon Klein large audience was on hand here Was Too Old last night to hear Bert Cochran, chairman of the Socialist Work- Editor:

ers Party Trade Union Commit-Capitalist society has no mercy tee, discuss the outlook for labor on its helpless victims. The ruthless coldblooded nature of the

from Readers earnings at gin mills while the no place to go. His employer perkids stay home and starve." mitted him an extension of time The State Department of Em- to find an apartment. When the ployment recorded 544,000 work- extension was over Simon Klein

ing in agriculture one month and informed his employer that it had 419,000 two months later. This been impossible to find a place to means an increase of unemploy- live in. The employer, Rabbi Edment in agriculture alone of 129,- ward Lissman, called the moving 000 in two months, not accounting men to evict the couple. Said the for those who remained unemploy- Rabbi, "It is regrettable but it

> ranks have grown by leaps and But let the N. Y. Times finish oounds. Possessing, as yet, only light weapons, they are compelled "Mr. Klein pleaded and shouted.

to avoid frontal fighting. But A full blown agricultural crisis He even picketed the building they have an additional and powerful weapon - the friendship and protection of the villagers

"As the furniture was carried crisis. Here in California employ- heart fluttered and he collapsed ment fluctuates wildly almost at the door of his apartment. A very month in this industry with patrolman called an ambulance

continually downward trend in but that was not necessary." wages. This is also true of nearby Simon Klein's name did not ap-Arizona which also had an "epi- pear in any of the obituary colof starvation deaths umns and the Times account of among the agricultural workers the case was buried in the back section of the paper. None of the other papers, including the so-Los Angeles, Calif. called liberal ones, considered it

newsworthy. But The Militant that there are upwards of 16,000 should take the case of Simon Klein to its heart. It is representcapitalist society.

Ben Stone.

U.S. Puppets Wage War Against Filipino People

(Continued from Page 1) ability of the Quirino government, under Stalinist influence or diwas merely a deceitful cover for to suppress the popular uprising rection.

and make the Philippines safe for continued colonial domination. The task of liquidating the pop- the parasitic landlords and their fluence means one thing: the alar revolt and restoring the so- American partners. Their more spread of Soviet "imperialism." cial status quo wherever the Huks rabid spokesmen are campaigning To revolutionary socialists it had succeeded in upsetting it, was for direct American military in- means something quite different now entrusted to the Philippine tervention, that is, for the em- - an ominous possibility of begovernment, first under President ployment of U. S. troops against trayal of the popular struggle. the Huks. Sergio Osmena, then under President Manuel Roxas, today under 17, prints an editorial entitled what will happen in the Philip-President Elpidio Quirino.

By the terms of a so-called military assistance pact, recently renewed for another two years, the American imperialists are supplying the sinews of war to the puppet Philippine government to be used against the people. And always hovering in the background Philippine government can liqui- participation. In this there is no are American troops manning strategic military bases in the date the Huks unaided. It favors essential difference between it Islands.

Repressive actions by the mili-

tary and the Philippine Constabu-

lary are swelling the forces of dis-

content and rebellion. The Huks'

which enables them to operate

boldly and with extreme mobility

on separated fronts which now

stretch north and south through

the Islands for a distance of 1,000

The Huks are everywhere and

nowhere. While Quirino makes a

public pledge to wipe them out

within a year or resign they have

pressed to the very outskirts of

Manila. On several occasions re-

niles

DISMAL FAILURE

and no beating about the bush: necessary at this time is to iden-"Let's see the decision. Let's see tify the main enemy of the Fili-Despite this assistance, the efforts of the puppet government to the beginnings of action in Asia." pino people. That enemy is Amer-The label "Red" has of course ican imperialism. wipe out armed opposition have

son to the effect that the Philip-

met with dismal failure. Spurred been pinned on the Hukbalahaps Because of the high strategic by the disappointment of all their by the U.S. imperialists and their value which Washington places wartime hopes and encouraged by colonial agents in Manila. Life on the Philippines, there seems to the great struggles of the Chinese, magazine declares that the Huk be more likelihood of all-out U.S. Indonesian, Malayan and Indo-movement is tantamount to a So-military intervention there than Chinese peoples, the Filipinos are viet invasion of the Philippines there was in the case of China, continuing their struggle. From a and that this alone would justify where, considering all the circumsimmering start at the end of the the sending of American troops to stances, it was too vast and too war, revolt has flared higher and stamp it out. Capitalist press dis- risky an undertaking. The alarm higher in recent years and spread patches have repeated that Luis must be sounded now and the like a prairie fire against a back- Taruc, 37-year-old leader of the American working class alerted to ground of increasing economic Huks; is a Communist. Yet there the counter-revolutionary designs crisis, social deprivation and mis- is no real evidence showing to of the Washington administration what extent, if any, the Huks are and its Wall Street backers. ery.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Thus Life magazine, on April in China permit no illusions as to

"Let's Do It." Noting a declara- pines if the agents of the Krem-

pines are essential to U. S. se- character of the Huks' political

curity and that the U.S. would leadership, the movement is a

"go to war if necessary" to save genuine one enjoying the support

them, this Luce publication says of the great mass of the people

there is no reason to think the and to a large extent their active

the use of American soldiers and and the peasant movement led by

Marines to wipe out the Huks - the Stalinists in China. What is

tion by Secretary of State Ache- lin establish their control.

Although it is still too early for on the head again with the April any reports from members of the 10 issue of The Militant on the Militant Army, the orders for the verdict in the Harry Bridges trial.

special May Day The Longshoremen held a mass edition of The Mili- meeting in defense of Bridges tant published last where all three defendants spoke week indicate that it to an audience of about 5,000 is due for a favor- people. We sold our whole bundle able response from order of 75 copies and gave out class-conscious work- 1,000 leaflets carrying a reprint ers celebrating of the Bridges story in the Aprillabor's traditional 10 issue. Everyone except the dieholiday. The bundle hard Stalinists were interested in orders of this issue the Trotskyist position supporting received up to now Bridges against persecution while amount to more than attacking his political views."

double the usual orders.

cently the capital has been alert-In case you slipped up getting ed for an expected Huk attack. The whole of Luzon was placed your order in early, extra copies are still available. They're three under army rule on April 1. Quirino's defense secretary, Ru- cents each in bundles of five or

OS CIPEL

perto Kangleon, has estimated more.

Politics

relationship between artistic

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It is immediately evident that the different characters in this book are nothing but symbols of specific social forces. The father of Suzanne, a brutalized bourgeois: the policeman who "converts" Iohann Moritz into a Jew; the SS man who reconverts him into an "Aryan of exceptional purity" - these are so many per-

"In the end, God will take pity traced the history of the labor on man," he has one of his charmovement in recent years, with acters, old Koruga, say. At the special emphasis on the State Desame time he has Koruga's son partment's intervention into the retorting: "The 25th hour (is) the novement through the misleadertime when all attempts at salvaship of the labor bureaucracy. tion are bound to be useless." Thus the author constantly swings back and forth between flight to the hereafter and absolute despair. His unbounded pessimism combines sympathy for suffering

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"The liberation of the workers can come only through the workers themselves. There is, therefore, no greater crime than deceiving the masses, palming off defeats as victories, friends as enemies, bribing workers' leaders, fabricating legends, staging false trials, in a word, doing what the Stalinists do. These means can serve only one end: lengthening the domination of a clique already condemned by history. But they cannot serve to liberate the masses. That is why the Fourth International wages a life and death struggle against Stalinism."

TROTSKY

- Leon Trotsky, Their Morals and Ours, 1938.

Five Years of the UN

The UN is now celebrating the fifth anniversary of its foundation in San Francisco. Five years ago Moscow vied with Washington, London and Paris in painting up this organization. It would usher in an entirely new era in human history, they all said. Among the loudest shouters were the Stalinists who promised that the UN would bring a "people's peace" into this world, among other countless boons.

The only dissident voice was that of world Trotskyism. In this country, as in all others throughout the world, the Trotskyists were the only ones who warned that the United Nations was nothing but a replica of the defunct League of Nations which Lenin had branded as a "thieves' kitchen."

The League of Nations, Lenin said, is "a piece of fakery from beginning to end; it is a deception from beginning to end; it is a lie from beginning to end." It is not a genuine unification at all but unity "on paper only; in reality it is a group of beasts of prey, who only fight one another and do not at all trust one another." We said in 1945 that everything Lenin had said about the League of Nations was just as true of the United Nations.

Five years have passed. Who has been proved right?

Relief for the Unemployed

In a letter to administration leaders and Congress last week. CIO President Philip Murray, called for emergency legislation to relieve unemployment distress in "critical" areas. The communication appeals for action on three specific measures: (1) Extension of unemployment compensation benefits beyond the 26 week period in areas where unemployment exceeds nine per cent of the labor force; (2) enactment of a bill providing funds for public works; and (3) re-establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps to relieve unemployment among younger workers. These proposals are all right as far as they go. But such appeals addressed to a Congress primarily concerned with granting handouts to the rich will remain unheeded unless supported by effective action. The union-hating bosses look upon the unemployed as a convenient reservoir from which to recruit strikebreakers in their war against the unions. Big Business has long perfected its "Plan for Action" which envisages the use of a double-barreled weapon to blast the labor movement: the Taft-Hartley Act plus a "surplus labor pool." The crucial question is who will win the allegi-

The five years of the United Nations have proved to be five years of the incessant "cold war," that is, a condition of highly unstable armed truce in preparation for still another world holocaust.

The world has never before witnessed such five years of extensive "peacetime" preparations for warfare nor the piling up of so many instruments of destruction from the customary armaments to atomic explosives, biologic poisons and rocket missiles.

Five years after the San Francisco "universal peace" frolic, the whole world totters on the edge of Hell-Bomb annihilation. And it was the architects of the United Nations, not the least among them Stalin and his whole regime, who have brought matters to such a pass.

Peace can still be assured to tortured humanity. To bring it about it is necessary to abolish monopoly capitalism and establish a Workers and Farmers Government in this country. There is no other way. If the masses of the people in this country were to take this road, the days of Stalin's rule would be numbered. His bestial regime would then fall under the revolutionary uprising of the Soviet masses and of the oppressed peoples in the satellite countries of Eastern Europe.

ance of the unemployed worker? It is

good that Philip Murray recognizes the

responsibility of organized labor to speak

up for the unemployed. But more is

necessary!

Pyade Tells How Stalin Betrayed the Partisans

The full story of the Kremlin's fered frozen feet during the of- questions are clarified in the resabotage, duplicity and treachery fensive. . . Send us munitions, lations between the Soviet government and the Yugoslav gov automatic weapons, equipment toward the wartime partisan and material to clothe the fighternment. These "questions" had been

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British government and of the

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ian Brigade.

novement in Yugoslavia is now ers.' matter of public record. On Feb. 22, when it had become For three long years, between clear that the Soviet planes were 1941 and 1944, a national and civil to be expected the following day, Tito added in another dispatch: war was being fought out on the

"Send us sufficient war material plains, forests and mountains of and we will mobilize another this Balkan country. On the one 100,000 men. The arrival of sevside were the worker and peasant eral parachutists will have an immense moral and political inguerrillas. They were led by Tito fluence here." and the Yugoslav Communist

the ruling caste in the Soviet for the safe reception of the On the other side were the Ger-

man and Italian invaders, their quisling regimes in Serbia and waited for the Soviet planes for Croatia, the reactionary anti-com- 37 days in the snow-covered fields munist government of King Peter of Montenegro at the foot of and fighting the partisans. Tito Aimed at Two Targets Mount Durmitor. The planes never in exile in London and finally the Serbian General Mikhailovitch.

MORE TELEGRAMS The forces under his command in

Yugoslavia concentrated their main fire against the partisans in other telegram from Moscow. It secret collaboration with the

Columnists. He was referring here to Mik contained a proposal that the parhailovitch's Chetniks. They were ian: "Handle with Care - Munitions." At that time the partisans in Montenegro had only one cartridge for every three fighters.

Moscow excused its failure to Meanwhile, behind-the-scenes ne- that the Communist Party had 1942 with alibis about technical gotiations were being conducted erganized the liberation struggle difficulties. But at the same time between the Moscow despot and in Yugoslavia, as well as the they advised Tito to appeal to the following slogans at the end of Yugoslav government in London the manifesto: "Long live the to support the national liberation

The manifesto never saw the daily the texts of documents taklight of day. In a letter dated en from the Chetniks proving coltheir radical social aims, to give March 26, Tito indicated the rea- laboration between Mikhailovitch up their independence and to son to Pyade who was still await- and the Occupation. While we re-

nake peace with Mikhailovitch. ing the planes. He wrote that ceived no aid from the Soviet Un-Had his advice been followed Moscow had lost interest in the ion, the British were parachuting project. "But there is another rea- arms to the Chetniks close by our son why the planes do not come," lines." Then Tito once again address he said, "and this is it: Yesterday

All these facts are documented I received a wire from Moscow in- ed an appeal to the Kremlin: n detail in an expose written by "I have been on the Montenegro forming us that it was necessary Moshe Pyade, a member of the to hold up the publication of the sector of the front since May 20. Political Bureau of the YCP in manifesto to the people of Eu- The situation is very critical here. he March 22 issue of the Belrope pending clarification of re- The entire population curses the grade paper, Borba. The article lations between the Soviet gov- Yugoslav Government in London is entitled "Facts on Soviet Aid ernment and the Yugoslav gov- which is supporting the Occupato the Insurrectional Uprising.' ernment in London. It is clear tion through the intermediary of

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QUESTIONS TO "CLARIFY"

PROMISE OF AID

reece today.

The problem of unemployment is no In February 1942, Moscow comnunicated to the general staff of longer a matter of temporary relief for the Partisan Army, then located the so-called "distressed areas." It has in Fotcha, a small town on the become general throughout the country border of Bosnia and Herzeand is steadily increasing. The CIO esgovina: "We have the possibility timates that unemployment has increased future. . . Furnish us with details at the rate of one-million per year since

that the London government and Mikhailovitch. From all corners, not our policy is the principal the fighters and the people are obstacle in the way of our receivs not sending aid." How Stalin answered will be

CP SHARPENS LINE AGAINST 'TITO FORCES'

By John F. Petrone

The Stalinist leaders in this country are deeply concerned over penetrating" even into the CP. This fear was expressed at the March 23-25 plenary session of the CP National Committee by Gilbert Green, reporting on "The Need for Strengthening Communist Vigilance." (The main reports of the plenum are printed in the May issue of Political Affairs.)

The "Tito forces." according to Green's warning, "are well rganized and financed, and are concentrated especially among the Yugoslavs in London suspected middle-class intellectuals and among the nationality groups." He that the partisan movement in singled out the writer Louis Adamic as "their chief American spokesman as of this moment" and darkly condemned him as "no mere confused and misled intellectual." munist character and they object-

"We dare not underestimate the inroads which the Titoites having formed a special Proletar- have made among certain middle-class intellectuals, who, seeking to 'prove' that they are not Communists, are becoming supporters of Tito," Green continued. "They believe that this will enable them to continue to parade as progressive and pro-peace forces, while permitting them to join in attacks upon the Soviet Union. We must make perfectly clear that, sooner or later, the period of confusion over the Tito question will have to end. Sooner or later it jority consisted of real patriots will be impossible for individuals who wish to be considered proand not Fifth Columnists. The gressive, who wish to fight against the war plans of Wall Street, agents of the London government to straddle this issue. . .

concluded that the creation of the This blunt threat of all-out slander, "sooner or later," is clearly proletarian brigades, whose heroaimed at such figures as O. John Rogge, Progressive Party leader ism served as an example for the who has been prominent in the activities of Stalinist front organizations in the past but who is now embarrassing them by his trip to Yugoslavia and his remarks favoring the independence of that country.

> But Green's whole speech makes it evident that his remarks are also aimed at members of the CP itself. It is well known that Joseph Starobin was kicked out of his job as Daily Worker foreign affairs editor because of his "confusion over the Tito issue" - that is, because he tried to polemicize with the Yugoslavs instead of following the orthodox Stalinist line, which is not to argue the merits of the question but to engage in unrestrained political character assassination of the Yugoslavs.

Starobin's "confusion," as the Stalinist bureaucrats well know. is only a faint reflection of the CP rank and file's continuing bewilderment over the overnight change in their leadership's attitude toward Tito after the Kremlin-Belgrade split, and of their reluctance to accept the Cominform's anti-Yugoslav slanders at face value.

Strictest Check-Up and Control'

Green proposed, and the National Committee decided to carry through, a campaign "for the mass circulation of Derek Kartun's booklet Tito's Plot Against Europe," a hack job which plays up. that Moscow gave this advice de- all of the lurid lies against the Yugoslav regime that were broadspite the fact that "we wired them | cast at the Rajk frame-up trial in Hungary last year.

But of course the Stalinist bureaucrats are not going to rely on propaganda alone (especially such discredited propaganda). In addition, they decided to "tighten up our whole party organization" by instituting "the strictest check-up and control over the execution of all decisions" (and over all members). This check-up and control, Green explained, "will find the deficiencies that exist in our work' and "uncover wrong ideological tendencies.

In short, speedy expulsion and defamation as "a counter-revolutionary agent of Wall Street" awaits any member of the CP who fails to go along 100% with the Kremlin's propaganda warfare against Yugoslavia today or an armed attack on its independence in the future.

Truman Appoints Advocate of Blood Segregation To a Position in the Top Loyalty Review Board

The appointment of Harry Blair | policy of segregating Negro to Truman's Loyalty Review blood as a point tending to supasking me why the Soviet Union Board was protested last week port a disloyalty charge."

by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary Wilkins also told Truman that of the NAACP. Blair's record, he the Blair appointment, "coupled "indicates bias against with the delay in taking up the said, shown in next week's concluding The Moscow wire, dated March installment of this expose based Negro citizens and a tendency to FEPC bill in the Senate, has not 2, 1942 read: "Personal. . . for on Pyade's article. It will also classify their legitimate and only aroused resentment, but also cf sending men in the near Tito. During a consultation in re contain factual proof of Stalin's justifiable protests against racial a strong suspicion that adthe publication of the manifesto treachery to the Yugoslav parti- discrimination and segregation as ministration leaders are abandon-

Up to 1944, when the Soviet of Europe, calling upon them to Army crossed the Yugoslav border fight the invaders. Tito agreed. in pursuit of the Wehrmacht. Then in March Moscow demand-Stalin deliberately withheld all aid ed by telegram that certain changes be made in the text of "PEOPLE ASK WHY" from the sorely pressed guerrilla the proclamation, notably the armies under Tito's leadership. deletion of the passage saying

King Peter's government-in-exile which, in turn, was secretly collaborating with the Nazi occupa heroic Red Army; Long live the army (partisans). Pyade notes Soviet Union; Long live Comrade Instead of giving them arms Stalin!" Tito complied. and medical supplies, Stalin' ex-

horted the partisans to tone down

tisan general staff issue a proclamation in the name of the being amply supplied by Musso-Yugoslaw people to all the people lini. Crates were marked in Ital-

Pyade was then commissioned Tito replied that Moscow had Party, blindly loyal to Stalin and by Tito to make all preparations drawn He said that there was a broad planes. A Montenegrin partisan popular liberation front in Yugosdetachment was placed at his dislavia which in its immense maposal. Together with the partisans

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people, had been necessary be-While Pyade and his partisans cause the partisan movement was were waiting, Tito received anmortally threatened by the Fifth

1945. There are now over five million totally unemployed and eight million working part time. And this at a time when corporate profits for the first quarter of 1950 are higher than the boom take of 1949.

Either organized labor will champion the cause of the unemployed or the monopolists will use them as a battering ram against the unions. To give force to the appeal for immediate relief from Congress the unions must themselves organize and direct the struggle of the unemployed along militant lines.

An important part of this fight must be the resumption of a serious campaign to win the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay.

An Issue That Can't **Be Straddled**

"Sooner or later it will be impossible for individuals who wish to be considered progressive, who wish to fight against the war plans of Wall Street, to straddle this issue (of Yugoslavia)," thus spoke Gilbert Green at the recent plenum of the CP National Committee.

This thinly veiled ultimatum combines the customary huge dose of the Stalinist lie with a great deal of truth. It is a lie that anyone who sides with Yugoslavia against the Kremlin thereby automatically enlists in the camp of American imperialism. What it really means is that Stalin's American hirelings are under strict orders to attack and defame as an agent of Wall Street anyone who shows the slightest sympathy for the struggle of the Yugoslavs, or even has doubts about the Kremlin's ruthless policy against Yugoslavia. But it is nevertheless true that it is impossible to straddle the issue of Yugoslavia.

Events have demonstrated that the Kremlin, which keeps on reaffirming its willingness and eagerness to cohabit peacefully with any and all capitalist countries, rules out this possibility in the case of Yugoslavia. Between himself and the Tito regime, Stalin has drawn a line of blood.

Those who will have to choose sides immediately are the "progressives" in the Wallaceite movement. O. John Rogge, Wallace and others have now been told to line up - or else! The same thing applies, of course, to the rank and file of the Wallaceites, and of the Stalinist periphery generally.

It goes much deeper than that. Every rank and filer inside the Communist Party now has a gun pointed at his head. No more hesitations, no more doubts, not even unspoken ones! A purge is clearly in preparation.

Actually the Wallaceites and the Stalinists are not the only ones who are confronted with making a definitive choice. Today the same issue faces — and will face even more sharply on the morrow the ranks of the entire American labor movement. The pressure on Yugoslavia comes not only from Moscow; there is also pressure from the side of Washington which will increasingly assert itself.

The resistance of the Yugoslavs to the Kremlin is highly progressive; equally so is the determination of the Yugoslavs to remain independent of both the Kremlin and the American imperialists. To aid their struggle is to permit the Yugoslav revolution to unfold and allow the masses there to settle their own fate. We Trotskyists have understood this from the very beginning, and that is why we support the cause of the Yugoslavs.

s to where our plane can land." of the (Partisan) General Staff sans during World War II as re- disloyalty. The record in the ing the fight for civil rights at Tito replied: "Urgent need for we have decided, in the interest vealed in a document discovered Dorothy Bailey case clearly in- this session, especially in the medical supplies, especially of the cause, that it is necessary in the archives of King Peter's dicates that he regards a protest field of employment opportyphus serum. 160 fighters suf- to delay its issuance until certain Government-in-Exile. against the obnoxious Red Cross tunities.

Social Portrait of Our Middle Class

By Paul Schapiro Arthur Miller, Viking Press, 1949, 144 pp., \$2.50.

ardonic humor.

It is easy to see why this play, n the theater.

Breaking down in his old age, himself constantly, "Am I using business world, he would become as his illusion of his own im- the right approach?"; he has to frightfully lonely. His relationportance and his dream of his work on his "personality" so that ship with the woman with whom son's success in the business he can sell it to people who he took up on the road was as world are shattered, Willy count.

Loman's mind keeps getting out LITTLE ON THE MARKET of control and veering off, like Appointments with clients, inan automobile whose steeringterviews with employers - these wheel is out of kilter, to memories are the big moments at which of the past. His willful self-decepone can display his "personality." tion, in which he desperately tries to continue, is presented with The self-contradictory commands her stockings. rony, pity and something of he fires at his 34 year-old son,

about to talk to a big man about RULES OF SOCIETY In the person of this travelling a position which Willy dreams alesman, constantly aware of will open up a great future for the grinding competition, always him, reveal Willy's own inner beset by worries that he will be uncertainties: "Walk in very this woman, the memory of which payments, his insurance, his bills a boy's job." "Walk in with a big laugh. Don't look worried." and his mortgage, and immersed When Willy comes to talk to in his dream of coming out as

Howard, who has succeeded his the middle-class mentality. father - he forgets all his in-

SELLS" PERSONALITY junctions to his son. "Talk big," The salesman, like the small he had told Biff - and he begs usinessman, as Erich Fromm and grovels before the young cointed out in his Escape From man who addresses him with con-Freedom, is alienated from him- descending familiarity as "kid." is personality, himself, to the day," he had counselled him -uyers of the big concerns. His but now for a moment he realizes self-esteem is dependent on his that "personality" is worth very success in "selling" himself; he little on the market, after all: is unable to regard his own in- "Today, it's all cut and dried, and dividuality as of intrinsic value, there's no chance for bringing for "personality," when put on friendship to bear - or perthe market as a commodity, is, sonality."

like every other commodity, re-It is only for a moment, how- success in business had turned out ruthlessness of the robber barons. DEATH OF A SALESMAN, by garded by the seller as only an ever, that the illusion in which to be a drifter. There had been The irony of the drama is that Willy Loman has lived his life is indications of some decisive event Willy Loman does not perceive

"Be liked," Willy taught his lifted. But while Willy all his life which had changed his life. Now, his own contradictions and feeds young sons, "and you will never has refused to concede that he as everything crashes down upon on his own boasts, exaggerations want. You take me, for instance. is at the mercy of blind, im- Willy, it is revealed in a single and lies that are his unconscious now to be made into a movie, has I never have to wait in line for personal economic forces, the in- blinding flash. The discovery is efforts to bolster his ego. He conbeen so tremendously popular on a buyer. 'Willy Loman is here!' security of his position has made not merely a theatrical trick to tinues to try to piece together the stage. In its relentless That's all they have to know, and him subject to feelings of in- create a sensational effect. Willy's the broken pieces of his illusion. asychological probing of Willy I go right through." Although significance and powerlessness. desperate lies to his son to ex- And his death is as ironic as his .oman, the salesman, it has laid Willy delights in thinking of him- At home, when the children were plain away the half-dressed life. When Biff, crying, implores bare the innermost psychic dis- self as well liked, he is tormented young, he had got some happiness woman in his hotel room is an his father to stop expecting him turbances of the American middle by the doubt that people don't from their love, the companion- exposure of himself. They cause to bring home prizes, Willy class, and many spectators must really take to him. He cannot ship of his wife and his dreams the boy to see that the father realizes that his son's failure is have felt a sense of reality such simply be himself; he cannot, of the future, but on the road, whom he had worshipped and not just a way of spiting him and as they had seldom experienced that is, be a harmoniously in- hunting for sales, engaging in the who had pumped him full of that Biff, in spite of his resenttegrated individual. He has to ask impersonal relationships of the dreams is a liar and a fake. ment, has continued to love him.

PULLS ON MIDDLE CLASS Willy's "cheating" on his wife dream of Biff as a triumphant is part of the cheating he ac- success to flare forth as a splendid

lacking in human intimacy as cepts. He believes in the rules of vision. He had been thinking of the other relationships of the his society but is ready to evade suicide but hadn't gone through business world. His jokes them if he can get away with it, with it because he had been afraid brightened her up; he had an as he has seen the big people do. that Biff would despise him for audience; she didn't keep him waiting at her desk but sent him tormentedly about his disappoint- thinking of what Biff will be able through to the buyers; he gave

Young Biff's discovery of his he made the discovery, will never of a watchman.

never make good. The antagonism Biff as a boy.

But the high-school football in the middle class soul of fear of and clear. . . We're free . . We're star idolized by his classmates authority, acceptance of the free. . . We're free. . ." At last who was to have fulfilled his sacredness of private property Willy Loman is free of his debts father's dream by his triumphant and the desire to emulate the _____ and his dreams.

"Why is he stealing," he muses it. Now he takes his life joyously, ing son. "What did I tell him? I to do with the \$20,000 insurance never in my life told him any- money.

thing but decent things." But he had condoned his young football FREE AT LAST

hero son cheating at exams and But Biff has come to a realizafather's affair — one might swiping a football from the tion of himself and will not travel Letter perhaps say "deal" - with locker room. "Coach'll probably the road of his father. However, congratulate you on your initia- Willy Loman's dream, the dream unable to meet his installment serious. You are not applying for Willy has been trying to repress, tive," he had told him. "I got a that destroyed him, will be carried plays itself through his mind at couple of fearless characters on, if not by Biff, then by Happy, the climax of the play, when he there," he had boasted to his the second son, who has been has it forced on him that Biff, brother-in-law of his sons' thefts wavering between dropping out number-one man, is epitomized his own employer - young who had given up his life when of lumber from under the eyes of the meaningless, unsatisfying race for business success and con-

The certainty of Biff's love, how-

ever, only causes the flickering

In Willy's reliving of this in- tinuing in it. He promises this between father and son, the cident in his memory, his brother-lover the grave of his father, to nagging disappointment and feel- in-law answers, "Willy, the jails whose funeral had failed to come ing of guilt of Willy, the bitter- are full of fearless characters," the people Willy had imagined ness and disillusionment of Biff but the ghost of his brother Ben, would be there as a sign of his had been, presented, as Willy who had made good and entered being well liked and a success. self. Willy Loman has to "sell" "Personality always wins the thought back upon the past, in into Willy's dream as the symbol The last words over the grave contrast with young Biff's hero- of success, retorts: "And the stock are those of Willy's wife: "I made worship of his father and the exchange, friend!" In the con- the last payment on the house great hopes that Willy had for tradictions within Willy Loman today. Today, dear. And there'll can be seen the conflicting pulls be nobody home. . . We're free

Toward Unity in Ceylon

The Ceylonese Trotskyists are going ahead with steps to effect the projected unification of the two existing organizations, the Bolshevik Samasamaja Party (BSP) and the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP). Eight joint meetings have already been held in various parts of the island. Joint councils have been set up in the Central Committees and the various locals, in the editorial boards and for the parliamentary group. The constitution of the unified party is being drafted by a joint committee. Satisfactory progress by all joint councils is reported.

Copies of Samasamajist, the LSSP paper, has just reached this country, with a report of the mammoth rally held by the Trotskyists in Ceylon on Feb. 4. Extracts follow:

"The mass rally summoned by the LSSP and BSP in accordance with the joint councils' proposal now being conducted with a view to unify the Trotskyist movement in Ceylon, demonstrated beyond all manner of doubt the validity and historical necessity of such a unification. Since the defeat of the last General Strike, no working class rally could muster such a vast gathering. A very modest estimate of those assembled would be 25,000.

"Comrade N. M. Perera who presided explained that the rally served a dual purpose. Firstly, they were assembled here on the very day that the bourgeoisie and their party, the UNP (the ruling party in Ceylon), were commemorating the second anniversary of the achievement of independence. to protest against two years of misgoverning by the UNP. Secondly, the LSSP and the BSP were placing the proposals that are being taken to unify the two organizations. Drawing attention to the fact that within the city itself the official figures of the unemployed have risen to 80,000; the manner in which the resolutions calling for the implementation of the 8-hour day and for the reinstatement of those dismissed at the General Strike had been treated; and the conspiracy hatched against the workers by the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference, Comrade Perera made a lashing attack on the UNP. . . He said that the realization of a unified Trotskyist movement would sweep away the UNP and pave the way for a Workers and Peasants Government.'

Comrade Leslie Gunawardene said: "Ninety percent of the problem of the 'Left' would be solved by the unification of the LSSP and the BSP. (The leftover 10% is the CP.) You have had experience with the Stalinist CP. During the war they attempted to subdue the masses and asked them to make as great sacrifices as possible to win the war. By a process of verbal jugglery they transformed the imperialist war into people's war. You are aware that the CP was in the Ceylon National Congress which gave birth to the UNP. The CP howls that they want to make a revolution today but by their actions they have proved to be supporters of the UNP."

Colvin R. De Silva stated that after the misfortunes and divisions it was the greatest joy to appear on the same platform with comrades of old. Recalling the early days of the Trotskyist movement in Ceylon, he reminded the workers of the leadership it had provided in the Wellawatte Mills and other workshops, in the plantations and in the struggles of the workers of Ramboda against police brutality. "These struggles and more were carried out by the Trotskyists within a single party," he said. At certain junctures in history, on certain occasions we went on different roads which give rise to disunity. However, today the circumstances are such and the masses have compelled us to get together so that even those who wish to break away will be unable to survive."

Comrade Perera said in conclusion that there was nothing he could add to the speeches already made. "However I will say this, since a speaker has already referred to this meeting as the announcement of the engagement of the LSSP and the BSP, of the fusion that will take place in three months time; that if I represent the bridegroom I will not allow the other Party to run away at the end of the period even if she desired to do so."

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"Loyalty" Purge **Boomerangs on Democratic Party** (Continued from page 1)

the witch-hunt as a permanent institution of American life. And as long as Truman continues in this way, the McCarthys and proascists will be encouraged to try again.

What do the labor and liberal eaders intend to do about it? There is more at stake here than the success of the Democratic Party. Witch-hunts, which backfire even on a ruling capitalist party, are a hundred times. greater threat to the labor and liberal movements, whose progress - whose very existence depends on the maintenance and extension of civil liberties.

WHAT TO DO NOW

You can't fight one witch-hunt while supporting, condoning on remaining silent about another. On the other hand, the witch hunt in all its forms and varieties can be quickly eliminated if the labor movement, especially, wi up a vigorous campaign to defend the civil rights of all and to ights as the would-be rulers of

police state. Whatever the labor and liberal leaders do, the duty of the work-

ers is clearly defined: They must take a stand against ALL the witch - hunters and utilize the latest developments to convince

the labor and liberal movements that the witch - hunt, unless resolutely opposed, will keep on year contract, and declined any

(Continued from Page 1) concerns the authorities in Washington is not so much the episode operations on both sides. Harsch

reports that the most plausible explanation he has heard is the because they have something

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Strike at Homestead

Walkout Closes Steel Company's Homestead Plant

By F. Forest

HOMESTEAD, Pa., April 21 - The Homestead Works, the largest U.S. Steel Mill, came to a complete standstill yesterday. The full working force of 8,500 responded to

the spontaneous walk-out of 300 P maintenance men and refused to tude: "The grievance will be conross their picket line. This was sidered in due · course." It he first time since the great haughtily added the men could cower strike in 1946 that the take it or leave it, but the comlomestead steel workers came pany would not budge from its position. out in an unauthorized strike.

The capitalist press calls it a UNANIMOUS VOTE wildcat strike" and the workers An emergency meeting of the all it a "holiday." Homestead local was then called

Here is what caused it: and the men voted unanimously Ever since the end of last year's to take a holiday to enforce (1) eneral steel strike many men the demand for a full work week, ave not gotten back their jobs, although production is at full and (2) the priority of this grievance. Early in the morning, speed. Other men work only 3 or before the first shift came to days a week, and the terrific work, the maintenance men showspeedup is sweating the men ed up at the gates, well organized. beyond endurance. Literally hunireds of grievances are not only had his picket sign, and the picket not being acted upon, but are not even being considered. Fairless of captains were in their cars speakthe giant U.S. Steel has promised to process these in "assembly - line fashion," but

the non-production workers are feeling the brunt of it too. For example, where formerly the Homestead mills utilized 15 trucks, they now utilize only two. Garbage which used to be hauled ganized lends an added signidaily is hauled now only once a last week), UAW leaders have week. And when the men take their vacation, no one does their work for them; when they return, the work is piled so high they Instead of two or three token terested in a decent contract than

nothing to curtail overtime. On | Sentiment on picket lines, week while most of the mainmeetings and demonstrations tenance men work either 3 or 4 'REVENGEFUL SPEEDUP"

One added: "This isn't a strike:

Land of Opportunity

By Robert Phillips

Less than a century has passed since Horace Greeley issued his famous advice to the opportunity-frustrated Easterner of his day: "Go west, young man." And when the frontier lands receded forever into the dim past and into the hands of the railroad barons, the cry still was: "America is the land of opportunity." And millions of immigrants swarmed to these shores in pursuit of "opportunity."

But today, the harried job-seeker has no Golden West to beckon him, no promised land with unlimited horizons. Just the dull, grim and almost hopeless task of looking for work.

Of course, we've come a long way since Greeley's time because today we have job seminars, job "clinics" (aptly named for the disease of unemployment) and pep meetings for graduating college students, the men and women with "education."

And what is the advice now to the graduating hopefuls? Just this, that the only way an aspiring professional can hope to get a job is to "capture" it from some incumbent by showing the employer that "he gets \$1.50 worth of work out of you where the other fellow gives only a dollar's worth." These pearls of "competitive" wage-cutting were uttered by Elmo Roper's bright boy statistician, Solomon Dutka, at a meeting held on April 17 at New York University School of Commerce for budding statisticians. (That such advice is close to reality was confirmed by a recent experience of a friend of ours. He was

organization on the ground that he might become a threat to his potential supervisor's job!)

Another pearl of wisdom at the above-mentioned meeting was the advice that the newborn professional go out and acquire some more degrees, M. A. and Ph. D. (how to pay for them extending its scope, stopping at wasn't mentioned), then some experience (where nothing until democratic rights to get it wasn't indicated) and then he'd be equipped to do a real Trojan Horse job.

So rough has the search for professional whitecollar jobs become that today more ads appear in the financial section of the Sunday N. Y. Times advertising job counselors, who will dress up your resume (job application form), than there are bona-fide help wanted ads in the same section. And in addition there are the various job "clinics" run by the professional organizations, the American Marketing Association, the Advertising Club, itself but Moscow's sudden deparetc. You tell them your qualifications and presto! — a beautiful resume emerges. You're that usually surrounds such 'adjusted" but you've still got to find that one elusive job in competition with thousands of other applicants with "dressed-up" forms.

If you calculate your chances, you find out desire of the Russians to "disthat, with all the high-powered aid, you 'haven't courage any further American very many in the already glutted white-collar job reconnaissance" over the Baltic market — a market in which, the U. S. Departbeginners jobs to apportion among some 600,000 graduating students this coming June. And then is a virtual guarantee that there to break the auto union. First, continuing their "statesmanlike" surance fund came out of their don't want to."

are utterly destroyed. What Was Plane **Doing in Baltics?**

the leader of the nation and open **DEADLOCK CONTINUES ON** the civil rights of all and to expose the violators of these rights as the would be rulers of

leaders reported that the Chrysler strike was virtually over. Only "details" remained to be ironed out. But at the

end of the week, some of these "details" were revealed: the company intended to wipe out the steward system, refused to grant Reuther of significant union eleca union shop, demanded a five decent seniority protection. Nego-

tiations were soon reported "deadlocked" again. Meanwhile, GM is producing at breakneck speed, piling up cars n preparation for strike when its

contract expires May 29. So far UAW officials have done exactly in any other issue. the contrary, Guy Nunn, UAW

spokesman on the air, who is said proves that the strikers are days a week. to voice the views of Walter determined to fight to complete Reuther, reported GM's high victory. Substantial financial aid ture from the "normal" secrecy production with great glee. He is coming in; there was a \$100,called upon Chrysler stockholders 000 contribution from the Into do something in order to end ternational Ladies Garment Work- after the end of last year's strike thing about it but the local itself the strike which is costing them ers Union. The strikers have also respond-

dividends. But the stockholders met and failed to take Nunn's advice. greater unity and more militancy:

one-month strike. Then Chrysler



A strike by maintenance workers shut down the Homestead plant of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation near Pittsburgh. Here members of the CIO United Steelworkers who quit their jobs in support of the maintenance workers gather outside mill gates. Major demands were a full five-day week for workers now employed a shorter week, and an end to the stalling on grievances.

DETROIT, April 23 - Early last week, auto union nothing has moved.

In view of the arrogance of the corporation, and the loss by tions (because of opposition to his soft policies, as we reported resorted to calling demonstrations. Only after these, did the company make improved pension and health-welfare offers. Nevertheless, workers are more in-

ing through a loud speaker explaining their holiday to the production workers. Thousands of workers milled around the loud speaker, but not a single one At Homestead there has been tried to cross the nicket line, and ioubling up of most jobs, and even the supervisory personnel kept a distance away from the entrance. In truth, the manner in which this spontaneous walkout was or-

pickets, which was all they had cannot get out from under. This then, there was mass picketing has hit the maintenance men parnow. Coffee was being served, ticularly for the production workers in Homestead do work a full and the morale was very high. When some reporters tried to provoke them by asking them why they were "wild-catting"

when Philip Murray had not authorized it, they smiled back: Considerable dissatisfaction "Of course Murray had nothing among the men started the day to do with it. No one knew anywhen they began to complain of unanimously decided to take a what they call "revengeful speed- holiday until the company sees

ed favorably to suggestions for up." Then the first week they got that we mean either to work five their pay envelopes they found days or none." Many workers feel differently they favor shutting the plants that there had been a decrease in from Nunn and Reuther. They down tight instead of permitting their take-home pay because the a man can still take a holiday ment of Labor estimated, there might be 3,500 there they are "most anxious to think the Big Three in auto are union men to maintain company union had not gotten a wage in- when he has a mind to. No one conceal." Their "unusual" conduct engaged in a vicious conspiracy machinery. But union leaders are crease and part of the social in- can make you work when you

you start to realize that you, and the millions of will be further reconnaissance Ford forced the auto union into policy of permitting the main- own pockets. In addition to this It was clear that they did not grievance were the debts they feel "ashamed" that Murray had

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turned down by the incumbent statistician for a job as the latter's assistant in a market research

graduates to follow you, have very little flights by the U. conege opportunity indeed, in the "Land of Opportunity."

From the Yugoslav Press

There is growing interest among the French youth in learning for themselves the truth about Yugoslavia and in forming voluntary labor brigades to aid in the work of construction now going on in that country. To coordinate these activities a conference was held in Paris on April 8. Youth representatives from all parts of France participated, including many who had taken part in previous voluntary brigades of 1947, 1948 and 1949.

The youth of the Renault plant, the largest in France, are among those who responded most enthusiastically to the idea of sending a Renault volunteer brigade to Yugoslavia, and scores have already signed up. The French Stalinists naturally view this entire development among the youth and especially in the Renault plant with great alarm.

They have redoubled their campaign of slander and vilification, issuing special propaganda to besmirch the Yugoslavs and the French youth who are determined to find out the truth for themselves.

In reply to this new flood of Stalinist lies and slanders, the Renault committee for a volunteer youth brigade to Yugoslavia has widely circulated a statement which particularly recalls the treacherous role of the Stalinist leadership in the course of the Renault strike in April 1947.

"This strike led by the workers themselves." the statement points out, "was made the target of a flood of calumnies by Stalinist leaders of the French Confederation of Labor (CGT). At that time the Communists sat in the government

New Edition THEIR MORALS AND OURS **By Leon Trotsky** All the "moralistic" arguments of anti-

Marxists - from the hoary charge that Lenin and the Bolsheviks were "amoral" to the current accusation that the guiding Marxist maxim is that "the end justifies the means" — are answered in this classic work. After taking them up one by one, Trotsky counterposes to the capitalist moralism and sycophants the highest morality of all — that of the socialist revolution. 64 pages 25 cents

Order from PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place New York 3, N. Y. side by side with Ramadier and Co. and together public statement branding cf all sections of auto workers with them defended the wage freeze, pretended Fravda's assertion as "just plain is urgently needed. They are that the strike was a 'weapon of the trusts,' and lying" and adding: "Neither Stan- demanding an end to the soft so on. Those comrades who were at the time ford nor myself accepts any part "one - at - a - time" strategy, imat the head of the [Renault] strike were de- of the Russian contention that the mediate elimination of all overnounced in the vilest manner as 'fascists,' 'agents plane invaded any territory oc- time work at GM, and the bringof the trusts,' 'hirelings of the government' and so on.

belief is that the plane was members of the French CP and the leaders of the jumped on well out at sea." "Three days after the strike was called, the CGT made a complete about face, simultaneously in all likelihood they both are, with their being kicked out of the capitalist govthere is no question that the ernment. The strike became, as if by magic, Harsch and Stanford dispatches.

the best means of struggle for the workers. How can anyone place confidence in people who yesterday berated the workers as fascists and today flatter them to the skies? Or on the other hand, who yesterday pictured Tito and the Yugoslav suppress even if belatedly. regime as a model of the new people's democracies and today denounce them as fascists?

"It is precisely because we have no confidence, what is going on in Yugoslavia! . . . We want the truth! No one will keep us from learning it!" It is expected that the youth brigades from France this summer will be the largest that have yet gone to Yugoslavia.

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The Belgrade daily Borba on March 20 analyzed any further progress. For nigh the report on the agricultural situation in Czecho-slovakia delivered toward the end of February by Slansky, General Secretary of the Czechosloval "friends of labor" in the camp of Slansky General Secretary of the Czechosloval "friends of labor" in the camp of Slansky, General Secretary of the Czechoslovak CP. From Slansky's report it is clear that the peasant cooperatives in Czechoslovakia, which are just being organized, are completely dominated by the rich peasants.

Slansky himself admitted the infiltration of the 1948 national election," Mur- I am convinced that it has to cf the capitalist parties, even the cooperatives by the rich peasants and cited ray laments, "reactionary anti- go political. And I don't mean though conducted on a grander sa ling for the IPP in the Novem- ment that he wanted no support instances where they had "wormed their way" labor forces are again in the go pointcal. And I don't mean scale, can lead only to frustration ber general elections. According from the IPP or the "left wing," into party organizations and committees and ascendancy." How could it be your enemies! I mean go political and disaster. were instrumental in making the decisions. otherwise? The labor leaders are all out and through and through. "Many of the cooperatives," says Borba, "have been converted into mere combinations for work-

ing the land of the rich peasants, which the latter accept voluntarily because agricultural labor is so difficult to get.'

The agricultural question in Czechoslovakia, which is overwhelmingly industrialized, is readily these elementary political lessons up. capable of the most radical solutions. But the in a speech made at the 1949 policy of the Czechoslovak Stalinists has been educational conference of the CIO to protect the rich peasants. As late as the United Automobile Workers. The middle of 1948 the Czech, party leaders boasted UAW recently published this

title, You Can Do It Better Demoestate farms in Czechoslovakia." President Zapototski proclaimed on July 5 that cratically. Professor Lynd dissect-

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Chrysler strikers. They also Whichever side is lying, and desire a clause in any new contract making it expirable at the same time as the recently signed Ford agreement, thus laywhich we have cited, contain ining the ground for future united formation that is highly embar- action. This kind of action by rassing to Washington and which "Big Three" shops could paralyze they would very much like to Michigan and compel the auto magnates to settle in a hurry.

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(Continued from Page 1) ers, firmly wedded to the two- growing less are getting higher."

party system, successfully blocked A CLASS SOCIETY ento 15 years they have followed the two capitalist parties.

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that there were "neither collective farms nor speech as a pamphlet under the

"our government has not only not suppressed ed American society and disclosed capitalism (in the countryside), but has created its class nature. Over and over thousands of new capitalists in the shape of again he emphasized "the most facts of political life. That is why

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Political parties do not

in a vacuum. They repre material interests of social classes. The De and Republican parties trolled by and function i terest of the ruling of

class. These are the fund fundamental social fact about the each succeeding "people's victenance crews to cross the picket-

the reduced work week. Latest reports are that union leaders are preparing to back down still more on contract demands. Since the leaders do not permit the rank and file to vote on the conduct of negotiations, it is possible for them to grievances." do this, just as earlier they watered down the economic demands from 38c. to less than

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accumulated during the strike and not authorized the work stoppage; on the contrary, they took So the men began to ask their pride in that fact. What, indeed. upion to take a more aggressive had been done to settle grievances stand on the grievances. They by Fairless or Murray? This was were fed up with the phrase "the their way of showing "the comcompany and the union see no pany and the union" that the men cause for alarm in the number of themselves mean to do something. Today it is announced that the

'progressive" friends. One of the

unning for Lieutenant Governor.

latest is Ellis Patterson who is

The members of United Steel- company has consented to take worker's Local 1397 decided to up the grievance of the maintake some matters into their own tenance men first. The men have hands by putting a priority on returned to work, but, are on the the demand of their maintenance alert that it should not only be men for a full work week. The taken up first but settled to their company took an adamant atti- satisfaction.

IPP IN CALIFORNIA TO **BACK BOSS CANDIDATES**

By Al Lynn ,

LOS ANGELES. April 21 - The Independent Progressive Party of California, which is controlled lock, stock and barrel by the Stalinists, has decided to enter only three

fficial candidates in the coming are the so-called "progressives" elections. They are running for whom the Stalinists and the IPP Secretary of State, State Compare supporting even though they troller and State Treasurer, and refuse to run on the tainted IPP are being run only to ensure that ticket. the party retains its place on the It is thus possible that the Stal-

ballot. inists may wind up in the For all the major offices, the ludicrous position of supporting party will follow the policy laid the Democratic candidate against the IPP candidate! The Stalinists keep on losing

"progressive" candidates run by the Democratic and Republican

But there will be very rough He came out with an announce-

Organized labor, sixteen million candidate of any party may run 1949 mayoralty elections against either unable or unwilling to learn I mean a labor party. And I don't strong, operating through its in the primaries of any other Myra Tanner Weiss of the Socialbelieve that a labor party will be own Labor Party, can take the party if he gets some registered ist Workers Party.

A Professor of Sociology at worth a damn if it simply tries power in its own hands and voters of that party to sign a The Stalinists are also running Columbia University, Robert to take over the Democratic Party govern in the interest of the vast petition placing him on their three candidates as members of Lynd, attempted to teach some of and go on within our present set- majority. Labor unity for that ballot. And so the various poli- the Communist Party for "nonusually have a few of partisan" state and county of-

cohorts registered in the fices. These elections are run parties. without party designation on the outhern California, for ex- ballot, unlike the partisan offices there are at least four which carry party designation in

icans cross-filed in the IPP California's complicated electoral out the same number of system. ats, none of whom the IPP The Socialist Workers Party is

hip wants as candidates now in the process of discussing but who may be the official candi- its own election campaign. Details dates if they win the IPP will be released within the next primaries. At the same time there few weeks.

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United States is that people are | tery" at the polls has found the CHANGE IS NEEDED

There is no recognition of these Professor Lynd pounded away

marized in the CIO unity letter: guise this fact." His conclusion? the bankrupt policy of supporting "Despite the people's victory at "If labor is to seize the initiative, spurious labor friends in the camp parties.

