

The Loyalty Board and Loyalty Student Strikers Oath have invaded our school sys-

tem to stifle all semblance of academic freedom. Teachers are

government employees to prying investigation of their personal lives, thoughts and associations. Former Attorney Ceneral at 10W Supreme Court Justice Clark's "subversive" lists condemn or-ganizations without a hearing. The Loyalty Board and Loyalty Cathe hear investigation Strudent Strikers Last week, for the first time in reseat the Yugoslavs at the forth- in's cold war against Yugoslavia

New York City school officials this country, the long-simmering coming meeting of the IADL this to expel the Yugoslavs from all intimidated, scientists harassed are collaborating with the presi- struggle over the issue of Yugo- summer was introduced by O. the "international" organizations Progressive Party and affiliates which are under slavia broke into the open inside John Rogge. and students hounded. A horde of dent of the University of Mary finger men, stoolpigeons, paid in- land in blacklisting applicants the Wallaceite ranks and the Stal- leader and vice-president of the leader and vice-president of the leader and vice-president of the be inists suffered a sharp setback. Guild. It was carried by a vote of control. Thus the Yugoslavs have thought will be in chains if the passed before a vote on the bill by wearing it out-physically and This took place at the 10th na- 53 to 10 with 30 abstentions. already been expelled from the tional convention of the National [Rogge had just returned from a World Federation of Trade Lawyers Guild, an organization European tour, where he visited Unions, Women's International cational system." he said. in which many prominent Wal- both Moscow and Belgrade. At a Democratic Federation, World laceites participate. The fight press conference, he reiterated his Congress of the Partisans of took place over the Stalinist-en- support of Yugoslav independence Peace, International Federation of gineered expulsion of the Yugo- and revealed that he had been re- Journalists, etc. Their expulsion is your duty to defend democratic slav lawyers from the Interna- tained since last January as coun- from the IADL was part and tional Association of Democratic sel for all Yugoslav agencies in parcel of this world-wide camshall be admitted to his institution, and is making inquiries in New York.] paign. Lawyers last October at Rome. Commenting on the passage of The Kremlin has shown time liefs," Dobbs declared. At the time the Lawyers Guild the Guild resolution, the May 8 and again that it will accept no delegate to the IADL, Robert J. Daily Worker darkly hinted that compromise whatever on the Silberstein, voted in favor of the it was all the result of Rogge's Yugoslav issue. Thus the very expulsion which was motivated on personal behind-the-scenes mach- logic of the struggle itself exinations. Charging that "a major- cludes any prolonged "unity" be-'treason trial" and also by the ity of the delegates permitted tween those who want to go along Dean Spathelf a pretext for themselves to be pressured" into with the Kremlin on the Yugovoting for it, the Daily Worker slav issue and those who refuse added: "The resolution was a vic- to do so. The resolution to repudiate The fight over Yugoslavia intory for O. John Rogge, who is an Silberstein's action and to instruct side the Lawyers Guild, as in the crowd applauded his defense of attorney for the Tito govern-

Dobbs was convicted for fomenting insurrection in the armed forces, In his street talk Dobbs de- should be passed, then the fili- duplicity and telling the workers nounced this is a slander and buster would really become se- and Negroes to vote for the showed he had been convicted for rious, and at least one more clopolicy of prohibiting freedom of itself could be taken. thought is continued in our edu-

The dean had also charged that

ANSWERS SLANDER

the meeting.

civil liberties."

three days in a row.

buster could be smashed decisiveto force a vote which will decide ly--if the Truman administration whether or not the Senate will really wanted to. But why should even formally take up the bill. A it want to as long as the old constitutional two-thirds, or 64 routine satisfies the labor and votes, will be needed to pass the Negro leaders, who keep on covclosure motion. If somehow it ering up the administration's

The way to beat a filibuster is

politically. Rules for debate could

be enforced strictly, sessions could

be round-the-clock, the "legisla-

months. (By strict enforcement

of the rules, no Senator could

speak more than twice on the

Most of the Southern Sena-

torial leaders are old men; Con-

nally (Tex.), McKellar (Tenn.),

George (Ga.); Hoey (N.C.) are

in their 70's and 80's. On them the

session would be greatest of all.

They could be worn down and

worn out-if the administration

In addition, the administration

could exert tremendous political

pressure on the filibuster gang if

it wanted to. It could appeal to

the whole country to watch the

same legislative day.)

really meant business.

POLITICAL PRESSURE

Trumanites?

formers and provocateurs has who participated in the recent been let loose upon the land. Labor spies are again in vogue. Thought-control, which Washington used to condemn as the hall- 5% of the present enrollment at mark of totalitarianism, now has Maryland. But university presithe sanction of our most august dent H. C. Byrd is determined tribunal, the Supreme Court of these United States.

EVIL EFFECTS

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The ominous ramifications of order to make his blacklist the Taft-Hartley oath will have effective. New York Deputy the most evil effect on the ranks Schools Superintendent said that of the organized labor movement. Maryland queries would be Under its provisions union mem- answered by New York principals the "evidence" in the Hungarian bers are deprived of the right to wherever possible.

elect officials who they feel can Byrd claimed the student strik- refusal of the Yugoslav delegates best represent their interests re- ers were "inc.ted by outside in- to repudiate the policy of their gardless of political belief. Even fluences" and that while many government. before the oath received Supreme "were just carried along in the Court approval some union-hating excitement ... we have to penalize (Continued on page 3) them too."

high school strike. New Yorkers make up about that none of the student strikers

the Lawyers Guild delegates to

Beck-Lundeberg Goons In CIO Warehouse Raid Raid The Lawyers Guild officials are the seriousness of the rift. Ac-

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 - to over "all the maritime in-strong-arm men in the pay of Dave Beck, vice-president of the includes that part of the industry Union, have had good relations to be inferred from the vote. They pointed out that the vote. They pointed out that Dave Beck, vice-president of the includes that part of the industry Union, have had good relations the vote. They pointed out that AFL Teamsters International Un- now under contract to the CIO with the CIO for years and resent both O. John Rogge, who introion, last week were driven off by National Maritime Union, Marine Beck's tactics. That is why Beck duced the resolution, and Robert CIO defense squads when the Cooks and Stewards Union, as cannot organize the mass picket J. Silberstein, who voted for the AFL attempted to blockade a San well as the West Coast ILWU. lines he would like to and is expulsion in Rome, were re-Francisco warehouse under con- The Teamster blockade is intend- practically limited to reliance on elected by acclamation as a vice tract to Local 6 of the CIO In- ed to stop all cargo movement paid thugs,

ternational Longshoremen's and thereby giving the employers a Warehousemen's Union. Where- justification for abrogating their the Stalinist-led ILWU, although optimistic estimate. upon Beck moved his raiding op- contracts with the CIO. highly critical of the conduct of eration across the bay to Oak-Harry Lundeberg, head of the the recent warehouse strike and AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, of the Stalinist leadership in genland.

In Oakland, Beck's "organizers" is aiding Beck's raid by supply- eral, have rallied to the defense are trying to move in on dock ing paid thugs armed with bats of their union. Defense squads, work, which by tradition and con- at \$1.50 an hour. composed of as many as 500 men,

tract belongs to the CIO ware- In last week's pitched battle, can be mobilized at call. housemen and longshoremen. The fought before the United Grocers Negro members of the CIO Teamsters blockaded five Oak-| Warehouse in San Francisco, warehouse union were outstandland and Alameda piers when the Lundeberg men were among the ing in militancy and numbers on CIO refused to surrender this 100 AFL thugs forcibly removed the CIO defense squads. Beck's by CIO squads. One hospital case, raid threatens the Negroes not work. This development is the most John Fox, turned out to be a well only as unionists but also as Ne-

recent in the AFL-CIO jurisdic- known Lundeberg stooge, an ex- groes. The Jim Crow policies of tional battle which began two official of the SUP from Seattle. the Teamsters and the SUP are months ago when Beck, with the He claimed he was a "teamster." well known.

aid of a few renegade leaders At the present time a court in-RELIES ON THUGS from Local 6, organized a rival junction obtained by the CIO and In the United Grocers battle, the Distributors Association of AFL Warehouse Union, Local hundreds of rank and file team- Northern California has stopped No. 12, to raid the CIO. Beck is claiming AFL jurisdic- sters stood nearby, but none en- all picketing in San Francisco.

ment." These are only the opening guns in an eventual all-out Stalinist gun. Other and more serious cialism and the SWP. The Detroit assault upon Rogge and all other fights must of necessity follow News printed a big picture of the Wallaceites who refuse to toe the Kremlin's anti-Yugoslav line. itself leaves no room for any com- headline front-page stories on it promises. cording to the May 8 Daily Com-

president and executive secretary

On the other hand, the ranks of respectively." "This is an unduly

It is an integral part of Stal



Big Business profits for the first quarter of 1950 are 6% above the boomtime take of the same period in 1949, according to figures compiled by the Associated Press from a study of 508 corporations. Biggest profit maker is General Motors which topped 1949 earnings by 55%. At the same time unemployment is increasing. Thus are the, "needy" provided for under Truman's

heralded "welfare state."

THIRD ACT

But the odds are overwhelming. tive day" could be stretched for "Whether or not you agree with socialist ideas or are interested ly against the passage of the first as long as is necessary—weeks or in their policies and practices, it closure motion, and when it is



SENATOR LUCAS

spectacle of a handful of Southern Senators holding up the en-(Continued on page 3)

By John G. Wright

the Truman administration a lions for "further aid." partner of the French colonial

despots in their war against the NOT EVEN A FIG-LEAF Indo-Chinese masses.

In reality the Truman adminwar budget of the Paris govern- tionary role.

ment. Without this American aid, the French and their native pupdriven out of Indo-China.

Now the shabby past pretenses | exercise their sway openly; in | The first ripe fruit of State have been gropped. American the third, the state of American the state of Americ have been dropped. American the third, the "state of Annam" French are on the verge of losing rope has been the granting of tually without restrictions. Ac- What pretense can there be cue?

"supplementary aid" to the cording to the N. Y. Times, May here of desiring to "support na-French imperialists in their war 9, "a large part of \$75 million at tionalism and the movement to- FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY against the Indo-Chinese people President Truman's disposal until ward independence in Asia," as From all indications the Indowho have been fighting since V-J June 30" under the Atlantic Pact the Truman administration has Chinese masses are resolved to Day for their independence under "would be assigned to Indo-China, so often and so falsely claimed? fight to the death to liberate

Acheson in Paris on May 8, makes propriate additional scores of mil- time when they are barely able wage a full-scale war against

As ally and financial and mili- May 9 that "high French civil Chiang Kai-shek's regime in Chi-

tary backer of French colonialism officials frankly concede the sit- na. istration has all along been fin- (which Truman-Acheson & Co. uation [in Indo-China] is dete- The danger, however, is that ancing France's war of enslave- have publicly "disapproved" up to riorating," despite the reported Washington is actually prepared

ment in Indo-China. Marshall-aid now), the U. S. imperialists are "military successes." He then to plunge far deeper into the Indopayments to France have just left even without a "nationalist" adds: "An increasing number of China adventure than was the about covered the Indo-Chinese fig-leaf to cover up their reac- Frenchmen are saying that if the case with Chiang Kai-shek. Amerpolitical - as distinct from the ican workers should therefore de-Indo-China has been split up military situation - does not im- mand that not a cent, not a gun, by the French into three "states." prove Paris eventually will have not a single American soldier be

pets would have long ago been Two of them, Laos and Cambodia to abandon even any shadow sent against the Indo-Chinese are protectorates over which they claims to this part of the world." people. Hands off Indo-China!

Is it precisely because the

most of it for military equipment" Truman extends aid to the themselves. Unless the Truman This decision, made officially by and Congress will be asked to ap- French and their puppets at a administration is prepared to to hold on in Indo-China. C. L. them, it is not likely that the rule Sulzberger, Times foreign corre- of the French in Indo-China can spondent, wired from Saigon on be made more durable than was THE MILITANT

Monday, May 15, 1950

Oscar Coover, Incorruptible Socialist Fighter

His Life's Aim Was to Advance Cause of Labor

V. R. Dunne's Tribute to His Comrade At Memorial Meeting in Minneapolis

The tribute that Robert Ingersoll paid to his younger brother may equally well be directed to Oscar Coover:

"This brave and tender man in every storm of life was oak and those who supported them was an rock; but in the synshine he was inspiring thing to see and to vine and flower. He was the friend know. A union man of the type of all heroic souls. He climbed the that only the revolutionary moveheights, and left all superstitions ment produces was our Oscar. He far below, while on his forehead braved the anger and threats of fell the golden dawning of the the shop-crafts union bureaucrats in 1919 and again in the shopgrander day.

"He loved the beautiful and was crafts strike of 1922. with color, form, and music touch- He was blacklisted and victimed to tears. He sided with the ized when the shop-crafts strike weak, the poor, and wronged ... was broken. A skilled electrician With loyal heart and with purest -a mechanic of high ability-he hands he faithfully discharged all was unemployed and shunted from trusts."

Page Two

Every picture, every pamphlet, terrific for years. During those every book, every piece of fur- years-from 1922 to 1933-the niture in this and all other party American workers' movement was headquarters throughout the buffeted by reaction. length and breadth of the coun- HE STOOD FIRM try speak of Oscar Coover, Coover the great-hearted party organizer. Coover-the strong-powered,

diligent, tireless, selfless, gentle and lovable socialist militant. Those of us who knew him are better men and women by reason of that association. Oscar Coover was not only a

man among men-he was, in the Marxist sense, a man among millions. He was an internationalist in every fiber of his being

A LIFE OF STRUGGLE

The dominant purpose of his life was to do those things which contributed to the well-being of the working class. He did not believe the old lies which said that the poor people were poor because they were mean and lazy! That the rich were rich because they were good and just and right!

tablishment of a militant new At an early age, he came into local union in the electrical incontact with socialist ideas-his activé, incisive mind was enriched the faint hearts. with the teachings of the great masters, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

His anger against the openshop employers-his scorn for

Lifelong Friends Bid Farewell at Meeting in Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 7-Oscar Coover's Minnesota friends-for the most part friends of a lifetime-filled the state headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party here this afternoon to pay tribute to a beloved comrade at a Memorial Meeting held in his honor. Grace Carlson, organizer of the Minnesota section of the party, blow. opened the meeting by reading a biography of Oscar Coover. Telegrams to Oscar Coover Jr. and the New York local, expressing the grief of the Minnesota comrades on the loss of this selfless fighter for the working class, were read. Two of Oscar Coover's life-long friends and associates in the labor and socialist movements, C. R. Hedlund and V. R. Dunne, made and not a war against hated fasthe addresses at the meeting. The cism. The Roosevelts and Wallaces singing of the International, the and Tobins sent him to federal song of revolutionary socialists prison for telling the truth about all over the world, closed the meeting. In the front of the hall, under pictures of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky, was a large picture of prison life could not make an im-Comrade Coover, with smaller pic- pression on that fine mind, on tures of his life and activities placed around it. Green ferns and ALWAYS EXEMPLARY red roses (Oscar's favorite flower) were massed in front of the pictures, and two red flags flanked the table. To one side were smaller tables bearing copies of the Northwest Organizer (Teamsters' union paper) and The Militant, with pictures and stories about Oscar. On the other side was a basket of flowers with the word "Dad," from his family. Immediately above Comrade Coover's picture was a scroll inscribed "1887 - Oscar Coover ----1950." Just below the picture was placed another scroll carrying the immortal lines of the poet, Ralph Chaplin, which symbolized the spirit of the Memorial Meeting:



'No One Had A Better not believe that the Northern States Power Co. could be union-ized. Oscar stood out against

By Oscar Coover Jr. MAY 8-The Socialist Work- still so inadequate.

dustry. In a way, that confounded loss in the passing of the "Cat." His energy, devotion, spirit, pa-Oscar Coover saw far beyond tience, experience and skills will the good but limited role of the be sorely missed by his comrades,

trade unions. Early in his life he one and all. It is indeed a sad joined the revolutionary social- thing that he could not have lived ist movement. He was a founda- but a few more years to see the tion member of the Communist full fruits of his many years of

Young Workers

New York 3, N. Y.

Working Class Has

The care and consideration

Party after the Russian Revolu- labor. given him by his comrades these EXPELLED FROM CP

much as any other individual, was

responsible for making Minnea-

local and international leaders did

them-he threw his whole being

into the campaign. His gigantic

efforts were rewarded in the es-

Many of us remember that the

polis a union town!

tion.

He was a disciple of Lenin and Trotsky. He was first a member of the Trotskyist movement and was expelled from the Communist in the party of the member of human probpast four months was a magnifi-

is tragic that medical science is my first picket line when I was

nine. It was he who gave me the ers Party has sustained a severe reading the hundreds of letters leaders of the Teamsters strikes His illness prevented him from opportunity of knowing the great and messages he received but as I in Minneapolis and seeing firstread them to him it was apparent hand those great struggles. His how much they meant and guiding hand led me to understand strengthened kim. All of the way, the meaning of the class struggle His whole life has been an exhe knew his party was at his side

in his battle for life. ample that I hope to emulate, at This was demonstrated again least in part. How proud I have and again when he received visits been to bear the affectionate nickfrom comrades. Unable to rise, name of the "Kitten," for I know unable to speak clearly, his whole of no finer man, comrade or father face would light up as some com- than the "Cat"!

his life and teachings

How can we tell of our loss?

either our sorrow or our gratitude

That All Should Copy

Barbara Bruce

N.Y. Meeting Honors Pioneer SWP Leader

By Ruth Johnson ly," said Carl, summing up the un- | Party, William F. Warde paid NEW YORK, May 7-Friends selfish service that marked Oscar special tribute to Oscar Coover's and comrades of Oscar Coover Coover's life, "I would like to say gathered today at Beethoven Hall that you will best remember Oscar ciples.

to pay tribute to the veteran when you are in difficulties. If Trotskyist who died on May 3. all of us take Oscar's spirit to many of the telegrams and let-They came not only from New heart and do our duty and to the ters received from Oscar's friends York, but from Newark, Balti- best of our ability, we have paid and comrades throughout the more and Philadelphia, to mourn our greatest tribute to Oscar; if country. their loss and honor Oscar's life- he were alive that is what he time of service to the socialist would want you to do." cause.

unswerving devotion to his prin-The chairman, C. Thomas, read

The meeting began with the

singing of The Red Flag and

Speaking for the National Com- ended with the singing of The mittee of the Socialist Workers International

of his struggles.

"Oscar was great in whatever he did," said the chief speaker, Carl Skoglund, his life-long friend and co-worker in the Minneso labor movement.

"Whatever he undertook he did flinched. Oscar was always in the spot where he was asked to be, always in the spot where he was re-

quired, always in the interests of he working class and his party."

As Skoglund recalled Oscar's many contributions to his class, everyone vividly remembered the years they had known this fine and tireless Trotskyist. Before most of the audience was born, Oscar was already a class-conscious militant. His proud trade union record dated back to 1906, when he joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Work-

NOT HARD TO CONVINCE"

"I first met Oscar," Carl Skoglund said, "when I began to work for a railroad company. He was the chief electrician. He was a highly skilled man and there were two electricians working under He had already been a him. member of the Socialist Party and was a great admirer of Debs and of the great fighters against the First World War, but he didn't fense of it. know, hadn't been part of the new rising movement that came as a heritage from the 1917 revolution

"I delivered its ideas to Oscar to the best of my ability. It wasn't hard to convince Oscar... It came as natural as living itself, to him. ity, we can say, 'He's like Oscar I didn't have to propagandize Coover.'' much; he wanted to join the move-

ment right away. Oscar remained MANKIND ITSELF faithful through all the trials and Oscar's devotion to socialism tribulations that a member of a was rooted in his faith in the minority party had to suffer." working class, as the sole force Oscar's physical and moral

courage were unsurpassed. In the period of the Palmer Raids, when vigilante gangs were tarring and feathering radicals, the Minneapolis headquarters of the IWW was raided one night.

COURAGEOUS ACTS

His Loyalty to Labor Was "Whatever he undertook he did with greatest conscientiousness, honesty and courage. Oscar never Model for All, Says Warde NEW YORK, May 7 - Oscar Coover incarnated the

revolutionary workers who carry the socialist movement forward on their shoulders in defeat and in victory, said William F. Warde, speaking for >-

the National Committee of the that can and will lead humanity Socialist Workers Party at the forward.

"It had become clear to him," memorial meeting here today. Warde declared, "that the funda-"There is a lot of to-do about loyalty today," said Warde. mental meaning of human life 'Oscar, from the time he con- could not be contained in any sinsciously identified himself with gle individual, either himself or the working class and the social- another. Even the family, the loist cause, never had any shred of cal community, or the nation were loyalty toward the lies, the terror insufficient. Nothing less than and the plunder of the bosses of mankind itself could be the obthis world. He showed that in all ject worthy of his full devotion and sacrifice.

"Not mankind as it had been in "He showed that in the shopmen's strike, where for the first the past, although that was certime he knew what it was to be tainly worthy of study, yes, even put on a 'subversive' blacklist. of reverence; not even mankind as it is today... but mankind as it He demonstrated it even more forcefully at the time of the Seccould be, as it will be when the ond World War, when he stood up powers of man are released and in the courtroom and proclaimed for the first time permitted free his fidelity to the truth of the and full scope to expand and dissocialist cause, and to the stand play all the capacities for creative that his party was making in de- action inherent in this singular animal. Mankind in the making: "He passed every single loyal- This was the supreme force with ty test to the working class that which Oscar identified himself

anyone could possibly devise. To- and the cause to which he gave day he can stand as the model of his entire manhood." loyalty in our party. Of anyone LABOR'S POTENTIAL who measures up fully to the

Oscar, with his understanding standards of working class fidel- of Marxism and his own experiences in the working class, knew that "The sons and daughters of labor would free mankind along with themselves from the monopolists who block the road to progress. In his lifetime he had many chances to find out what he and others like him could do, if they

"He had many times witnessed the ingenuity and capabilities of

were only given the opportunity. 21 Years Ago his fellow workers, in the shops, in the neighborhoods, in strikes and in organizing drives. 'No man who went through the shopmen's strikes which were defeated, or who went through the great Minneapolis drivers' strikes which were victorious, could doubt it. Whether there were setbacks or advances, Oscar there as a participant, as a keen-minded observer. drew the conclusions that one could never doubt the performance or the promise of organized labor. "Finally, he had the party as a proof of the success ahead. A good worker understands the value of fine tools. Oscar learned from experience and from Lenin and Trotsky that the great tasks of combatting the evils of capitalism and reconstructing society require The above picture was first the proper instrument. And that instrument of political organiza-1929. It shows Oscar Coover tion and social changes was the revolutionary party of socialist workers. "Oscar was, as you have been seeking to prevent the holding of told, above all a party man, a party builder. For thirty years he applied his energies to the V. R. Dunne, in the Feb. 1, 1929 creation of the party of socialist Militant, gave this description of liberation in the United States. the affair: "At Wednesday's meet- He incarnated, as well as any and tionary movement - stalwart, ing held at A.O.U.W. Hall a gang better than most, the workermilitants who carry our movement on their shoulders and bear it forward no matter how tough the going "Multiply the Oscar Coovers, Coover who were alone, handling extend their activities, organize their strength-and the world of the monied monsters that seems to overshadow us so frighteningly, will not look so imposing and impregnable. That is why his wonderful life is so inspiring and creative. In spite of the skeptics and snivellers, he showed how the worker can stand up against all the foes of the future, take their persecutions and their sneers, and with head held high (as we remember him in the photo of the 18 as they marched off to Sandstone prison on Jan. 1, 1944), reaffirm

"Mourn not the dead that in the by every member of the party. cool earth lie-**Dust unto dust**— The calm, sweet earth that mothers all who die As all men must; But rather mourn the apathetic

throng___ The cowed and the meek-Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong And dare not speak!"

democracy of Lenin and Trotsky. lems. He, together with his close com-Due to that consideration of rades, was among the first of the the Party, I was able to be with militant workers to denounce and him during the seven weeks prior fight against Stalin and his bu- to his death. He knew that his reaucracy. Here again he suf- comrades saw to it that he had fered reprisals, both spiritual and the best medical care available. It

physical. The Stalinists laid their blackjacks upon him, and Oscarour Oscar-gave them blow for Coover Fund Will He never faltered-and let us **Be Used to Aid** remember that in those days, and

for years, all the Big Bosses and open-shoppers were singing the praises of Stalin. When Daniel Tobin and Roosevelt joined hands with Stalin to

launch the second World War, and energies to building and Oscar was among the first to denounce it as an imperialist war the war. Who today doubts who car Coover Memorial Fund to enwas just and right?

They tried to break his spirit! All the indignities offered by that great heart.

Oscar Coover was respected and loved by the hundreds of prisoners in Sandstone. His life Lost a Real Friend out of prison the same great man. He again turned his talents into the working class has lost a real building our party.

Oscar understood how to deal life he willingly gave the best with people. He was a man with he had to promote the general a heart bigger than his two great welfare of those who toil. His hands could ever encompass. For unconditional devotion to the

decades he was honored as a man working class was an inspiration of great ideas, kindness, honesty, to all those who had the opporintegrity-as a sure and trust- tunity to be associated with him. worthy leader. He was a member He possessed that rare quality of the party's National Commit- of great men and women who are tee. He was elevated to posts that willing to fight for an ideal withcould only be held by comrades out any thought of personal gain trusted, honored, respected, loved or advancement, and the threat tragically poorer today because glorious fighter!

Our Oscar-One who never turned his back but marched breast forward-Never doubting clouds would break_ Never believed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph-Held we fall to rise-are

buffeted to fight better-Sleep to wake.

he was a participant in the party's activities on the very day

of his death. The memorial meeting held

yesterday in New York was a fine tribute to Dad. The record and activities of those selected to pay im tribute were a tribute in themselves. The hall arrangements, the singing of the Red Flag and the International, the caliber of those attending, the

speeches themselves-each was as he would have chosen it to be. Along with the time and en-

ergy he expended in building the A Wound That Is In the last years of his life Socialist Workers Party, the many Oscar Coover applied his talents trade union struggles in which he Deep and Painful engaged, he always found the oporganizing summer camps for portunity and time to give me his working people. At the New York guidance and care. I cannot de- devotion to the ideas of revolu meeting it was announced that a scribe in detail all of those experiences, but no one ever enjoyed flinching courage in the day-togroup of friends in Baltimore had given \$50 and several comthe heritage that is mine. day struggle to defend those rades in New York \$35 for an Os-

GLORIOUS EXAMPLE

Dad spent his whole adult life the party which will make those able young workers to study and in the struggle to free his class. ideas a reality in the not distant rest at Mountain Spring Camp. Other friends wishing to par-His was a rich experience! He future, Oscar was one of the made every effort to pass on to cutstanding builders of our party. ticipate in this scholarship award me the knowledge that he had acin Oscar's memory can send conquired from those experiences. I Some of the life blood of our tributions to 116 University Place, and the other workers of my gen- party has been drained away. It eration will benefit from his par- will be replenished, it's true. But ticipation in the struggle to keep the wound is deep and painful. Marxism and Leninism on a true Words are not enough to express

ourse. He and the other Trotskyist for the lifetime of loyalty that In the death of Oscar Coover, pioneers have hewed out the Oscar gave to his party and ours. nucleus of the American Revolufriend. During his entire adult tion and founded the Socialist Workers Party. Only a child myself, I saw what a grueling task He Left a Pattern that was.

It was he who introduced me to

His Life Taught Us Hope and Confidence

Oscar Coover is dead! The liondevout revolutionists to copy. hearted revolutionist-the tenderhearted comrade is gone. We are Farewell to a true friend and a

of persecution and prison doors of Oscar's death. But Oscar would never have us mourn as cever swerved him from his goal. It will be hard to replace Oscar those who have no hope. His Coover. His useful life to the whole life taught up hope and cause of labor will be long re- confidence. And so we say goodbye membered by those who knew to our Oscar with the firm him. His name, like a beacon assurance that his years of light, will shine indefinitely sacrifice and devotion will some through the mist of time. While day bear triumphant fruit in the we deeply mourn his loss, we victory of international socialism over war, poverty and oppression. C. R. Hedlund Grace Carlson

Oscar Coover was not only my comrade for almost a score of

"The IWW bought new furniture and set up guards to deyears but he was also my close riend and teacher. To say a last fend it," Carl recalled. "And one 'goodbye" to the Cat is one of of those guards, sitting at night the hardest things that I have with guns waiting for the gangs ever faced in my life. The debts to come, was Oscar. One night that I owe to Oscar can never be they came, and those gangs had repaid - except by doing what to run for their lives."

he would want me to do and that Skoglund recalled that when Oscar was sent to prison along is to carry on in the way that he taught all of us. I will do my with other leaders of the Socialist. Workers Party for opposition to best to live up to the example of the Second World War, his irreproachable fairness won him the Harry DeBoer special task of collecting from the 18 prisoners the meager funds they had for tobacco and fruit. It was Oscar's job to apportion these small luxuries, to repay other in-

Oscar Coover was a noble mates for the tobacco given them workman. In his unwavering when they entered, and to help out 'unfortunate newcomers with tionary socialism, in his unthe "surplus." "To you young people especial-

ideas, in his selfless toil to build A Stalwart and Selfless Pioneer

We know Oscar Coover as one of the pioneers of the revoluuncompromising, imbued with revolutionary optimism and selfless devotion — as pioneers must be who blaze the trails for those to ollow. Through the long years arrived. Comrades Skoglund and he gave strength and encouragement to the younger comrades tickets at the door, were attacked who followed his lead. The in- by the entire gang and badly tcrests of the party moved his beaten by blackjacks and brass whole life. Of such another com- knuckles. The slugging of these rade as Oscar, Lenin said. "He two prominent militants was acwas before and above all an complished by a division of labor organizer. Such a man we could between the members of the never replace, if by replacement Lovestone and Foster factions. we mean the possibility of finding The latter held the arms of Coover one comrade combining such and Skoglund from behind while qualities. The work which he did the former wielded the blackalone can now be accomplished jacks over their heads."

cnly by a whole group of men will carry on his service."

Jake Cooper

More Next Week

It was impossible for us to print all of the numerous articles, telegrams and letters about Oscar Coover received from all parts of the country. We can't promise to print all of them but we will surely print more next week, along with articles on other subjects received this week but held over for lack of space. - ED.



printed in The Militant of March as he looked in January of that year after he had been severely beaten by a gang of Stalinists

he first Trotskyist meeting in Minneapolis.

of thirty or more hooligans organized by the (Communist) Party leadership rushed the hall early in the evening before the crowd

The Stalinists did not succeed who, following in his footsteps, in terrorizing their Trotskyist opponents, however. Another Henry and Dorothy Schultz meeting at which James P. Can-

by every word and act his faith non spoke was quickly organized in the invincible power of the and successfully held under the socialist movement of the opprotection of a workers defense pressed.

guard. The March 1, 1929 Mili-"That faith of his is our faith. tant printed a letter by Oscar That he has left with us and it Coover reporting that Trotskyist burns bright. In our Oscar was activity was making headway in anticipated the future of Amer-Minneapolis despite "the exican labor. We believe with him oulsion, slander and finally the that that future is going to constitute the vindication of his fascist methods" to which the CP had degenerated. pioneer work."

No one had more faith and confidence in the working class than Oscar. Oscar may be gone, but he has left the pattern for all

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"In North America the matter is further complicated by the abominable obtuseness and caste presumption of the privileged upper strata of the working class itself, who refuse to recognize fellow-workers and fighting comrades in the Negroes. (AFL President) Gompers' policy is founded on the exploitation of such despicable prejudices, and is at the present time the most effective guarantee for the successful subjugation of white and colored workers alike. The fight against this policy must be taken up from various sides, and on various lines. One of the most important branches of this conflict consists in enlightening the proletarian consciousness by awakening the feeling of human dignity, and of revolutionary protest, amongst the black slaves of American capital. As stated above, this work can be carried out only by self-sacrificing and politically educated revolutionary Negroes."

TROTSKY

-Leon Trotsky, Letter to Claude McKay, 1923

More Maneuvers on Labor Unity

The proposal for united labor action against the Taft-Hartley assault on the unions has made the circuit and is now no further advanced than when it started. It began with the plan advanced by John L. Lewis for a "mutual aid pact for common defense" of any single union involved in a dispute with the employers.

CIO President Philip Murray brushed aside the Lewis offer, saying "no useful purpose would be served" by concluding such a pact. As a substitute proposal the CIO Executive Board adopted the Murray labor unity plan and addressed it to the AFL and independent unions.

The Murray proposal was in two parts. The first, to establish a joint committee empowered to coordinate labor's economic, legislative and political activities. The second, to seek organic unity.

The AFL Executive Council met, considered the CIO proposal, decided that joint action would serve no useful purpose, and agreed to designate a commitviting the CIO to repent and return to the "House of Labor.'

It seems that nothing can shake the hide-bound AFL Executive Council out of its lethargy. These moribund fossils are content to sit around listening to their arteries harden while Big Business perfects its weapons and mobilizes its minions to tear the house of labor down around their ears.

Unless the rank and file of labor intervenes, nothing will come of the proposal for joint action in common defense against a common foe. Lewis proposes immediate joint action on the economic field. Murray demurs. He is primarily concerned with "unity" to support the spurious "friends of labor" in the November election. Green and Company move by reflex action. They dream of a return to the good old days of craft union hegemony of the American labor movement.

United action in defense of the unions against corporation assault is immediately feasible and necessary. The Lewis tee to discuss organic unity. This deci- reproposal stands as the minimum plan sion is merely a reiteration of the AFL's the best adapted to meet the needs of the traditional "organic unity" position in-

Militarists Entrench Themselves

The House Armed Services Committee has voted to continue the draft, without a single dissenting vote. This was a major triumph for the militarists who also succeeded in jamming through Congress a whopping increase in military appropriations. Now, it is no secret that only a short while ago many members, if not the majority, of this House committee were not in favor of continuing the draft.

Their opposition reflected the moods of their respective civilian constituencies who dread the prospect of war and hate the peacetime draft. What then caused the sudden reversal in this committee's sentimènts?

ert S. Allen, the House committee was subjected to a "supercharge of highpressuring" by the Defense Secretary and the top brass, especially Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, head of the Central Intel-

ligence Agency. .Just what the Congressmen were told remains "top secret." Allen implies they were, among other things, informed that a shooting war may start at any time now, This mind you, while Truman himself has been issuing public assurances that there is little immediate danger of war and that peace is being won through the ECA, the Atlantic Pact, etc. It is clear that the American people are

the air.

European Notebook Algerian Workers Fight for Freedom By Ernest Germain

On the eve of May 1 the Sun-1"peace." And thousands of Al- venal press concerning an alleged day edition of L'Humanite, lead-gerian voices replied magnif- "plot" discovered in Algeria. Ofing daily of the French Commun- icently: "The Struggle of the Co- ficials of the MTLD have been ist Party, carried, among the lonial Peoples is the Struggle for interrogated, molested, arrested. many directives for the next day's Peace!" What a rebuff to the In the port of Bone, the demonstration, a tiny notice at Stalinists! No one will ever know authorities have not hesitated to the bottom of the page addressed who was more shaken with rage seize hostages. In the suburbs of to the North African workers. on that memorable May 1 evening, Algiers, a veritable rape of They were called upon to partic- whether it was the bourgeois pre-Algerians was organized, with ipate in the demonstration in fect of police or the "son of the half a hundred people abducted the ranks of their corresponding people," Maurice Thorez. from their homes, tortured and

unions, that is to say, disperse THEIR CONDITIONS themselves all along the line of march. This is a tiny instance of It was indeed a memorable the Stalinist conception of how to May 1. It is necessary to know

promote the "unity of French and the indescribable misery of the Algerian masses in France to fully North African workers." grasp the significance of this de-

But the summons of the Sunnonstration. Driven from their day L'Humanite remained withnative land by rapacious colonialout response. The May 1 line of ism, subjected in France to menmarch testified above all to the dacious official propaganda, increasing coldness among French shamefully exploited by inhuman workers to Stalinist "directives." employers, penned up six and sev-While the great majority of the

> administrations, brutalized by all Naegelen. The 30,000 Algerian the police-these quasi "sub-proletarian" masses are the most disnherited-the outcasts of captalist society in France. But now marching across the silence in the official press over payements of proletarian Paris.

nial revolution, they had won, through the miracle of action and the Algerians was no less imcollective organization, the feel- portant as a splendid demonstraing of their own strength, the tion of the independence of the consciousness of their dignity as 4TLD movement from the Stalinhuman beings and the conviction ists. Because the Stalinist chiefof their coming emancipation, the tains are fully responsible for hope of their certain victory. Oh, 000 of them and they dominated hypocritical pharisees and disilsuburb of Saint-Antoine, the against "Bolshevik combat organ-

you, our brothers in America, the MTLD, whose combat poten-Amid the wild acclaim of French workers, lining the black workers, shunted aside and tial is considerable, in France as streets, they hurled, as if in de- trampled underfoot like the Al- well as in Algeria. But these gerian workers in France, think maneuvers have been doomed to fiance, their slogans at the reviewing stand where the Stalinist well over this example which fills failure. The Algerian masses will leaders taken by surprise, stood the old socialist watchword with never forget the Stalinist conduct incertain how to react. "For the so much hope for you — "Alone of 1945. Between them and the Algerian Constituent Assembly!" Stalinists there is a line of blood. we are nothing. United together 'Complete Independence for Alwe are everything !"

THE COMMON CAUSE

Thus when several weeks ago

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'is interrogated naked, panting

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Libre (Free Algeria), Apr. 4.]

PROVOKING AN OUTBURST

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wire" and the like. [L'Algerie

A POLITICAL ACT Hadj is the leader of the MTLD the former Stalinist minister placed under house arrest by the The MTLD demonstration was French government.) "Hang Nae- not only an action of enormous Croizat insulted in the grossest gelen From the Lamppost!" (Nae- symbolic significance. It was manner La Verite, official paper gelen is the "socialist" Governor- simultaneously a well-timed poli- of the French Trotskyists, because General of Algeria, primarily re- tical act of vital importance to it had the courage to denounce sponsible for the regime of ter- the unfolding situation in Algeria. the legislation of this same ror now instituted there.) Such In fact, for several weeks, the Croizat on family allotments were the cries that resounded in colonial administration had been which has brought great hardbusy preparing a provocation on ships to the Algerians, Free

Algeria, official paper of

A LABOR DIPLOMAT ON THE YUGOSLAV QUESTION

Page Three

By C. Thomas

Progressive developments in Yugoslavia since the split with Moscow are having a profound impact on the world labor movement. Where do you stand on Yugoslavia?" is a question that those who pass as labor leaders, liberals and progressives, are more and more being called upon to answer. This is especially true of the American 'labor statesmen" touring the continent as agents of the State Department trying to sell the European workers a shoddy bill of goods.

A N. Y. Times dispatch from Paris discloses that Irving Brown, European representative of the American Federation of Labor, felt called upon to answer the \$64 question. In an interview published n Le Figaro. Brown is quoted as giving the support of labor in the United States against Soviet intervention in Yugoslavia.

The article also quotes Brown as saying that the unions in the United States are "against the restoration of the old regime of the exploitation of workers in Yugoslavia," and that he is interested in making an on-the-spot examination of the economic situation of Naegelen praises the valor of his the people of Yugoslavia." cops, this police, almost a carbor

These cautious formulations, couched in the language of diplomacy, are an indication of the dilemma posed by the Yugoslav events. The labor lackeys of American imperialism and their European counterparts have confronted the workers with the choice of two alternatives: Either Stalinist totalitarianism or capitalist "democracy." With Yugoslavia proclaiming its independence of both and proceeding to demonstrate its determination to carry forward its truggle for national independence and socialism, another alternative is forcefully posed as an attractive and realistic possibility.

Profound Effect All Over Europe

The break of the Yugoslav Communist Party with the Kremlin, ts rejection and condemnation of Stalinism, its call for a return to Leninist concepts in the struggle for socialism, is having a profound effect upon the thinking of the European masses. The workers are assessing these events in the light of their own rich experience.

The people of Europe have acquired no love for Uncle Sam since the "liberation." They see the United States as the main prop. of reaction on the continent. To the workers of Europe, American democracy" has become synonymous with capitalist tyranny and exploitation.

It was in the hope of ending, once for all, the hated system of capitalism that the European masses flocked into the Communist Party in the concluding days of the war. They sought a radical solution to endless war, agonizing poverty and frightful oppression by taking what they thought was the road to socialist salvation. The monstrous Stalinist betrayal of their hopes and aspirations is permeating the consciousness of ever-broadening layers of European workers.

The Yugoslav events are hastening this process at an accelerated pace. In this charged political atmosphere, Wall Street's labor missionaries are finding it increasingly difficult to peddle their poisonous nostrums. That is why an Irving Brown, camp follower of David Dubinsky's protege, Jay Lovestone, dusts off a few dimly remembered phrases from his radical past to gain a hearing from the class conscious workers of Europe.

Workers Should Send Elected Representatives

The Yugoslavs have welcomed visiting delegations from other countries who came to inspect, examine, observe, and report what they saw to their own people. Youth brigades are invited to visit the country to live, labor and fraternize with Yugoslav workers. No attempt is made to commit visitors to support of the regime prior to their entry.

This practice is in the best tradition of the early days of the Russian revolution when thousands of workers from all parts of the world visited the Soviet Union and returned to report what they saw. These reports provided an eloquent refutation of the calculated slander and defamation of the young Soviet Republic. It was only with the advent of Stalinism that an impregnable wall was erected along the Soviet borders, penetrated only by handpicked apologists selected in advance for their adherence to Stalinist mythology.

It is good that Irving Brown and his cohorts want to go to Yugoslavia to see for themselves the progress being made by the people of that country. But theirs is a jaundiced eye. The workers have good reason to distrust the time-serving flunkies of the American State Department. It would be much better for the workers themselves, trade unionists, students, working farmers, to elect their own trusted representatives to visit Yugoslavia and bring back a truthful report of what they had seen.

en to a single room in a lodging Parisian workers stayed away house where a single bed is used from their jobs, hardly more than in relays to snatch a few hours' 30,000 persons marched behind the sleep, covered with filth by a cyn-Stalinist leaders. The rather thin ical press under the thumb of the We know already of a previous ranks embraced on the whole only trusts, viewed with suspicion by the CP cadres and the affiliated all right-thinking citizens, far staged on May 8, 1945; the tol organizations. The May 1 demonremoved from any spark of the stration appeared to be a flop. celebrated "French culture," held of his predecessor have ap the captives of ignorance and de- parently aroused the envy and UNFORGETTABLE SCENE gradation, hounded by all of the At the very moment when

everyone was awaiting the last of the marchers, there appeared the group of the Movement for the Victory of Democratic Liberties (the MTLD), the organization which embraces the great majority of the Algerian workers. It like an army of the rising colowas a scene that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed

it. Proudly marching behind their national banner, in ranks of 12, thousands upon thousands of Algerian workers strode across the streets of Paris, singing their combat songs, chanting their immediate demands. There were 30,heart of proletarian Paris.

because they have for years for the moment the celebrated lusioned skeptics, all you who rail denounced the nationalist Algerian ization," you shall never be able recently been exerting themto understand this miracle! And selves to regain the sympathy of

It will be recalled that the peacetime draft was passed amid the first war "scare" and originally palmed off as a purely "emergency measure." Since then, each time the issue of the draft - or that of military appropriations - has arisen, some new "crisis" has invariably erupted, with the public being fed every conceivable sort of scare story.

Exactly the same thing happened this time. While the public at large was being fed strange submarines lurking off our shores, the "Baltic incident" and other assorted items, something extra-special was dished up for the benefit of the Congressmen. According to columnist Rob-

(Cont. from page 1)

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ity, farm price support appro-

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pressure the administration could

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It could arouse even the South- record.

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tion where they could no longer has just begun. His eloquence-

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In other words, by a skillful com- Furthermore, it said:

measure. If, it must be repeated, sham skirmish."

Senate Stages A Sham Battle on FEPC Bill

tire governmental machinery, and as they desire. All Lucas really were not for a serious fight

The administration's fraud is so

liberal Trumanites. The N.Y.

"If we were President Truman

we would raise our voice loud and

"measure" of his intentions.

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busters won't have to put in more voice loud and continuously. What that happens on the FEPC issue

than an eight-hour day, they will counts is the orders he gave in the current Senate debate is

have plenty of time to rest and Lucas-and from what Lucas him- going to confirm it.

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being lied to and deceived, perhaps more brazenly than ever before in history. These lies and deceits cover up a monstrous conspiracy.

Part of this conspiracy is the aim of the Prussian-minded top brass to impose at all costs a permanent conscript army on our people. They want it and need it not so much for military reasons as for their secret political goal of perpetuating and increasing the power of their clique - up to and including the eventual installation of a military dictatorship. Large conscript armies, intrigues by militarists and dictatorships have always gone hand in hand.

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own political purposes.

The principal slogan of the a grand scale. Mysterious dis-Stalinists was the insipid one for patches have appeared in the MTLD, promptly came to the

Truman's Supreme Court Upholds Taft-Hartley Oath

which "strongly indicate a will' (Continued from page 1) employers were demanding that all employees take the oath. Oth-rect action." This sweeping iners insisted that shop stewards junction seeks to outlaw the most and committeemen be included effective forms of working class struggle as "disloyal" and "subwith elected union officials. versive." Under this ban the

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language is so vague it can be applied to any militant unionist. Taft-Hartley oath the Trumanite

ALL LABOR MENACED

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By Reba Aubrey Fund Campaign Manager movement of the Algerian masses holds great promise for the French Contributions to the Militant proletariat, for the proletariat of Fund campaign from friends and all the countries bordering on the readers of The Militant and mem-Mediterranean. North Africa is bers and friends of the Socialist today a powder keg that can ex-Workers Party, amounted to \$304 plode any time. Imperialism, this week, making a total of mortally wounded in Asia, is \$1,439 toward the \$10,000 goal. seeking to intrench itself in Flint Branch holds top place on Africa, but it will be dealt new blows on the Black Continent. the scoreboard with 66%. "The And the fraternal collaboration threat of strike hanging over our between the revolutionary van- heads," writes Comrade Genora. guard of the French workers and "has spurred us on to pay up all the combat organization of the our bills and pledges even though Algerian workers which can be it may entail a little extra pering its seal of approval on the and must be established will be sonal sacrifice. An extra hard the surest guarantee for the push makes a good start and then common struggle against a com- it really isn't half so hard once are not making a very auspicious mon enemy and for the victory the ball gets rolling. And we have of the common cause of socialism. hearned that genuine team work final tally is in it will show

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Algeria, official paper of the MTLD, promptly came to the defense of La Verite. It publicly FLINT SWP IS SETTING FUND IR

> in a fund campaign doesn't interfere at all with other branch activities.

Newark Branch made sure of olding second place in the campaign with an \$11 payment this veek

Pittsburgh's initial payment of \$45 is still good for third place. A payment of \$223 moved New York Local into fourth place.

Oakland Branch took a giant stride from the zero column to 325 with their initial payment.

Both Akron and Allentown houldered aside the zero category and tied with 13% of their quotas. Comrade Dennis says for the Boston Branch: "Although we start on our fund quota, when the Boston paid IN FULL AND ON TIME.

An old friend and reader of The Militant contributed \$20 toward the General quota of \$695. These contributions from Militant readers are more than gratifying. Any contribution no matter how large, how small - from a friend and reader of our paper is concrete evidence that he understands the importance of carrying

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to make their sentiments known. wants are a few motions for the against the filibuster. Loud and continuous pro-FEPC speeches by Truman may help the Post and the other liberals and labor leaders to round up votes obvious that it distresses even the for the Democrats in the fall. But "Its manifest purpose," he addthey won't change the fact that jed, "was to bring within the terms the omnibus rivers and harbors Post mournfully noted on May 8 Truman's only interest in FEPC of the statute only those persons

and flood control authorization that the leaders of both parties is how he can exploit it for his whose beliefs strongly indicate a

LABOR PARTY NEEDED Workers and Negroes who want

an effective FEPC bill passed and This is typical of the language enforced had better make up their of the Taft-Hartley oath. Vinson force even the Southern Demo- continuously on the issue of FEPC | minds now that they are not godoes not refer to overt acts. His during the 'grass-roots' trip he ing to get what they want through is the language of thought-conreliance on the capitalist parties. trol. Persons whose "beliefs" The sooner they understand strongly indicate a "will" to do ate from voting on a pending whether this is a real fight or a this, the sooner they repudiate such and so are subject to prosethe pro-capitalist politics of their cution. And what does he mean Last year Truman took off for official leaders, the sooner they by "political strikes"? The strikes But it doesn't want to. This was his winter vacation in Florida start their own party and run led by John L. Lewis were dubbed made abundantly clear when Sen- while the Senate was maneuver- their own candidates for officepolitical strikes. With governator Lucas. Truman's floor leader, ing to make it harder to enforce the sooner they will be able to ment "fact-finding" boards, court "indicated that there would be no closure. This year he took off on abolish Jim Crow in employment. injunctions and other Taft-Hartley trappings, all major strikes can be labelled "political" strikes. That is one of the great and in-

roneously used. The proper translation in both places is "technical slaves," that is, machines.

will to engage in political strikes

and other forms of direct action, when, as officers, they direct union activities."

Coover in last week's issue. He had actually written: "Oscar Coover was a gentle man, warm-hearted, friendly." Instead the two words, gentle man, were run together and printed as one word, changing the whole meaning. article, The 25th Hour, in our May 1 issue. In the final paragraph and in the fifth from

continuous session through days FEPC bill came up. That also is a disputable truths that the candidates of the Socialist Workers

"BELIEF" AND "WILL" This means the whole affair But it would not make much Party are going to spread to the will be conducted on a gentleman- difference if he had stayed in best of their ability in this vear's

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tended victim will escape the Taft-Hartley net, the Vinson opinalso proscribes "beliefs"

Corrections An aggravating typographical error was committed in

Students and the Press

By Albert Parker

Hoover on the UN

By Paul G. Stevens

The capitalist press definitely did not like the New York high school student strikes and demonstrations for teachers' wage raises and the resumption of extra-curricular school activities.

The reactionary papers wanted the students disciplined. "For rioting students and their ringleaders, large old-fashioned doses of 'strap-oil' administered by parents would make fitting punishment," wrote the editors of the Scripps-Howard World Telegram and Sun.

The conservative N. Y. Times was more restrained and even pretended to see the other side of the question: "To the extent that the mass demonstrations. . . have been an expression of loyalty, appreciation and affection for their teachers they may be viewed in a favorable light ... On the other hand, there were surely better ways in which such support could have been shown rather than to desert classrooms en masse, create disorder, damage some property and divert the services of our too-small police force from other important tasks. We believe that these demonstrations have not helped the cause of the teacher." And naturally the Times urges the students to discontinue all such demonstrations.

The liberal press, as personified by the N.Y. Post, professed sympathy for the students and devoted most of its editorials on the subject to chiding the O'Dwyer administration for losing its head and getting panicky when there was really nothing to worry about. At the height of the demonstrations, however, it counselled the students to "cease and desist" because they had already "dramatically made their point" and because "somebody may get hurt" - which was in essence the advice of the conservative press too.

Max Lerner, Post columnist, said he felt "cheered" by the demonstrations, but he couldn't refrain from reading a lecture to the students as well as to the O'Dwyer administration: "There are no barricades being built and mounted by the high school students of New York, and the sooner the City Fathers forget their Never-never-land nightmares the better for everyone. Also the sooner the students forget the foolish talk of the so-called 'brutality' of the police, the better. The whole mentality of fearing the 'Reds' on the one hand, and raising the specter of the 'Cossacks' on the

In a speech before the American Newspaper

Publishers Association on April 27, Herbert Hoo-

ver bluntly proposed that Washington take the

initiative to "reorganize the United Nations with-

out the Communist nations." The former presi-

dent was merely voicing what is on the mind of

the entire ruling class in America. They have

for some time sought to shed the "One World"

fiction — which proved so useful in recruiting

cannon fodder during World War II'- and to

replace the dream house of the UN by a structure

The Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Pact

were merely pointers on this road. The Truman

administration has carried out these preliminary

steps. If it doesn't rush into public print with

the same kind of conclusion as Hoover, it is only

because its labor and liberal ties require that

the party in power exercise more subtlety than

the long unpopular Republican elder statesman.

That there is no basic disagreement between them,

however, is evident from President Truman's

message to Hoover congratulating him on the

"moral mobilization against Communism," which

Only the liberals and the labor skates appear

to have been frightened by Hoover's plain talk.

It means "the abandonment of all hope for peace

in our age," they wail; it means "to admit that

our civilization has failed," etc., etc. This is, to be

sure, absolutely true. But the failure of capitalism

the same speech called for.

more manageable for U.S. imperialism.

other, has no place in the American school-sys-

tem. The next day the Post had to devote its entire letters column to indignant accounts by students of what happened during the demonstrations. The following is an example: "At our back there were many students being urged in by the police, directly at our heads were the mounted policemen, hears in the around horse' looking charging into the crowd, horses' hoofs looking fierce and terrifying to the frightened crowd. The panic which followed was one of the most horrible experiences I have ever undergone and I know that I shall have nightmares of those screaming, horrified faces and forms, running and stumbling to escape. When the horror subsided, men circulated among us, trying to tell us we were being led by Communists. We were being led by OUR-SELVES."

O'Dwyer raves, rants and lies about the "subversive" forces behind the demonstrations and sends out his cops to break them up; the students express anger and resentment against the treat- and the Star Spangled Banner. ment they got from the mounted cops - and about 40 veterans formed a picket Lerner puts them both on the same level! This line in front of the hall and insurely deserves to be preserved as a classic ex- timidated people from going in. ample of "liberalism."

But the labor press was just as bad as the lib- fused to open the building and the Curran published by the CIO National Maritime ing. Union - claimed it was all Russian-inspired. The "kids," "tots," "small fry" - in the contemptuous

the organized leadership of a certain teachers outfit and a certain 'youth' group of adult plotters.'

By this time even O'Dwyer had retreated on his "subversive" charges and was trying to gloss over the demonstrations as a "lark." But not the bureaucrats of the NMU. Their specialty is redbaiting. They are in office today solely because of their proficiency at this reactionary technique, and they like to keep in practice at it even on matters that are not strictly within their jurisdiction. Like most union bureaucrats they are instinctively hostile to mass action of any kind, and they strive to discredit it no matter where it comes from.

Toledo Hoodlums Of May Day Rally TOLEDO, May 2 - Misled veterans, belonging to reactionary exservicemen's organizations such

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as the American Legion and Weterans of Foreign Wars stopped a scheduled Stalinist May Day meeting here last night. Carrying small American flags

and singing God Bless America The owner of the hall then re-

eral press, and in some cases worse. One of the meeting had to be called off. few union papers that even mentioned the student Some 50 people, it was estimated strike — The Pilot, the personal organ of Joseph had gathered to attend the meet-

These veterans were undoubtedly inspired to perform words of the Pilot editorial - were acting "under this act because of the failure to spread the protests over the Peekskill events of last summer to sufficiently wide circles. The

recent role of some veterans in denying freedom of speech and assembly (what they were supposed to have been fighting to preserve) stands in sharp contrast to what other veterans did immediately following the conclusion of the war.

wave of strikes conducted by the unions. Today, with the labor leaders leading the workers to one retreat after another, the other part of the veterans raises its head: the fascist-minded element

BAD PRECEDENT

will be in their alloted places, voting for it with Primarily, the fault belongs to both hands in company with Hoover and the re-Truman who launched the witchactionaries. Their whole record in the recent past hunt in the U.S. as part of his alone — from the Truman Doctrine to the North cold war against the Soviet Atlantic Pact - assurés it. They are merely Union. The alliance of the labor straining at a gnat after swallowing a camel. Hoover's "plan," coupled with his complaint to leaders with the Truman ad-

the effect that the "new generosity" policy is ministration prevents them from ruining America, really means this: The game of conducting a struggle to maintain pretense at "democracy," "humanitarianism," etc. and extend civil rights, including those rights for which the war has run its course. America has been shelling out - now the other capitalist nations must come was allegedly - conducted. Thus across with definite commitments. They must the workers, veterans included, line up firmly in a Wall Street-run "UN" or are prevented from protecting

"New United Front" which could deal "realistic- their own interests through the ally" with the "other half of the two worlds," and false policies of the present which "could much more effectively keep their leaders.

conspiring agents and bribes out of all our bor-This incident in Toledo has ders and out of our laboratories." passed with only a mild editorial Hoover's proposal of a "reorganized UN" is protest in the daily paper. No one really part of the American capitalists' scheme has reported the FBI - the to intrench their domination over all of the rest highly touted protector of law of the capitalist world, as a step toward World and order - rushing in to defend

War III and world domination. the constitutional guarantee of The technique for the attainment of this obfreedom of assembly and speech. jective was developed by Hoover as long ago as No one has been arrested for inthe notorious "Hoover Relief Mission," in Europe fringing upon these rights. But a after World War I. It is: line up with our poli- bad precedent has been set and tics - or starve! will most likely encourage the

Whether Hoover's "new plan" is actually put reactionary elements unless the in effect immediately or not, the trend of this workers intercede. plan is of the flesh and blood of American capitalism. Any defense of the present United Nations set-up against this trend can only aid in sowing illusions of the same kind that have al- Mexican Students sowing illusions of the same kind that have already resulted in the death and ruin of two world **Hear Discussion** wars. The only effective way to fight war, to undermine Stalinism, is to fight for the overthrow of Of Kutcher Case capitalism. Only a Workers and Farmers Gov-MEXICO, D. F. - The story of retained. James Kutcher, the legless victim

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Shades of the Depression



Camping on the sidewalk, these unemployed New Yorkers hope to get jobs as city laborers. More than 3,000 men lined up outside the personnel office to apply for 110. jobs paying from \$1,290 to \$2,040 yearly. Some waited all night.

Then, veterans were the most militant pickets in the inspiring wave of strikes conducted by the After Getting Wage Rate Cut

PHILADELPHIA — The conditions of the hosiery workers here are steadily deteriorating. First the bureaucrats of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hos-

iery Workers agreed to go along D Unless the rank and file at with the employers in recent rate cuts that averaged 35%. Now, at Gotham work out a militant pro- these benefits will be equal to 10c. the Gotham Hosiery knitting mill, gram, win the support of the one of the largest in the area, ap- other hosiery workers in the area cstimates indicate this is a padded proximately 20% of the knitters and regain control of the union are being laid off, supposedly for for the membership, the hosiery out to be months after it was manufacturers will succeed in signed. just one month, and another 20% their plans to return the industry are working only part time. The way in which the company to the sweatshop days. A program

has been allowed to conduct the for rebuilding the strength of the layoffs has further widened the union should include the following breach between the rank-and-file points: membership and the union leader-1. Stop the policy of accepting

ship. When the recent agreement the manufacturers' demands withwas signed, the union officials out resistance. agreed not only to the provisions 2. Remove the union bureau-

that permitted the wage slash but crats that go along with this also to the waiving of seniority cowardly policy. as long as three shifts were operating.

Utilizing this provision, the Gotham company has been able to victimize some of the most militant sections of the union membership, men with high seniority, who participated in the signing sweetheart agreements.) recent protest - stoppage against

the rate cuts.

New Chrysler Contract Shows **Meager Results**

DETROIT, May 8 — The 100-day Chrysler strike ended May 6 with limited gains for the workers. The rank and file Chrysler workers fought hard and deserved ar more than they got.

The union won a pension plan and then to cover up. similar to the Ford agreement

with the exception that maximum benefits start at 65 if the worker has 25 years of employment. The maximum benefit is \$100 a month ncluding social security. The principle of service credits determined by the number of hours worked is included in this agreement. Straight seniority therefore does not operate. The plan is funded, but the

contribute a fixed sum per employee per hour worked. The union estimates it will cost the company 7c. per employee. The administration of the plan is in the hands of a joint board consisting of equal representation from the company, the union and an outside umpire who has the deciding vote in case of deadlock.

There are also partial hospitalmedical and insurance benefits. Chrysler will contribute \$1.50 a month toward hospitalization. This does not include members of mployees' families.

WHEN WORKERS LEAVE The workers lose all pension and insurance rights if they quit or are fired. The union estimates the entire cost to the company of per hour, although realistic figure, as the Ford figure turned

The Chrysler agreement incorporates the thoroughly rotten

principle of putting a ceiling on the living standards of the older BROKEN PROMISES worker. As one man stated in the mark of this pension plan.

CONTRACT STILL ROTTEN

old one.'

for the company.

3. Get the union itself to immediately start a full-scale drive to organize the large number of unorganized shops that have sprung up in the Philadelphia area and in the South. (Quit 4. Fight for the union to take leadership in demanding indeportant crumb to the union now **GRIEVANCE RESTRICTIONS**

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The final provisions on the barraining procedure decidedly favor the corporation. All the old restrictions on the stewards are kept and reinforced by the folowing clause: "The privilege of Chief Stewards to leave their work during working hours without loss of pay is subject to the undersanding that the time will corporation is not obligated to be devoted to the prompt handling of legitimate grievances and will not be abused and that the Chief Stewards will do the work to which they are assigned at all times except when necessary to eave their work to handle grievances as provided herein."

The company did not succeed in putting into the contract a time limit on the handling of grievances by the stewards, but it got something almost as effective. For every step a steward takes must be cleared with supervision.

Another gift the Reuther administration gave the corporation was in yielding on the promise to win protection for the probationary employees. In a nutshell, Chrysler's lawyers did a nuch better job of representing Chrysler than Reuther and Listthews did of representing their members.

To top it all off, the corporation won a three-year agreement - the first in the auto industry. The union can open negotiations only twice within that period on wages and insurance.

The allowable dates of termina-Chrysler Local 7 meeting, "I'm 55 tion, subsequent to July 1, 1951, years old and have worked for and on one occasion subsequent Chrysler for 25 years. If we were to July 1, 1952, represent another supposed to get 7c. an hour, I'll broken promise by the union be losing 7c. an hour for the next | leaders - which was to fight for ten years." That is the dominant common termination dates of the Big Three contracts. In the special The financial position of the Ford edition of the United Auto Chrysler Corporation can im- Workers last October, under prove when social security benefits the caption UNION SEEKS rise or if workers quit or are UNIFORM TERMINATION fired; but for the worker, his DATES FOR BIG THREE CONpension benefits can only get less TRACT, the International stated: - in no case more - for the next "Contract negotiations will be five years! It thus differs greatly conducted with both GM and from the miners welfare fund. Chrysler in the coming spring and summer months; and new contracts negotiated in those The primary grievance of the orporations will be lined up to hrysler workers was their poor terminate close to the new April, contract. The agreement that 1952, date provided in the Ford finally was signed is nothing to Contract.' write home about. As one old How does 'Reuther's perimer said while listening to the formance stack up with his dreary contract report at the promises? There is a tremendous Local 7 meeting, "Why continue gap between them. The program reading? It sounds just like the adopted at the 12th UAW convention for the 1949 Economic The few contract improvements Demands called for a 38c. package are along the following lines: including: Some of the seniority provisions 1. A \$100 per month pension are improved a mite; discharged for each worker who reaches the employees have the right to see age of 60 with 25 years of service. steward before leaving the 2. A contribution by management plant. This section includes a of 5% of its payroll into a fund number of protective loopholes from which will be paid the The Reuther leadership lost its a hospitalization, income maincosts of complete medical care; demand for a union shop, settling tenance and life insurance profor a voluntary check-off. The gram for workers and their new contract provides for a families. 3. A wage adjustment middle step in vacation payments. that will bring purchasing power Chrysler workers with three years back to where it was in June, seniority but less than five years 1946, the month before the OPA will receive an increase of \$31.10 was destroyed. in vacation benefits. All other That was for 1949! When we workers will receive the old rate. compare that with the present Some wage inequities were anemic 10c. package, we must eliminated. An area differential state that the mountain labored between the Detroit Chrysler and brought forth a mouse. No plants and the Indiana plants has wonder that in spite of the length been reduced from 9c. to 6c., but a of the strike, six delegates to the differential still remains. This is National Chrysler Council voted very important to the union beagainst accepting the agreement.

and its "democracy" has been revealed time and again in our generation. The "peace frolic" of the League of Nations could not have prevented World War II. What reason was there to assume that the UN would be any less of a "thieves' kitchen" than the League, or a more reliable instrument for peace?

But despite their present protestations, it can be safely predicted that when the fateful "reorganization" of the UN is undertaken, the liberals

in this week's primaries. His

Auditor Joseph Ferguson.

LABOR'S POLICY /

The outstanding feature of the

coming election campaign is the

Taft.

capitalism. Only a Workers and Farmers Government in Washington will aid in establishing one world and that can only be the socialist world.

men have high seniority, they are

of the government purge in the DANGEROUS RESULT U. S., was recounted here at an excellently attended meeting in the leadership's appeasement of have been stymied by the bipar the Coahuila Building at Mexico the employers has been the mem- tisan Taft - Hartley Act and the City College. The meeting was bership's growing loss of con- failure to enact civil rights fidence in the union. The lack of measures that would break the held under the sponsorship of the Pelitical Affairs Club of Mexico confidence in the present leader- leign of terror which keeps the City College and the Mexico City ship is certainly justified, but that political control of the South in Chapter of the American Veterans should not be permitted to lead the hands of anti-union elements. Committee. (The AVC is not a to apathy or the feeling that Labor Party action is a dollarcampus organization, although nothing can be done through the and-cents matter for the hosiery composed mainly of students at union. workers. the college.)

The speaker was George Weissman of the New York City He answered many questions about the issues in the case afterward.

The dean of the college agreed to let the hall be used for the meeting with great reluctance. under his influence, carried a eport that was not too favorable toward the meeting. Nothing directly against the case, but containing such remarks as that the picture given by the speaker about the present state of civil struggles," the SWP warned that

hardly credible, etc.

The meeting was discussed favorably in several of the social ment. science classes the next day. Itsucceeded in spreading word about DON'T SET EXAMPLE the Kutcher case to many who had not heard about it before.

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All three shifts employed on pendent labor political action and the 60-gage machines have been the formation of a Labor Party. laid off. Many working on the POLITICAL ACTION

15-gage are only working 20 hours More than most unions, the a week. Though many of these hosiery workers can see the connot allowed to replace newer sequences of labor's support to employees on other gage machines the capitalist parties. Thanks to because a nominal third shift the labor leaders' fear of breakmaking 51 and 48-gage hose was ing with Truman, his allies the

Southern Democrats have been allowed to retain the South as a haven 'for runaway unorganized The most dangerous result of hesiery mills. Organization efforts

Kutcher Civil Rights Committee. DETROIT SWP PROTESTS BAN **ON DISTRIBUTION OF MILITANT**

DETROIT - The Socialist Workers Party here has sent a sharply worded protest to officials of UAW Dodge Afterwards, the campus paper, Local 3, remonstrating against the interference with distributors of The Militant practiced O-

by the Local's "Flying Squadron." | an attempt to stifle criticism of Pointing out that The Militant the leadership, the SWP protest insists there can be no democracy cause the corporation is conhas been a consistent supporter without freedom of criticism. of the working class in all its

the attempt to prevent the dis- Textile Workers Override tribution of The Militant to mem-Rieve, Re-elect Baldanzi bers of Local 3 could boomerang

contrast to the rotten contract The attempt to purge George Baldanzi, executive vice president of the CIO Textile Workers Union, backfired at the union's convention when the delegates powers of the umpire. And this

The Baldanzi group had been umpire "grievance graveyard" Umpire systems are notorious may do as they did at the Ford bureaucrats would inherit the for the services they give the corporations. The best example is

Baldanzi was head of the CIO on grievances - in the confident tions can use to justify similar scuthern organizing drive, a post assurance the umpire will rule in he relinquished upon his re- their favor on all the important

vail.

These gains are picayune in

stantly shifting operations to RANKS STOOD FIRM plants where cheaper rates pre-

Certainly the rank and file Chrysler workers did a heroic job. In the face of all obstacles, they stood firm as a rock — confoundprovisions which were kept and ing the corporation with their even added to. In general, the willingness to stick it out, despite union took a further long step their lack of enthusiasm for the backward by strengthening the International's inadequate pension program. They recognized is palmed off as a victory! In the struggle as basically a fight contains more of the GM-type fective union - and in spite of a completely outmaneuvered and outfought leadership, they stood firm for more than three months. They licked the corporation, but their officials didn't measure up to the ranks.

> Why the Chrysler workers won so little. In next week's issue

At a recent state - wide conference of the CIO-PAC, plans false policy of the labor leaders. were made to get every possible They did not endorse any of the worker registered to vote in Democratic primary candidates, November. The AFL and Mine just after Truman was elected. and none of them could be Workers are also making every

OHIO LABOR TO BACK DEMOCRATIC

polls. The unions could not only

NONENTITY AGAINST TAFT IN FALL

TOLEDO, May 4 - Nationwide interest will be focus-

ed on Ohio this fall as Senator Taft seeks re-election to

his seat in Congress. He won the Republican nomination

Democratic opponent is State maximum labor strength at the

The Republicans and their defeat Taft but elect one of their

be flooding the state with funds As matters stand now, how-

wealthy backers are reported to cwn to replace him.

remotely considered "labor" candidates. But their entire strategy is With the kind of election apbased on supporting the Democratic nominee, no matter what he represents. labor candidates. Ferguson is a political nonentity

idequate as this is.

so far as issues are concerned. NO VICTORY FOR LABOR, His chief claim to distinction is a But the horse - and - buggy its campaign promises of 1948 Mexico City College come from

the state. This machine alone "friends," a policy that has been to keep them. made him the victor in the proved thoroughly bankrupt, It is high time for the ranks primaries.

campaign could bring out the leaders at the 1948 convention problems.

The anti-Taft campaign con- the two party system and support that the union leaders cut their ducted by the labor leaders. of Democratic Party candidates. ties with the Democratic Party therefore, has an entirely negative All this activity might under and get busy along the lines of approach and can only wind up certain circumstances lead to running independent candidates Taft's defeat but it won't lead to and building a Labor Party. The with negative results. A golden opportunity was presented to run a victory for labor. Ohio events confirm once again It is well to recall the extra- that this is the only road to a an independent labor candidate against the hated Taft. Such a vagant statements made by CIO political solution of labor's

vote-gathering machine all over Gompers policy of rewarding and is not even making any effort the U.S. keeps the union leaders tied to of labor to intervene and demand



SENATOR TAFT

According to them, all labor's effort to get their people to vote. hopes were about to be realized with Truman in the White House paratus the unions are building it and a firm Democratic majority is possible to elect independent in Congress. However, the record shows that the present ad-

ministration, including the Demo-

cratic Congress, has kept none of

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Most of the student body at The Militant, the SWP asserted: of TWU president Emil Rieve and effect, the Chrysler agreement for their right to have an ef-

defending your own. Unions can-

press. Tomorrow, the employers faction over which group of

against the organized labor move-

literature. We urge you not to to national CIO problems. set examples which the corporaactions in 1950."

Attributing the interference to election.

Emphasizing the determination

attempted to distribute union fairs by devoting too much time

to exercise its right to distribute re-elected him over the opposition

"In defending, our rights we are 17 of the 20 vice presidents.

Reuther and Dick Frankensteen tired. The Rieve faction accused

overpass in 1940 where Walter TWU apparatus when Rieve re-

not exist and live without a free at logger-heads with the Rieve provisions.

the GM set-up. Serious bargainwere brutally assaulted as they Baldanzi of neglecting TWU af- ing is impossible when they exist

because they provide the employers with a perfect alibi for stalling

cases, while throwing an unim-

